

# TEMAGAMI TIMES

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## Science Experiment In Progress: Proceed With... Awareness

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*Lake Temagami has a reputation for excellent water quality, so why is water-quality monitoring still important?*

A great experiment in aquatic ecosystem science is currently underway in Lake Temagami. I am not referring to the recent water quality monitoring efforts of the TLA; no, there are no scientists in charge of the particular experiment to which I am referring. Rather, it is an inevitable consequence of global climate change; and the operative word here is change. In fact, change itself is about the only thing that can be predicted with any certainty when it comes to under-

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*Unseasonably warm temperatures and rain in January turned the frozen lake into a skating rink (left). A week later, below-freezing temperatures and snow turned it back to a typical Temagami winter scene (right). Photo: Peter Healy*

## — Temagami-Nipissing Forest Merger on Horizon —

By Andrew Healy

The Temagami Forest is the last Crown managed forest in Ontario, but maybe not for long. The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), with the help of the new Forest Tenure Modernization Act (2011), is proposing to merge the Temagami Forest with the Nipissing Forest, turning forest management over to Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.

The MNR has been looking to get out of the business of managing the Temagami Forest since the late 1990's, by converting the Crown managed unit into a Sustainable Forest License (SFL) held and managed by a private forestry company; however, the Temagami Forest is a particularly difficult unit to manage and private industry wasn't exactly lining up to take it over. Aside from the obvious recreational and environmental interests in the area, other challenges include being a small unit with relatively low wood allocation and harvest rates, difficult access and challenging topography.

It's no secret that the forest industry in Northern Ontario has seen better times. A drive along the Highway 11 corridor from North Bay to Nipigon (a mere 1000km!) will illustrate the hard times and slow decline of once booming logging and mill towns. While there are

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larger economic issues at play outside of their jurisdiction, the MNR is attempting to improve the situation by creating a more economically efficient system for wood allocation and pricing. One way they intend to accomplish this is by reducing the number of management areas, thus finding efficiencies in forest management planning, public consultation and auditing.

So what could this mean for Temagami and the Temagami Forest? At this stage it's difficult to tell as many of

the details have yet to be worked out. Obvious concerns are that Temagami's unique recreational and ecological protections could be at risk, or that local community input could be less effective. Friends of Temagami's Bob Olajos remained optimistic that this wouldn't happen, as "...we will be watching the process unfold to ensure the protections built up in Temagami will remain."

Rudi Ptok, Chair of the Temagami Forest Local Citizens Committee (LCC), believes the merger is not a done deal as numerous attempts to merge the forests in the past had failed. Mr. Ptok noted that there are differences in forest management practices between the two areas, and that taking over the Temagami Forest would be ... "no Christmas present to [Nipissing]."

Mr. Ptok reiterated the concern about reduced opportunities for community consultation, stating that ... "the bigger the forest gets, the smaller each individual gets," and emphasized that "distance alone will be a factor" for

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## President's letter

Our important water monitoring data are telling us about the health of Lake Temagami. Lake researchers tell us the worst thing for a lake like Temagami is nutrients. Nutrients cause aquatic plants to grow more than they normally would. When the more abundant plants die and decompose, oxygen levels are lowered. This in turn has a negative effect on fish and other aquatic life.

Temagami of course is a living system and nutrients naturally find their way to the lake from the surrounding forest, as they have for thousands of years. But people can introduce nutrients to the lake, too, especially from their septic systems. Our gray water from the kitchen and bathroom sinks, tubs, and showers, as well as human waste, is rich in nutrients. Functional septic systems are designed to keep those nutrients from leaching into the lake. So the question is: how functional is your system?

If your outboard motor or fridge at the cottage doesn't work, you know it in a hurry! But a cottage's septic system is often out-of-sight-out-of-mind, and might not be as functional as you think. Is it as old as the cottage? Do you know when it was last checked?

The TLA is partnering with the Municipality, Cassels and Adjoining Lakes Association (CALA), and Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) on a project to promote septic system awareness and education. A current proposal to the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund, if funded, would provide support for septic system education. Regardless of the outcome of the proposal, septic system knowledge and functionality are something everyone should be interested in.

Let's make 2013 the year everyone remembers where their waste goes, and learns more about their septic system.

Chip Kittredge  
Island 1158

### The TEMAGAMI TIMES welcomes signed letters or emails on any subject.

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### SKYLINE RESERVE

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

The two reserves would be the following:

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

## TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



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

### ROAD ACCESS

The current ban on construction of new public road access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is supported by our

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

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

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

### MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

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

## Needed: Men and women to submit nominations for TLA Board of Directors

The Temagami Lakes Association is administered by an Executive Secretary who reports to a Board of Directors comprising nine members of the association. This Board of Directors meets monthly by telephone for the most part. Each board member tends to chair a committee involving something that interests them or that they personally feel very important to the lake community. The members of your Board of Directors are listed on page 2 of this paper.

Board members, according to the by-laws of the association, may sit for only two terms of three years. Each year there are three seats on the Board that come up for nomination and election. All class A, F or Life members are eligible to stand for election.

Please consider taking an active role in your lake association. Nominations are now open for three seats on the Board this year. An official nomination form will be sent to all voting members in April; however, if you are interested now or would like to discuss the idea further please contact the Executive Secretary, Peter Healy, at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net) or 705-237-8927.

## Summer Grocery Delivery to the Hub Possible this Summer

The owners and staff at Our Daily Bread would like to thank everyone for their patronage over the last year and a half. We are thankful for the success attained. We are looking into expanding our services to our clientele on Lake Temagami.

We are considering delivery service to the end of the Temagami Access Road, once or twice weekly, depending on the in-

terest. We are looking at a minimum order of \$50, excluding tobacco products with a delivery fee of \$5. A minimum of 10 orders per trip is needed.

Please take time to email ([temagamidailybread@gmail.com](mailto:temagamidailybread@gmail.com)) or call us (705-569-3600) if you are interested. If you could tell us, how often you would be purchasing and the approximate amount as well as what day(s) would suit you best and the weeks that you would be needing this service, we will be able to determine the feasibility of a delivery service.

Thank you,  
Dick, Joanne and staff

## Property Patrol Report for February 2013

By Peter Healy

Freeze up this winter was pretty good with snowmobile access to and from the landing from Bear Island around Christmas, while the rest of us were able to access Islands early in the New Year.

Property patrols began on Jan. 8 with good travel through Shiningwood Bay and around the Hub. Then things changed as temperatures rose to record highs (5 degrees C) on Jan. 12, the rains came, snow melted and ice became problematic in many places. It was time to bring snowmobiles off the lake and wait for colder weather. Good books and good humour got us through the next week while Island bound.

