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Temagami's New Grocery Store: A Work in Progress

By Elaine Gunnell, with Dick and Joanne Van Manen

Our Daily Bread, the new grocery store in Temagami, started off slower than planned this first summer, but owners Dick and Joanne Van Manen are not unduly worried. While the actual opening happened later than they had hoped, the plan was to start off simple and then expand the services offered.

This summer was a big learning curve, according to Joanne. However with the first summer now behind them, Dick explained that the seasonal slow down will give them time to get really ready for next summer. They are looking forward to the fall and winter being a chance to organize and do price comparisons. The biggest struggle, they explained, was in finding the right suppliers and keeping the right products on the shelves.



Dick and Joanne Van Manen, with their daughter Heather and Joanne's father, Everi Krygsman, cut the ceremonial ribbon at Our Daily Bread's grand opening. Photo: E. Gunnell.

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Photo: E. Gunnell

Temagami Water Quality Monitoring: the First Season

By Ted Tichinoff

While the goal remains important, indeed vital, and although much energy and effort was applied, the water quality testing and monitoring turned out to be more complicated than any of us expected. In hindsight I remember one of the environmental engineering groups we contacted saying, "You intend to do this with volunteers? That's interesting."

The plan was that the lake could be divided into sectors and volunteers in the various sectors could do the testing in their area. Over the winter our environmental consultant, Story Engi-

neering out of Haileybury, selected and mapped over 40 logical (deep) and relevant sites on the lake (a blown up copy of their map can be seen at the TLA building) for phosphorous and oxygen testing. An orientation session was conducted by Story with volunteers in May.

Phosphorous would be tested by a lake sampler at Siekki depth and 75% of total depth (phosphorous sinks) with oxygen testing by an oxygen probe at every metre up to 20 and then every 5 metres (the probe gives temperature as well – it is startling on a hot July day to see and feel how cool the lake is at its

deep points). The key testing period is just after the ice is out and we'd hoped to do a full testing in May.

However, we realized that with one set of testing equipment and the pressure of doing the entire lake in roughly the same time frame, that groups of volunteers would not work. It would have to be 2 or 3 testers in one boat. But with each site on Temagami taking up to 40 minutes (deeper sites take longer and as we all know this is a deep lake) plus travel the undertaking was massive.

That could have been overcome by
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Membership Survey Gives Clear Direction To TLA Priorities Part III: Taking Samples

By Will Goodman

The results of the recent membership survey have been tallied and it is clear that three top priorities have emerged: Defense of the Temagami Tenets, Taxes, and Water Quality. Nearly 150 members responded to the survey, which was mailed to all members and was also available directly on the TLA web site.

Not surprisingly, environmental issues were seen as most important to the majority of respondents. 66 percent of respondents listed Water Quality as the number one priority. 84 percent identified the Defense of the Tenets as a top priority, which is also related to the environment and overall lake experience. Virtually 100 percent support the

current ban on the sale and development of crown lands on lake Temagami due to its status as a naturally maintained lake trout fishery. Furthermore, 85 percent support the restrictive development policies in [place within] the Official Plan and the Zoning By-Laws, even if they restrict what you can do on

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President's letter

What an amazing summer we have had in Temagami! Sunny day after sunny day, the occasional rain to hold off a fire ban, and even the lake levels were back to normal! While I didn't get to spend as much time at the cottage as I would have liked, those in my family who were lucky enough to have spent more time (or should I say have worked hard to earn the time!) didn't hesitate to let me know just what I was missing!

Though the Lake did seem to be less busy this year, this was certainly not the case with the TLA. All the hard work of TLA staff, Board and members led to huge milestone accomplishments such as the creation of a water quality monitoring program and the release of Pam Sinclair's new TLA history book. 2011 also saw the expansion of the campsite clean-up program and a jaw-dropping \$6,500 was raised at the Flea Market! I'd personally like to thank all members for your continuing support and participation with our association. Without each and every one of you, the projects and events would not be possible, but perhaps more important, Lake Temagami as we have enjoyed it for yet another summer would not be the special place it is today.

I'd also like to thank our Board of Directors: our newest Directors Will Goodman and Justin Metz for getting involved, Dave McFarlane and Ted Tichinoff for signing on for another three year term, and Chip Kittredge, Gerry Kluwak, Boyd Matchett, and Pete Calverly for all your hard work and for giving me the honour to serve as President for another year. I can honestly say that we have an excellent group of folks representing you as we look ahead to 2012. I should mention that we are also always looking for new Directors. Keep this in mind for next year. It would be great to get new folks involved, and hopefully some women too!

Lastly I thank those who had a chance to fill out the TLA Members Survey. This feedback is essential in determining what's important to you as we plan our programs and budget allocations for next year. As always, don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas, comments or concerns.

All the best,
Andrew Healy, President

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SKYLINE RESERVE

The mainland surrounding Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is to be zoned as a landscape ecology zone to preserve the beauty, restore the integrity and preserve the wilderness aspect of the Temagami Forest. This ecology zone would consist of 2 reserves which would be protected from natural disturbance e.g. fire and insect infestation, but would have separate management goals and prescriptions.

The two reserves would be the following:
1. Skyline: The Lake Temagami and Cross Lake reserves must protect any part of Lake Temagami or Cross Lake with no visual evidence to the naked eye that any activities such as timber cutting or mining have taken place. The minimum dimension would be 200 metres. It would be preserved in its natural state and its permissible uses would be very limited.

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



2. Ecological Buffer Reserve: This would surround the skyline reserve to protect the natural forest and wildlife habitat ecosystems of the Temagami region. It would have a broader range of controlled activities but no new public roads would pass through it except in the village of Temagami.

ROAD ACCESS

The current ban on construction of new public road access points to Lake Temagami

and Cross Lake is supported by our three groups. We define the existing public road access points to consist of the village waterfront, Finlayson Park, Strathcona Landing and the Lake Temagami Access Road landings. We agree that, where possible, parking areas must be screened from the main body of the Lake. Shiningwood Bay, Cross Lake, Austin Bay, Blue Bay and any other illegal access points are to be closed using scarification methods. Existing gates are to be maintained and new

ones are to be installed to prevent new public access roads to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.

