2013 Budget in Progress

The municipal staff and committees are working together to meet Council's guidelines for the 2013 Budget. These include a continued focus on maintaining our capital assets and on finding efficiencies in operations, while providing current service levels. They also include increasing applications for grants in the hopes of obtaining funding for necessary projects, and seeking for new sources of revenue. The vision priorities established by Council through the strategic planning process will be used to guide budget priority decisions.

About one half of municipal revenues come from property taxes. The 2012 MPAC assessments resulted in a drop in total assessed values, but once again although some property valuations have decreased, others have increased. Overall, this budget is intended to minimize any increase in the total property tax levy. This will help to offset any additional tax burden to property owners caused by assessment fluctuations.

We appreciate the efforts of Chair John Kenrick and the General Government and Finance Advisory Committee, who are working with Senior Staff throughout the budget process. They expect to present the final draft 2013 budget to Council in April.

MNR Forest Tenure Modernization

In January, Council invited Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Regional Project Manager, Edward Tear, to make a presentation on the MNR's plans for Forest Tenure Modernization in Ontario. Mr. Tear explained the new model of Enhanced Sustainable Forestry Licenses (eSFLs) and the MNR's plans to reduce the number of Forest Management Units. He explained that they propose to amalgamate the Temagami Forest Management Unit, which is currently a Crown Management Unit, into one eSFL with the Nipissing Forest. Council expressed to Mr. Tear the need to recognize Temagami as a unique area. Although the new model provides for local aboriginal communities and municipalities to have involvement in the eSFL Company, Council expressed the concern that Temagami would not have enough of a voice in a larger, amalgamated unit.

Temagami Fitness Center

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Temagami Fitness Centre. In partnership with the Temagami Family Health Team and made possible with a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport, this is part of a Healthy Living/Aging Program.

The Fitness Centre is located in the Family Health Team/Medical Centre building at 17 O'Connor Drive. Programmed tokens allow members 24/7 access and the center is equipped with motion-sensored video

surveillance for member and facility protection. Membership is available on a monthly, six-month or annual basis, so we encourage both permanent and seasonal residents to consider taking advantage of this new opportunity.

The services of a personal trainer and a registered dietitian were also funded for several months, providing the community with free one-on-one and group consultations. We encourage people to take advantage of these consultations whether or not they are interested in the fitness centre membership.

More information can be obtained through the Municipal website at www.temagami.ca or by calling the Temagami

Medical Centre at (705) 569-3244.

Indoor walking program

The Municipality is holding a free indoor walking program this winter every Wednesday and Friday for adults of all ages. It is held from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in the Community Centre hall at the arena. We encourage anyone who is interested to participate. For more information, please contact the Temagami Arena at 705-569-3274.

Marten River Winterfest

This annual fun event is being held on Saturday, March 16th at the Marten River Fire Hall. There will be a lot of fun and activities for young and old. The \$5.00 passports, which include a delicious breakfast and entry to all events, are available from retailers in Marten River. There is no charge for children 10 and under.

The Marten River Volunteer Firefighters Association will once again be running an Elimination Draw at the event as a fundraiser. For tickets contact Paul at 705 892-2340 or Jim at 705 892-5734.

Interim Tax Bills

The 2013 tax bills are based on the assessed values in the new MPAC assessment cycle. MPAC mailed out assessment notices in late 2012 with a new valuation date of January 1, 2012, but they become effective in the 2013 taxation year. Assessments are now done on a 4-year cycle, with increases phased in over the four years as shown on your MPAC notice, but the full amount of any decrease is effective in 2013.

The interim tax bill is calculated based on the phased in value for 2013 as shown on your notice multiplied by the 2012 tax rate, but shall not exceed 50% of your 2012 taxes. The final tax bill for 2013, which is generally mailed out in July, will show the actual amount of taxes for the year, based on the property value multiplied by the tax rate that is set during the annual budget process.

If you have any questions concerning your

assessment, please contact MPAC directly at 1-866-296-6722 or 1-877-889-6722 TTY, Monday – Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm or visit their website at www.mpac.ca.

If you have any questions about your tax bill, please contact the Municipal Office at 705-569-3421.

Economic Development

Economic Development Officer (EDO), John Santarossa, retired from the Municipality effective December 31st. The Municipality is currently in process of hiring a new EDO. The Municipality is maintaining its commitment to economic development, which has been identified as a priority through Council's strategic planning process, and we are continuing to work towards implementing the 2011 Economic Development Strategy.

