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# **Water Level** Management in Northeastern Ontario

By Peter Healy

The Sturgeon River/Lake Nipissing/French River (SNF) watershed drains an area of approximately 19,100 square kilometres in Northeastern Ontario.

Water levels within the SNF watershed are managed co-operatively by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PW&GSC) and Ontario Power Generation (OPG). However, since water levels have the potential to significantly

> affect many stakeholders, interested parties in the watershed participate as an advisory group to dam owners.

The primary mandate of the advisory group is to act as a vehicle for the exchange of information among all group members. Group members are also responsible for bringing forward their continued on page 10



Cross Lake Dam.

# Photo by Ron Miller

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Original cottage in 1976, surrounded by mature pines and plentiful organic soil.

Photo by Dan Carpenter.

By Dan Carpenter Island 1171

"The island and mainland alike have become a haven for all manner of plants and wildlife – all where some 35 years ago there was little more than burned soil and the charred remains of the previous forest."

It seems that many people who discover Temagami are so taken with the place that they can't resist returning, and the process evolves into a lifelong odyssey to take in all that the Temagami Experience has to offer.

Our family's Temagami adventure began in 1936, when Dan Sr. started as a camper at Keewaydin. After a few years, college, followed by a stint in the service and then raising a family, intervened. But the lure remained and he returned to Keewaydin as a trip staff man in the early 1960s, accompanied at first by one son and then two more shortly thereafter. Finally Jane and two daughters decided to see what all the excitement was about and there followed several summers with the boys at Keewaydin and the girls at Ojibway. We were hooked.

Finally we discovered our dream property in the fall of 1974: a modest plywood cottage, off the beaten path, with a great expansive view to the east and half an acre of mature red and white pine trees. For the next two years, it became our family haven for precious days during the summer and

Then disaster struck. It was an unusually dry spring in 1977 and forest fires cropped up in all of Northeastern Ontario. Heavy winds fanned the flames to the southwest of Lake Temagami and the fire eventually reached the western shore of the lake. Over the May long weekend, sparks jumped from the mainland to our island. Everything was lost within minutes. The organic soil was reduced to dust between boulders. Burned bedsprings, cutlery, and appliances on the ground were the only indication of where the cottage had been located. Even before we got there, the insurance adjustor predicted that no one would ever be able to build on the property again, but we had a different idea.

First we cleared the site. Then con-

tractors were hired and the shell of a new Vicerov cottage and septic field were installed by the end of the summer. We had to hop from boulder to boulder to get around, and everything was covered in the remnants of black continued on page 11

# Lake Temagami Fire Protection **Committee Report**

The hazards faced by fire pump owners, while attempting to extinguish fires on islands in Lake Temagami, have garnered notice in recent years. Traditionally, islanders with fire pumps readily assisted in fighting a fire on their own or a neighbouring island. Recent issues during structural fires, however, have spurred questions concerning the need for more equipment, how to provide better training and even insurance coverage for those who respond.

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# President's letter

You don't have to look very far in the summer edition of the Temagami Times to find opportunities to get involved and make a difference. Read on, and learn how TLA seeks volunteers to help monitor the Temagami loon population. Are you an angler? You'll find an article on a new, pilot program to sample fish tissue for mercury. Don't worry! You don't need to be a chemist - TLA can get your fish tissue sample to the lab for you!

Since research shows that lead sinkers have been linked to loon mortality, TLA is initiating a Lead Tackle Exchange Program. Thanks to generous donors, TLA has purchased non-lead sinkers and welcomes anglers to swap their old lead tackle for non-toxic sinkers that don't use lead. See the article in this issue for more information.

On the subject of lead, the environment and volunteering, consider taking advantage of Temagami Marine's offer to accept at no charge those old, spent marine or car batteries that you might have in the boathouse or around the cottage. Maybe even contact a few neighbours on the lake and see if you could collect a few of them!

Not an angler, but very interested in the environment? Consider participating in TLA's ongoing Adopt-a-Campsite program by monitoring a campsite near your cottage, gathering any trash you might find, and submitting a form that you can find on our website. Do you like local art, or want to meet people from distant parts of the lake? Contact the TLA to find out how you can help with the Corn Roast at Camp Wabun on July 27. In these and many other ways, the TLA is interested in working with you to make the lake a better place for us all.

I've heard it was Aristotle who said, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts". He probably wasn't a cottager, but I think Aristotle knew that great things could be accomplished through the cooperative efforts of volunteers.

See Kelly Romans Bancroft's article on lake associations in Ontario to learn more about the role of the TLA. Though the TLA is perhaps small in stature, with one part-time Executive Secretary and two summer environmental interns, with your involvement a variety of great things can be achieved for our lake and the Temagami Experience.

Chip Kittredge Island 1158

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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 Temag-

ami 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.



The TLA Special Event this summer in support of Water Quality testing, see page 13 for details, will include a Silent Action.

The Silent Auction will actually begin in mid-June using a web-based auction site. An email notice will be sent to members advising them of details.

Auction items donated thus far include a wide variety, such that there will be something of interest for all lake residents. Items on our list thus far include local art, water taxi vouchers, Toronto Blue Jays tickets, a camp session at Camp Wabikon, fine wines, and plane rides, to name a few.

If you have something of value that can be included in our Auction please contact us at tla@onlink.net.

# TLA Seeking Volunteers for a Fish Mercury Study in 2013/2014

By Murray Richardson

"Mercury is a ubiquitous and serious pollutant, and through the course of our industrial activities, we have painted the globe with it." - Engstrom, 2010, "Fish respond when mercury rises", Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

I am a professor of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa, ON, and a long-time Lake Temagami cottager. The study of mercury in Canadian lakes and the fish that inhabit them has become one of my major scientific interests and a focal point of my research program in recent years.

The quote above concisely summarizes the problem that now also fascinates me on a daily basis: mercury is a global industrial pollutant that can be found at elevated concentrations in ecosystems throughout the world, including the fish of remote, otherwise pristine, northern lakes such as Lake Temagami.

Consumption of fish is the primary route of exposure to mercury for humans and wildlife and it is the leading cause of fish consumption advisories in inland waters of Ontario (in the Great Lakes, this 1st place status is reserved for PCBs). Certain wildlife species, most notably the common Loon, are particularly sensitive to mercury in fish.

