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Lions and Children Help Mother Nature

By Ed Riopel

On May 11th and 12th, Temagami and Mattawa Lions Club members, along with approximately 20 students and teachers from the Temagami and Bear Island elementary schools and other volunteers, actively gave Mother Nature a hand. The Temagami Lions, led by Wayne Adair and Ike Laba, had united forces with the Mattawa Lions, led by Wayne Reid who is also a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Science Technician, to organize a tree plant to help reforest an area just south of Temagami that had been ravaged by a forest fire in 1999. To make this truly a community project, they invited the schools and others to help with this venture that would benefit Temagami for years to come.



With the aid of Science Technician Diane Othmer from the MNR in North Bay and a representative from the Forest Ecology center in Mattawa, these volun-

teers banded together to plant a whopping 1,500 trees on Friday and Saturday. The species planted included White pine, Red pine, Jack pine and White Spruce.

In 1999 a very unpredictable and hot fire ran through the area along Highway 11 just south of Temagami. It came very close to homes, almost

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This hitchhiker knows how to take it easy on a beautiful summer day on Lake Temagami.

Photo by: Trish Healy

THE TEMAGAMI LAND USE PLAN: Is It Time for a Change?

By Andrew Healy

Changing the Temagami Land Use Plan (TLUP) gets people's attention, and this is exactly what the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has been doing this spring. For the last fifteen years, the TLUP has provided the policy framework for the management of Crown land in the MNR's Temagami Area. More specifically, it divides Temagami up into Land Use Zones, and describes the permitted uses and direction for how each area is to be managed.

For example, one such zone is Lake Temagami (Special Management Area 39), where the land use intent is to "... maintain as a significant recreation and tourism lake, a unique cultural heritage landscape, and a high value natural lake trout fishery. Maintain the old pine component of the Skyline Reserve for aesthetic beauty." Some of the most noteworthy policies for Zone 39 include no commercial timber harvesting, no new road access, and no mainland

development; all crucial elements of the Tenets of Temagami. It's now easy to see why talking about changing the TLUP is garnishing so much public interest!

Born from seven years of extensive public consultation, the TLUP came into effect in 1997. It attempted to strike a balance between all the competing interests on the land base; primarily resource extraction, ecological significance, recreation and access; and for the most part did a pretty good job of doing so.

Realizing provincial and local policies and interests do change, the MNR committed to keeping the Plan current with planned reviews every 10 years, with the first scheduled review to take place in 2006. On March 21, 2012, the MNR announced the first review of the Plan, some six years overdue. The surprising thing about the public announcement was that 'the review' was already complete! It quickly became clear to the public that not that much was being

changed, if anything at all. According to Julie Robinson, District Planner with the MNR, "...only a scoped review was required as the plan continues to effectively meet its goals and objectives."

It seems the MNR did not want to open up the entire TLUP for discussion, and perhaps for good reason as it would have undoubtedly opened up a 'can of worms' large enough to be the envy of any Temagami angler! "Many of the issues raised since plan development have been addressed through subsequent resource management and protected area planning processes" said Ms. Robinson.

So what exactly is the MNR proposing to change? Essentially the changes are only administrative in nature. Since the Plan's inception in 1997, the MNR has gone to an internet-based tool to house provincial land use policies. The database, which is referred to as the Crown Land Use Planning Atlas (<http://crownlanduseatlas.mnr.gov.on.ca/>)

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President's letter

As my time as President of the TLA is winding down, I sincerely thank everyone who has made the last two years a resounding success: our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and members. Over the last two years we have maintained our membership levels, expanded our environmental stewardship, refreshed our website, produced a new TLA history book, and much more.

One of the key roles that the TLA plays in Temagami is to bring together not only lake residents, but also the broader community through the outstanding quality and content of the Temagami Times. I'd like to offer an enormous thanks to those that work hard to get each issue to the press and in the mail without a hitch: Chip Kittredge, Peter Healy, Elaine Gunnell, Dawn Sherman at Imaginus North, all of our contributing writers, the local businesses who advertise with us, and last but not least our readers! In an era when print media is struggling, I am quite optimistic that the Times will continue to be a success well into the future!

By the time this paper finds its way to your mailbox, many of this year's programs will be well underway. We are extremely lucky to have two exceptional university students working with us this spring and summer to conduct water quality monitoring, perform campsite clean-ups and ensure the services offered out of the TLA Headquarters Building are exceptional. To help our students get around, we have a brand new "Made in Temagami" Naden boat! It will be quite something to see our team out on the water, helping to keep the lake clean for all users.

There is lots of work to do this year and we are always looking for help. If you are interested in helping out with any of our programs or social events we could definitely use you. It's a great way to meet your neighbours and get more involved with the organization. Do stop into the Headquarters building this summer and see all that we have going on.

See you on the lake!

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.

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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.

Meet the TLA 2012 Summer Staff:



Diana Van Vlymen

I was born and raised in Mississauga, Ontario, where I spent the first fourteen years of my life. I subsequently spent four years in Airdrie, Alberta (about twenty kilometres north of Calgary), attending a small high school, after my parents' jobs were transferred.

I currently live in Kingston, Ontario with my brother, Anthony and attend Queen's University. I am returning in September for my fourth and final year in the BScH Life Sciences program, which covers the three sciences with a focus on mammals.

My parents own an island on Lake Temagami and the first time I came to the cottage was around September 1991, in a baby carrier with a mosquito net! My paternal grandparents bought the cottage in 1964 and our family has grown along with our small forest.

I've always loved the lake and recall fond memories of learning to fish, paddling a piece of foam around the island as a makeshift canoe, and blueberry picking in Shiningwood Bay (though I won't say where; it's a secret). We've survived many a thunderstorm, including one that nearly set our cottage on fire, and even a near tornado, but I think Temagami is one of the best places on this planet. I enjoy swimming, fishing, kayaking, waterskiing, and windsurfing on the lake, and hope to enjoy summers here throughout my life.