The Municipality is still working with the Province on the disposition/development of the former OPP/MNR property on Lakeshore Drive. We are still hopeful of attracting a suitable proponent for a zip lining business at Caribou Mountain and are looking for development for the former medical centre building. We are looking forward to the revitalization of the train station as a central focus of the town, and are exploring the possibility of a microbrewery in town.

Councillor Debby Burrows and the Economic Development Advisory Committee continue to seek for and make recommendations on new opportunities. The new EDO will work with this committee, Council and staff to further Economic Development in Temagami.

Thanks to Temagami Emergency Services

We have once again seen numerous accidents along Hwy 11 this winter that required the response of our municipal Emergency Services personnel. As a Municipality, we recognize the outstanding work and commitment of the Temagami and Marten River Fire Departments and the Temagami Ambulance Service in responding to calls, which can be horrendous at times. We express our gratitude to these men and women who so ably serve our community. We hope that our citizens will also recognize and appreciate the important and difficult work that our volunteer firefighters and our paramedics do.

Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers who serve on committees or contribute to our community in various ways. Whether they are working directly with the Municipality on events such as Christmas activities or our Shiverfest carnival, or are working with service clubs, our community would not be the same without them. We recognize and appreciate the valuable contribution they make to the quality of life in Temagami.

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Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and Municipal Tax Update

By Peter Healy

Property Assessment Notices were mailed to all property owners in Ontario for the 2013-2016 property tax years in November 2012. Interim tax bills from the Municipality were mailed to tax-payers the first week in February. Remember that these interim bills are calculated using our latest Property Assessments and the 2012 municipal tax rate, to a maximum of 50% of the amount of taxes on the property in 2012. Final tax bills will be issued mid year based on the tax rate to be set during the 2013 budget process now under way.

The assessed value of properties is used as the basis for calculating property taxes. Simply put, whatever your assessment value is as a percent of the total value of all properties in the Municipality, you will pay that percent of the total property tax levy in the Municipal Budget as your property tax. (There are complexities in calculating commercial, industrial and pipeline components, but this simple example shows how the system works in principle.)

The important components on the Assessment notice you received are as follows:

- Your assessed property value as of Jan. 1, 2012
- Your assessed property value as of Jan. 1, 2008
- The change in assessed value from 2008 to 2012 this will be a + or dollar figure
- Your phased in assessment values for the next four tax years this is the figure the
 Municipality will use to determine your property tax bill. If you assessment declined the
 impact will be immediate. If your assessment increased the increase will be phased in over
 a four-year period.
- 2013 Property Tax year phased in assessment summary in percent i.e. a change of (+ or -) x% since the 2012 tax year.
- The average phased in assessment in Temagami is -11.37% since 2012.

What this means to a Temagami taxpayer:

Assume the total Municipal property tax levy does not rise or fall in 2013.

- $\bullet\,$ If your new assessment has declined by more than 11.37 % your taxes will probably decline.
- If your new assessment rose, or if it declined by less than 11.37% your taxes will probably rise.

To see your property profile and compare to others in your area follow directions on your assessment notice. The appeal process is also explained, with contact numbers, in your MPAC mailing. Visit www.mpac.ca/property_owners/forms.asp for instructions on the above and the appeal process.

Deadline to appeal, that is ask for reconsideration, is April 1, 2013. I hope this helps.

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Piano Tuner on the Lake June 2013

We will again have piano tuner Rob Johnston available on the lake June 12 to 16 (longer if needed) to tune pianos at cottages, camps and schools. If you have a piano at the cottage needing more work than just tuning, Rob is also equipped to do this as well but needs to know more about the nature of the repair work before he gathers the parts. If you are not planning to be pres-

ent during the tuning, it will be important to have someone available to open and close your building.

To enquire, or to book a tuning, please call Skip or Justin at Canadian Adventure Camp who will co-ordinate for Rob. The number is: 905-886-1406 (good year 'round) or email: info@canadianadventu-



How do Bill C-45 Changes Affect Waterways in Temagami?

By Elaine Gunnell

A TLA member asked how the new Bill C-45 (the Omnibus Bill passed in 2012) affects our lives in the Temagami area, regarding the changes to the Navigable Waters Act. They wanted to know if anyone can now build a bridge, dock, or dam anywhere without approval because of these changes.