New ski-doo trails accessing Lake Temagami/Cross Lake are to be no wider than ten feet and for winter ski-doo use only. Proposals for these access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake are to be reviewed and sites inspected by the new governing body prior to construction.

MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

There should be no mainland development on Lake Temagami and Cross Lake with the exception of those potential lots immediately adjacent to the Township of Temagami that are able to be serviced by the Township's central sewage treatment facility. All other future development will occur on islands, the number and location to be determined by the revised official plan which will be sensitive to current ecological standards.

Once More TLA Flea Market was a Great Success!

submitted by Debbie Nixon and Charlene Tamburro, Co-chairs of the 2011 TLA Flea Market

The summer has ended for TLA island residents with Mother Nature having provided everyone with a plethora of beautiful days.

Our annual TLA Flea Market on July 23, 2011 was well attended, with hundreds of lake residents and visitors intermixing and enjoying each other's company. As usual there was a pleasant din of background conversations and laughter as everyone had an opportunity to catch up with each other's lives and experiences.

All this transpired while they had the opportunity to view an abundant variety of items and to purchase assorted lake treasures at bargain prices. There was also a silent auction and fifty-fifty draw, which attracted many happy participants.

A total of \$6,500 was raised, which was directed to help pay for Water Quality testing equipment purchases and expenses incurred during 2011.

Once again members of the TLA responded wonderfully with their participation as volunteers in helping Debbie Nixon and Charlene Tamburro, the co-chairs of the event. Peter Healy ably assisted in coordinating the function and the vendors and donors were most generous with their contributions.

An event such as this is dependent on the participation of many volunteers and contributors. The volunteers who made this happen are as follows:

Flea table: organized by David and Linda Cain, assisted by John and Rose Heenan, Sandi and Debbie Russell, Casey and Terry Young, Jill Scully, Blake and Judy Stormes, Jim Hasler, Arthur Thompson, Rebecca Danvers

Super Fleas: Elodie Tichinoff, Lorna Cooper

Silent Auction: Denise Wert, Sandy Smith, Marty Banghart

Fifty-Fifty Draw: Susan McFarlane, Eve Lewis

Hot dog Stand: Temagami Barge:

Biff and Carol Lowery, Pat Delarosbel

Bake Table: Robin Campbell assisted by Gloria Allen and Vince Hovanec

Chicken sandwich stand: Linda and Tom Pace

Noodle sales: Taylor Scott and Sarah Wert

Boat traffic control and shuttle: Ted Tichinoff, Pete Calverley and Tom Rowe

Setup and Cleanup crews: Pete Calverley, Ray and Andrew Banghart, Phil and Sadie Bury, Alistair Avard, Tuz Gooderham, Shelly Timms, John and Sandy Russell

Book Stand: Claire Rainnie, Tim Roach

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We also thank the following donors:

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Private Vendors: Bella Hill Maple Syrup; Smoothwater Outfitters: Caryn Coleman; Art Photos by Morrison; Victoria Wilde: massages; Steve Snake: artist; Hugh McKenzie: artist

Once again thanks to all who participated and supported this year's event. Have a great remainder of the year everyone!!!



TLA President Andrew Healy addresses members at the 2011 AGM. Photo by: Trish Healy

Highlights of the Temagami Lakes Association's 80th Annual General Meeting

The 80th Temagami Lakes Association Annual General Meeting was held at Camp Wabun on Friday July 29th, 2011.

For those members who missed the TLA's Annual General Meeting, here are selected highlights of the event adapted from the draft minutes. (Full draft minutes are available on the TLA website at: <http://www.tla-temagami.org/meetings.html>).

Greetings and Opening Remarks

TLA president Andrew Healy began the meeting with a short reading from Chapter one of Pam Sinclair's book, *Temagami Lakes Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community* then thanked the Directors of Camp Wabun for hosting the meeting.

Councillor Paul Middleton, repre-

senting The Municipality of Temagami, commented on the Official Plan Review, which should be completed before the end of the summer. Councillor Middleton commented on the town's budget process in 2011 which resulted in a decrease in the budget of approximately four percent. Council is meeting often with the Temagami First Nation Band Council.

Chief Roxanne Ayotte of the Temagami First Nations provided an update on the projects that will be underway on Bear Island including the new Administration Office Building and a new Elders Complex, which is scheduled to begin in the spring. Chief Ayotte commented on the Land Claim, which

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TLA Archives in the Cloud?

A major goal of the TLA Archives Committee is to enter the digital age. Creating a cloud version of the Archives would make them secure and available. A cloud archive would make it possible for TLA members to actively participate in the formation of the Archives and in the preservation of Lake history by uploading their own island history, family biographies, photos and videos.

The members of the Archives Committee are: Angus Scully, Pam Sinclair, and Biff Lowery.

As we explore the future of the Archives we would love to hear from TLA members who have knowledge of suitable software or storage services that we should consider using. Please contact the committee through ascully@sympatico.ca.

Comments on Taxation

By Boyd Matchett

These comments were made at the TLA Annual Meeting on July 29, 2011

Most taxation discussions are complex and our Temagami Municipal Taxes are no exception. So I will try and keep my comments to generalities and not overwhelm you with too many numbers!

Many, may have noted in the fall/winter edition of the Temagami Times* that our new mayor, John Hodgson, in a letter reply to our TLA letter, also quoted, stated quite categorically that no municipal taxpayer should be billed in 2011 for more dollars than in 2010.

In my view, at the time, a rather bold yet encouraging prediction, certainly for Lake Temagami property owners whose tax assessment values would again rise on average by 20-25%! When, around mid June after a lengthy process the fi-

nal budget numbers and tax rates were fixed, the results came reasonably close to meeting this originally stated target; but many tax payers, particularly water front property owners would still end up paying a small increase of around 1% over last year, on the property portion

of their taxes.