Although it can be safe for humans to consume mercury-containing fish at moderate levels, it is prudent to keep track of mercury levels in any recreational or commercial fishery. In North America, efforts are underway to curb industrial releases of mercury (e.g. from coal fired combustion, waste incineration), but the

same cannot be said for other major population centres around the world.

Mercury levels in lakes and fish can change over time in response to these regional and global patterns of industrial pollution, but unfortunately, large amounts of mercury also remain in our forests and soils, slowly leaching into surface waters through natural processes. Keeping tabs on the status of this industrial mercury legacy is another good reason why periodic fish mercury inventories are worthwhile.

This year, the TLA would like your help in executing a survey of mercury concentrations in sport fish of Lake Temagami. If you are a recreational angler and also consume your catches from the lake, we would be very grateful for a small, dime-sized sample of your fillet before you fry it up. We will provide detailed instructions and all required materials.

The sampling protocol is strict, but simple and fast. Samples will need to be frozen in small vials as soon as possible. We will also require some additional information about your catch, including: date, approximate location, fish species and size. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the volunteer registration form at the following URL: http://tinyurl.com/tlafishmercurystudy. Alternatively, you can email murray\_richardson@carleton.ca to register, or with questions.

For more relevant information, please visit the following links: http://tinyurl.com/healthcanadaHg and http://tinyurl.com/uofgHg.

# Meet the TLA 2013 Summer Staff:



## Diana Van Vlymen

I was born and raised in Mississauga, Ontario where I spent the first fourteen years of my life. I subsequently spent my high school years in Airdrie, Alberta after my parents' jobs were transferred to downtown Calgary.

I am currently an honour student attending Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. I will return in September for my fifth and final year of a BScH program with an Environmental Science major and Life Sciences minor. I've spent much of the last 22 years on Lake Temagami, at the island my grandparents bought in Shiningwood Bay in 1964. I recall many fond memories of paddling around the lake on a piece of foam, picking blueberries, and learning to fish, kayak, and windsurf. Our cottage burnt down last summer as a result of dry lightning, but we plan on rebuilding it over the next few years, now that my parents have retired to Sudbury.

Temagami is one of my favourite places to be and I enjoyed working for the TLA last summer. I was chosen once again to be part of the TLA'S water testing team, and I am excited to be returning to your service for a second year. I look forward to meeting old friends and new at the Headquarters building and events this summer!



## Adam Tretjack

Hello, my name is Adam Tretjack and I have been coming to Temagami since I was 8 months old and camping at Sandy Inlet with my parents and cousins.

My parents recently bought a cottage close to Bear Island and over the past ten years I have enjoyed actives like fishing, snowmobiling, sailing, boating, and doing many renovations to the cottage and various small builds on the property. I love fishing and the outdoors and Temagami has been crucial to the development of my skills in these areas. I am currently taking Fish and Wildlife at Sir Sandford Fleming and I am very excited to be able to apply the skills and knowledge that I learned in school to help protect the environment that I love.

# Property Patrol Report March 2013

By Peter Healy



A break-in discovered by property patrol. Photo by: Peter Healy

March Break here in Ontario began the third week of March with really warm temperatures, which melted surface snow on the lake, making travel and outside winter activities a challenge. Cooler temperatures with a bit of snow later in the week really helped get us all

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Property patrols then began the week after March Break with great surface snow and a really hard snow pack, so that parking near docks did not mean getting stuck in slush; however, walking up to cottages was a real challenge as we had a very deep snow pack this winter.

After visiting over 100 cottages I found three break-ins, which were obviously related to gasoline theft. In two of these instances, dock sheds had doors ripped off in the search for gasoline. In the third instance, the perpetrators entered a boathouse on the ice under the boathouse doors.

Our national symbol/pest, the beaver, continues to wreck havoc on small and mature trees alike. Fortunately, however, none of these have caused serious damage to any buildings I saw.

Peter Healy Chief and only patrolman

# 2013 Municipal Budget

The Council of the Municipality of Temagami passed the 2013 budget in April, following the budget guidelines that were adopted in late 2012. The municipality plans to find efficiencies in day-to-day operations and increase spending on capital (physical assets and infrastructure) in 2013. Provincial and Federal government grants have been secured to assist with the cost of some of the capital projects.

The net result is that the total amount of money to be raised through property taxes is an increase of less than 1% over last year. The key question, though, for most taxpayers is "What will this do to my tax bill?"

Of course, the answer depends largely on what happened with your property assessment value. The Municipality saw a total drop in assessed value of about \$30 million from the 2012 reassessment; however, this drop was not consistent over all properties. Reportedly, waterfront properties, which saw a disproportionate increase in the 2008 round of assessments, have seen a significant drop in assessment this time.

The 2013 residential tax rate is 0.00785571 (0.00997571 when you add the education rate of 0.00212000 billed on behalf of the school boards). You can multiply your 2013 phase-in assessment value by this rate to calculate the tax portion of your bill; area rated charges, if applicable, will be added to this amount.

The Municipality usually mails final tax bills in July of each year.

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## 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TLA

*Friday July 26 at Camp Wabun*, Coffee 9:30, meeting 10:00, lunch 12:30 AGENDA:

- TLA year in review
- Lake Temagami Water Level management
- Temagami Ambulance Services: text messaging on the lake
- Policing our community: Ontario Provincial Police
- Water Quality testing 2012 results and 2013 initiatives

# TLA Headquarters' Building This Summer

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

We are pleased to announce that Diana Van Vlyman will be returning to work with us this summer. As well as supervising our office and providing members services, Diana will oversee our water testing/sampling program. Joining her will be Adam Tretjack who is enrolled in the Fish and Wildlife program at Sir Stanford Fleming College. Adam is a life long cottager on Island 985. Watch for them on the lake in our new, made in Temagami, Naden watercraft.

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

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

#### Our Summer Services for 2013 include but are not limited to:

- June 29 open for member services. Members may call the office or drop by before then as our staff will often be about.
- Welcome back BBQ for members on Saturday July 14.
- TLA Special Fund Raising Event at Camp Wabun on July 27

   see notice on page 13 for details.
- Radio service including emergency fire coordination 7 days a week 10 A.M to 5 P.M. from June 29 though Sept. 1.
- Postal (incoming and outgoing) service at 12.30 PM.
- Environmentally friendly soap product sales.
- Household battery disposal program.
- Shoal map, wall map, and local publication sales.
- Lending library and 'high' speed internet for members.
- Fax and pay phone, meeting room.
- Temagami Times and Directories available.
- Members' services through TLA staff.