It was not until the third weekend in January that the cold weather arrived and

did it ever arrive. For a long week we experienced temperatures that went to -40 C at night and rose only to -25C during the day. This is far too cold to travel far on snowmobiles so once again we were stuck in our cabins trying to stay warm.

The good news from this spell of cold was that the ice started to thicken, we could hear it banging all day as it expanded. Pressure cracks appeared upwards in some places and pulled apart in others leaving open water between the 'plates' as they separate. One has to be very aware of varying shades of ice colour when travelling alone where no one has gone before.

After the cold came more snow, blowing snow so bad that visibility was extremely limited making it impossible to see pressure cracks or other 'obstacles' on the ice. A few days later the snow

stopped, temperatures rose again and it started to rain. We now needed another cold snap to tighten up the ice and freeze the slush, which is a foot deep in places. This is a weird winter with no consistent weather that allows safe travel to all parts of the lake.

My inspection of over 125 properties, however, found no evidence of break ins that had not already been reported in the fall. The most serious problems on some Islands were as a result of our national pest the beaver. Fortunately they seem able to take down trees without damaging buildings. The most serious property damage I found was as a result of an owl going through a window - something not good



A beaver fall at the end of the trail.

Photo by: Peter Healy.

for either.

Fishing is very good at this time for those who go after whitefish and walleye. Lake Trout season opens Feb. 15 and the ever popular Ling Fling is on Sunday Feb. 17. As we have good ice travel conditions we are looking forward to another successful "ling fling" in support of the Temagami fish hatchery program.



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## Protection of Property Committee

# TLA to Test and Provide Security Cameras for Sale

By Peter Healy

The newest technology in the field of Security Cameras includes components that now make these ideal for property security in isolated areas of Lake Temagami. Such features as the following make these very useful to property owners:

- Invisible 'no glow' black flash so it cannot be seen to be taking a photo
- High photo quality
- Long battery life
- Ability to connect automatically to local cell towers (future potential in Temagami area)

The TLA will be acquiring one of these cameras to test capability and will offer them for sale this summer through a partnership with Le Febvres: Source for Adventure in North Bay.

## Planning Committee

# TLA Supports Zoning By-laws

By Andrew Healy

Many of Lake Temagami's cottages have been held in the family for two to three, even four generations! The old family cottage is more often than not the glue that holds a family together. However not everything about owning or sharing a family cottage is sunny days and starry nights, and of the many challenges not having enough space seems to be the most common.

In previous generations there was a quick fix to this problem: build another sleeping cabin, maybe a loft in the boathouse, even add another dock for the extra boats. In fact, there are properties on the lake that have four or five sleeping cabins, many with their own kitchens, toilets and docking!

Prior to amalgamation and the development of the Official Plan (2004) and Zoning By-law (2006), cottage owners were permitted to develop their property with very little restrictions. The TLA played an active role in the development of the "new rules", and felt they were able to strike the right balance between permitting development and preserving the "Temagami experience."

One of the key portfolios within the TLA Board of Directors is the Planning Committee. The role of the Planning Committee is to ensure that development applications are conforming to the intent of the Official Plan and following the Zoning By-laws.

When applications for Minor Variances, Severances or Zoning By-law Amendments are submitted to the Municipality, the TLA and other interested parties are forwarded a copy of the application for comment. The Planning Committee reviews each application in order to determine whether a comment is necessary, which in most cases it isn't based on the minor nature of the proposed development.

Deciding which applications to comment on can be tricky; especially considering the close-knit lake community and that an applicant could very well be a TLA member, neighbour or friend. In the event

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## Marine Safety Committee

# A Failure to Convince – Voluntary Wearing of Life Jackets

By Angus Scully, Chair

All boaters know that they must carry approved life jackets or Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) for everyone aboard. While providing safety checks for TLA members and other boaters, I have found that there are fewer deficiencies every year. The Pleasure Craft Operator's Card (PCOC) training and licensing program has improved boater knowledge.

But the two main causes of death related to boating are still alcohol use and failure to wear a PFD.

For years a variety of organizations have urged boaters to wear their PFDs. This appeal to voluntary compliance has had limited results – there is nothing near a tipping point. Observation of boaters on Lake Temagami does show some increase in the number of boaters wearing their life jackets and there are now a number of youth camps having their canoe trippers wear PFDs on the lake. Overall most boaters are not wearing PFDs even in severe weather conditions or at night.

This failure to convince has led safety organizations and police to recommend mandatory wearing of PFDs. The Federal authorities, which have jurisdiction, seem to be reluctant to move. The experience of training people about new safety equipment regulations and the introduction of the PCOC suggest there is a fear of moving too quickly - of getting ahead of public acceptance. This hesitance has been there regardless of the political party in power. While there has been a tightening of the testing procedures for the PCOC, there is no sign of stricter licensing or of mandatory wearing of PFDs.

The failure to convince people to voluntarily wear life jackets has led other jurisdictions to introduce compulsory requirements for specific conditions.

Here are two examples.

### PENNSYLVANIA

From Nov 1 to April 30 anyone in a boat less than 16 ft (4.8m) or in a canoe or kayak must wear a life jacket when the craft is underway or anchored.

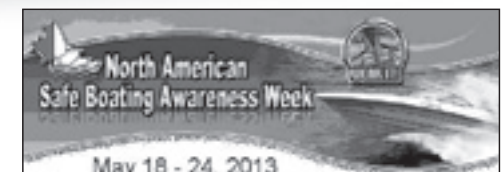
This is a partial recognition of the impact of cold-water shock and hypothermia. Don't forget such good sense rules when boating on Lake Temagami in the spring or fall. There is often a cold-water shock causing an intake of breath even in summer!

It is worth remembering that inflatable PFDs are not recommended in below freezing temperatures.

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### COMMON REASONS FOR NOT WEARING A PFD

- ✓ I don't need one – I can swim
- ✓ They are too hot
- ✓ They are too bulky
- ✓ I haven't needed one in over 40 years on the lake
- ✓ I can reach them if I need them
- ✓ I have a big boat and I feel safe
- ✓ I've never worn one
- ✓ I can look after myself



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**NEW SOUTH WALES – AUSTRALIA**

More extensive rules have been introduced in parts of Australia. Since 2010, the state of New South Wales requires:

- All persons aboard craft less than 4.8m must wear a PFD between sunset and sunrise
- All children under 12 must wear a PFD at all times when aboard a craft less than 4.8m long and must wear one on a vessel less than 8 metres in length when it is underway.
- All persons in a canoe or kayak more than 100m from shore must wear a PFD
- On any vessel or watercraft when directed by the skipper, PFDs must be worn.