I always enjoy meeting others with a passion for this lake and I look forward to meeting many cottagers in my time working for the TLA!



Daniel Sauvé

My name is Daniel Sauvé and I am one of the students working with the Temagami Lakes Association this summer to monitor the water of Lake Temagami to ensure that the lake is able to maintain its high degree of quality and cleanliness.

I am currently in between my third and fourth year of my undergraduate studies at the University of Ottawa in Environmental Science, specializing in environmental geochemistry and ecotoxicology. My coursework fits perfectly with the type of work I will be doing on the lake this summer.

My interest in Lake Temagami comes from my family's history with the area. My great grandparents first began coming to Temagami in the 1920's to camp at Finlayson Point and in the 1950s my grandfather and great-grandfather built our family cottage on Bell Island. Ever since then, our family has called Temagami our home for the summer months and we continue to be amazed with the natural beauty Lake Temagami holds.

This is the place I learned to swim, to drive an outboard, canoe and sail. This year, I am hoping to add windsurfing to that list. I am looking forward to meeting many of the members of the Temagami Lakes Association during the summer, on the lake or at the office. I am happy to be part of the effort to maintain Temagami's impeccable beauty through monitoring and understanding the water quality of the lake.

TLA to Launch a Loon Nesting Site and Awareness Program

By Justin Metz

The Great Northern Loon is one of Temagami's most beloved species. Their eerie cry over silent waters is a sound we all long to hear each summer. As part of our ongoing commitment to the overall health of the fish and wildlife of Lake Temagami, the TLA will be implementing a Loon Nesting Site and Awareness Program this coming summer.

The loon population on Lake Temagami has been fairly stable and healthy over the last few years based on studies by the TLA and the Temagami-Region Studies Institute. However, unstable water levels, angling pressure and motorized boats pose a constant threat to loons and their nesting sites.

This spring, educational Loon Alert signs will be posted at high traffic areas in order to educate lake users on how best to share our lake with our beloved loons. As we move



further into the summer season the TLA and our dedicated staff will begin constructing up to 2 nesting "rafts" to be implemented in critical areas on Lake Temagami that have been proven to be affected by human related causes.

Launching these rafts in late summer will allow the loons to explore potential nesting sites for the following breeding season. The rafts will be removed in the fall and then placed back in as close to ice out as possible the following spring, and every spring after.

The choosing of these sites is critical to the success of this project. In addition to our own sources, we are welcoming any historical data that lake residents may have on loon breeding trends on the lake over the years. Any comments are welcome by email: tla@onlink.net.

It is our hope to successfully co-exist with the loon population on Lake Temagami and continue to protect and preserve this integral species for many generations to come.

Property Patrol Report May 2012

By Peter Healy



One of many trees down across the lake.

Photo by: Peter Healy

What a crazy winter/spring. In March the ice was so bad/unsafe it was not possible to access most cottages to check on their condition. Just as we thought the ice would disappear, it got cold again making it one of the longest breakups in years. Finally in the middle week of April the ice was gone and we were boating again.

Two years ago it was high water levels.

Last year it was low water levels. Break up this year came with normal water levels for a change, but it was quite early so that checking cottages for TLA members actually began, when the winds subsided, the last weekend of April.

A whole week with very little wind gave us calm waters and a resulting silhouette that created that most beautiful mirror image of the treed shoreline and hills beyond. I saw very few other boats, no houseboats, no fishermen and for once no apparent evidence of any break-ins.

What I did see were a very large number of loons and various ducks including a surprising number of male mergansers with their bright white plumage.

Accessing 155 members' docks this month was a lot easier than last May with water levels quite high compared to last year. We obviously had some severe winds late in the spring however, as many Islands had fallen trees that were not

obvious the last time I visited. While some of these fallen trees landed on buildings they did not do significant damage, because when root balls are torn out of the ground it happens slowly so the trees land gently on buildings in their path.

All in all it is good news this spring. I saw very little property damage and only one or two docks that may have moved a bit.

If you have not heard from me already it appears that all is well on your property. All the best as we approach the summer season when hopefully we will meet again at the headquarters building. Be sure to stop by and say hi to our two university students, Diana and Daniel, working for us this year testing water, working on campsites and generally running the place this summer for us.

Peter Healy

Chief and only patrolman

Three Directors Acclaimed to the TLA Board

At the end of the nomination period that ended on May 1, three people were nominated and have been acclaimed to the board. Returning directors are: **Andrew Healy, Is. 981, and Will Goodman, Is. 352.**

This will be Andrew's second full term and Will's first, having completed a partial term after the retirement of a sitting director.

A third nominee, **Tim Richardson, Is. 795**, was nominated for the first time. Each of these three will serve a three-year term beginning Sept. 1.

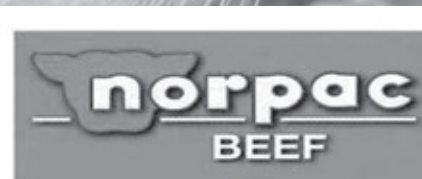
We thank all three gentlemen for volunteering to serve their community in this manner. We also thank **Boyd Matchette**, who is not returning to the Board, for his service during his three-year term, which will be completed on August 31.

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2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TLA

Friday July 27 at Camp Wabun, Coffee 9:30, meeting 10, lunch 12:30
AGENDA:

- **TLA year in review**
- **Managing Water Levels:** Phil Hall MNR – presentation and Q&A
- **Policing our Resources:** Pete Gilboe Conservation Officer
– presentation and Q&A
- **Water Quality testing:** Guest to be announced

TLA Headquarters' Building This Summer

We anticipate another busy summer at the TLA building and are excited to once again offer a 'high speed' wireless internet service for members either using our new desktops or one's own personal computer.

We are pleased to announce that two university students, Diana Van Vlyman and Daniel Sauve, who were hired for the Water Quality project, will be providing Member Services this summer at the Headquarter's Building.