Remember the Annual General Meeting to take place this year Friday July 26 at Camp Wabun at 10 AM. Join us for coffee at 9:30. There is plenty of beach parking for small boats.



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# Three Directors acclaimed to the TLA Board

TLA directors **Pete Calverley**, Island 968, and **Gerry Kluwak**, Island 758 were nominated and acclaimed to serve a second three-year term at the end of the nomination period that ended on May 1.

A third nominee, **Andrew Zyp**, Is. 1044, was nominated for the first time and will serve a three-year term beginning Sept. 1.

We thank all three gentlemen for volunteering to serve their community in this manner.

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Gerry Gooderham ~~~ Photographer

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# **2013 RECREATIONAL FISHING SUMMARY**

Please refer to the Fishing Regulations for more information and exemptions

**FISHING LICENCE S** - Sport Fishing **C** - Conservation Fishing \*PLEASE NOTE SLOT LIMITS\*
Protected slot for walleye is designed to protect the spawning portion of the population, particularly females.

SPECIES	Fisheries Management Zone 11	Slot Limits and Exceptions				
Walleye (Pickerel) and Sauger or any combination	Jan. 1 to March 17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun) May 18 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.) to Dec. 31 S – four (4) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Slot Limit, Sport & Conservation: Zero (0) between 43 - 60 cm (16.9" – 23.6") Only one (1) greater than 60cm (23.6") in length Lake Temagami - Zero (0) between 46 – 60 cm (18" – 23.6") One (1) >60 cm (23.6")				
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass or any combination	June 22 (4th Sat.) to Dec 31 S - six (6) in one day C - two (2) in one day	Obabika Lake – Small Mouth S – two (2) C – one (1)				
Northern Pike	Jan 1 to March 17 (3rd Sun.) May 18 (3rd Sat.) to Dec 31 S – six (6) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Slot Limit Sport Fishing License Only two (2) greater than 61 cm (24")of which only one (1) may be greater than 86 cm (33.9") Slot Limit Conservation License Only one (1) greater than 61 cm (24") Zero (0) greater than 86 cm (33.9") length Obabika Lake S- two (2) Only 1 > 86cm C- one (1) Must be < 86cm				
Lake Trout	Feb 15 – Mar. 17 (3rd Sun.) May 18 (3rd Sat.) – Sept. 30 S - two (2) in one day C – one (1) in one day	Florence Lake & Obabika Lake Closed All Year for Lake Trout				
Brook Trout (Speckled Trout)	Feb 15 to Sept. 30 S – five (5) in one day C – two (2) in one day	Size Limit for Sport License Only one (1) greater than 31 cm (12.2") Size limit for Conservation License Zero (0) greater than 31 cm (12.2")				
Splake	<b>Open All Year</b> S – five (5) C – two (2)					
Whitefish	Open all year S – twelve (12) in one day C – six (6) in one day	Lake Temagami – S – twenty-five (25) C – twelve (12)				
Aurora Trout		Liberty Lake Closed 2013. NO Live Baitfish				
BAIT-FISH						
	bait, or dump the contents of a bait bucket, ny waters, or within 30 m of any waters	Lake Temagami – Alive or Dead Bait-Fish less than 13 cm (5.1") only Liberty Lake- NO Live Baitfish				
SANCTUARIES	Dates are inclusive					
	March 15 – June 15	Lake Temagami -Gull Creek (SW Arm) -Kokoko Bay -Spawning Lake and Creek -Loon Bay and Spawning Bay				
	April 1 – June 15	Thieving Bear Creek Net Creek - Dam area Net Lake - ONR Bridge Kanichee Creek - Kanichee to Net Lake				
	Closed All Year	Whirligig Lake Whitepine Lake Liberty Lake - Closed 2013				
	Jan 1 - May 17	Wicksteed Lake				

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

# Lake Temagami Fire Protection Committee Report continued from page 1

In response to a delegation made to Council by the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents Association (LaTemPRA) requesting enhancements to fire protection on Lake Temagami, an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to research and report back to Council on the various options.

The Committee Chair was Municipal Councillor Lorie Hunter and members of the committee were Municipal Councillor John Kenrick, Chief Administrative Officer Patrick Cormier, Steve Salonin and Dyane McCullough from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, Chief Jim Sanderson and Chief Paul Elliot of the Temagami and Marten River Fire Departments, John Harding from the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents Association and Will Goodman from the Temagami Lakes Association. Ed Matthews from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Roger Assiniwe, Temagami First Nation Fire Chief, were also invited to participate.

After extensive research and discussion, the committee submitted a comprehensive report to Council in April 2013, with the recommendation that Council seek public input on the range of options presented. The report contains a lot of information, including fire statistics and information on fire behaviour and response, but it is easy to follow. It lists the options that the committee considered and evaluates them based on various criteria, some of which are statutory requirements, training and safety requirements, equipment and maintenance standards, and the initial and ongoing costs.

The full report is available for viewing on the TLA website www.tla-temagai.org and on the municipality's website www.temagami.ca and paper copies of the report are also available at the Municipal Office, the Temagami Public Library, and the TLA Headquarters.

Council will also hold two public meetings during the summer months: one at the Bear Island Recreation Centre on July 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm and one at the Bunny Miller Theatre in the Temagami Welcome Centre on August 8, 2013 @ 3:00 pm. Council will not debate the matter at the meetings, since the purpose of the meetings is to clarify information in the report, if needed, and to receive comments from residents for consideration before making a decision. Council will also receive comments in writing and by fax and email submitted to the Municipal Office.

We hope that you will take opportunity to read the report, attend a meeting if possible and, once you have considered the options, comment on what you feel would be the best option for fire protection on the lake.

# Let's get the lead out! The TLA Lead Tackle Exchange Program

*X-ray image of lead tackle ingested* 

by a loon. Photo courtesy of: Loon

Preservation Committee.