The short answer to this question is no.

Despite the fact that Lake Temagami and the other lakes within our municipal boundaries are not on the list of navigable waters that this Act now covers, there is still other legislation that needs to be considered. The federal, provincial and municipal governments have all put measures in place to protect our environment.

At the Federal level, there is the Fisheries Act, which protects fish and fish habitat. Section 35 states that no one may "carry on any work or undertaking that results in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction (HADD) of fish habitat," without the authorization of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. More information on getting permits for working in or near water can be found at the website: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/regions/central/habitat/act-loi-eng.htm or call 1-866-290-3731.

At the provincial level, there is the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act, which provides for "the management, protection, preservation and use of the waters of the lakes and rivers of Ontario and the land under them" and covers such things as dams and putting any kind of matter into the water. There is

also the Public Lands Act, which applies to all crown land.

A permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources is required for many types of work in or near the water. These include construction of break walls, bridges or causeways; building of a dock or boathouse where the supporting structure is placed on the bed of the water body; or the removal of aquatic vegetation. This is not a complete list of undertakings for which the MNR requires a permit. For more information, visit the MNR's website at: http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/CrownLand/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_165788.html or phone 1-800-667-1940, or the North Bay Office at (705) 475-5550.

Then there are the municipal Official Plan, Zoning By-law and Building By-law. While these do not apply to crown land, there are restrictions on what may be built on privately owned land, including along the shoreline. A building permit may also be required. For more information, visit the Municipal website at www.temagami.ca under Your Government and visit either the Planning or the Building and By-law Department pages. You may also contact the municipal office at 705-569-3421.

As you can see, despite what you may have heard about the Bill C-45 changes, anyone wanting to build a dam, bridge, dock or any other structure in or near the lake would still have to obtain the proper approvals from up to three levels of government. The safest bet is to always check with the permitting authorities before you plan to do any work in or near the water.

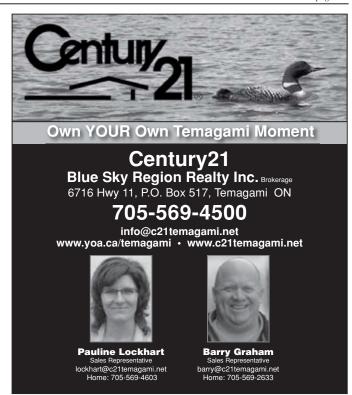
Community Fitness Centre opens in Temagami

A Grand Opening celebration was held on February 8, 2013 for Temagami's new Community Fitness Centre. It is located in the Medical Centre / Family Health Team building at 17 O'Connor Drive. The event was well attended by local dignitaries, residents and visitors.

The fitness centre is a large component of the Healthy Living Program that has been put in place by the Municipality, working together with the Family Health Team. It is made possible with a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport. To date there has been a high level of interest from the community in terms of the benefits this program has to offer.

"With the increased importance of healthy eating and active living in today's society, the Municipality felt an obligation to provide the community and surrounding area with an opportunity to improve both social and physical fitness that is affordable and accessible. Not only will the full time residents benefit, but also our large seasonal population and the surrounding area." said Mayor John Hodgson

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TLA Times Reveals Strength of Tenets

By Kelly Romans Bancroft



There were the TLA Times, neatly stacked in chronological order going back to 1971. Photo: Kelly Romans Bancroft

As a lifelong sentimentalist I don't know how I was so late to realize what fun digging through archives could be. I returned to graduate school last year and in hot pursuit of a thesis topic I began studying lake associations in Ontario. I was curious about how lake associations- the many hundreds of them- have an impact on lake stewardship and environmental sustainability.

I zeroed in on four associations, naturally including the TLA in the group. I am supposed to be an unbiased academic researcher in this endeavor but it's hard not to be a bit more passionate about Temagami after a lifetime of cottaging here. I suspect my first summer in Temagami, which I spent in the womb, had a strong formative influence!

After receiving some very gracious help from Angus Scully and Peter Healy I ventured into town to look at the TLA archives. My hypothesis: that over time, lake associations have increasingly taken up emerging environmental issues such as invasive species or climate change. Surely a quick analysis of the TLA Times would reveal all. (The naiveté of graduate students knows no bounds.)