If you do not wear a PFD when in your boat, give some thought to these partial regulations at least and keep in mind your family, your friends, and your community – they care about your safety.

**ALCOHOL & BOATING IN ONTARIO**

In short – don't drink and drive your boat. Open alcohol is not permitted in a boat at any time. Houseboats must be anchored.

The rules are the same as in cars. What you can do in your car with alcohol you can do in your boat. What you can't do in your car – you can't do in your boat.

**How cold was it this winter?**



Daytime temp of -30 C (-20 F), now that's cold. Photo by Peter Healy.



My antifreeze is frozen. Photo by Peter Healy.

**Fish and Wildlife Committee  
TLA Loon Nesting Platform Project Set to Launch in Spring 2013!**



A loon nesting platform being made. Photo by: Justin Metz.

By Justin Metz & Pete Calverley, TLA Directors

This past fall, two TLA directors took on the task to construct the Loon Nesting Platform project as part of our ongoing commitment to the preservation of Lake Temagami's Fish and Wildlife. The construction of this platform and project details were made in close collaboration with Bird Studies Canada, a non-profit expert on wild bird conservation.

Our Loon Nesting Platform is essentially a floating "raft" made from native Temagami Cedar. The trees were carefully selected, trimmed and cut to create 4 identical sized logs. These logs were then notched together to create the foundations for the nesting platform. They are currently being left out to dry over the winter.

Heavy wire mesh will be stapled across the platform to provide the base on which we will place heavy sod, decayed wood and indigenous plants to

create the nesting habitat in the spring at ice out. The nests will then be anchored 50-100 feet from shore once completed.

The actual launch locations of these nests are still under review to determine the very best chance of success. Each will, regardless of specific location, be launched as close to ice-out as possible in a bay, sheltered from prevailing winds, boats and human contact. The TLA is still accepting any historical information lake residents may have on loon breeding/nesting habits that they have

recorded over the years. Once launched, our project leaders will observe the nesting platform frequently in order to monitor its condition and study its findings.

Lake residents this year will start to see small Loon Alert signs posted at marinas, boat launches and around the Town of Temagami that will contain loon friendly tips for lake users. We are very excited about officially launching these nesting sites and continuing our preservation of Temagami's fragile ecosystem. If you have any questions or information on loon activity on the Lake, please feel free to contact us at tla@onlink.net.



Loon Alert signs, such as this one, will be posted at various locations on the lake. Photo courtesy of: Bird Studies Canada.



A loon nesting platform under construction. Photo by Justin Metz.

## TLA Supports Zoning By-laws

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retains the services of a professional planning consultant to assist us in assessing the significance and also in preparing comment to the Municipality. Referring the application to the planning consultant ensures the TLA Board remains as impartial as possible and also that we are getting expert advice in order to provide meaningful comments.

One of the more common applications is to either increase the size of a sleeping cabin, or to add services (kitchen or bathroom) to a sleeping cabin. Generally speaking, the zoning by-laws permit two sleeping cabins on a property in addition to the main residence, one at 775 square feet and one at 388 square feet. Only one sleeping cabin is permitted to be fully serviced with a kitchen and bathroom.

Couple this space with the permitted 5000 square feet of the principle dwelling and you have a considerable amount of space to house the many branches of your family! What the by-law doesn't allow you to do, however, is to have an independent cottage for each member of your family on one property, which is essentially its intent.

The Planning Committee recently re-enforced the TLA's position on sleeping cabins in a letter to the municipality, stating that... "Sleep cabins are primarily intended for extra sleeping accommodation as an accessory use to the main cottage or dwelling..." and that... "the TLA believes that the standards set in the zoning by-law for sleep cabins are sufficiently generous and should be adhered to,

that an application seems to stretch the rules too far, the TLA Board

so as not to set any potential precedent encouraging over-intensification for other applications on Lake Temagami."

One of the other places families may look for more space is in their boathouse. The two-storey boathouse issue can be a contentious one. Many lakes in Ontario permit this type of development and there are existing two-storey boathouses on the lake with sleeping accommodations that predate the Official Plan. The Zoning by-law does permit new boathouses (150 feet minimum frontage required), but does not permit sleeping accommodation or bathroom facilities within boathouses.

The TLA has also recently supported the Zoning by-law with regards to boathouses, stating that they are "...part of an overall direction in the Official Plan which seeks to minimize the visual impact of recreational residential development on the island shorelines of Lake Temagami," and that... "such proposed boathouses with bathrooms and sleeping accommodation effectively would become cottages right on the water's edge, contrary to the intent and policies of the Official Plan."

Over the past two years, the Municipality has undertaken a review of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law, and has subsequently proposed minor amendments. The TLA Planning Committee has carefully reviewed the proposed amendments, which should have little impact on the lake community. We feel that the existing by-laws are providing the appropriate balance as intended, and we would like to thank the Municipal Planner and members of the Planning Advisory Committee who review each application with the best intentions for Temagami in mind.

## A Seasonal Gift for Lake Temagami

Several TLA members had been considering various ways of taking the 'store bought present' out of Christmas. Could the traditional gift be replaced with a meaningful gift for family and friends that might also enhance the favorite environment of the recipient?

Inspired by the importance and success of TLA's water quality monitoring program, "the gift of water quality on Lake Temagami" was created. TLA members made seasonal gift contributions to the Water Quality Monitoring Fund in the name of a friend, relative or recently deceased family member. All donated funds will be used in 2013 to pay our summer staff to do the testing or the expenses incurred for laboratory testing.