By Justin Metz TLA Board of Directors - Fish and Wildlife

The Common Loon is a bird we all hold close to our hearts in Northern

Ontario. Its eerie, beautiful call is forever engraved in our memory as a symbol of pristine Canadian wilderness. Unfortunately, our love for fishing in these loon lakes is sometimes responsible for silencing the songs of our loons.

The ingestion of lead sinkers that are lost or accidentally discarded by anglers while fishing is a common occurrence amongst loons, as they often mistake them for small pebbles used to help aid

digestion. Lead is ground down in the gizzard, moved into the bloodstream and delivered to the vital organs (kidneys, brain etc.). The result is breakdown of the digestive system; loss of weight; inability to walk or fly; trouble feeding, mating and caring for young; susceptibility to predation; and eventual death. All this takes is one lead sinker or jig!

This process is responsible for the second highest cause of death among loons in Northern Ontario. A University of Guelph study showed that, "An estimated average of 125 to 187 million lead sinkers are deposited in Canadian waters annually, with about half in Ontario. Of 215 dead common loons collected in Canadian waters, 23% died of lead poisoning; most specimens were from Ontario."

This cause of death is so apparent in the freshwater lakes of the Eastern U.S. that many states have banned the use of lead tackle and loons are considered a species-at-risk. In Canada all of our National Parks have implemented leadfree fishing to eliminate the threat that lead poses to wildlife and the environment. Bald eagles, snapping turtles, blue herons and other water birds are also all connected to this toxic process.

The TLA is determined to help aid the prevention this unnecessary cause of death by initiating the TLA Lead Tackle Exchange Program. This program will allow anyone, both members and non members, to visit the TLA headquarters and other future participating vendors/organizations and exchange their lead tackle for non-toxic/non-lead jigs, sinkers, split shots and lures, free of charge! The lead

tackle will then be transported to be properly recycled and the money collected will be used to purchase additional non-toxic/non-lead tackle for the program.



Loons often mistake toxic jigs like these for pebbles used to aid digestion. The results are often fatal. Photo courtesy of: Loon Preservation Committee.

A few guidelines: All participants must turn in their lead tackle in order to receive non-toxic replacements. The tackle is not exchanged with those in

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a position to re-sell. In order to ensure that everyone can participate, it is occasionally necessary to apply limits to the amount an angler can exchange. (i.e. it is not possible to exchange all the lead an angler has if they bring in multiple tackle boxes filled with lead fishing weights).

The TLA is accepting donations from loon lovers to help purchase non-lead tackle and aid our distribution. As well, any local organizations who are interested in having a small Lead Tackle

Exchange Program station at their place of business are welcome to contact us by email: tla@onlink.net or by phone: (705) 237-8927.

We encourage everyone to participate in environmentally friendly fishing practices so anglers and wildlife can co-exist without harm. It is our hope that this great program will eventually help create a lead-free Temagami.

## Piano Tuner on the Lake June 2013

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

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

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

# Drinking water and septic systems: WHERE'S THE RISK?

Submitted by the Timiskaming Health Unit

Many people take clean drinking water for granted. If your drinking water comes from the lake, it can become contaminated from leaking or failing septic systems. If you get your drinking water from a well, septic contaminants may enter through cracks in the casing, poorly fitted lids or other structural faults. Septic run off will also impinge upon the overall quality of the lake. A septic system should effectively accept liquid wastes from your home or cottage and prevent biological and nutrient contaminants from getting into your well or nearby lake water.

#### A FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD

Poorly treated sewage from septic systems poses a significant threat to drinking water and human health. Improperly treated sewage from a leaking septic system that enters nearby surface water will increase the chance of swimmers contracting infectious diseases ranging from eye and ear infections to acute gastrointestinal illness and diseases like hepatitis. Septic run-off can also cause excessive algae growth and produce toxins, which, if located close to your water intake pipe, can impact your drinking water supply. These cannot be removed through normal water treatment systems.

#### WAS YOUR LAKE PROPERTY CONSTRUCTED BEFORE 1982?

Many lake properties in Temagami were constructed prior to 1982, when installation of steel septic tanks was standard practice. Under the Ontario Building Code Act, installation of steel septic tanks are now prohibited because steel tanks will rust and leak over time. Septic tanks must be 'water-tight' compartments. If you still use a steel septic tank, odds are it is leaking and needs to be replaced.

#### ARE THE SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN TEMAGAMI IMPACTING OUR LAKES?

On Lake Temagami alone, there are over 900 properties. The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing recommends inspections of septic systems every two years or at a minimum every five years, and that they are pumped out as required. In the past 5 years, less than 10% of Temagami lake property owners have had their septic system inspected. Among 75 septic system inspections conducted by the Timiskaming Health Unit, 70 septic systems were leaking and required replacement. Septic systems that are in good working condition help reduce the risk of drinking water contamination, both to your water supply and your neighbours.

For more information on septic systems or to schedule an inspection, contact the Timiskaming Health Unit at 705-647-4305.









Prior to 1982, installation of steel septic tanks was standard practice, but they are now prohibited because they rust and leak over time. These pictures of actual steel tanks show how badly they deteriorate, causing harm to water quality. Photos courtesy of the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU).



A new, long-lasting plastic septic tank. Photo courtesy of THU.

# DRINKING WATER TESTING Available This Summer

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 confor Lake Temagami.

ducted 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 contami-

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.

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The Temagami Lakes Association is offering to sample member's cottage drinking water for bacteria from July 1st to Aug. 2nd. 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.

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# Water Level Management in Northeastern Ontario continued from page 1

observations and/or their concerns and providing input to the dam owners, who ultimately have the final say in water management decisions. This information generally pertains to snow and ice conditions, local water levels and flow conditions and fish spawning activity at their location in the watershed. The dam owners rely heavily on the input of these members when making dam manipulation decisions during the freshet and fish spawning period.

Particular emphasis is placed on communications prior to and during the annual spring freshet period. Throughout the spring period weekly conference calls are held to ensure an open and coordinated approach to dam (and water level) manipulation. More frequent teleconferences are held throughout the spring if the situation warrants it (i.e. potential flood situations). Biweekly meetings have been held this year during the last two weeks of April and into May as water levels can change quickly as temperatures and precipitation patterns change.