Upon arrival at the office in the old train station, I faced the archives. They are a solemn looking group of large file cabinets.

Yet, within these cabinets are incredible treasures for a sentimentalist such as myself. There were the TLA Times, neatly stacked in chronological order going back to 1971. There were books, photos, correspondence, maps, and the products of so many years of individual TLA member voluntarism and dedication. I could have spent eons poring through fascinating details not just of TLA history, but history and culture of the Temagami region. While I really enjoyed Pam Sinclair's latest tome, staring at the primary material made me wish I could stay for a week.

I got my nose to the grindstone, quickly realizing that categorizing TLA Times articles from a 25-year period was a big job. And there were distractions. My father's period as TLA president in the late 1980s was chief among them. There was a full-page essay on our family history on the lake (with new-to-me details!). My nephew's photo in an early TLA fishing contest. Contributions from cottaging or Wabun friends. Childhood memories. Sentimentalist vs. researcher: they battled it out for three consecutive days of "commuting" from the north arm to town.

Alas, there were no satisfying statistical findings regarding emerging environmental topics. However, the results did reflect an arc through the late 1990s when the TLA was immersed in the critical process of amalgamation and planning issues and the Times content noticeably shifted temporarily. Did this

mean the TLA was otherwise stagnant? Quite the contrary.

The Times demonstrates the strength of TLA's mission. The commitment to the tenets is consistently threaded through its history, but as times change, the ways that the tenets are protected modernize. A reading of 25 years showed evolving strategies to address consistent goals related to taxation, water quality, shoreline protection, fisheries, and tradition. Evident is an organization that adapts to the challenges of the day, while keeping its eye on the unwavering goal of protecting the Lake. Researcher and sentimentalist were in agreement.



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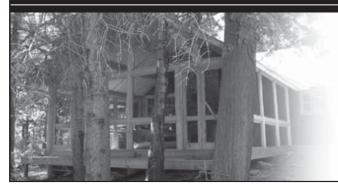
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Toronto May 6 TCF Fundraiser to Benefit Temagami Communities

By Vince Hovanec

Building on an earlier successful event three years ago, the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) will hold another fundraiser dinner May 6 at Toronto's well-known George Restaurant with the aim of strengthening its ability and resources to encourage, support and facilitate community initiatives throughout the Temagami region.

Now entering its second decade, the TCF wants to expand and deepen its involvement with local community organizations and projects. "The TCF's first decade has resulted in grants totaling \$200,000 to a host of community projects, and now we're also aiming to create partnerships or collaborative efforts," said Victoria Calverley, TCF chair. "There's more than enough work that needs to be done, and we want to be a part of efforts today to create a better tomorrow."

The keynote speaker at the dinner will be David Macfarlane, a celebrated Canadian author, journalist and frequent summer visitor on Lake Temagami. His novel "Summer Gone" received the 1999 Chapters first novel award and was a finalist for the prestigious Giller Prize. An earlier work, "The Danger Zone," won the Canadian Author's Association Award for non-fiction in 1992. In addition to writing a weekly column for the Globe and Mail, Macfarlane has published several short stories and poems; he also has received six gold National Magazine awards, more than any other Canadian writer.

Acting as master of ceremonies for the evening will be Stephen LeDrew, another media personality and a Toronto lawyer known not only for his ever-present bow tie, but also for his CP-24 television programs and having been president of the Liberal Party of Canada from 1992-2003. Also addressing and welcoming the attendees will be Ian Bird, president and chief executive officer of the Community Foundations of Canada

The evening's events will include a silent auction to benefit the TCF and also soft acoustical guitar selections by David Laronde of Temagami, a frequent participant in Temagami Artistic Collective events.

The dinner venue – George Restaurant – guarantees a most pleasurable evening as the cuisine has received kudos over the year. In 2012 alone, the Zagat guide ranked its food and service as "extraordinary to perfection" and first in "Canadian cuisine" in Toronto. Executive Chef Lorenzo Loseto's culinary creations emphasize "seasonal, natural and sustainable food" from city markets. The restaurant at 111 C Queen St. East shares a renovated 1850s chocolate factory with the Verity Club.

Over the years, TCF grants have been given to a wide range of local organizations and projects, including the summer Art Camp, Temagami Elders Portrait Project, Nastawgan Trails Inc., Temagami Public Library, Marten River Interdenominational Chapel, the Temagami Area Fish Involve-



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ment Program and the Temagami Public School.