Our products for sale make great cottage additions and wonderful gifts for guests. These include:

- Our recently published:
Temagami Lakes Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community;
- Environmentally friendly soap products – bar soap, liquid laundry detergent, herbal shampoo, dish washing liquid and powder;
- Dinner place mats with TLA shoal map motif;
- Shoal map, wall map and canoe trip maps;
- Temagami old growth posters (two different ones);
- A wall map sized historical map of the Temagami Islands with family names circa 1940;
- Temagami related books, and other local publications;
- Water testing kits.

Our Summer Services for 2012 include, but are not limited to:

- June 25 – open for member services (the radio however will not be monitored all day until Sat. June 30. Members may call the office or drop by before then)
- Welcome back BBQ for members on July 14
- TLA Special Fund Raising Event July 28 – see notice on page XX for details
- Radio service including emergency fire coordination 7 days a week 10 A.M to 5 P.M. from June 30 though Sept. 3
- Postal (incoming and outgoing) service at 12.30 PM
- Environmentally friendly soap product sales
- Household battery disposal program
- Shoal map, wall map, and local publication sales
- Lending library and 'high' speed internet for members
- Fax and pay phone, meeting room
- Temagami Times and Directories available
- Landing clean-up, garbage and recycling assistants
- Members' services through TLA staff.

Remember the **Annual General Meeting** to take place this year
Friday July 27 at Camp Wabun at 10 AM. Join us for coffee at 9:30.
There is plenty of beach parking for small boats.



Owen Lillico, Island 1136

TLA CHILDRENS' FISHING CONTEST

WHEN: July 1 – Aug. 30

WHO CAN ENTER:

Children of TLA members' families and their summer guests who are 15 years or younger

HOW TO ENTER:

Take a photograph of your catch from Lake Temagami.
Put your name, age, phone number, email address and Island number on the back.

WHERE TO SEND IT: Bring, mail or email the photo to the TLA building before Aug. 30. tla@ontera.net

PRIZES: Three winners, drawn at random on Aug. 31, will receive a fishing rod and reel combination from Camp Adanac on Lake Temagami and have their photos published in the Fall Temagami Times.

All entrants will also receive a \$10 gift certificate from Camp Adanac for fishing related supplies.

Big Plans for the Temagami Chamber's New and Upcoming Events

By Robert Bender

For years the Temagami & District Chamber of Commerce (TDCC) has been hosting and promoting many events within Temagami to encourage others to visit our town and experience its hospitality and beauty first hand.

One of Temagami's better-known events is the annual Blueberry Festival, which will be held on Wednesday, August 8th this summer. The festival will boast several fun activities for people of all ages, live music, local artisans, and a variety of fun-filled games and competitions. The TDCC has big expectations for this year's festival, and considering the success of past Blueberry Festivals, 2012's will prove to be even better than the last.

During the fall months many visitors have come to Temagami by way of the Dream Catcher Express train. With the recent news that Ontario Northland would no longer be running the

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2012 RECREATIONAL FISHING SUMMARY

Please refer to the Fishing Regulations for more information and exemptions

FISHING LICENCE S - Sport Fishing **C** - Conservation Fishing ***PLEASE NOTE SLOT LIMITS***

Protected slot for walleye is designed to protect the spawning portion of the population, particularly females.

SPECIES	Fisheries Management Zone 11	Slot Limits and Exceptions
Walleye (Pickerel) and Sauger or any combination	Jan. 1 to March 18 (3 rd Sun) May 19 (3 rd Sat.) to Dec. 31 S – four (4) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Slot Limit, Sport & Conservation: Zero (0) between 43 - 60 cm (16.9” – 23.6”) Only one (1) greater than 60cm (23.6”) in length Lake Temagami - Zero (0) between 46 – 60 cm (18” – 23.6”) One (1) >60 cm (23.6”)
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass or any combination	June 23 (4 th Sat.) to Dec 31 S - six (6) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Obabika Lake – Small Mouth S – two (2) C – one (1)
Northern Pike	Jan 1 to March 18 (3 rd Sun.) May 19 (3 rd Sat.) to Dec 31 S – six (6) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Slot Limit Sport Fishing License Only two (2) greater than 61 cm (24”)of which only one (1) may be greater than 86 cm (33.9”) Slot Limit Conservation License Only one (1) greater than 61 cm (24”) Zero (0) greater than 86 cm (33.9”) length Obabika Lake S- two (2) Only 1 > 86cm C- one (1) Must be < 86cm
Lake Trout	Feb 15 – Mar. 18 (3 rd Sun.) May 19 (3 rd Sat.) – Sept. 30 S - two (2) in one day C – one (1) in one day	Florence Lake & Obabika Lake Closed All Year for Lake Trout
Brook Trout (Speckled Trout)	Feb 15 to Sept. 30 S – five (5) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Size Limit for Sport License Only one (1) greater than 31 cm (12.2”) Size limit for Conservation License Zero (0) greater than 31 cm (12.2”)
Splake	Open All Year S – five (5) C – two (2)	
Whitefish	Open all year S – twelve (12) in one day C – six (6) in one day	Lake Temagami – S – twenty-five (25) C – twelve (12)
Aurora Trout		Liberty Lake Closed 2012 & 2013. NO Live Baitfish
BAIT-FISH		
It is illegal to release any live bait, or dump the contents of a bait bucket, including the water, into any waters, or within 30 m of any waters		Lake Temagami – Alive or Dead Bait-Fish less than 13 cm (5.1”) only Liberty Lake- NO Live Baitfish
SANCTUARIES	Dates are inclusive	
	March 15 – June 15	Lake Temagami -Gull Creek (SW Arm) -Kokoko Bay -Spawning Lake and Creek -Loon Bay and Spawning Bay
	April 1 – June 15	Thieving Bear Creek Net Creek - Dam area Net Lake - ONR Bridge Kanichee Creek - Kanichee to Net Lake
	Closed All Year	Whirligig Lake Whitepine Lake Liberty Lake
	Jan 1 - May 18	Wicksteed Lake

* Please help us to protect YOUR fisheries – report those who abuse the resource! To report a violation of any natural resources related legislation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7677) or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also report violations to any Ontario Parks staff member, or to local Conservation Officers at 1-705-647-69881

IT’S EASIER Than You Think!