However, the separate Education Tax portion, set by each individual School District under Provincial guidelines, was again increased for waterfront properties because of their higher assessed property values – despite an ef-

Editor's note:

Mayor Hodgson's letter appeared in the Winter 2011 edition, commencing on page 9 and concluding on page 13. Past editions of the Temagami Times can be found on the TLA website at www.tla-temagami.org/Publications.html.

Sample tax bills *

*** Note: Not all properties in the same neighbourhood will see the same increase or decrease in their total bill. This is dependent on the assessed value of the property and the percentage increase in assessment on the particular property. These sample bills are randomly selected properties that are representative of typical or average examples for that neighbourhood.**

	Temagami North Non-waterfront	Temagami South Non-waterfront	Temagami South Waterfront	Rural Non-waterfront	Marten River Waterfront	Lake Temagami Waterfront
2011						
Assessed Value	\$ 123,250	\$ 75,250	\$ 270,750	\$ 132,000	\$ 180,500	\$ 244,500
Municipal Tax Rate	0.00763618	0.00763618	0.00763618	0.00763618	0.00763618	0.00763618
Education Tax Rate	0.00231	0.00231	0.00231	0.00231	0.00231	0.00231
Total Tax Rate	0.00994618	0.00994618	0.00994618	0.00994618	0.00994618	0.00994618
Municipal Property Tax	\$ 941.16	\$ 574.62	\$ 2,067.50	\$ 1,007.98	\$ 1,378.33	\$ 1,867.05
Education Tax	\$ 284.71	\$ 173.83	\$ 625.43	\$ 304.92	\$ 416.96	\$ 564.80
Total Property Taxes	\$ 1,225.87	\$ 748.45	\$ 2,692.93	\$ 1,312.90	\$ 1,795.29	\$ 2,431.84
Area Charge User Fees**	\$ 1,056.15	\$ 1,497.91	\$ 1,497.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Bill	\$ 2,282.02	\$ 2,246.36	\$ 4,190.84	\$ 1,312.90	\$ 1,795.29	\$ 2,431.84
2010						
Assessed Value	\$ 117,500	\$ 68,500	\$ 236,500	\$ 123,000	\$ 151,000	\$ 202,000
Municipal Tax Rate	0.00911777	0.00911777	0.00911777	0.00911777	0.00911777	0.00911777
Education Tax Rate	0.00241	0.00241	0.00241	0.00241	0.00241	0.00241
Total Tax Rate	0.01152777	0.01152777	0.01152777	0.01152777	0.01152777	0.01152777
Municipal Property Tax	\$ 1,071.34	\$ 624.57	\$ 2,156.35	\$ 1,121.49	\$ 1,376.78	\$ 1,841.79
Education Tax	\$ 283.18	\$ 165.09	\$ 569.97	\$ 296.43	\$ 363.91	\$ 486.82
Total Property Taxes	\$ 1,354.51	\$ 789.65	\$ 2,726.32	\$ 1,417.92	\$ 1,740.69	\$ 2,328.61
Area Charge User Fees	\$ 1,048.68	\$1,413.23	\$1,413.23	0	0	0
Total Bill	\$ 2,403.19	\$ 2,202.88	\$ 4,139.55	\$ 1,417.92	\$ 1,740.69	\$ 2,328.61
	\$ (121.18)	\$ 43.48	\$ 51.29	\$ (105.02)	\$ 54.59	\$ 103.23
Difference						
Assessed Value	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 34,250	\$ 9,000	\$ 29,500	\$ 42,500
% Increase in Assessment	4.9%	9.9%	14.5%	7.3%	19.5%	21.0%
Municipal Property Tax	\$ (130.18)	\$ (49.94)	\$ (88.86)	\$ (113.51)	\$ 1.55	\$ 25.26
Education Tax	\$ 1.53	\$ 8.74	\$ 55.47	\$ 8.49	\$ 53.05	\$ 77.98
Total Property Taxes	\$ (128.65)	\$ (41.20)	\$ (33.39)	\$ (105.02)	\$ 54.59	\$ 103.23
Area Charge User Fees	\$ 7.47	\$ 84.68	\$ 84.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Bill	\$ (121.18)	\$ 43.48	\$ 51.29	\$ (105.02)	\$ 54.59	\$ 103.23
% Increase (Decrease)	-5.04%	1.97%	1.24%	-7.41%	3.14%	4.43%

**water/sewer/grinder/garbage pick-up where applicable

fective lower tax rate of roughly 3% on this portion of the overall municipal tax.

Now let us refer to the handout statement, "sample Tax Bills", which provides a random sampling of individual property assessments, one for each type of neighborhood within the municipality. The Lake Temagami sample is the column on the right side and the three columns on the left represent the different Town, or Urban, neighborhoods. You will note on the Lake Temagami sample, which probably represents the lower median of Lake property values that the property tax increase in 2011 is \$25.26, whereas the Education Tax portion is \$77.98.

However, what is most revealing and may be a surprise to most of us, is that the various Town properties' total tax amounts are very comparable to the Lake waterfront tax levels, when area specific user fees are added. When consideration is given to the Town's much lower property values and the low household average annual income, which according to Statistics Canada in 2009, was approximately \$ 20,500, one can only assume that these property owners taxes are pretty "maxed" out!

You should also note that the "Towns" waterfront properties, although limited in number, are paying proportionately even more taxes per assessed value than our Lake properties. The Temagami South properties pay a special sewage grinder fee of approximately \$450 per year, which raises substantially their user fees! This year User Fee chargers approximately cover all area-specific, infrastructure operating costs, which has not been the case previously.