We are grateful to the following individuals and families for including Lake Temagami Water

Quality in their holiday plans:

- *The Van Vymen Family*
- *The Wastrom Family*
- *Chip and Anne Marie Kittredge*
- *John and Holly Robbins*  
– in honour of Justin Metz
- *The Schrade Family*  
– In honour of Michael and Heidi Schrade
- *Anonymous donation*  
– in honour of Don Grannary
- *Martha Kittredge Bonti*  
– in honour of Thacher Wastrom and Gil Loud
- *A. Bredovskis*
- *Jack Goodman*  
– in honour of Robert C. Goodman
- *Numerous anonymous donations to the TLA Water Quality Monitoring Fund*

## 2013 TLA Student Jobs

**EMPLOYER:** Temagami Lakes Association (TLA)

**Position:** Students (2) - Environmental Monitoring, Maintenance & Administration

**Location:** Lake Temagami, Ontario

**Job Term:** Approximately 15 weeks

**Anticipated**

**Start date:** May 13th, 2013

**Wage:** \$13 - \$15/hr depending on education and experience.

**Schedule:** 35hrs/week, some weekends required.

**JOB DESCRIPTION/DUTIES:**

- Implement the TLA's Water Quality Monitoring program, including: collection of field data and lake water samples; distribution and liaison with laboratories; and reporting on results.
- Assist with the management and operations of the TLA Headquarters Building, which provides services and products to members. Operate TLA marine radio and communications services as well as other administrative duties.
- Coordinate the TLA's Campsite Clean-up Program, including: performing campsite and hiking trail maintenance; installation of privy toilets; and the development of a map and recreational user info.
- Assist with other environmental stewardship initiatives and membership events as required.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Currently enrolled (or recently graduated) in a related field of study from a recognized university or college.
- Experience working outdoors and performing environmental fieldwork.
- Experience collecting and analyzing water quality samples an asset.
- Knowledge and interest in water chemistry, biology, outdoor recreation and environmental issues.
- Excellent communications skills including the ability to operate marine radio clearly, provide excellent customer service to members, and write technical reports.
- Posses a Pleasure Craft Operator's Card and have experience operating boats & outboard motors.
- Knowledge and experience boating on Lake Temagami an asset.
- Experience with hand and power tools an asset.
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification an asset.

**Please submit resume and covering letter by March 15 to: Peter Healy, Executive Secretary**  
**Email: tla@onlink.net**

References will be requested of those candidates selected for interviews.



## Lead Sinkers and Loons

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158

An Ontario study of loon mortality reported by the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey cited the #2 reason for loon death (27% of observed mortality) is lead poisoning (the #1 reason was trauma: collisions with boats, cars, powerlines or entanglement in fishing nets). Lead fishing weights of many

kinds were found ingested by dead loons resulting in lethally high lead tissue levels.

A similar pattern was found in New England, where ingestion of lead fishing gear is the single largest cause of mortality for adult loons. Veterinarians at Tufts University - School of Veterinary Medicine examined over 483 dead adult loons from fresh waters and determined that approximately 44% of these birds died as the result of lead poisoning from the ingestion of lead fishing gear (including split shot). Just a single lead sinker can poison a loon.

A bird with lead poisoning will have physical and behavioral changes including loss of balance, gasping, tremors and impaired ability to fly. The weakened bird is more vulnerable to predators and may have trouble feeding, mating, nesting, and caring for its young. It becomes emaciated and often dies within two to three weeks

after eating the lead.

There are at least two ways loons are ingesting lead sinkers. One way is when loons take minnows being used as bait. In eating the minnow, the loon breaks off the line and then swallows the hook, line, swivel and sinker. A second way appears to be when loons ingest small pebbles from lake bottoms and inadvertently swallow lead sinkers or are actively selecting them for some reason (perhaps because of their unique size, shape or shininess).

This is not an issue unique to Temagami. Nationally more than 5 million Canadians go fishing, spending over 50 million days fishing on open water annually. Lost or discarded sinkers and jigs represent an estimated 500 tonnes of lead and up to 14% of all non-recoverable lead releases in Canada.

Lead fishing weights less than 50 g and smaller than 2 cm are generally the size found to be ingested by wildlife. Ingestion of a single lead sinker or lead-headed jig is sufficient to expose a loon or other bird to a lethal dose. Lead sinker and jig ingestion

has been documented in 10 different wildlife species in Canada. Environment Canada and Parks Canada prohibited the possession of lead fishing sinkers or lead jigs weighing less than 50 g by anglers fishing in National Wildlife Areas and National Parks.

The Temagami Lakes Association knows that the call of the loon is an important part of the Temagami Experience, and wants to minimize the pressures on the loon population. Anglers can do their part by instead using commercially available non-lead sinkers that are made of steel, tungsten, or other materials.

For more information:

*Lead Fishing Sinkers and Jigs in Canada: Review of their Use Patterns and Toxic Impacts on Wildlife.*  
Occasional Papers No. 108  
<http://www.ec.gc.ca/Publications/default.asp?lang=En&xml=60CDC53A-54AB-4FCC-82F1-61CF5BE16345>

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## Science Experiment In Progress: Proceed With... Awareness *continued from page 1*

standing how lakes like ours might be impacted by global warming in the years and decades ahead.

There is a sad irony to this idea that the global climate system is imposing an uncontrolled, top-down experiment in aquatic ecosystem science in our lakes, including Lake Temagami. In 2012, federal funding cuts forced the closure of several of Canada's most famous environmental research stations, including the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) in northwestern Ontario, just east of Kenora.

The ELA was a remote field camp operated by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, renowned worldwide for a fertilization experiment that finally allowed scientists to unequivocally link algal blooms to excess phosphorous levels in lakes. In a more recent study, scientists simulated the potential effects of drier climate conditions on Boreal lakes by literally diverting all of its inflowing streams around its margins to its outlet.

High profile experiments such as these aside, the end of ELA also means the termination of a rare, 40-plus year historical monitoring program focused on climate, water flows and water quality data collection, not to mention the end of a highly productive training ground for many of our future environmental researchers, managers and leaders. The irony, therefore, is that although a scientific experiment of epic proportions is now underway in our lakes and rivers, federal funding cuts to environmental research and monitoring are making it increasingly difficult to monitor, understand and predict fundamental ecosystem changes happening in our lakes and rivers as a result of global warming.

So what kind of changes might be in store for Lakes such as Temagami? The possibilities are too numerous to list, and too complex to predict with any accuracy. But studies by researchers from ELA and other parts of the world can help paint a partial picture.

Perhaps most certainly, is that there will be lengthening of the open water season. Transportation issues aside, a change in the open water season could have a cascade of effects on the lake's temperature regime, including its seasonal cycle of summer stratification (the physical development of two layers of water of different temperature and chemistry) and mixing dynamics. A longer open water season and higher average air temperature will also lead to an increase in average water temperatures.

These physical changes can set off a chain

reaction of chemical and biological responses within the lake, but the highly interconnected nature of aquatic ecosystems makes such outcomes particularly difficult to predict. Warmer water temperatures and a longer growing season can enhance conditions for biological growth, including bacteria, plankton, algae and fish. This enhanced growth potential could cause reduced water clarity from increased production of photosynthetic biomass.