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158



You don’t need to be a gardener or a farmer. You don’t have to eat granola or want to save the Earth. You don’t even have to use the stuff! Composting is a good idea, and it is easy to do!

We’re all accustomed to dealing with household waste at home. It is a little different at the cottage, though. It means a trip to the end of the access road, hauling it from the boat, up the steps, and tossing it in the dumpster. Sometimes those bags can be pretty smelly, depending on what’s in them, and how long it has been since your last trip.

The solution is composting. Don’t put that stuff in your trash! Separate out the waste that will decompose, and your trash won’t smell. There will also be less trash (another good thing!), and it won’t be as heavy to lug into and out of the boat and up the stairs.

It isn’t hard to sort out the compostable material. Have a separate container in the kitchen where you put the vegetable peels, egg shells, corn cobs, apple cores, orange peels, coffee grounds (filters, too!), tea bags, and the stuff you scrape off the kids’ plates. At our house, we use an old crock that was for pickles.

Once a day or so, take the contents of the container out to the compost bin. Ideally you won’t put meat or bones into the compost, but we aren’t slaves to the compost rules, and that stuff decomposes, too. If part of a hot dog or ham-burger gets in there, it isn’t the end of the world.

ADDING TO THE BIN, OR PILE

You don’t need to buy a fancy compost bin. Set aside a place that’s away from the cottage. Build a bin or set up a posts and wire fencing. It doesn’t really matter what you put it in. It will decompose even if you just throw it out on the ground. The important thing is to put the right mix or balance of things into the pile.

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2012 Municipal Budget Passed

On May 17th, the Municipal Council passed By-law 12-1063 to adopt the proposed Municipal budget for 2012 and to set the tax rate for the year. The municipal residential tax rate went down from .00763618 to .00714152 and the education rate for residential prop-

erties (set by the Province) went down from .00231 to .00221. This does not translate to tax decreases for all properties, however, due to MPAC assessment increases. The Municipality published the Sample Tax Bills below to show the effect of the tax rate changes over two

years on sample properties in the various neighborhoods. (See also "2012 Budget" on page 19.) The entire budget by-law and related documents considered by Council in passing the budget may be viewed at www.temagami.ca or at the town office.

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
2012						
Assessed Value	\$ 129,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 305,000	\$ 141,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 287,000
Municipal Tax Rate	0.00714152	0.00714152	0.00714152	0.00714152	0.00714152	0.00714152
Education Tax Rate	0.00221	0.00221	0.00221	0.00221	0.00221	0.00221
Total Tax Rate	0.00935152	0.00935152	0.00935152	0.00935152	0.00935152	0.00935152
Municipal Property Tax	\$ 921.26	\$ 585.60	\$ 2,178.16	\$ 1,006.95	\$ 1,499.72	\$ 2,049.62
Education Tax	\$ 285.09	\$ 181.22	\$ 674.05	\$ 311.61	\$ 464.10	\$ 634.27
Total Property Taxes	\$ 1,206.35	\$ 766.82	\$ 2,852.21	\$ 1,318.56	\$ 1,963.82	\$ 2,683.89
Area Charge User Fees**	\$ 1,080.68	\$ 1,525.30	\$ 1,525.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Bill	\$ 2,287.03	\$ 2,292.12	\$ 4,377.51	\$ 1,318.56	\$ 1,963.82	\$ 2,683.89
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
Difference 2011 to 2012						
Assessed Value	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,750	\$ 34,250	\$ 9,000	\$ 29,500	\$ 42,500
% Increase in Assessment	4.7%	9.0%	12.7%	6.8%	16.3%	17.4%
Municipal Property Tax	\$ (19.90)	\$ 10.98	\$ 110.67	\$ (1.02)	\$ 121.39	\$ 182.57
Municipal Property Tax % chg	-2%	2%	5%	0%	9%	10%
Education Tax	\$ 0.38	\$ 7.39	\$ 48.62	\$ 6.69	\$ 47.15	\$ 69.48
Total Property Taxes	\$ (19.52)	\$ 18.37	\$ 159.29	\$ 5.67	\$ 168.53	\$ 252.05
Area Charge User Fees	\$ 24.53	\$ 27.39	\$ 27.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Bill	\$ 5.01	\$ 45.76	\$ 186.68	\$ 5.67	\$ 168.53	\$ 252.05
% Increase (Decrease)	0.22%	2.04%	4.45%	0.43%	9.39%	10.36%
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Bill	\$ 2,403.19	\$ 2,202.88	\$ 4,139.55	\$ 1,417.92	\$ 1,740.69	\$ 2,328.61
Difference 2010 to 2012						
Assessed Value	\$ 11,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 68,500	\$ 18,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 85,000
% Increase in Assessment	9.8%	19.7%	29.0%	14.6%	39.1%	42.1%
Municipal Property Tax	\$ (150.08)	\$ (38.96)	\$ 21.81	\$ (114.53)	\$ 122.94	\$ 207.83
Municipal Property Tax % chg	-14%	-6%	1%	-10%	9%	11%
Education Tax	\$ 1.92	\$ 16.14	\$ 104.09	\$ 15.18	\$ 100.19	\$ 147.45
Total Property Taxes	\$ (148.17)	\$ (22.83)	\$ 125.90	\$ (99.35)	\$ 223.13	\$ 355.28
Area Charge User Fees	\$ 32.00	\$ 112.07	\$ 112.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Bill	\$ (116.17)	\$ 89.24	\$ 237.97	\$ (99.35)	\$ 223.13	\$ 355.28
% Increase (Decrease)	-4.83%	4.05%	5.75%	-7.01%	12.82%	15.26%

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Lions and Children Help Mother Nature

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forcing an evacuation of the town, and it left behind a bleak and scorched landscape easily seen from the road. MNR Science Section has since been studying the effects of the burn and measuring the response of the forest through a series of sample plots measured every five years

On Friday morning, MNR Science Technicians explained to the planters the 'art' of planting a tree and outlined the hazards of the area to keep everyone happy and healthy through the exercise. A priority in every day life is to be safe and after a short but focused 'tailgate' session the students felt confident they knew the hazards. So they lifted their shovels and pails, eager to get the trees in the ground. Lions members were quite impressed that the students planted as many trees as they did, almost tripling the outcome estimated before they started.