This winter's snow accumulations were significant and much 'wetter' than normal due to a couple of rain events in January. In mid-April logs were replaced in the Cross

Lake dam both to bring the lake up to summer operation range and to hold water to help prevent flooding in southern portions of the watershed. As of this date, May 2nd, water levels throughout the southern portion of the watershed remain close to flood levels with the snow pack almost gone in our region.

Temagami water levels continue to rise even though logs have been removed from the Cross Lake dam. We are hoping that with warmer temperatures in early May our ice pack will weaken before water levels rise any further. At this time, however, water is being let through the Cross Lake dam at its maximum rate.

The ice did go out on Saturday May 4. Water levels on May 6 are almost at the top of the summer operating range. There are now 7 logs out of the Cross Lake dam so we expect

the lake level will trend down over the next few weeks. Hopefully we will receive some rain soon as the forest floor is very dry.

The table below tracks lake levels and snow levels for the spring of 2013. 1. Sturgeon/Nipissing/French Advisory Group

#### Lake Temagami Water Levels Measures - 2013

Date	Water Level m>sea level	Flow (m3/sec)	Summer Operation Range		Trend up/down	Snow	H20 equiv.	H20 % Norm
			Min (m)	Max.				
Feb. 6	293.51	26.5	293.60 m	294.00 m				
March 5	293.32	47.8	293.60 m	294.00 m	down			
March 13	293.31	32.8	293.60 m	294.00 m	even			
March 19	293.?	47.7	293.60 m	294.00 m		53.9 cm	154mm	94%
March 26	293.24	52	293.60 m	294.00 m	down	63.2 cm	162mm	72%
April 13	293.3	51.9	293.60 m	294.00 m	even	54.1 cm	153mm	
April 16	293.23	1.2	293.60 m	294.00 m	even	54.5 cm	166mm	201.7%
April 21	293.41	2.8	293.60 m	294.00 m	up			
April 23	293.49	3.7	293.60 m	294.00 m	up	35.6 cm	110 mm	199%
April 25	293.56	4.5	293.60 m	294.00 m	up			
April 29	293.72	7.5	293.60 m	294.00 m	ир	5.4 cm	14mm	
May 2	293.83	43.3	293.60 m	294.00 m	ир			
May 7	293.94	58.5	293.60 m	294.00 m	Even	0		

Summer Operating Range - ideal operation summer water level range measured in metres above sea level

M>sea level - actual water level on Lake Temagami on that specific date

Up/down - water level trend rising or falling on Lake Temagami

Snow – amount of snow on ground in Temagami watershed

H20 equiv. – amount of water contained in snow on ground measured in mm (rain while snow is on the ground can elevate this number and result in more meltwater in spring).

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# Regeneration From the Ashes continued from page 1

ash, but we had a cottage and we still had our spectacular view to the east.

The living conditions were rather primitive for the first couple years after the fire, but we slowly added new appliances and furniture and gradually finished the interior walls – an ongoing project that continues to this day.



New cottage in 1977, a few weeks after the fire. Photo by Dan Carpenter.

The fire consumed all the vegetation except for one small red pine and a few cedar trees. The tall pine trees that had been burned came down gradually. We needed soil to fill between the rocks before we could start planting new trees. Armed with buckets and a steel boat, we started hauling anything we could find: gravel, leaves, compost, bags of soil from town, anything at all. Visitors would bring a bag of potting soil or a bucket of fill from their island and another hole would be filled.

Within days after the fire, greenery started to appear on its own. Fireweed took hold and new shoots started to appear at the base of birch trees that had been burned. As time went on, a few jack pines, whose cones are designed to open after a forest fire, emerged from the ground and other evergreens followed. The land was starting to renew itself and each new green shoot was a welcome addition.

We decided to help nature along as best we could on the island. In addition to hauling fill whenever we could find it, we built a crib around the septic tank to grow flowers and we planted small trees that other cottagers donated to the cause. After a few years, the small birch and poplar shoots looked more like bushes than trees. After some careful thinning and pruning, they would grow rapidly into individual trees. When the beavers eventually discovered the lush new growth, we covered the lower trunks of the growing birch and poplar trees to help protect the emerging trees.

Within a few years, pines and spruce and cedars started to emerge on their own. These new trees would be buried in the snow in the wintertime, but each spring they would emerge and

grow at a rate of a foot or two per year. It came to the point that we had to thin crowded evergreens and prune branches to maintain pathways and the view to the lake – another ongoing labour of love that continues to this day.

The succession of regrowth on the mainland has followed a similar course: at first, fireweed, other shrubs and hardwood shoots; and lots of blueberries in sunny locations; then the gradual emergence of evergreens that now tower over the hardwoods.

In places, the growth is so thick that it's impossible to penetrate the growing forest from the shoreline of the lake. The island and mainland alike have become a haven for all manner of plants and wildlife – all where some 35 years ago there was little more than burned soil and the charred remains of the previous forest.

Because of all the new growth, many visitors to the lake today hardly recognize the area that was burned in 1977. Our cottage, which stood out like an imposing monument on the naked landscape in the first few years after the fire, is now barely visible from the water. The one constant during all the changes since the fire, the view from the house to the east, remains even if you have to crook your neck a bit to see the lake.



Plentiful hardwoods surround the cottage in 1985, with pines and spruce starting to emerge. Photo by Dan Carpenter.

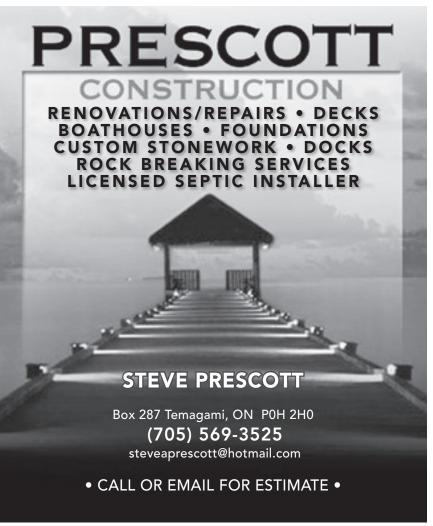


In 2007, pines and spruce have clearly overtaken the hardwood trees. Photo by Dan Carpenter.



In 2013, the trees have almost completely hidden the view of the cottage from the lake. Photo by Peter Healy.





# **COTTAGE SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION**

By Constable J. Andrews (Temagami Detachment)

One of the biggest areas of concern in the Municipality of Temagami is the amount of Break and Enters that occur in the area.