We should assume from this information that there is limited scope to add to their operating user fee costs, additional fees to cover the capital infrastructure costs as proposed by the Ministry. It would now seem apparent that under the present system low income communities with a small permanent population, such as Temagami, cannot afford to support the imposed ever increasing

The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami 2011 Budget						
Summary	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Staff/Committee Recommendation	Note	2011 vs 2010 Budget Increase/ (Decrease) Amount	%
Revenues						
Operating Revenues						
Municipal Taxation	3,247,711	3,280,454	3,112,937		(134,774)	-4.1%
Less: Municipal Tax Write Offs	(25,000)	(12,638)	(25,000)		0	
	<u>3,222,711</u>	<u>3,267,817</u>	<u>3,087,937</u>		<u>(134,774)</u>	<u>-4.2%</u>
User Charges	648,806	644,118	662,575		13,769	2.1%
Provincial Grants	1,255,572	1,340,935	1,195,029		(60,543)	-4.8%
Federal Grants	61,132	10,158	24,837		(36,295)	-59.4%
Investment Income	1,650	8,183	5,000		3,350	203.0%
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	63,000	70,498	70,500		7,500	11.9%
Provincial Offences Act Revenues	18,000	16,611	18,000		0	0.0%
Other	19,580	48,382	51,758	1.	32,178	164.3%
	<u>5,290,451</u>	<u>5,406,702</u>	<u>5,115,635</u>		<u>(174,816)</u>	<u>-3.3%</u>
Capital and Other Revenues						
Provincial Grants	682,195	293,971	305,846		(376,350)	-55.2%
Federal Grants	498,504	378,328	218,650		(279,854)	-56.1%
Long Term Debt Proceeds	0	452,000	0		0	
Transfer from Reserves	125,000	125,000	0	2.	(125,000)	-100.0%
Previous Year's Surplus			484,729		484,729	
	<u>1,305,699</u>	<u>1,249,299</u>	<u>989,225</u>		<u>(316,474)</u>	<u>-24.2%</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6,596,150</u>	<u>6,656,000</u>	<u>6,104,860</u>		<u>(491,290)</u>	<u>-7.4%</u>
Expenditures						
Expenditures						
General Government	882,199	826,237	852,602		(29,597)	-3.4%
Protection to Persons and Property	694,483	649,428	705,498		11,015	1.6%
Transportation Services	641,832	583,092	635,360		(6,472)	-1.0%
Environmental Services	556,350	563,570	603,758		47,408	8.5%
Health Services	182,221	264,664	150,980		(31,241)	-17.1%
Social and Family Services	1,185,504	1,185,804	1,171,462		(14,042)	-1.2%
Recreational and Cultural Services	240,191	266,668	263,273		23,082	9.6%
Planning and Development	263,750	193,440	273,554		9,804	3.7%
	<u>4,646,530</u>	<u>4,532,903</u>	<u>4,656,486</u>		<u>9,956</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
Capital Expenditures	1,716,004	1,290,354	963,160		(752,844)	-43.9%
Long Term Debt Repayment	218,616	199,783	212,485		(6,131)	-2.8%
Long Term Debt Repayment from Previous Year's Surplus			272,729		272,729	
Transfer to Reserves	15,000	8,000	0	3.	(15,000)	-100.0%
Total Expenditures	<u>6,596,150</u>	<u>6,031,040</u>	<u>6,104,860</u>		<u>(491,290)</u>	<u>-7.4%</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>0</u>	<u>624,960</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Notes:						
1. Gas Tax Revenue - \$57,300 for 2010 and \$57,300 for 2011 not included in the budget. In order to include these amounts in the budget we are required to allocate the funds to a pre approved expenditure.						
2. Transfer from Reserves - \$125,000 was transferred from working capital reserves.						
3. Transfer to Reserves - \$8,000 received for a sale of a vacant lot in Temagami North Trailer Park was transferred into reserves for capital projects.						

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infrastructure costs without additional government financial assistance, as in the past.

If we turn now, briefly, to the second handout sheet providing a statement of the consolidated municipal 2011 Budget, one might conclude that the new

administration has done a reasonable job in achieving a balanced Budget in which projected operating expenditures matched anticipated reduced revenues.

However, on closer examination one can observe that this balance was really achieved by deferring many essential

capital expenditures, and secondly, benefiting from a large previous year's surplus, which in all likelihood will not again be repeated.

In particular, we note that no apparent serious reductions, or cut backs, were

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Youth Representative is an Inspiration to TCF Board

By Victoria Grant,
Temagami Community Foundation Board

Boat traffic has slowed, there are fewer lights shining into the night. It is the turning of the seasons, and we are experiencing a fall as beautiful as was the summer. Leaves are beginning to turn and the cry of the loon is a dominant sound as those magical birds begin to gather for their migration south. The fall sunset offers a vivid clarity of light that is unique to this time of year; beautiful and bittersweet. As I write this article on The Temagami Community Foundation, I thought important to set the stage and get your focus on Temagami.

I would like to share some experiences of on our new board youth representative, Kendall White. Kendall is sixteen, from Bear Island and attends high school in North Bay. She travels daily from Temagami to North Bay. She

is an inspiration and a breath of fresh air to all of us at our directors' meetings. She is keen, engaged and lots of fun. Kendall joined us in March.

In May, Kendall with one other youth from Bear Island, Becca Metadawabin, travelled to the Community Foundations of Canada conference in Vancouver. They participated in a youth day and Kendall was selected to be one of the youth to present to a plenary session of 600 people. She brought honour and recognition to the Temagami Community Foundation.

Kendall was chosen as one of eighty for the Students on Ice Arctic Youth Expeditions 2011 (<http://studentsonice.com>), an incredible once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for her to expand her knowledge about the circumpolar world, and to gain a new global perspective on the planet, its wonders, and its present and future challenges.

The ship-and-land-based journey explored Iceland, Greenland, northern Labrador (Nunatsiavut) and the northern reaches of Nunavik, Canada. She travelled with 65 international high school students, 14 to 18 years old and a team of 45 scientists, educators, aboriginal elders, historians, artists, writers, innovators, leaders and polar experts.

At the Temagami Community Foundation Fish Fry in August, Kendall was our guest speaker. She showed us what she was capable of and how resourceful she can be. She faced what could have been an embarrassing situation with poise and grace. Just before she was to speak, one of our community people stole the show by engaging in a somewhat deplorable display of bad judgment. I apologize to those of who witnessed the event. You however heard Kendall's response. "Hello, I am Kendall White...Twain. I'm going to start off with this quote; I think it may have been Shakespeare. I may be wrong but... 'What's in a name?' I don't think your name should define who you are; I think it is our actions. So please don't define me by my name but by my actions."

