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New Mayor

Council unanimously appointed former Deputy Mayor Lorie Hunter as Mayor for the remainder of this Council Term, following the resignation of former Mayor John Hodgson, due to conflicting business commitments.

Mayor Lorie Hunter, a long-time resident of Temagami, is the longest serving member of the current Council. She was appointed to fill a vacancy on Council in October 2007, having served



two previous terms as a councillor, and was re-elected to Council in 2010. She is currently Chair of the Protection to Persons and Property Advisory Committee and has served on and chaired various other committees.

Councillor John Kenrick has been appointed to fill the position of Deputy Mayor. Also Chair of the General Government and Finance Advisory Committee, Councillor Kenrick has brought his expertise in finance from the MNR to benefit the Municipality.

Council is in the process of filling the Councillor vacancy by appointment and the position has been widely advertised. Council will decide on which applicant to appoint to fill the vacancy following a special, open council meeting to be held on October 24, at which applicants will speak to Council.

New Municipal Award Program

The Municipality of Temagami is putting in place a new Municipal Award Program to recognize those who make a difference to the quality of life in Temagami. These awards are intended to recognize people who have had a profound impact for good on the community, whether they have accomplished this as volunteers or by going above and beyond that which is normally

required in the course of their vocation, career, business or public office.

This program will start in 2014 and will provide annual award opportunities in three categories:

- **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** – for improving the quality of life for the people of Temagami in the past year;
- **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** – for having enhanced the quality of life for the people of Temagami on an ongoing basis for an extended period of time; and
- **POSTHUMOUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** – for a lasting legacy of benefit to the community.

Consideration for these annual awards will be through a nomination process. Nomination forms will be available online at www.temagami.ca/awards or at the Municipal Office. Any year-round or seasonal resident or landowner within the Municipality of Temagami or their immediate family members can be nominated and can make nominations. Self-nominations are not permitted. Awards will be made each summer by Council and will consist of an individual award as well as an engraving on a permanent plaque at the Welcome Centre.

Lake Temagami Fire Protection Report Update

Over the summer there were two special council meetings held – one on the lake and one in town – to review the Draft Lake Temagami Fire Protection Report and to receive comments from residents. In addition to the meetings, about 30 comments were received in writing. We thank all of those who attended the meetings and who took the time to read and comment on the draft report. The Ad Hoc Committee is now in the process of compiling all of the comments and will present a final report and recommendations for Council's consideration.

Temagami Cottage Watch

Cottage break-and-enters, damage and theft are serious concerns impacting cottagers, but there is a new initiative in place designed to reduce the incidence of these crimes and, when they do occur, to assist the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

with investigations.

Temagami Cottage Watch is a community-based crime prevention program that is organized and operated by concerned residents and supported, but not run, by the OPP.

The primary objective of the Cottage Watch program is to build communities of cottagers willing to protect each other's interests. While Cottage Watch can increase community safety, it does not advocate citizen patrols or vigilantism. Police are still responsible for confronting suspicious individuals and making any necessary arrests.

One of the aspects of this program is regular reporting to the OPP regarding the properties observed. The Municipality is assisting in this program by providing a reporting mechanism through a Temagami Cottage Watch page on our municipal website. Those participating in this program can go to our website and fill out and submit a form that is sent to a secure OPP e-mail address.

To learn more about the Cottage Watch program, or to submit information, please go to www.temagami.ca and select "Your Government » Emergency Services » Temagami Cottage Watch".

Property Disposals

The former Medical Centre building, located on Stevens Road in Temagami, is now up for sale. The Municipality issued a Requests for Proposals (RFPs) on this property, but no suitable proposals were received during that process. The property is currently being marketed by municipal staff, who will work with prospective purchasers.

Staff are also working to resolve some technical issues related to a road allowance on the property at 26 Lakeshore Drive, in order to prepare to issue an RFP for that property. In addition, the Municipality has been working with Infrastructure Ontario as they prepare for the sale of the piece of Provincial property on Lakeshore Drive, where the former OPP station and MNR building stood. We understand that they are moving along on this process and will soon

be ready to prepare an RFP to sell this land to a developer.

Solid Waste Management Update

Based on recommendations in the Solid Waste Management Master Plan, Council passed a new Waste Management By-law 13-1130 in July. This new by-law, in conjunction with an updated User Fee By-law 13-1133, passed in June, has provided for better waste management in the Municipality.