Local residents can assist police. All suspicious matters need to be reported and obtain as much information as a possible. This includes physical descriptions, clothing descriptions, vehicle descriptions (licence plate), and the area where they were last seen. Note the direction that the suspects are heading.

Thieves like to target the easy to carry items so that it doesn't hinder their movement. One easy way to help discourage theft of these items is to etch them with an identifying number such as your vehicle licence plate number. This personal Operation Identification number allows police to

easily locate these items at pawnshops and criminals consider them "damaged goods" as they are harder to get rid of. In association with this, it is always a good idea to copy down a list of the serial numbers of all electronic devices, tools, and generators and to keep this list in a secure area as these numbers can assist in investigations.

#### OTHER WAYS TO HELP DETER THIEVES FROM TARGETING YOUR COTTAGE:

- Install outside lighting to eliminate dark areas around doors or windows.
   Use motion lights with a low intensity feature as an alternative to bright constant lighting.
- Deadbolts should be installed on all exterior doors and ensure that entry doors and strike plates are secured with at least 2 ½ inch long screws.
- Take steps to reinforce any windows next to doors. This can be improved by adding a polycarbonate panel.
- Make arrangements with local residents/cottage owners to watch over your property and possibly shovel the walkway/entrance to give the appearance that someone is around.
- If you have a sliding door, place screws in the upper track to prevent them from being lifted out and ensure that you have a stick or security bar along the bottom track to prevent the door from sliding. The stick and security bar can also be used for sliding windows.

- Do not leave any valuables in the residence when you are away. Lock these items away in a safety security box.
- For members of the lake, work together with other lake residents to develop a local cottage watch program, with support from your local OPP Detachment, which can assist with keeping an open eye to irregular activities and report these to police. Knowing that such a program is in existence can be a deterrent to criminal activity.

# HOW CAN YOU ASSIST POLICE WHEN A CRIME HAS OCCURRED?

The OPP recommend that you contact police immediately when you discover that a crime has occurred and do not tamper with the crime scene, as valuable evidence can be lost.

These are just a few of the many suggestions in helping preventing crime and keeping your property (seasonal or full time) safe. Remember to assure your safety at all times. Contact police immediately and do not tamper with the crime scene, as valuable evidence can be lost. For more information please contact your local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122 or visit www.opp.ca for more home security information. The Crime Stoppers Civilian Board of Directors will pay up to \$2000 for any information leading to an arrest. Callers do not have to give their name and do not have to testify in court. Calls are never traced or taped.

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The Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) was organized in 1985 by area volunteers in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The program to date has been partially funded through the MNR as well as through memberships and public donations. Over the past several years Claude Landry (President)

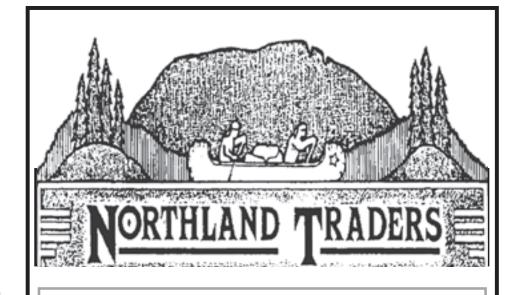
# Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program(T.A.F.I.P.) Spring/Summer 2013

and his wife Olive along with a few volunteers were instrumental in maintaining the Walleye program and ensuring it was maintained at a high standard within the Temagami Area. Due to health issues Claude was unable to continue duties as President with the (TAFIP) program as of this spring.

Existing volunteer TAFIP members along with new volunteers have taken on the initiative of maintaining the hatchery at a high standard for the 2013 season. The volunteers orga-

nized as groups and took on various tasks such as: egg collection, hatchery duties, pond preparations etc. Walleye eggs are being collected from the Lake Temagami area as well as the Net Creek area.

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# Temagami Lions Club Making Progress on Community Initiatives

#### HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

Approximately 2 years ago the Temagami Lions Club made a commitment to raise \$50,000 within a 5-year period, of which \$25,000 would go to the Temiskaming Hospital and \$25,000 to the North Bay Hospital.

During the month of May, cheques were presented to the hospitals in North Bay and Temiskaming Shores in the amount of \$6,500 each, bringing the Club's contributions to a total of \$28,000 to date, which is just over half of the \$50,000, 5-year commitment.

The Lions Club wish to thank the Marten River Sisters by Choice Group for their donation to the North Bay hospital fund.

Anyone requesting information or wishing to donate can contact the project leaders: Wayne Adair at 705-569-3319 or Bill Kitts at 705-569-3254. If you wish to donate towards the hospital funds, but require a tax receipt, you can do so through the Temagami Community Foundation. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

# DIABETES CLOTHESLINE PROGRAM

Recently, the Lions Club of Temagami partnered with the Canadian Diabetes Clothesline program to have a Clothesline drop off box located in Temagami. Thanks go to Dick and Joanne Van Manen, owners of Our Daily Bread grocery store, for letting the Lions Club set up at their location. Also, thanks to Bill and Billie Kitts for providing

storage space for the accumulation of clothing bags prior to pick-up by the Canadian Diabetes truck.

As of May 1, 2013 (a four month period) the Lions Club has collected a total of 252 bags of unwanted, usable clothing from local residents.

There are many benefits to having this program in Temagami such as:

- a) Funds raised from the collection of clothing provide research funding for the Canadian Diabetes Association.
- b) It limits the amount of usable clothing going into the municipal landfill site, thereby extending the life of the landfill site.
- c) It creates revenue for the Temagami Lions, which will assist in local initiatives.

The Canadian Diabetes Clothesline program will accept many types of articles such as: clothing, linens, blankets, bedding, shoes, handbags, towels, etc. All donations are gratefully accepted. If more information is required please contact Ike Laba @ 1-705-569-3252.

## 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.

# Summer Fish Love

Let the fish see you.

Let the fish tug upon your hook with strong lips. Let the fish feed you a smile.

The fish makes silver bubbles on the calm water. The fish makes funny faces in the summer. The fish swims a long path on our lake in the late afternoon.

And I love fish

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dylan is age 9 and wrote this poem while studying poetry in his schooling, in celebration of April being poetry month. The Temagami Times encourages students to contribute items as part of courses or to obtain community volunteer credits. Please see contribution notice on page 32.