The Lions Clubs of both Temagami and Mattawa were only too pleased to get together with the students, the MNR and the Canadian Institute of Forestry for this fine event. Following all their hard work, all participants dined on a fine barbecue lunch provided by the Lions Clubs and the Municipality of Temagami. All planters received participant certificates from the MNR Science Team along with safety glasses and a tree to plant at home for their efforts on this a great day!

On May 12, the 2nd day of the plant, the Hebert Family in tribute to J. C. Hebert came to plant more trees under the supervision of the Temagami Lions Club. A part of the Hebert family consisted of a Girl Guide leader and girl guides who also planted in order to receive their badges. Also, there was a Girl Guide leader from the Fenelon Falls



area who attended as a volunteer.

In future, the burnt out area south of Temagami will look more pleasing to any passing traffic. According to science, each tree planted will produce enough oxygen for ten people in one day.

Temagami Lions Club President Bob Sykes wishes to thank the public schools of Bear Island and Temagami along with the

Science section of the MNR, Municipality of Temagami/Parks and Recreation, Canadian Institute of Forestry, Hebert Family, Bill Kitts, and various volunteers.

Big Plans...

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train, due to its proposed sale, the community was left to wonder how this would affect visitors coming to the area during the fall period.

Although the TDCC was shocked by this news, it has decided to view this as an opportunity to put on an event of its own that celebrates the area's culture and history. The event is being called the "Dream Catcher Arts and Cultural Autumn Festival", or "Autumn Fest" for short. This event will be centered on Temagami's rich natural and native history, beautiful landscapes and local artistic talents.

The Autumn Fest will take place on the

29th of September, and will feature a range of activities, workshops, displays, tours and live entertainment throughout the day and run into the evening. The TDCC invites everyone to visit Temagami for the day and experience the rich history, culture and arts of the north. The TDCC also invites artists and artisans to reserve space and display and sell their crafts during the festival.

The TDCC is looking also for volunteers to help with these events or make a donation. To do this you may contact the Temagami & District Chamber of Commerce for more information by calling (705) 569-3344; emailing info@temagami-information.com or visiting the website: www.temagamiinformation.com.

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Checkup for the Cottage or Rural Home

Submitted by: Rene Duval, Timiskaming Health Unit

Every weekend more cottagers are arriving to open up, air out rooms, prime the water pump and haul out the lawn chairs. But before settling in for the season, give the place an environmental health checkup. It's an important once-over all rural property owners should do if they are on a well and septic system.

Start by making sure your water is safe to drink. Your well is fed by an underground water source. This water is naturally

pure and can often be used without treatment. But it can get contaminated. The cause could be an inadequate septic system (yours or others), flooding in the area or a poorly constructed well.

TEST YOUR WELL WATER

Contaminated water can have micro-organisms in it that make people sick. The only way to be sure your drinking water is safe is to test it. There is a simple do-it-yourself test using a sterile water bottle available at your local health unit office or municipal office. The water sample can be returned to the health unit on Tuesdays before 3:30pm. It is then sent to the public health laboratory and the results can be mailed directly to you.

If the results show your water is not safe to drink, your local health inspector can give you information and advice to

help you correct the problem.

Some cottagers get their water right from the lake or river. This is called surface water. Don't be fooled into thinking the water is safe to drink just because it looks and smell clean. It is not safe to drink without special treatment or filter systems.

Septic systems that are not working properly can pollute your well or those on neighbouring lands. They can also contribute to pollution of the local rivers and lakes that we all enjoy.

CHECK YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Your seasonal checkup includes looking for signs the septic system is starting to fail. These include slowly draining sinks and toilets, gurgling sounds or backups in the plumbing, sewage smells in the house or yard, wet or mushy ground, or grass that grows faster and greener in one particular area.

Alone, one warning sign is not a sure indication that a system has failed. But if you have more than one, be sure to have your septic checked.

To prevent problems, make sure you know where your system and drainage field is located. Keep water from other sources like roof drains away from it. Conserve water to keep the strain on your system to a minimum. Have your septic pumped out every three to five years by a licensed contractor.

HAVE THE MICE MOVED IN?

If the cottage or building has been closed for a few months, rodents may have moved in. Some, like deer mice, can carry viruses and other microorganisms that cause disease.

Use rubber gloves when cleaning mice droppings, and a mask if the area you are working in is poorly ventilated. It is also a good idea to damp mop the floors to minimize dust, then wash the floors with soap, water and disinfectant.

Test your smoke detector to make sure it is working. Recharge your fire extinguisher. Give the gas barbecue a once-over making sure insects haven't set up home in the gas lines and check for leaks.

If you have questions about the environmental health of your cottage or rural property, call the health unit and speak with a public health inspector.

Source: Brant County Health Unit

EMERGENCY SIGNALING and LOCATING

By Angus Scully
Chair, Marine Committee

An Ontario air ambulance paramedic described the problems that they have when trying to evacuate people from cottages: "When the chopper nears, signal us; often the only way we can find people is when they move their arms. Wave a tarp or get out on your boat just off the dock. Even a flashlight helps." ("On the Scene With ORNGE," Cottage Life Magazine, May 2012. p 45.)