Kendall went on to speak for a half an hour. She shared her experiences of the trip, she entertained us by making us laugh, engaging with her and sharing the passion she felt for her experience. She took all of us in the audience

on the trip with her as she relived her memories, vivid in her mind and in her communication to us.

She closed by asking us where we thought she might want to go to next, and she shared that she would like to swim with the sharks in Cape Cod, South Africa, and go to Antarctica. Her words, "I will get there, you watch" were an inspiration. She closed with two significant messages, she spoke about a person who did a presentation on "Eating your Elephant" and to quote Kendall, "Eat your elephant, go out there and live life. You can't see things ... on television, you have to experience things yourself. Things that you experience affect you deeply and change you; so go out there and live life." Her last message was to thank the Temagami First Nation for their support and to acknowledge the community of Bear Island for supporting the fundraisers that paid for her trip.

We at the Temagami Community Foundation are glad to have Kendall as our youth representative; she has lots to teach us, and she is excited to learn. The Temagami Community Foundation can be a vehicle to do many things. We are only limited by our collective imaginations and our commitment. Thanks you to those who came out to the Fish Fry and to all of who support the Foundation.

In 2012 the Art Camp celebrates 10 years, more to come on that.



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Aids to Navigation – Protecting Our Buoys and Channel Markers

By Angus Scully
Chair, Marine Committee

Buoys and channel markers are important safety and traveling aids. The maintenance of the channel markers and lights on the lake is paid for from our property taxes. Boaters should keep an eye open for problems and report them. Call the Municipal offices at 705 569 3421. Usually the concern is ad-

dressed within 24 to 48 hours. In July and August you may also call the TLA on VHF radio to report a problem.

What to report:

- Buoy missing
- Buoy out of place
- Light not operating
- Part missing – for example the cone on a red buoy
- Damaged or defaced buoy.

Don't forget that the cones on top of the red markers are vitally important. In low light all markers may look black.

Also, some people are red-green colour blind. In these circumstances, the cone top on the red markers is vital.

Time for More Buoys?

When the Coast Guard was responsible for the aids to navigation, the TLA set out its own private (and legal)

markers on shoals that were not on the main navigation channels. Liability and maintenance issues related to these private buoys forced the TLA to abandon this practice.

Now that the aids to navigation are a municipal responsibility and paid for by us, is it time to have the current buoy system expanded to include the former TLA markers? Please e-mail e at ascully@sympatico.ca with your thoughts.

TEMAGAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

by Shelley Rowland

What a wonderful summer we've had. It was nice to see so many of our summer residents and I hope all arrived home safely. We look forward to seeing you again next summer.

Autumn is perhaps my favourite time of year. I enjoy the colours and the cool crisp mornings and evenings. It's also great time to curl up with a good book (of course anytime is a great time to read). The following is a partial list of some of the titles we have recently acquired:

New Books

Adult Fiction: *Flash and Bones*/Reichs, *The Shattering*/Healey, *Dracula in Love*/Essex, *Still Missing*/Stevens, *The Debutante*/Tessaro, *The Forest Laird*/Whyte, *Born to Die*/Jackson, *God's Guest List*/MaComber, *Death of a Greedy Woman*/Beaton, *Body Work*/Paretsky, *Silent Witness*/North Patterson, *Kill Me If You Can*/Patterson, *My Lost Daughter*/Rosenberg, *Bedtime Story*/Wiersema, *The Good Daughters*/Maynard,

Westerns: *Left Hand of the Law*/West, *Summers' Horses*/Cotton

Non-Fiction: *Preserving: The Canning and Freezing Guide for All Seasons*/Crocker, *The Memory Place*/Bartok, *The Great Reset*/Florida, *The New Normal: An Agenda for Responsible Living*, *Choke: What the Secrets of the Brain Reveal About Getting It Right When You Have To*, *The Weather of the Future*/Cullen, *Deadly Devotion*/Sofios, *Guinness World Records 2012*, *Justice Miscarried (Canada)*/Katz

Large Print: *Happy Birthday*/Steel, *Prime Time*/Fonda (non-fiction),

Young Adult: *Revolution*/Donnelly, *The NightMays*/Poblocki, *Guardian of the Dead*/Healey, *Nevermore*/Creagh, *Blood Wounds*/Pfeffer

Junior Fiction: *Twelve Haunted Rooms of Halloween*/Pamintuan, *Dinosaurs In Action*/Stilton, *Grandpa Green*/Smith (a picture book exploring aging, memory and the bonds of family history and love), *Puppy Party*/Wilson, *That Fatal Night (Dear Canada series)*, *The Unwants*/McMann

Junior Non-Fiction: *Garbage Helps Our Garden Grow: A Compost Story*/Glaser, *Survive Alive Series: Making Shelter, Finding Food and Water, Finding Your Way, Fire and Cooking*/Champion

Board Books: *Bear Feels Scared*/Wilson, *Superhero Potty Time*/DiCicco, *Princess Potty Time*/DiCicco

Story Time

Story Time will be held the second Tuesday of each month (excluding July and August) from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Crafts, a story, and a light snack are provided. This program is free of charge.

New to the Library

We have added some new items to the library thanks to funding from the provincial government. These include DVDs from The Great Courses. These are college level courses taught by top professors. Each course includes the DVD(s) and a course guidebook. We have the following titles:

- *Lifelong Health: Achieving Optimum Well-Being at Any Age*/Prof. Anthony Goodman,

- *The Nature of Earth: An Introduction to Geology*/Prof. John Renton,
 - *From Yao to Mao: 5000 Years of Chinese History*/Prof. Kenneth Hammond,
 - *Meteorology: An Introduction to the Wonders of the Weather*/Prof. Robert Fovell,
 - *The Foundations of Western Civilization*/Prof. Thomas Noble
 - *Our Night Sky*/Prof. Edward Murphy.
- Loan time on these items is 4 weeks and can be renewed.