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# TLA: Unique Among Lake Associations

By Kelly Romans Bancroft

I had a tough winter. I always long for Temagami during blizzards in Upstate New York, but this year was especially agonizing. I spent the season studying lake associations in Ontario for my master's thesis research, inundated with anecdotes, stories, memories and reminders of beautiful summertime days at the cottage.

I am not the only one who suffered though. As I interviewed people across Ontario about the environmental stewardship work of lake associations and analyzed a province-wide survey of the over 500 lake associations, I discovered a lot of kindred spirits: folks who long for the lake as they

spend the winter making plans for next year's AGM or barbeque and managing the associations' year-round business.

There is a lot of behind the scenes activity at lake associations that the average member never sees, and the TLA is no exception. Campsite maintenance and radio service are very visible, but the hard work of protecting the tenets by dealing with zoning,

legal and planning issues happens with less romance or recognition.

The TLA has unique characteristics. It is an older association that draws members from a large lake. The average lake association in Ontario has 140 members, an operating budget of under C\$5,000 and is 40 years old. TLA has about 600 members, a stronger than average financial position and was established in 1933.

TLA ranks extremely high on what I call "tangible deliverables" for members. Its headquarters building and the plethora of associated direct services (radio, mail, Wi-Fi, property checks, water tests, etc.) are an uncommon and valuable collection of benefits.

TLA is also unique in that it is the primary lake with cottages in the watershed and has a strong connection to its "back-

country". Unlike the TLA, some lake associations advocate with multiple local jurisdictions (just due to geographical chance), which adds complexity and demands for volunteer resources.

Lake associations share common challenges of maintaining volunteer resources and recruiting "new blood". Successful associations tend to do a lot of networking with other environmental groups, stakeholders and academia and they take care to keep the membership informed, engaged, and maintain a high membership rate. A recent trend among smaller associations is to form coalitions of neighboring associations to share re-

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sources and take action on larger scales, such as the entire ecologically connected watershed rather than just one's own lake.

The TLA is an exemplar of much of the overarching findings of the research. As grassroots community groups with long and rich histories, lake associations create a social memory and help maintain community cohesiveness. They are instrumental

in communicating essential information about boating safety, septic health, habitat and wildlife, water quality and other environmental issues. They give cottagers voice and agency when advocating for their interests, or for the interests of the lake itself.

Cottagers make excellent (and passionate) environmental stewards because they have detailed knowledge of their local environment and are committed to preserving environmental conditions for future generations. Recent decades have seen a rise in collaborative environmental governance that includes community groups, and lake associations have a unique ability (along with an important responsibility) to influence local environmental decision-making and provide stewardship to the lake and its environs.

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#### Welcome Back

After a very long winter, the lake is finally open and we welcome back our seasonal residents who are returning to summer homes and cottages in Temagami. As you read through this update, you will see we have made some improvements, such as enhanced landfill site hours and more assistance at waste transfer stations, an increase in reserved parking at the Mine Landing, and better docking.

We hope that you will enjoy the newly renovated waterfront when you come into town and we look forward to seeing you there for the Canada Day celebrations and throughout your summer here.

#### Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements

A major capital project this year is the revitalization of the waterfront by the Welcome Centre Building. With the assistance of funding from both the Provincial and Federal Governments, work began on the Waterfront Development Project earlier this year. The project includes the removal and replacement of the footbridge, the waterfront docks and decking, which will improve the safety and accessibility of the area. The floating docks will also be replaced and the old docks will be refurbished and redeployed to access points at a later date.

Additionally, the retaining wall around the grass area on the waterfront will be replaced, new lighting installed, and the clock tower repaired. Two new gazebos will be built: one on the point and one on the swim dock. Finally, landscaping and new park benches and tables will enhance the new waterfront, making it a welcoming and enjoyable area. We hope that our Canada Day festivities at the waterfront will be an opportunity for as many of our residents as possible to enjoy the benefits of this revitalization project.

#### 2013 Municipal Budget Passed

We are pleased to announce that the municipal budget and the tax rate by-law were passed in April. Although it was a challenge to keep costs and taxes down, while absorbing a \$30 million reduction in

overall assessment, we were able to accomplish this and bring in a budget that was well within the guidelines that Council set in the fall. We appreciate the work of the General Government and Finance Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Chair John Kenrick, for their assistance.

The budget for operational expenditures was reduced by 1.3% from last year's budget and, even with an increase in capital expenditures for infrastructure, the total increase in tax revenue is less than one percent. Additionally this year the total amounts of most area rated charges for such things as water, sewer and solid waste collection have stayed about the same or been reduced slightly.

It is important to note that, although individual properties may see variations due to assessment changes, over the past 3 years the total amount of tax dollars billed out has been increased by less than 1%.

The 2013 residential tax rates are as follows: the Municipal rate is 0.00785571 and the Education rate is 0.00212000, for a total rate of 0.00997571 (compared to 0.00935152 last year). The municipal rate is up slightly from last year; however, it is still one of the lowest in Northeastern Ontario.

## 2012 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Section 295 of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001 the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami will make available upon request a copy of our 2012 audited financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, the auditor's report and the tax rate information for the current and previous year as contained in the financial review, to any taxpayer or resident of the municipality at no cost. These are posted on our website and are also available at the Municipal Office.

#### Lake Temagami Fire Protection Report

Following a delegation to Council by the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents Association (LaTemPRA) for fire protection on Lake Temagami, Council appointed a Committee to research the feasibility of the proposal and prepare a report. In April, Council received the report and released it for public consultation on the range of options presented. Two public meetings will be held in the summer: one at the Bear Island Recreation Center on July 24, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and another at the Bunny Miller Theatre (Temagami Welcome Centre) on August 8, 2013 at 3:00pm.

Council will not debate the matter at these meetings, but will receive comments and clarify information. Council will also receive comments by letter, fax and email sent to the Municipal Office at the above address, fax or email, clearly marked "Lake Temagami Fire Protection Comments".

The report is now posted on the Municipality's website at www.temagami.ca. Paper copies are available at the Municipal Office, the Temagami Public Library, and the TLA Headquarters.