Emergency signaling equipment in your boat can help responders find your boat, cottage, or campsite. Marine distress flares will provide a brighter signal than the small flashlights that most people carry aboard to meet the minimum requirements.

- For boats up to 6 metres in length (19'8"), the requirement is a watertight flashlight OR 3 flares of Type A, B, or C.
- Boats from 6m to 9m (19'8" to 29'6") must carry 6 flares of Type A, B, or C. Note: this includes pontoon boats.

(For further details see your copy of the Safe Boating Guide or on-line at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca)

Flares cost more than a flashlight and must be replaced every 4 years, but they are a superior emergency signaling device.

Also consider having an air horn as well as a whistle. The horns are loud enough to be heard over engine noise. They are good for scaring bears at the garbage drop off as well.

KNOW YOUR LOCATION

The same paramedic explained the importance of knowing your location in an emergency. "A key change for the front-line crews is the increasing use of GPS. Without a GPS fix, you get a call to Wanapitei Lake or Rabbit Lake near Temagami and people say, it's the cottage with the black shingled roof."

If you have to call 911, know the island address – it's the blue sign issued by the town that should be visible on every property. With that address, the responders know the GPS location.

When boating, have a hand-held GPS or keep track or your location on the TLA Shoal Map. The newer map editions have latitude on longitude on them for more accurate GPS locating. When making a mayday call on the VHF, location is essential. I responded to a mayday call 2 years ago and there was no boat at the given location (fortunately the situation was resolved safely).

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Decomposition of the organic material happens when there is the right amount of air, and the right balance of carbon and nitrogen. If your pile is too wet, it will be smelly (that's what happens in your garbage bags--the garbage is wet and it isn't decomposing).

In addition to your waste, throw in some other things that can soak up the moisture. Peat moss and sawdust work well. I use those scraps of bark and wood from the firewood pile. Dried leaves, corn husks, shredded egg cartons, or even corrugated cardboard works.

You can consult the books or materials online, and they'll tell you to alternatively load the waste material and the absorbent material in 10-inch layers, and it needs to be mixed or turned. Just like good cooks who don't follow the recipe, we don't follow those rules, either. Just keep throwing in stuff, and adding a little more or less of the absorbent materials, depending on how smelly things get. Let your nose be your guide. We keep a shovel handy, and every now and then poke the pile and turn it over a bit to mix in the absorbent stuff.

At the end of the season, just leave and let it set until next summer. It will sit and decompose through the fall and then again in the spring. When you return to the cottage the following season, empty the bin, and start over. The stuff you take out will be pretty harmless and you can spread it out in the blueberry patch.

Of course you'll have to pay extra attention if you have a dog, so maybe that means a little more fencing, or using one of those commercially available compost devices. You don't need the fancy ones that cost hundreds of dollars. Remember: it's all about the balance and mixture of what you put in, not how expensive or elaborate the container is.

When you compost the waste that will decompose, and recycle your plastics, glass, metal, cardboard, and paper, you'll be surprised at how little trash you really have! And that is really great, since reducing our waste overall is important. It takes up less space in the landfill, and means we don't have to spend as much paying someone to haul it away. If you compost the stuff that will decompose, it will make

the trip to the end of the access road a lot nicer, too.

Composting isn't that hard - 91 percent of all households in Prince Edward Island do it. When you live on an island, space is limited and what you do with your waste matters. Composting makes a lot of sense for Temagami, too.

For more information:

http://www.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/Recycling_and_Composting/Compost_at_home.htm

The Compost Council of Canada:

<http://www.compost.org/>

Statistics Canada: Is composting organic waste spreading? <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/16-002-x/2008001/10540-eng.htm>

8 Tips for Safe Boating This Summer

By Angus Scully,
Chair, Marine Committee

1. Always wear a life jacket. (Yes, this can get old, but it's the number one factor in saving lives on the water, anywhere.)
2. Re-check required safety equipment. Be sure the flashlight works. Check the anchor line and be sure it can be used quickly.
3. Always check the weather before leaving the dock. Call the TLA on channel 68 for a weather report of use VHF radio - channel 2 for Environment Canada's Weather Radio.
4. Have a float plan - let people know where you are going.
5. Operate at a safe speed. Excessive speed leads to accidents and can overturn other boats - especially canoes. Slow down near docks, marinas, wildlife and in narrow channels.
6. Don't go out in fog. Usually it burns off through the morning and the wait is worth it.
7. Be sure that all boat operators have a Pleasure Craft Operator's Card. Don't forget that all operators must have the original card with them. Extra cards are available from the issuing authority.
8. DON'T DRINK AND BOAT. The law is the same as that for cars. Report drinking boaters to the OPP.

Dorset Environmental Science Centre and Lake Monitoring

By Chip Kittredge. Island 1158



The TLA Water Quality Testing Team for 2012 are (left to right) President Andrew Healy, Diana Van Vlymen, Daniel Sauve, Water Committee Chair Ted Tichinoff.
Photo by Peter Healy.

The mission of the Dorset Environmental Science Centre (DESC) is to investigate the effects of multiple stressors, including climate change, on water quality and quantity in Ontario's inland aquatic ecosystems and to sustain the functions and services that these systems provide. The DESC serves as the Ministry of Environment's centre of scientific expertise on environmental issues affecting Ontario's inland lakes.

A variety of Ministry and non-Ministry collaborators collect environmental data on a wide variety of issues related to lake quality throughout the province. Importantly, the DESC is involved with the Ministry of Environment's Lake Partner Program: a volunteer-based program that provides nutrient (total phosphorus) and water clarity information for Ontario's inland lakes. More than 600 lakes are monitored annually by volunteers.