The foundation serves the community of Temagami -- permanent residents, seasonal lake community, and the First Nation. Its support centers on four areas that benefit the community: Community Arts and Culture, First Nation Heritage, Sustainable

Community Economic Development and Environmental Awareness and Stewardship.

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Submitted by the Temagami Artistic Collective

The Temagami Artistic Collective (TAC) had an exciting year in 2012 and continues to look forward to another amazing year in 2013.

Part of the excitement was TAC Co-founder Vicky Blake receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. She was one of 60,000 Canadians to receive the medal commemorating the Queen's sixtieth anniversary on the throne.

Vicky was nominated by several organizations for her contributions to the community. She was recognized in part for her contributions to art and culture in Temagami, and also as a founding member of the Temagami Family Health Team Board. In receiving the medal, Vicky explained that she had helped to launch TAC "because I love music".

The Artistic Collective has certainly helped bring enjoyable musical performances to Temagami that have been welcomed by others who love music. This is evidenced by the fact that four of the six performances at the Welcome Centre / Bunny Miller Theatre in 2012 were sold out, as was the dinner and show package at Temagami Shores.

TAC brought about another memorable concert this summer when the Juno Award winning group "The Good Lovelies" came to Temagami. This event was made possible with a grant from Ontario Arts Council. The day after their sold out concert at the Bunny Miller Theatre, they made the trip to Bear Island to put on a special afternoon performance for the children at Art Camp. The children were not only absorbed by the music, but also enthusiastically joined in a "question and answer" period with the group.

The 2012 concert roster wrapped up at the end of November with a show by former Temagami resident, Les Stroud. He has traveled the world filming his TV shows "Survivorman" and "Beyond Survival", but he said that performing in Temagami was very much like "coming home".

The 2013 season kicked-off with GIRLS NIGHT OUT, a concert by local female performers in February. Late March will give the local male performers a turn with Guys Night Out and will be the release of a CD by local performer, David Laronde. Wendy Lynn (Leduc) Snider is booked for July 5th and Hard Ryde is booked for August 24th. Future bookings include Suzie Vinnick (with Rick Fines) on September 27 with workshop on September 28 and a tentative booking with Red Sky theatrical group's performance of "The Great Mountain" in the spring of 2014.

Members of TAC and Temagami residents in general are extremely pleased with upgrades to the theatre with the addition of new stage lighting and modern sound equipment. This was possible with a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. It brings our great little venue to the forefront to be able to host professional grade concerts and shows. Musicians who have performed in the theatre love the acoustics and overall Temagami experience.

For more information on upcoming events, please contact Carolyn or David Laronde by calling (705) 569-2904 or email carolynjlaronde@hotmail.com if you would like to be added to the email list for TAC.

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Community Fitness Centre opens in Temagami

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Funding from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport's Healthy Community Grant was used to outfit the fitness centre with two treadmills, two elliptical machines, one recumbent bike and various other strength training and cardio equipment such as steps, stability balls, BOSU trainers, and free weights. The centre provides programmed tokens for 24/7 access and is equipped with motion-sensored video surveillance for member and facility protection.

In addition to the fitness centre, the services of a personal trainer and a registered dietitian were also funded, providing the community with free one-on-one and group consultations. To-date more than 60 people have registered for personal trainer consultations. Additionally, a 9-week Vitality: Healthy Lifestyle Program was developed and launched in the community, co-facilitated by a Registered Dietitian and Social Worker and several Healthy Eating on a Budget workshops were held.

"The response from the community to the Healthy Living Program has been tremendous!" said the Executive Director of the Temagami Family Health Team, Ellen Ibey.

"The Temagami Family Health Team has once again shown how hard work, community partnership and the breaking down of silos can culminate in the successful creation of a community program that goes beyond simple diagnosis to community wide Holistic Medicine. Continuing to be a shining example of collaboration, as board chair I congratulate them on their ongoing success and look forward to new and innovative ideas being brought forth to our community," said Temagami Family Health Team Board Chair, Mr. Sam Barnes.

Fitness centre membership information, including fees, personal trainer consultations, dietitian consultations and fitness classes can be obtained through the municipal website at www.temagami.ca or by calling the Temagami Medical Centre at (705) 569-3244.



Cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening of the new Temagami Fitness Centre are: [Back Row, Left to Right] Municipal CAO Patrick Cormier, FHT Executive Director Ellen Ibey, Mayor John Hodson, Dr. Stephen Goddard, and Councillor and FHT Board Chair Sam Barnes, and [in front] Facility Manager/Recreation Coordinator Scott Barron.

Photo by Elaine Gunnell.

FROM THE TLA ARCHIVES

From time to time, readers send us articles from their archives and ask us to re-run them. The following is such an article from the Spring 1985 edition.

Recollections of Peter Norby & Temagami

So well received was the feature entitled 'Peter Norby Remembered' by Ken Wismer, and published in the winter 1985 issue of the Temagami Times, that we bring you the following anecdotal excerpts from [a 'letter to the editor'] written by Ted Hyde, of island 1076.

Dear Pam,

I enjoyed the article on Peter Norby by K.L. Wismer in the Temagami Times winter edition. There is only one correction I could make, which I think Mr. Wismer would agree with, and that is that Peter always said "YAYES-SHURE" not "YES-YES-YES."

We first came to Temagami in 1934 when we purchased island 1076, or rather, leased it, and paid the Minister's occupant sum agreed upon which I (age 12 at the time) can't remember. John Turner, Joe Lanoie and Peter were three of our caretakers over the years.

In those days, the Hudson Bay Post was our only source of supply, and I well remember going to Mr. Thorpe's [manager from 1922-37] birthday party over at the Post, held in his quarters above the store.

My brothers and I often went to the square dances at Granny Turner's Lakeview House on Bear Island. Granny Turner sat at the door and turned away any young people who she did not think were properly dressed. The women of the Island baked marvelous cakes etc., which we all enjoyed with coffee after the dance. The dances were a high-

light until we closed our camp in 1941 due to the war.

When Peter took care of our island, and built and repaired docks etc., he often displayed his great strength. Once, when my brothers and I were building a crib for a dock, we had a great boat load of large stones to fill it with. The three of us could not pull the boat ashore, and Peter said, "stand away" and pulled it up with no effort.

He spent a few winters in the late '30s on his small island just up the bay west of us [island 1081]. He lived in a cabin about 10x15 feet and raised mink for a year or two, with six or eight cages. I believe he got his mink from Col. Higbee. [George Linkletter, a former employee of the Bear Island Post, ran a large blue mink farm for Col. Edwin Higbee on Rabbit Nose Island from 1937-41. The Higbee ranch also supplied a smaller mink farm operated by the Spittels at Temagami Lodge.]

One summer, about 1941, when I was up with a few young 19-20-year-old pals, we asked Peter over for dinner. We had a large supply of Canadian ale, and Peter enjoyed (as we all did) a large number of glasses both before and

after dinner. At about 12 p.m., when we had all consumed more ale than we needed, Peter decided to leave for his island. We wished him good night and followed the path of his boat (quite a fast outboard) as long as we could, with a flashlight. Soon after, we couldn't hear his motor, but thought nothing of it and went to bed. The next time we saw Peter at the Post, he came up to me and said, "Funny damn ting happen the night I was at your place." I asked him what it was and he said, "I leave your dock and head for home and all of a sudden I hit the damn shore vide open." He went so far up on shore he had to sleep in his boat.

A happy and interesting person, as were Joe and Olive Lanoie, John Turner, Granny Turner and so many others who made Temagami such a wonderful place to grow up in. I have so many marvelous memories of the days, or rather months, we spent there each year. My brothers, who were killed in WWII also loved it. The eldest, 'Alex', had a speed boat called 'the loon' with which he beat Col. Higbee's 'Miss Canada', and a boat owned by the Scovills, plus a few other fast boats, at the first Bear Island Regatta [1935 - the first year the Regatta was sponsored by the TLA].

Well, I started to write a short note on Peter Norby and have gone on much longer than intended.

Enjoy the Temagami Times and will look forward to the next edition.

Sincerely, Ted Hyde

TEMAGAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Shelley Rowland, CEO

It's been a very cold and busy winter at the library. We have been going through our collection and deleting a large number of old and unused books and materials in preparation for our new cataloguing system. This will help make the collection more relevant and give us space for new items. Older titles can always be borrowed through our interlibrary loan system. We hope to make the transition in the late spring or early summer. The new system will allow you to search our catalogue on-line and make reservations for materials.