Blue Sky Reads Canadian

The Blue Sky Librarians Network (of which Temagami Public Library is a member) and the Nipissing University Library presented a reading with Canadian author Jane Urquhart who read from her novel, *Sanctuary Line* on Wednesday October 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the university's new library. This was followed by a book signing and refreshments.

We hope to make this an annual event, focusing on Canadian authors.

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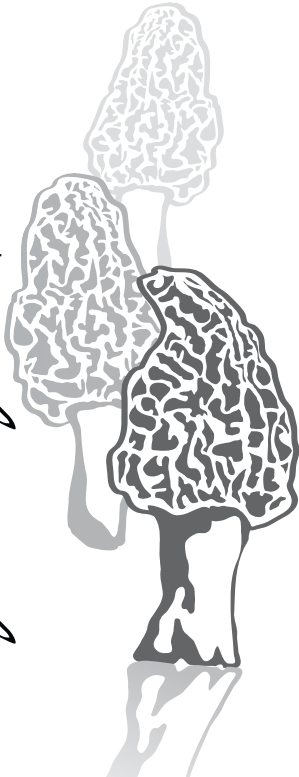
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Temagami's New Grocery Store continued from page 1

They have made every effort to source local suppliers as much as possible. They are also looking for the community's input on products desired. If you are looking for something in particular, they suggest that you ask and, if they can, they will try to stock it.

The decision to go with a completely independent store, and not one of the chain stores, was largely based on the fact that the chains limit the owner's decisions. This means the owners are less flexible to respond to the needs of the community.

Not being on a flyer program does make a difference to customers, however, so they are looking at doing their own. In the meantime, though, they are offering in-store specials. "Whenever we can get a good deal on something," Joanne added, "we pass on the savings."

Cost savings are being looked at on the operations side of the business as well. Energy is a big cost for the store, so the Van Manens are researching ways to be more energy efficient. Eventually they hope to replace the current open coolers with glass door coolers.

The long term plans are shaping up over time and it is somewhat

amazing how things have transpired so far, considering it is less than a year since the Temagami Co-op grocery store closed its doors. Owning a grocery store in Temagami had not been in Dick and Joanne's long term plans, but Joanne's parents live here, and they felt drawn to Temagami. They sold produce in Temagami's community market a few years ago, and were pleased with the town's response. However, it wasn't until the Chair of the town's Economic Development Advisory Committee, Debby Burrows, suggested that they consider filling the community's need for the grocery store that they had given it any thought. Being strong in their Christian faith and seeing how things fell into place, they really feel that the Lord has led them here.

Their faith is also the reason that the store is closed on Sundays. "At the beginning," Joanne explained, "people said we would never survive with closing Sundays, but now people appreciate the break in the week." She went on to say that it is especially good for the employees to have a day with their families. That day of rest has been needed by the owners too, since Dick, Joanne and their daughter Heather have been

very busy getting the store up and running, and will surely remain busy as they continue to move forward this fall.

They have recently started up the bakery and once again the delightful aroma of fresh baking is greeting customers as they walk in the door. The selection of fresh baked goods including breads, rolls, pastry and cookies, will gradually be increased and eventually the Van Manens would like to have pies baked fresh at the store as well.

The deli will also be opening and there will be a new deli feature. Hot, homemade soups and deli sandwiches will be available on a daily basis. To make this even more inviting, tables and chairs will be added, so that customers can stop and have lunch when they shop. The addition of specialty foods, particularly Dutch products, as well as vitamins and homeopathic products are long-term goals as well.

The Van Manens know that running a store is hard work and they are ready and willing to put in all the faith and hard work it takes to earn their daily bread and to provide the community with a source for their daily bread as well. The community is very fortunate to have them here.

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your lot.

Of equal interest to the membership is the notion that 86 percent of respondents feel that it is very important that the TLA to be involved in the governance of the town. With taxes such a high priority of the membership, it is clear that the membership is looking to the TLA to represent its interests at critical town meetings.

The area of communication came up as vital to the membership as well. Over 90 percent of those who responded to the survey feel that it is important for the TLA to have a physical headquarters,

while nearly 2/3 monitor and use Channel 68 on the marine band radio. Nearly 90 percent of those responding stated that they read every issue of the Temagami Times. A similar number have visited the web site over the past year.

Some other interesting findings from the survey include the fact that the majority of respondents planned on using services in town this summer. Also, nearly 2/3 of respondents were in favor of charging non-residents for use of the Access Road. Finally, the Corn Roast is popular with over 50 percent of respondents saying that they have

attended and plan to do so again in the future.

Following is a brief sampling of some of the comments and suggestions that were received:

- I think the web site should be the primary source for communications to the members and the entire community. A great way would be to tweet updates or send email. Instead of using paper, constant contact email is a great way to send out information and cheapo.
- Canoeists must use campsites. Why don't houseboats have

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specific locations to tie up instead of stopping anywhere they choose?

- The more quiet and solitude the better. Fewer large boats, assured cleaner water, and the continuation of the ban on sale and development of crown land would all be most welcome.
- Better police coverage at the remote parts of the lake (Baie Jeanne landing in particular) to ensure proper fishing rules, correct parking/camping and landing usage. If I could see some better police coverage (I think twice a week is perfectly reasonable during the summer months), I could feel a bit better about paying all these crazy taxes.
- Would be nice to have a laundry and grocery service! i.e. someone comes and picks up your laundry and a shopping list and returns in a day or two with your clean clothes and groceries. This would give me more time to enjoy the lake, so I don't have to spend a day going into town and/or hand-washing clothes.
- Taxation for services used. Without a doubt, the residents in town would object strongly to having to cover items such as sewage system rework

at cottage sites, yet the lake residents appear expected to cover a significant portion of the millions of dollars in infrastructure overhead the Municipality is facing. Suitable policing levels and some action to prevent the known repeat offenders from continuing to "play" on the lake.

- I enjoy reading the paper and think it should continue to focus on town and lake issues, especially concerning the financial concerns of the town, environmental issues regarding the lake, and the status of local businesses, e.g. the grocery store.
 - The Times has improved enormously in the past 3-4 years. I would like to see more political and economic information on what the Town is doing with our taxes and what services they are providing the Lake Resident Tax Payers.
- The TLA Board is reviewing these important results, and using them for guidance as we move forward towards the 2012 summer season. For a complete summary of response to the survey questions, including all open-ended text responses to questions, please see the TLA website.