Thank you to the Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Lorie Hunter, for all the work and research that went into compiling the report. We encourage everyone to read it and participate in the consultation process.

#### Reminder Regarding Open Burning

We are again in Forest Fire Season, which runs from April 1st to October 31st yearly. During Forest Fire Season, municipal permits are required for all open air burning, excluding campfires. Permits are available from the Municipal Office and from the Marten River Post Office.

We encourage everyone to burn responsibly this summer and take the necessary precautions to protect surrounding property and help preserve our wilderness from forest fires. Please be mindful of weather conditions to ensure that burning is safe, whenever you are doing any type of open burning, including campfires.

We encourage people to check the fire rating and, particularly if conditions have been hot or dry, to check whether a fire ban or Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) has been issued. The set fines under our municipal by-law have been increased to discourage people from improper burning, particularly during a RFZ or fire ban.

#### Official Plan and Zoning By-law

In late March 2013, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) approved Amendment No. 1 to the Municipality of Temagami's Official Plan, which resulted from the mandatory 5-year review of the Plan. There was a 20-day appeal period following the MMAH Notice of Approval, but no appeals were filed. We therefore now have final approval on the amendment.

The Official Plan, as amended, is now in keeping with Council's vision for Temagami in that it is supportive of economic development, while protecting the unique values of Temagami. We thank all of the individuals and groups who participated in the review process for their input. We also thank the members of the Planning Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Chair Paul Middleton, for their assistance in this process.

With the amended Official Plan (OP) now in force, the Municipality is proceeding to finalize the accompanying amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law (CZBL) to make the by-law conform with the changes to the OP. The review of the CZBL was done concurrently with the OP and public input meetings were held as part of the process. The Municipality has drafted changes to the by-law to clarify the wording where appropriate and to remove inconsistencies in the existing CZBL. Council gave first reading to the Comprehensive Amendment to the Zoning By-law on April 25th.

For more details on the changes to the OP, the CZBL or the process, please refer to the Planning Department section of our website, www.temagami.ca or contact our Planner, Wayne Koethe at planning@temagami.ca or by phone at 705-569-3421 ext 210.

#### New Economic Development Officer

The Municipality is pleased to welcome Michelle Anderson as our new Economic Development Officer as of May 13, 2013.

Michelle brings with her a number of years of experience in marketing and research. She is a creative, selfstarting, proactive and



energetic individual with a proven track record. She has considerable knowledge and experience in managing, leading and preparing business plans and other experience that will be a valuable asset to the Municipality.

As Economic Development Officer she will be responsible for meeting goals related to the Economic Development Strategy and assisting in accomplishing the priorities set out in the Vision for Temagami. Her role is also to facilitate development of housing, new industries, businesses and services in the

Municipality for the purpose of expanding the economy of the community, providing local employment opportunities and strengthening the tax base of the Municipality. She will also be responsible for securing funding for municipal capital projects, economic development activities, and other programs.

#### Canada Day Celebrations

We invite everyone to come and join us on the newly renovated waterfront for the 2013 Canada Day



Celebrations. The festivities will commence on the evening of Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> with an evening of music and a fireworks display. During the day on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be fun activities suitable for the whole family. The Municipality gladly accepts donations towards the fireworks display; if mailing a cheque, please clearly indicate that it is a donation for Canada Day fireworks.

Full details of activities will be available on our Community Events page on the municipal website and in brochures at various locations around the Municipality closer to the date. We hope to see you there!

#### **Building Permit Fee Schedule Changes**

Over the last few years the Municipality's building department has received comments regarding the Schedule of Permit Fees for Building By-law 08-872. Both property owners and contractors found it difficult to understand and requested it be changed to make it easier to use. In February 2013, Council passed By-law 13-1110 to amend Schedule A to make it more user-friendly.

This schedule sets out the fees for Construction, Demolition and Change of Use Permits for both residential and commercial/industrial buildings. Please note that permits are also required for certain renovations and alterations, including plumbing and hvac changes. There continues to be a 100% surcharge for work that is begun without a permit, so please check if a permit is required before commencing any work.

During the 2013 budget process, it was noted that the area-based fee in the old schedule came short of covering the actual costs related to travel to remote sites to provide the service. So an increase to the

#### ANNUAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the requirements of Section 7(4) of the Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, c23 and Division C, Sentence 1.9.1.1 (1) of the Ontario Building Code Regulations, the Building Department of the Municipality has prepared its Annual Report for 2012. A copy of this report posted on the municipal website under: Your Government » Departments » Building & Bylaw Enforcement » General Information. The report is also available for viewing at the Municipal Office during regular business hours.

area based fees was also incorporated into the new Schedule.

The complete by-law, as well as the new, more user-friendly schedule is available on our website at www.temagami.ca or at the Municipal Office.

#### New Waste Disposal Site Hours

We ask the cooperation of all residents to ensure proper waste disposal. Attendants at landfill sites can provide direction for proper sorting and an attendant will be at the Lake Temagami Access Point for additional hours this summer. Please dispose of all recyclable materials in the containers provided (please flatten cardboard boxes) and do not include hazardous materials with regular garbage. Household hazardous waste may be taken to the depot at 112 Patton St. in North Bay, from 8:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Wednesday, at no charge to Temagami residents.

#### HOURS

STRATHY (300 Milne – Sherman Road) Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (summer months -May long weekend to Labour Day long weekend) Sunday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (winter months)

BRIGGS (1380 Lake Temagami Access Road) Monday & Wednesday 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Thursday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

SISK (3232 Highway 11 North, Marten River) Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Sunday 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm (summer months -May long weekend to Labour Day long weekend) Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm (winter months)

#### Lake Temagami Access Point Parking

During the fall of 2012, a new, reserved parking area was created at the Lake Temagami Access Point. The new spaces reduced the waiting list significantly. If you are a property owner on Lake Temagami and/or a permanent resident of Lake Temagami or Bear Island and would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Barbara at the Municipal Office by phone at 705-569-3421 ext 209 or by email at accounts@ temagami.ca.

With the addition of the new parking spaces, new rules covering the use and maintenance of the reserved parking were put in place and provided to those renting the spaces. These rules were amended in April to also permit the parking of an empty or loaded trailer no longer then 25 feet in total length between May 1st and October 31st as long as it is not attached to, or in addition to, another vehicle.

Working for Temagami's future...Together!