If you have been experiencing problems with OverDrive (e-books) they are aware of the issue and their tech support team is working to resolve the problem.

The Temagami Pubic Library Board has identified and is striving to meet several goals in 2013. At the top of the list is promoting literacy and a love of reading within

(Left to Right) Wendell Gustavson (Library Board Chair), Ike Laba, and Shelley Rowland with the "Little Library". Photo by Carmen Koski.

our community by providing access to quality reading materials to everyone, especially those who are unable to visit the library. The Board learned of the Little Free Library movement and used their information to assist us in achieving our goal. Ike Laba, a community member, donated his labour and provided the materials to build us a "Little Library".

He has completed one (see photo) and it will be erected by the playground in the Temagami North townsite. In addition, the Board is looking at placing a "Little Library" in another location; the site is yet to be finalized. The "Little Library" books will be available for everyone to borrow and return. We would like to thank Mr. Laba for his generosity and wonderful woodworking skills.

The "Little Library" will contain various books for all ages. People are encouraged to borrow a few books and return them when they are finished reading them. We will rotate the books on a regular basis. Please let us know what you think of this new service. We want to make sure it fulfills a need in the community and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

The Library applied for an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and received one in November 2012. Staff completed training for

the device in January and we can now proceed with the installation of the device. We want to make the public aware of its location so that, if needed, it can be accessed.

Our shelving needs to be replaced. In 2003 we received funding from Trillium to make some repairs to keep the shelves from sagging. Unfor-

tunately the system used no longer works. Some of our shelving has water damage from when we were upstairs and the roof was leaking. We have been saving but need assistance. Any funds received would be greatly appreciated. We have replaced one row of shelving and have two more that need to be replaced.



N REMEMBRANCE

Laurie John Buckland

1947 - 2013

Laurie Buckland, an owner on "Chimo" (Island 665) since the late 1970's, and known to many in the area, passed away peacefully on January 9th, after a short but valiant fight with cancer.

Laurie and his wife
Renee, and sons Jordan
and Jeremy treasured
their time in Temagami,
which Laurie referred to as
"God's country". It was without
doubt, his favourite place to be. He
loved those early morning fishing excursions
to Cross Lake, late afternoons on the dock,
and the night skies in Temagami.

Laurie was a long time member of the Canadian Professional Golf Association, and was a much-respected golf professional at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club for over thirty years. He was most recently Director of Golf at Wooden Sticks in Uxbridge, where a Celebration of Life was held in Laurie's memory on January 24th. Hundreds were on hand to tribute to a great teacher mean.

pay tribute to a great teacher, mentor, and friend who gave so much to others in his quiet and positive way.

By Anna Konrad and Marty Banghart

Funny as the years go on, how you lose track of yourself. Your roles become Mom, working professional, wife, tireless volunteer. The daily distractions of emails, cell phones, ipads and automobiles wash over you until the self becomes blurred and unfocused. This daily rhythm anesthetizes the goals and dreams of youth. When was the last morning you sat in silence instead of checking messages or texting?

To reshape our lives, ten ladies went canoeing for nine days in the Canadian wilderness on Keewaydin's inagural women's trip. No expectations, just a hope for complete quiet and a simplicity that comes from needing nothing except food and shelter. Would being beyond cell phone service and "off the grid" allow us to rediscover who we really were, not the who we had become?

The ten American women, ranging in age from 44 to 67, from as far as Texas and as close as Philadelphia, came to Lake Temagami with no wilderness canoeing experience

We Will Never be Afraid Again



Forming a line, the campers organize the loads as Anna Konrad navigates the rocks with a wannigan on her back. Photo: Diane Porschen

planned portages with 1,200 metres of boulders.

some the size of small cars.

We left Keewaydin on Devil's Island and traveled north through Diamond Lake on Day 1 and 2. Day 3 included viewing 1,000-year-old pictographs from ancient aboriginals. Once we cleared the Lady Evelyn liftover,

THE TREK



Guide Cecilia Allende, left, examines the terrain of the first portage into Sugar Lake. Photo: Marty Banghart

we encountered a horrific thunderstorm that raged for two hours after lunch at Blueberry Island. The sky was a scary black/green colour. We sat on our life preservers and placed only the rubber tips of our shoes on the ground. We could not remember the last time we were outside in a massive thunderstorm.