The DESC is also involved with the Ontario Benthos

Biomonitoring Network, that measures aquatic ecosystem condition in lakes, streams and wetlands using bottom-dwelling aquatic invertebrates as indicators. The program was initiated in 2003, and over 700 sites have been monitored across Ontario. The program specifies standard biomonitoring methods for Ontario, provides training and certification for its members, and allows data to be shared via web-based tools. DESC scientists also study long-term ecosystem changes in lakes using a variety of monitoring methods.

An important element of the TLA's new water quality monitoring program is to sample for phosphorus to determine the extent to which it is present in Temagami, and how it might be changing over time. Increases in phosphorus can lead to increases in algal blooms, and a decrease in available oxygen, with a resulting impact on the lake trout population. Scientists associated with DESC publish a wide variety of research papers resulting from their ongoing studies.

One new paper (Winter, J.G., A.M. DeSellas, R. Fletcher, L. Heintsch, A. Morley, L. Nakamoto and K. Utsumi. 2011. Algal blooms in Ontario, Canada: Increases in reports since 1994. Lake and Reservoir Management 27: 105-112.) describes the extent to which algal blooms have been increasing throughout the province since 1994. This paper reports: a significant increase in reported algal blooms since 1994; algal blooms are being reported later in the year than ever be-

fore, with some reports coming as late as November. The authors attribute the increase in algal bloom observation to increases in nutrient inputs to some lakes, climate warming possibly enhancing blooms, and increased vigilance by the public in reporting blooms.

Temagami has rather low levels of phosphorus. May 2011 observations report phosphorus levels between 3.2 and 4.6 micrograms/liter. Nuisance algal blooms rarely occur in lakes with less than 20 micrograms/liter of phosphorus, and nutrient-poor lakes (also known as oligotrophic) are considered to have less than 10 micrograms/liter of phosphorus. The fact that algal blooms are increasing in Ontario means it is good that the TLA is monitoring for this nutrient, and in so doing is monitoring the health of the lake in general.

For more information about the Dorset Environmental Science Centre, see: <http://desc.ca/about>

To read the original article about the increase in algal blooms by J.G. Winter and others, see: <http://desc.ca/node/336>

The Temagami Land Use Plan *continued from page 1*

has a map interface where users can scroll to a particular piece of land, click on their area of interest and pull up the corresponding land use policy and permitted uses.

In order to bring the policies from the TLUP into the new Atlas, some tweaking was required to make it consistent with the rest of the province. For example, the Special Management Areas outlined in the TLUP, such as Lake Temagami (Zone 39), will now be referred to as Enhanced Management Areas. No changes have been made to the land use policy or permitted uses within these zones.

Although these changes seem very minor, the MNR chose to undergo public consultations regarding their amendment due to the

high level of public interest in the Temagami area and with the TLUP. "The feedback we've received so far is generally supportive of the scoped review. Most people agree that the plan continues to work well and is doing a good job at balancing the many interests and uses in the Temagami area" said Ms. Robinson.

The TLA provided written comments to the MNR during the Plan review period (available on the TLA website). We are supportive of the proposed changes as they keep within the spirit and intent of the original TLUP, and actually clarify and reinforce the TLA position on land use as outlined in the Tenets.



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Second Decade Continues the TCF Vision: A Shared Responsibility, A Common Ground

By Vince Hovanec

Words alone may not be able to fully describe what the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) has tried to accomplish over its first decade as an organization, but they do clearly and forcefully express its hopes and desires:

- “Cooperatively and actively nurture and care for the place we know as Temagami – The water, the land and its inhabitants – for today and the future”
- “By the Community, For the Community”
- “Shared responsibility on common ground.”

To translate these words into a reality, the TCF early on decided to focus on four areas of common concern:

- Community arts and culture
- First Nation heritage
- Sustainable community economic development, and
- Environmental awareness and stewardship

Since its founding in 2001, the foundation has made literally scores of grants – typically \$1,000 to \$5,000 – in an effort to better the lives of all members of the greater Temagami community. For a young organization in an admittedly under-populated region, the more than \$200,000 in

grants spread throughout the community already has made a difference. The support rendered by other Ontario foundations – Trillium, Bealight and Frog’s Breath, for instance – to the TCF’s efforts bears witness to the wisdom of its shared common vision.

In the area of community arts and culture, the TCF provided major support (\$43,000) for the very successful Angele Project in the town of Temagami and ongoing support, now totaling more than \$45,000, over the 10 year life of the summer art camp on Bear Island. Also benefiting have been environmental activities such as the fish hatchery; the Temagami Stewardship Council; First Nation activities (the TFN powwow, restoration of St. Ursula’s Church and the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre on Bear Island); as well as community economic development initiatives in sustainable forestry, wind power feasibility and Chamber of Commerce projects.

While the TCF has received funding from outside the region organizations, the major source of its funding has come from local people, be they Aboriginals, permanent Township residents or seasonal cottagers on the lake. In fact, the TCF is the only community foundation in North

America started as a partnership among all three groups.

In recent years, moreover, the TCF mission has received a major funding boost from the Council of 100: individuals who have each pledged \$5,000 to build an endowment for the future, which in turn spins off additional funding for the TCF’s operations.

More – much more in fact, remains to be done as we move ahead in the next decade, but the momentum is there. Visit the TCF website – www.temagamicommunityfoundation.com – to gain a deeper appreciation of what’s been done and what needs to be done. Sign up for the TCF newsletter by sending your email address to info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com.



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TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY MARKET

By Dianne Laronde, President

The summer season is about to begin and all the members of the Market are looking forward to another busy and enjoyable year. We are eager to see some old faces, as well as introduce a few new ones this year. Last summer we had a total of 28 vendors, with that number growing for this upcoming season.

It is very satisfying to see how the tourists, lake residents and campers as well as the residents of Temagami, Marten River and Bear Island look forward to each Saturday morning with such enthusiasm. This creates an exuberant atmosphere of camaraderie and community in Temagami and makes the Market feel like “old days”! It is nice to see how many people come out to meet some new faces and to enjoy the music, sights, and smells of the Market!