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made in personnel, hours worked, or wages, such as experienced in these years of austerity, by the private sector and most other public sector jurisdictions.

Hopefully, now that our new Mayor and council have had the experience of this past year and perhaps a better understanding of the key issues, they will have the determination and motivation to achieve in this coming year, 2012 what had been promised this year, that no municipal tax payer should be billed for more tax dollars than last year, recognizing that waterfront properties in particular will absorb once again considerably higher property assessment values. Bearing in mind the backlog of differed or ongoing in-

frastructure capital costs and probably reduced Federal and Provincial grants, this will be a real challenge!

To conclude, our TLA Board's role will be to remain vigilant on these key issues facing the Municipality and to work with the Mayor and Council in achieving these difficult objectives.

Before closing I believe we all owe a debt of gratitude to our Secretary-Treasurer, Peter Healy, who under frequently difficult and hazardous conditions was able to attend most Council and Budget meetings this past winter and spring and ably presented, or defended, our views. We all thank you, Peter, for a job well done!

(See also Municipal Budget on page 14)



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was sent to the Province but was rejected until three things were done first: their Membership Code, Economic Development Corporation and a Trust Fund. The Membership code has been sent to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Chief Ayotte also mentioned that all lake residents are able to use the Bear Island Community Library and the computers there to access the internet.



Temagami First Nation Chief, Roxane Ayotte addresses TLA members at the 2011 AGM. Photo by: Trish Healy.

TLA President Andrew Healy thanked Pam Sinclair for writing the book that represented over 100 years on the lake. He thanked all the volunteers that made the Flea Market possible. He told the crowd that there were a great number of residents that took the time to complete the 2011 TLA survey. In his remarks Mr. Healy mentioned concern of what the TLA status would look like over the next 10-20 years and the need to involve the younger generation both in membership and leadership roles.

TLA Business

Current TLA Directors and past TLA Presidents who were present were introduced. The minutes of the 2010 AGM were adopted and there was no business arising from the minutes. Treasurer David McFarlane reviewed the 2010 financial statement which showed an operation surplus of \$9,021 and year end investments of \$148,475. Resolutions were passed to approve the financial statements and to approve the actions of the Directors and Officers since the Commencement of the 2010 AGM.

Committee Reports

Natural resources: Andrew Healy

30 campsites have been cleaned as part of the TLA Campsite Clean Up and we are hoping to double that this year. The TLA in partnership with Project Canoe have built and installed three privies this year for these campsites and hope to do about 10 more before the end of summer.

Municipal Budget and Taxes: Boyd Matchett

The Town's budget in 2011 decreased by about four percent. The result for Lake Temagami properties is an average increase, with assessment increases and education taxes accounted for, of about four percent. Mr. Matchett provided tax comparisons with the mainland properties in the village of Temagami and the lake properties. (See full text of comments and handouts on page xx.)

Water Quality: Ted Tichinoff

Ted's reported that lake water is in good condition. The TLA Board is still moving towards a water quality monitoring program that will help to identify water quality issues. The Board is considering hiring university students next year to test the water quality and perform other tasks over the course of the summer.

Your TLA Board for 2011/2012

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Chip Kittredge Boyd Matchett
Justin Metz

Ontario Provincial Police

Detective Constable Al Gelinas joined us this year from his office in North Bay. He is involved with a team that investigates criminal offences such as break and enters. He warned members at the meeting that break and enters usually occur

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in the early spring or late fall. Mr. Gelinas told cottagers to report minor crimes and to think about getting trail cameras to limit the amount of crimes in this area. Al has provided his phone numbers so we can contact him immediately after an event is noticed.

Friends of Temagami

Bob Olajos made a presentation on behalf of Friends of Temagami. The group covers a large area and their mission is to preserve the wilderness of the Temagami watershed. Mr. Olajos mentioned that their Annual General Meeting will be held October 28th and 29th at Smoothwater.



Author of *Temagami Lakes Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community*, and TLA Member of the Year, Pam Sinclair signs copies of her book at the 2011 AGM. Photo by: Elaine Gunnell

Flea Market and History Book

Peter Healy thanked Debbie Nixon and Charlene Tamburro for being co-chairs of the Flea Market. This year the Flea Market raised between six and seven thousand dollars, which will be directed to the Water Testing initiative.

Pam Sinclair's new book *Temagami Lakes Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community* is now available to purchase at the TLA office.

Septic Smart

Rob Davis of Eco-Ethic soap products made a presentation on septic system maintenance that was both hilarious and full of great tips. A summary of these will be posted on the TLA website.

Annual TLA Awards

Peter gave many thanks to the Wabun Staff for hosting the TLA AGM. Claire Rannie received a Temagami Print for her

40 years of continuous family membership. Pam Sinclair was honored as TLA Member of the Year in recognition of her time writing *The Life and Times of a Cottage Community*. Andrew Healy was recognized for his service as President this year.

Other Business

Paul Middleton reminded the audience of a Public Meeting regarding a land use application on Lake Temagami to be held on August 11th, 2011th at 5:30 p.m. Peter Healy added that the TLA, with the use of a land use planning consultant, have already made a written submission regarding this application.

Lisa Tuckerman suggested that perhaps TLA membership fees could be increased by \$10 per year to fund the water quality initiative.

President Andrew Healy once again thanked the membership for their presence at this meeting and their ongoing support for the organization and welcomed all to stay for a buffet lunch.

The TLA welcomes the following new members for 2011.

NAME	ISLAND
Jackie Hodgins (Jim Huisman)	
Glen Hurst	
John P. Hilborn (Holly)	Net Lake
Marion Murphy	55
Pam Paré (John)	91
Margaret Smart (Sydney)	309/310
Bettina Schuller (Chris)	421
Julie Regnier (David Lange)	553
John Sappington (Cindy)	630
Dale Peacock	657
Bryan Plumstead (Suzan)	658
William A. Hand (Lori)	660
Kurt Porschen (Dianne)	665
Paul ten Westeneind (Andra)	700
Allister Avard	711
Jessica Wert	985
Sarah Wert	985
Justin Metz (Bianca Morrison)	988
Tom Byrne (Laura)	1018
Gene Hollinger	1030
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Underdiagnosis of COPD remains a significant problem with many patients already having advanced pulmonary impairment by the time they are diagnosed.