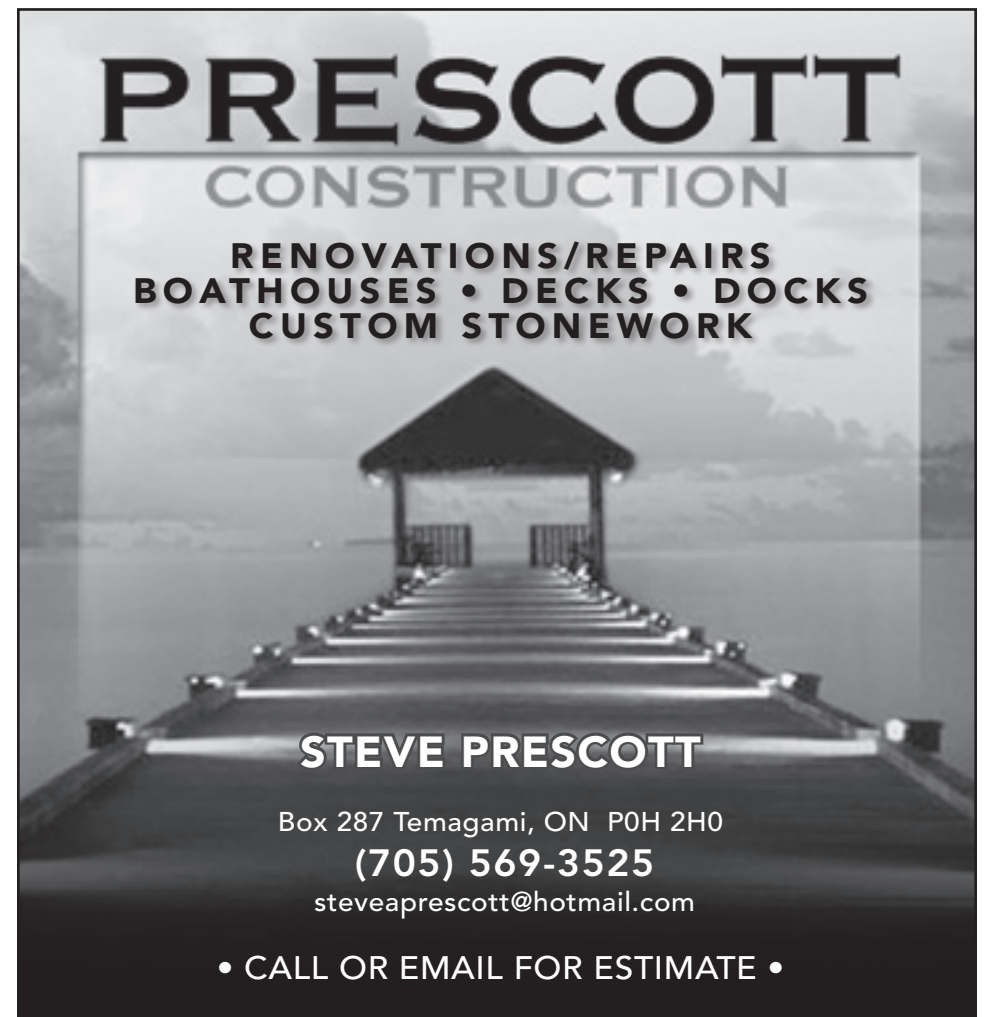
Also, one of the widely accepted hallmarks of global warming is an acceleration of the water cycle, which will lead to more extreme weather conditions, including longer, drier periods of drought, and more intense precipitation events. These extreme conditions can fundamentally alter chemical cycling of elements, nutrients and other contaminants, such as sulphur and mercury from atmospheric pollution.

In light of the various types of change that might be in store for Lake Temagami, the current TLA initiative to monitor water quality is timely. Of particular importance is that it be undertaken with the long-term vision of understanding gradual changes that can be hard to detect through sporadic and uncoordinated sampling campaigns once every few years. Weather and climate fluctuations occur on annual and even decadal time scales, making it very difficult to tease apart normal fluctuations in lake conditions from potential longer-term trends linked to global warming.

Some climate change impacts to the lake will not be unequivocally discernible without a long-term record spanning up to two or more decades. Meanwhile, one short-term activity that will be illuminating is a trend-analysis of historical freeze-up and breakup dates on the lake, based on records of our lake residents.

With budgetary cuts to environmental programs and the closure of ELA could the TLA become a leader among Ontario lake associations by forging ahead with our own long-term scientific monitoring program? Such an effort will require participation from our members and other community stakeholders and could form an exciting model for participatory environmental science.

Lake Temagami's reputation for crystal clear waters and amazing depth can sometimes make it difficult to appreciate the importance of water-quality monitoring. A sustained campaign of annual water-quality sampling that spans multiple decades into the future, with proper scientific oversight should be of utmost priority. In the shorter-term, this will provide important baseline information to help us monitor impacts of shoreline and resource development. In the longer-term, it will ensure that the grand experiment in ecosystem science that is currently underway beneath our very noses does not proceed without proper documentation and oversight.



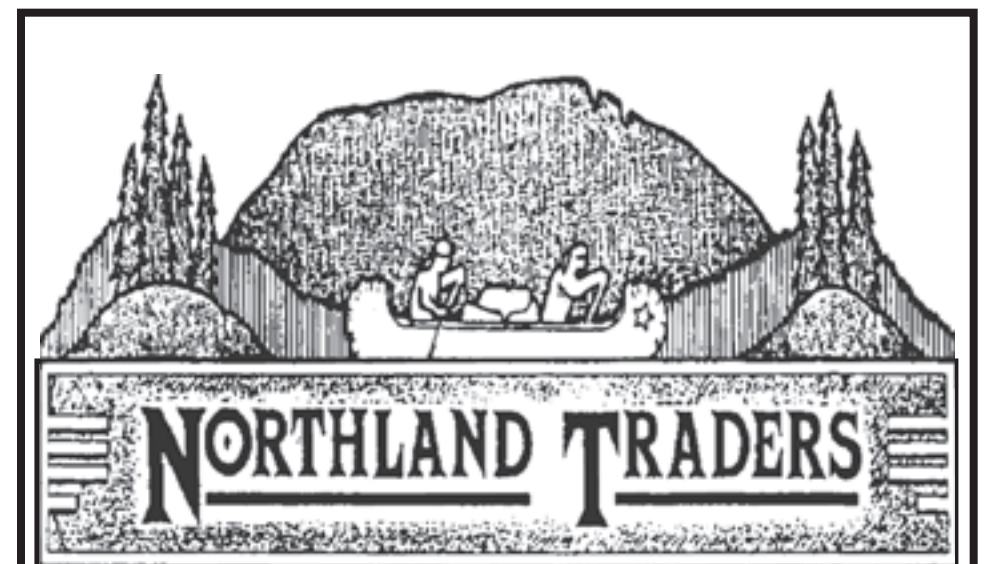
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# The Wonders and Joys of Winter on the Lake

*(It's often been said that Lake Temagami in the winter is a different lake, an experience and an environment that relatively few cottagers have ever enjoyed. And what an experience it is, as testified by this holiday greetings one cottager emailed to friends.)*

I know that you may not understand the joy, the overwhelming sense of magic that fills my soul when I hear the deep resonant sound of the ice groaning as if stretching, mixed with icy breath of the north wind

sweeping across the lake under the almost daylight brightness of the moon and the millions of stars in a clear sky overhead.