We would like to thank the Municipality of Temagami, Parks and Rec and Public Works, Shelley Gauvreau & Bernie Durette, and Willard Transportation. Without their assistance we could not have had such a successful season. Also a special “Thanks” to Sabrina Picard for all the time she has put into the Market for the past three years. Her knowledge and expertise has been invaluable to us!

This year we would like to introduce you to our Board of Directors, which includes Dianne Laronde, President; Quelia Cormier, Vice President; Heather Duhn, Treasurer; Ashley Bailey, Secretary and Carolyn Laronde, Community Chair. In the near future we will be applying for not-for-profit status, which will allow for easier access to funding for the growth and en-

hancement of Temagami Community Market.

At this time, I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join the Temagami Community Market. We are always looking for new vendors and would be happy to hear from you. We have also expanded our market policy to include those vendors who wish to join us with products such as Avon, Pampered Chef or Tupperware, as an example. Please contact me at 705-569-3686 email diannelaronde@gmail.com or Carolyn Laronde at 705-569-2904 email temagami-market12@gmail.com.

So don’t forget to stop by the Community Market on Saturdays starting June 30th, 2012 from 9am-1pm for some amazing local handcraft items, food, services and more!

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The de Havilland Beaver Airplane: A CANADIAN ICON

By Elaine Gunnell, with Darren Gareh

The de Havilland Beaver is a piece of Canadian history that still lives and flies today. Since the first production model was delivered to the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests in April of 1948, this bush-plane has become an icon of the Canadian north. Ideally suited to our northern geography and weather conditions, it is what is known as a STOL (short take-off and landing) aircraft that can easily be fitted with wheels, skis, or floats.

The beaver was designed with considerable input from actual Canadian bush pilots, specifically for use in rugged and remote areas. Additionally, it was given some unique features desired by the bush pilots, such as full-sized doors on both sides of the aircraft so it can be easily loaded no matter which side of a dock it is tied up on.

The Beaver not only has the distinction of being the first all-metal bush plane designed and built in Canada, but also of being the most produced Canadian designed aircraft.

This little workhorse of the skies rapidly became popular in other countries as well. Nearly 900 of the over 1600 Beavers ever built were sold to the U.S. Military and they were used by both the U.S. Army and Airforce.

This hardy aircraft is not without its share of accolades. In 1951 it won both the US Air Force and US Army competitions for a utility aircraft. In 1987, the Canadian Engineering Centennial Board named the DHC-2 Beaver one of the top ten Canadian engineering achievements of the 20th century. In November 1999 the Royal Canadian Mint commemorated



The Beaver airplane, known for its short take off and landings, is ideal for northern Ontario. Photo by Darren Gareh.

the Beaver on a special edition Canadian quarter.

The prototype of the Beaver airplane, the first one actually built, is currently on display at the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum. It was purchased by the Museum in 1980 after being used as a bush plane in Western Canada for thirty-two years.

Although production of the Beaver aircraft ceased in the late 1960's there are still many of them in use today. One of them is in Temagami, at Lakeland Airways.

I personally love to hear the roar of the Beaver overhead and still, even after many years, thrill to watch it take off and land on the Lake. To many people this floatplane is as much a part of Temagami as the rocks and the trees are – the lake just would not be the same without it.

Darren Gareh, owner and pilot for Lakeland Airways was happy to tell me about his plane. "Our beaver (C-FJKT) is a 1956 and was bought new by Austin Airways. It was flown by many pilots but mostly by Rusty Blakey, a famous bush pilot who died in 1986 at the age of 74."

Darren explained that Lakeland Airways has been in business since 1945 and that they purchased JKT around 1979. It was their second beaver at the time; the first was bought in 1975.

Darren explained: "I have been flying JKT since 1989 and continue to fly it today. It is the ideal plane for the type of flying we do in this area, general transportation, fly-in fishing, canoeing, MNR work, hunting and sightseeing. It will carry up to six passengers but usually carries four people and gear. The Beaver is known for its short take off and landings and has a 450 hp nine cylinder Pratt and Whitney radial engine."

In Darren's opinion, a flight in a Beaver aircraft should be on everyone's bucket list and would be an unforgettable experience. I can't help but agree.

Sources: Canadian Aviation and Space Museum Website at: <http://www.aviation.technomuses.ca/collections/artifacts/aircraft/deHavillandCanadaDHC-2Beaver/> and wikipedia at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/De_Havilland_Beaver#cite_note-1



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Campsite Clean-ups Expanding in 2012

By Andrew Healy



Project Canoe Staff Pose with a Brand New Privy on a Temagami Campsite. Photo supplied by Project Canoe.

The summer of 2011 was another success for the TLA's volunteer-based campsite clean-up program. With the help of many TLA members we were able to keep 40 campsites clean throughout the summer.

To top off the year's success, five new privy toilets were installed on busy Lake Temagami campsites. I can only imagine how nice it must be for weary

The goal for 2012 is to have over 60 campsites adopted and 10 more privies installed. Another goal is to create a map that shows which campsites are adopted (and by whom) and which are most in need of attention. Luckily the TLA has two summer students who can help coordinate the program, build privies and hopefully produce the much-needed map to display at the TLA Headquarters Building.

How can you help? Stop into the TLA building this summer and see which campsites in your area are in need of adopting. Also, if you are aware of a campsite that requires a new privy toilet be sure to let us know!

campers to arrive at campsite at the end of a long day to find a brand new toilet!

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out over the last two years. It is certainly exciting to see the interest spreading and more cottagers getting involved. I would also like to thank Project Canoe, who has made privy installation a part of their staff training program. Over the past year I have heard from Camp Wabun and Camp Wabikon, who were also interested in installing privies as part of their staff training. This is great news, and perhaps we can get even more youth camps involved!



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