Part of the Keewaydin Way is to push yourself beyond your personal threshold and examine what is left.

Day 4: The teamwork of loading and unloading six boats for five portages (three planned/ two unplanned) put this to the test. (Most of us are now chomping on six Advil and two Aleve tablets a day, while our tents smelled like a Ben-Gay reunion party.) The push to our destination – Sugar Lake – had

Remember, to move each canoe, you load and unload double duffle bags (35 pounds), a loaded wannigan (40 pounds), a wet tent and a Duluth pack (30 pounds) and then transport a 100-pound canoe over your head. Once we cleared the last portage, with a giddy sense of accomplishment clearly in hand, we came around the bend to find a wall of more boulders.

After landing at our site around 9 pm and preparing dinner in the dark, those who had reached their physical, emotional and spiritual threshold that day retreated to examine their new definition of "best I can be" or questioned why they had come.

Day 6 was the day called the "war between the North and South" wind. We reversed the trek (five portages of Day 4), but it seemed somehow easier: the same boulders were smaller, our loading and unloading teamwork more efficient. But then came the hail storm. As we paddled hard, a horizontal, cold 40 mph gale hit. Pummeled with hail, our boats were scattered across 500 metres of boulder-ridden shoreline. The finale of this longest day was the 45 minute "push" into the wind across the white caps of Lady Evelyn. It was the new normal: no one was hurt, no equipment had been lost.

After Day 3, we saw no one for 4 ½ days. What pleasure comes from the serenity of no noise. The wind through the pines and haunt-

ing sound of loons filled our senses. In the ab-

sence of external distraction, the mind begins to percolate. People began to share with perfect strangers deeply personal thoughts and secrets we do not allow ourselves to examine in a world full of "noise". Amazing and respectful moments: thinking about the father who passed, the gift of that last Thanksgiving dinner, the dying mother alone in a Southern state or the recent loss of a sister.

A lot is to be said for the teamwork of strangers. Every night we had a new tent partner, every day a new canoe mate. Each carried what they could, making as many trips as necessary. We ate 5,000 calories a day, yet lost weight. This rag-tag group of wilderness novices had an adventure full of laughter, sleeping on granite, and daily Pilates and yoga led by those most sore.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENT

We did not see the Aurora Borealis, a moose or a bear, nor did our lone fisherman land a fish. But we did see the Perseid meteor shower and conducted an "ugliest bruise" contest (an eight-incher won by our girl from Sanibel, Florida). Our final campfire stories were filled with tales of fear and danger, but all spoke to the value of sisters-supporting-sisters.

What we did accomplish was the notion that age is a state of mind. Everyone left in "the best shape of their lives". The greatest gift of the trip: young women, buried in old

several ladies of the down-pillow set. Our leaders were two strong and brave young women: Tracy Duff, a 32 year-old fitness trainer from Quebec, and Cecilia Allende, one of the first girls allowed to be a Keewaydin camper, who is now 26.

Why such an adventure? Some were sweet talked into joining

whatsoever. We were a doctor, lawyers, housewives, teachers and

Why such an adventure? Some were sweet talked into joining by friends who advertised this trip as "leisurely fishing from pond to pond". Others recruited friends to share the unchartered experience. Several had children or husbands who had attended Keewaydin and wanted to share what their family had done, seeking first-hand how they were so changed over merely a summer.

Keewaydin, where canoeing and conduct is dictated by tradition, has led wilderness canoe trips for over 100 years, featuring and respecting how First Nation travelers navigated these waters long before the Hudson Bay Company came into the bush of Canada.

women's bodies, got to be muddy and 12 years old again.

We did not use any modern devices for two weeks – no one really missed us. The world did not end.

We cannot wait to return and can still hear those loon calls when it gets quiet. Due to the positive response from our group, Keewaydin Temagami is offering two women's trips – a five day and an eleven day whitewater experience – for summer 2013. (For information on these trips, contact Lynne Pirkkanen at info@keewaydin.org, 802-352-4709.)



Preparing the canoes on the main dock at Keewaydin. Photo: Marty Banghart

Anna Konrad is a Pittsburgh, Pa. volunteer and fundraiser for young women in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education coalition, while Marty Banghart has spent summers at the Banghart cottage on island 1088 for 38 years.

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