This is how we welcomed the New Year last night, out on the lake, together, each of us appreciating the mystery in the changing of the seasons and being especially thankful for this particular freeze-up.

A gift, one that doesn't come often, but enough in one's lifetime to recognize and whole-heartedly embrace. The perfect freeze....the water drops in temperature,

a huge blanket of light fluffy snow falls, a full moon, a deep cold spell with little or no wind or snow that lasts just long enough for the lake to completely freeze over, followed by light snow and northerly winds. A winter wonderland and safe travelling.

The lake community comes alive, those who have been in for the freeze and those who are returning are out and about, putting in trail markers, meeting up in town and at the end of the road where conversations abound on the thickness of the ice,



how much ice you need to travel, who travelled where, who travelled when and where your trails are. An observation ...., as one ages so too does the thickness of the ice: you need to be safe.

## Temagami Community Market Growing in 2012-13

By Dianne Laronde, President: Temagami Community Market

I would like to thank everyone for their participation, donations and support in the Market for 2012. Without the kind of assistance and generosity we received, this Market would not be possible.

The Municipality of Temagami once again supported all the Market's efforts in any way they could and I say a huge "THANK YOU!"

Each year the Market opens is always an exciting time for me. It is so wonderful to see the many talented people involved in this effort and all the new vendors wanting to share their amazing creations. Last summer and into the Christmas season, we drew vendors from Kirkland Lake to Callander, Sturgeon Falls and beyond! The Train Station parking lot was full with vendors each Saturday and more and more treasured patrons both new and returning. Completely wonderful to see!

At the Christmas Bazaar in December, we had so many vendors, I thought we would run out of space! Everyone enjoyed the event and, through this, we will be adding more new people to our vendors list.

I would like to thank last year's executive: Heather Tate, Ashley Bailey and Quelia Cormier for the time and efforts they put into the TCM. Also, welcome to the new executive: Carolyn Laronde, Community Chair and advertising; Glenn Toogood, Vice President; and Diane Toogood, Secretary/Treasurer.

In closing, we are always ready to welcome new vendors and volunteers and look forward to seeing everyone this summer.



*A sunny winter day captures the silhouette of the photographer as well as tracks in the snow and scenery at Garden Island. Photo: Peter Healy.*

## Drinking Water Testing Available in 2013

By Peter Healy

Once again, numbers permitting, the TLA will offer members an opportunity to have their drinking water tested for bacteria. This service would allow TLA members to sign up to have their drinking water sampled from their intake, tap, or both (cottager preference) by the TLA staff. Samples will be sent to an independent and privately owned lab for analysis of bacteria content (mainly coliform and E. coli which are present when there is fecal contamination).

You will receive a report of your drinking water quality from the lab that conducted the analysis. This will allow you to know the quality of water you are consuming at your residence, and more importantly, if there are any associated health risks based on bacterial contamination.

If interested in this service please use this form to sign up. Given the size of our lake and the time constraints

we must work with to deliver the samples to the lab in North Bay, we must have cottages signed up in advance to allow this service to happen.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our efforts on behalf of clean water for Lake Temagami.

### Temagami Lakes Association Bacteria Sampling of Drinking Water



The Temagami Lakes Association is offering to sample member's cottage drinking water for bacteria from July 1<sup>st</sup> to Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. If interested please fill out the form and either e-mail, fax (877-281-4687) or drop it off at the TLA building at least a week before your selected dates. Forms are also available at the TLA building and on our website.

Services (please check one):

- \$60 for initial test either from tap, or intake
- \$90 for both tap and intake test

Cost includes: Travel to and from your island, transport of sample to lab in North Bay, lab analysis costs (approximately \$30/sample) and results sent to you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Island Number and cottage address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cottage Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Address you would like the results mailed to: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TCF Wants to do More with Community Groups

*Submitted by the Temagami Community Foundation*

Here's a memo to community groups and/or folks with an idea and desire to make something good happen in their communities: The TCF may be able to help.

That's TCF as in the Temagami Community Foundation, which a decade ago was created to serve the Temagami region – permanent residents, seasonal cottagers and the First Nation.

Over the years, it's done just that, giving grants totaling some \$200,000 to scores of groups, organizations and projects around the Township. Projects such as the summer Art Camp, the Angele Project

of a few years ago, the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program, the Temagami Elders Portrait project, the local history initiative at the Temagami Public School, and many more. In fact, there's hardly a community project or organization that hasn't been helped in some way by a TCF grant, usually in the \$500 to \$2,500 range.

So much for the good news.

The even better news, however, is that it's time for new grant applications to be received and – this is a totally new wrinkle – the TCF is now searching for organizations, formal or informal, with which it might collaborate or partner. Organizations that will draw upon the skills and dedication of volunteers to gen-

erate both enthusiasm and commitment to their communities.

"The TCF wants to support, encourage and facilitate community initiatives that support an organization's goal while also collaborating with other groups, people or charities," said Cathy Dwyer, the TCF's executive director. "The grant process starts with a one or two-page proposal, and we'll work with a requesting organization to further develop the concept."

In other words, what's important is that the proposed project or initiative meets a real community need, promotes discussion and dialogue, fosters shared responsibility, involves

volunteers and creates excitement.

As in the past, the TCF will not fund individuals for personal support, capital campaigns, operating deficits, political or religious activities or fundraising dinners or event sponsorship. TCF's areas of concern are environmental awareness and stewardship, community arts and culture, First Nations and sustainable community economic development programs.

Proposals should be sent no later than April 29 to the Temagami Community Foundation, P.O. Box 338, Temagami POH 2H0 or by email to: [info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com](mailto:info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com). Further information is available by phone at 705-569-3737.