Beginning September 14th, 2011 and every two weeks thereafter, a Respiratory Therapist (RT) will be at the medical centre providing chronic lung disease screening and assessment of breathing/coughing symptoms using spirometry testing.

Spirometry is a common and effective diagnostic test. It's painless and usually takes less than 10 minutes, although sometimes it is repeated after taking a puffer medication.

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measures how much air you can blow out from your lungs and how fast you can blow it out. Spirometry is the most reliable way to test your lungs for COPD.

How to Prepare for the Test

- Do not take rescue medication 4 hours prior to testing, i.e. Ventolin, Bricanyl
- Do not smoke for one hour prior to testing
- Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing
- If exercise induced testing is required, bring comfortable walking shoes
- Eat, drink and take all other medication as indicated

In addition to spirometry screening, the Respiratory Therapist will be able to provide instruction on better breathing techniques, effective inhaler technique, home oxygen testing and more.

If you are a smoker and, through this COPD screening program, you decide to quit smoking, the RT will refer you to our

STOP Program. Through this initiative, the Temagami Family Health Team will provide you with a comprehensive smoking cessation program that will include:

- Advising and assisting you at every encounter
- Offering you a tailored treatment course of over-the-counter Nicotine Replacement Therapy, at no cost to you, in combination with cessation counseling
- Following up with you at key milestones for relapse prevention
- Proactively linking you with further supports through the Smokers' Helpline.

Who Should be Screened?

The Canadian Lung Association has suggested that patients who are older than 40 years of age and who are current or ex-smokers should undertake spirometry if they answer yes to any one of the following questions:

1. Do you cough regularly?

2. Do you cough up phlegm regularly?
3. Do even simple chores make you short of breath?
4. Do you wheeze when you exert yourself or at night?
5. Do you get frequent colds that persist longer than those of other people you know?

If you have already been diagnosed with asthma or COPD, spirometry testing can be useful to determine if your current treatment is working.

The earlier spirometry is done, the earlier lung disease can be detected and treated. So show your lungs some love. Talk to your health care provider about spirometry.

The Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team is committed to keeping you as healthy as possible!

Reference:

<http://www.lung.ca>; Temiskaming Hospital

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Temagami Showcased at the CNE

By John Santarossa

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE or The EX as it is also known), is Canada's largest annual community event and lifestyle exhibition. The CNE attracts over one million people annually and is the seventh largest fair in North America. The 2011 CNE ran from August 19 to September 5 and offered a wide variety of entertainment, activities, international food, agriculture, lifestyle, and tourism displays.

Each year, a municipality is featured as "Community Day" at the EX – this year it was **Temagami!**

Economic Development Officer



John Santarossa with Temagami's display booth at the 2011 CNE. Supplied photo.

John Santarossa was at the CNE on Sat. August 20 and Sunday August 21 to promote Temagami and its business community. Temagami's new trade show booth was in a prime location in the Better Living Centre and the municipality received excellent exposure at the event.

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hard work, but the real problem is that you also need good (sunny, dry) or at least not windy weather. In a strong wind, by the time you confirm your GPS site and set up the equipment to test you could be on a shoal. Prime time for testing is a clear day before the sun comes up.



Ted Tichinoff with the Water Sampling Map.
Photo: Trish Healy

The lesson is that even if you had a crew of motivated testers who were prepared to work as a group over the Victoria Day weekend in May to get the testing done over a three day period, the weather may not cooperate. The better solution is to have testers who are on the lake permanently for the summer period (including May) and who would be able to wait for the perfect conditions for testing.

The bottom line is that it was a learning year and we now have obtained both the expertise and the message to do the work efficiently and accurately. A series of tests were conducted over the summer covering the whole lake. The results will be forwarded to our consultant who will collate them and compare them against the available test results done by various groups in the past. We are hoping to have this year's results and a collation of the best historical data available on our website.

While independent testing by Temagami Lakes Association itself is important, the TLA has to be open to partnerships that could aid in both sharing of equipment and assisting in the cost of the testing, so long as they share with us the same interest in testing. The goal of lake testing remains the same: we need to know in scientific terms

and factual terms where the lake is at, we need to compare that with what earlier data exists to know what changes have been affected and we need to identify trends and changes in the water. If we can identify problems then we can deal with the sources of those problems.

There is little doubt that it is human development and human activity that is going to cause changes in the lake. It is hoped that our test results are going to be some measure of the extent to which further development on the lake is going to have an impact on the lake and whether further development is desirable.

As I indicated in my address at the Annual General Meeting, virtually all test results (there are a few alarming isolated results) indicate that Lake Temagami today is still one of the most pristine lakes in Ontario. The water quality here has been exceptional, but that does not mean that because our water is relatively clean that we therefore have more capacity for decline or should not be vigilant. The measure for concern and action should not be how close we are to the "normal" or "average" phosphorous level for lakes in Ontario. This is I believe an exceptional lake.

We started here with an exceptional body of water. Our approach to the proper phosphorous level has to focus on where we started from and that the relevant measure is from the lake's natural state to some acceptable level of degradation above that. If the lake's original phosphorous levels were, and this is purely for example and is not an actual measurement, at 2 and we are now at 4, that may well be our maximum even if the average lake in Ontario is at 6.

The fact that phosphorous levels in the lake have doubled is the point, not that most lakes have higher levels and therefore we have much more room for further degradation and development. Most other lakes in their natural state have a higher phosphorous level than this lake does even after several decades of septic tanks, motor boats, campers of all kinds and extensive activity on the ice.

In some ways the argument is subtle but I think the proper approach. However, it's one that requires that we know where we come from in terms of water quality, where we are now and where we're going.

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