"The TCF wants to support, encourage and facilitate community initiatives that support an organization's goal while also collaborating with other groups, people or charities"

## Lake Temagami Fire Protection Committee Update

*Submitted by Will Goodman*

In April of 2012, the Temagami Municipal Council approved an Ad Hoc Lake Temagami Fire Protection Advisory Committee to gather information, develop options and assess the possibility of enhanced fire protection services on Lake Temagami and present recommendations to Council.

The Committee has been working diligently on developing a draft report for Council and public consideration. The draft report

is expected to be released to the public in March of 2013. There will be copies made available for viewing at the Municipal Office, the Temagami Public Library, the TLA Headquarters, and on the Municipal Website at [www.temagami.ca](http://www.temagami.ca).

The committee is recommending that there be two Special Council meetings (dates to be announced) to receive comments from the public in July and August. These meetings are not intended to be for debate, but to receive comments and clarify any information.

It is intended that once all comments have been received and considered, the draft report will be revised. Council will then review the document and make a decision.

*Come one... come all members and non-members from all of the arms of the Lake Temagami community!*

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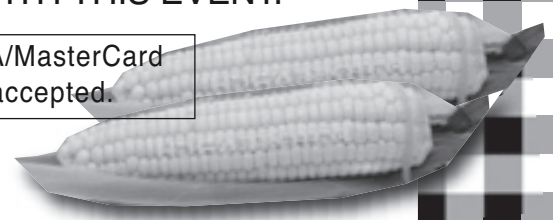
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## Temagami Forest Merger on Horizon

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LCC members to participate. Following a presentation by the MNR, the LCC made it clear that they would not support the merger.

Losing management of the Temagami Forest would be another example of the continued down-sizing of the MNR and the loss of government expertise in managing natural resources. To maintain expert knowledge within an organization you need to be the foresters, auditors and

technicians, not just a license issuer. Having a Crown unit also allows the government to conduct broader research and try new forestry practices.

It is clear that there is a long way to go before a merger is finalized. The Draft Forest Tenure Modernization Plan is showing an amalgamation date of 2019, which is a good thing as public consultation to date has been selective and minimal at best.

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# Temagami Lions Club News

By Ike Laba

## HOSPITAL FUND

The Temagami Lions club made a commitment 1½ years ago to raise \$50,000 within five years in support of the North Bay and Temiskaming Shores General Hospitals. The funds raised would be shared equally between the two hospitals. To date we are close to raising 50% of the commitment. This fundraiser benefits all residents within our community whether they are full time or seasonal residents.

The Lions appreciate any donation you wish to give towards this cause. If you wish to donate, please send your cheque to the Lions Club, P.O. Box 39 in Temagami, but make the cheque payable to the Temagami Community Foundation. If you require more information, please contact Wayne Adair at 705-569-3319. Any person donating towards the Hospital fund will receive a tax receipt.

## HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The Lions Annual Hockey Tournament weekend, January 25 to 27th, hosted eight Old Timers teams and eight Open Teams. This yearly event has become a friendly re-union for many teams. A special thanks to all the volunteers, youth and adults, who assisted in making this weekend a great success. Also, special thanks go to Lions organizers who devoted much of their time to make this a successful event.

## CLOTHES LINE DROP BOX

Recently the Lions club in conjunction with the

Diabetes Association initiated a Clothesline Drop box program for the Temagami area. The drop box is located at Temagami's Our Daily Bread grocery store, which is owned by Joanne and Dick Van

Mayor John Hodgson spoke on the benefits of the program to this area; up to 11% of the area's population is diabetic. He stated that the Municipality would also benefit by keeping some usable items out of the landfill. Bob Sykes, President of the Temagami Lions Club, represented the club at the press release.

### Thank you to the sponsors of the Lions Seniors Christmas Dinner that was held on December 16th.

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## NEW MEMBER REQUEST

Lions Club members are continuously working as a team for the betterment of our community. If you are interested in getting involved, we can use your help. Please contact President Bob Sykes @705-569-4412 or any club member.

At the Clothesline Drop Box (from left to right): Ike Laba, Bill Cranley, Mayor John Hodgson, Operations Manager Helen Collinson, Lions President Bob Sykes, and store owners Joanne and Dick Van Manen.

Photo by: Sabrina Picard.

Manen. On January 24th representatives Helen Collinson (Operations Manager Clothesline Program, Sudbury) and Bill Cranley (pickup driver) for the Diabetes Clothesline program did a press release in Temagami on the values of the clothesline program.

They encouraged everyone to bring their gently used clothing, cloth items and footwear to this new Clothesline donation box as 100 % of net proceeds raised directly support the Canadian Diabetes Association and world leading diabetes research, education and advocacy.



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## Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements

We are pleased to announce that the Municipality has commenced a major renovation to the waterfront by the Welcome Centre building. This project is a priority because of safety concerns presented by the aging infra-structure. The project will be done in two phases. The first phase involves the replacement of cribbing and decking on the waterfront docks; the second will be for replacement of the retaining wall, bridge and decking. As a result of a competitive bidding process, the contract was awarded to MX Constructors Inc. from Sturgeon Falls.

These infrastructure improvements are possible with the assistance of funding received through FedNor and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. With the funding now confirmed, the Municipality will also replace the floating docks to complete the waterfront revitalization. The docks that are taken out will be repaired and refurbished, then used to provide additional docking facilities at other municipal access points.

The work will be substantially finished by May, with some landscaping being completed by early summer. This renovation will benefit those coming into town by boat; enhance the experience for residents and visitors using the waterfront; and improve accessibility.

## Vision Refined and Adopted by Council

In 2012 Council presented their Vision for Temagami to the residents of the Municipality and asked for their input. On the whole the response was positive and supportive. As a result of the feedback, revisions were presented to Council for adoption in January of 2013. The refined Vision document is now adopted by Council and will be used as a basis for decisions on future plans, projects and initiatives.

The vision statement, which summarizes what Temagami's future could be, is "The vision for Temagami is a healthy community, which balances quality of life, growth of its businesses and quality of its world class natural environment."

Going forward, a new report on council's agenda will track the progress that is being

made in achieving the vision. Residents can view this report in the council packages posted on the website, or obtain a copy from the Municipal Office.

## Changes to Waste Disposal Site Hours

As a result of the Solid Waste Management Master Plan completed in 2012, the municipality will be increasing hours and providing more oversight at our waste disposal sites.

The Lake Temagami Access Point (LTAP) transfer station will be monitored by an attendant for additional hours, the amount of which will vary depending on the season, up to 7 hours per day on certain days in the summer months. The attendant will help to ensure that waste and recyclables are disposed of in the proper manner and will provide education and direction for people using the transfer station.

The hours at the Briggs landfill site on the Lake Temagami Access Road will remain the same and the current practice of the attendant also monitoring the LTAP transfer station during some of those hours will continue. If the gate is closed during the posted operating hours, persons wanting access to the site will need to see the attendant at the transfer station.

The hours will change at the Temagami landfill site on Milne-Sherman Road to Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. The site will also be open Sunday mornings from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the summer months.

In Marten River, the Sisk landfill site hours will be changed to Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoons from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. The site will also be open Sunday afternoons from 3:00pm to 6:30pm in the summer months.

A part-time waste transfer station will be operated beside the Welcome Centre, for use by the residents of the Northeast Arm of Lake Temagami. This service will be available from the Monday of the Victoria Day (May) long weekend until the Monday of the Thanksgiving (October) long weekend. The hours will be Sundays and Thursdays from 12 noon until 6:00pm and in the event of a

long weekend, on the Monday instead of the Sunday. For the remainder of the year, the garbage truck will be parked behind the PetroCanada between 10:00am and 10:30 am on Tuesdays for disposal of domestic bagged garbage by these residents.

The new landfill site hours will be effective once approval is received from the Ministry of the Environment and notification is given. Please check the municipal website for updates.

## Open Burning By-law Set Fines Increased

Last summer we experienced very hot, dry weather that resulted in several Restricted Fire Zones (RFZ) being imposed on this area.

Since there were a number of compliance issues through the region, local fire departments, including Temagami, have recommended increasing set fine provisions in their Municipal Open Air Burning By-laws. The intent is to match the Set Fines for contraventions to the Forest Fire Prevention Act that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), increased in March 2011, particularly those for burning in a RFZ.

On January 31, 2013, council passed an amendment to increase fines for contraventions of the Municipal Open Air Burning By-law # 11-976. By increasing these set fines, Council is responding to the need to protect our wilderness and our residents.

The Set Fine for burning in a Restricted Fire Zone, or during a Fire Ban imposed by the Fire Chief is now \$500. Other set fines in the burning bylaw have also been increased from \$155 to \$200 to match the provincial set fines. The provincial court will also add a victim surcharge of up to \$110 on top of these fines.

We encourage everyone to help protect our community from the devastating effects of forest fire by complying with the Municipal Open Air Burning By-law. It can be found on the Emergency Services page on the municipal website [www.temagami.ca](http://www.temagami.ca) or a copy can be obtained from the Municipal Office.

Please also note that burning permits are required for all open air burning, excluding campfires, during the Forest Fire Season, which runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 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](http://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](http://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 taxpayers 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 your 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.

- 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](http://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

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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@canadianadventurecamp.com](mailto:info@canadianadventurecamp.com).



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## 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](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](http://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.

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.

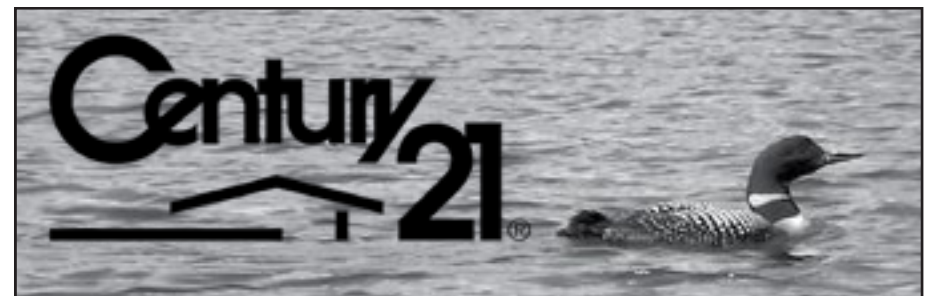
"With the increased importance of healthy eating and active living in today's society, the Municipality felt an obligation to provide the community and surrounding area with an opportunity to improve both social and physical fitness that is affordable and accessible. Not only will the full time residents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

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## 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



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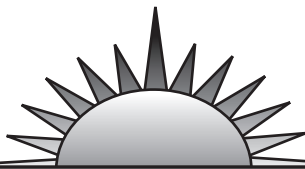
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## TLA Times Reveals Strength of Tenets

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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## 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 Involvement

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# Exciting Year Includes Jubilee Medal and Award Winning Performers

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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.



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 "YA-YES-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 Public 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

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. Unfortunately 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.

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".



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

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## IN 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 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 inaugural 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

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

### THE TREK

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,



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

planned portages with 1,200 metres of boulders, some the size of small cars.

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

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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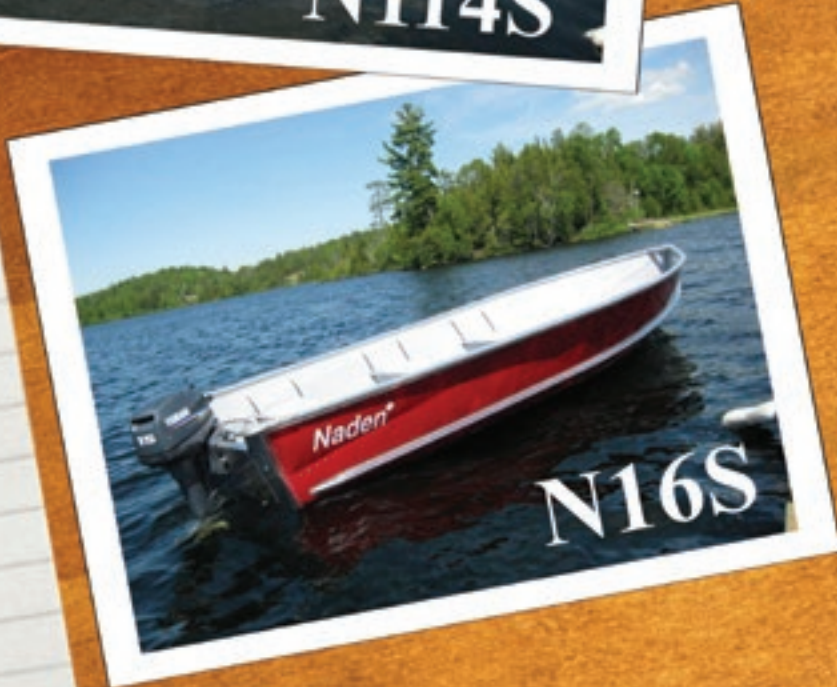
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