Some highlights of the changes brought about by these by-laws are:

- The reinstatement of tipping fees for construction waste;
- Disposal rates per cubic metre competitive with neighbouring municipalities. (Tipping fee rates are included in the Annual User Fee By-law);
- An exemption from tipping fees for up to ½ ton truck load per week of allowable waste for residents and property owners;
- Clarification by means of lists of permitted and excluded wastes included as: Appendix A – Acceptable Solid Waste Streams; Appendix B – List of Household Hazardous Waste Materials; and Appendix C – List of Recyclable Materials;
- The provision for fines of up to \$5,000 for illegal deposit of solid waste. This includes improper use of transfer stations as well as dumping other than at an approved landfill site.

The full text of the by-laws are on our Municipal website at www.temagami.ca/bylaws.

You can obtain a copy of the appendices lists from your landfill attendant or the Municipal Office. The Ministry of the Environment has advised us that the operations at the transfer sites are much improved this year. We continue to encourage all residents to properly dispose of waste.

THU Water Testing

The Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) offers bacterial testing of drinking water to our residents free of charge and you can now drop your samples off at the Municipal Office. The Temagami Municipal Office has long been a location for residents to pick up the empty THU sample bottles, but water samples had to be dropped off in New Liskeard. The THU is providing more convenient drop off locations, to make it easier for residents to use this service.

Under this program, the water must be taken from private wells or be treated surface water, as the THU will NOT test untreated surface water. Additionally, the program is offered only to "single households" (i.e. the well or system is used by fewer than 6 private residences and is not used for serving the public).

Samples must be dropped off Tuesday mornings between 8:00 and 11:00am. It is recommended that residents with wells or treated lake water have their water tested on a regular basis – about three times per year.

Temagami Train Station

Part of Council's vision is to make the Temagami Train Station a central focus of the town. Council came to an agreement with the Temagami Station Restoration Trust earlier this year to return the operation of the station to the Municipality. Council is currently reviewing options for the use of this building.

Cell Phone Service Improvements

After years of advocating for improved cell phone service in Temagami, the Municipality is pleased that now there are two new cell phone towers in Temagami. These will increase the ability to get signal along Highway 11 and in town for those with Rogers service; we are hopeful that Rogers will be able to enter into agreements with other cell phone providers for shared service from these towers in the not-too-distant future.



Executive Director of NOHFC, Bruce Strapp and Mayor Hunter get a tour of the cell tower operations by Rogers Technician, Quinn Pelletier.

Mayor Lorie Hunter joined representatives from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Net Central, Rogers, and the Municipality for the official launch of these towers on October 3rd. The event featured a cellular conference call with the Mayors of North Bay and Timiskaming, Quebec, whose communities have also benefited from similar installations. They discussed the increased level of security that this will be for people travelling the highway, since the enhanced signal will work for Emergency calls to 911 with ALL cell phone providers.

New Memory Wall at Whispering Pines

People often have close ties to Temagami and want to have a permanent memorial here for themselves or their loved ones, even if the burial takes place elsewhere. In response to this, the Cemetery Board at the Whispering Pines Cemetery has decided to create a "Memory Wall" at the Cemetery. The Memory Wall, which will have "Temagami Memorial" etched at the top, will be attached to the back of the second columbarium that is soon to be installed.

Each memorial etching will consist of two lines, including the person's name and the years of their birth and death. The cost for a memorial etching is \$150.00. Please contact Barbara at the Municipal Office for details.

Caribou Mountain Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who gathered on Caribou Mountain the weekend of July 27th and 28th for the Temagami Community Volunteer Weekend. A total of 26 volunteers turned to perform various types of work to give the area a fresh look. Sanding, staining, and various clean up and beautification projects were underway on the viewing platform, walkways and area around the fire tower from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. With a backlog of maintenance work from previous years to overcome, the time and efforts put in by these volunteers has truly been appreciated. The Municipality has received quite a few comments about the noticeable improvement to this area, as a result of their work.

Increasing Seniors Supports

A large percentage of Temagami's residents are seniors, and we value them and appreciate their contributions to this community. One of the aspects of Council's vision for Temagami is to increase facilities and supports for seniors here.

The Municipality is currently in negotiations to enhance and expand services to our seniors in an effort to enable them to stay in their own homes longer. We do not have concrete dates when these services will be expanded; however, we are encouraged at the progress so far and also that these services will continue to be provided through our Temagami Home Support. We especially appreciate the hard work of Councillor Sam Barnes, who is the Councillor with the Social Services portfolio, in promoting the needs of Temagami's seniors to the various district agencies and boards.

The Municipality has also been working with other local groups and organizations that provide supports for our seniors. One outcome of this collaboration is a new page on the municipal website where local groups can list the available programs and supports for seniors. Originally intended as a means to assist with communication between the groups of service providers and to aid them in coordinating services, it is also a good source of information that can be accessed directly by seniors and their families. The page is found at www.temagami.ca/seniors.

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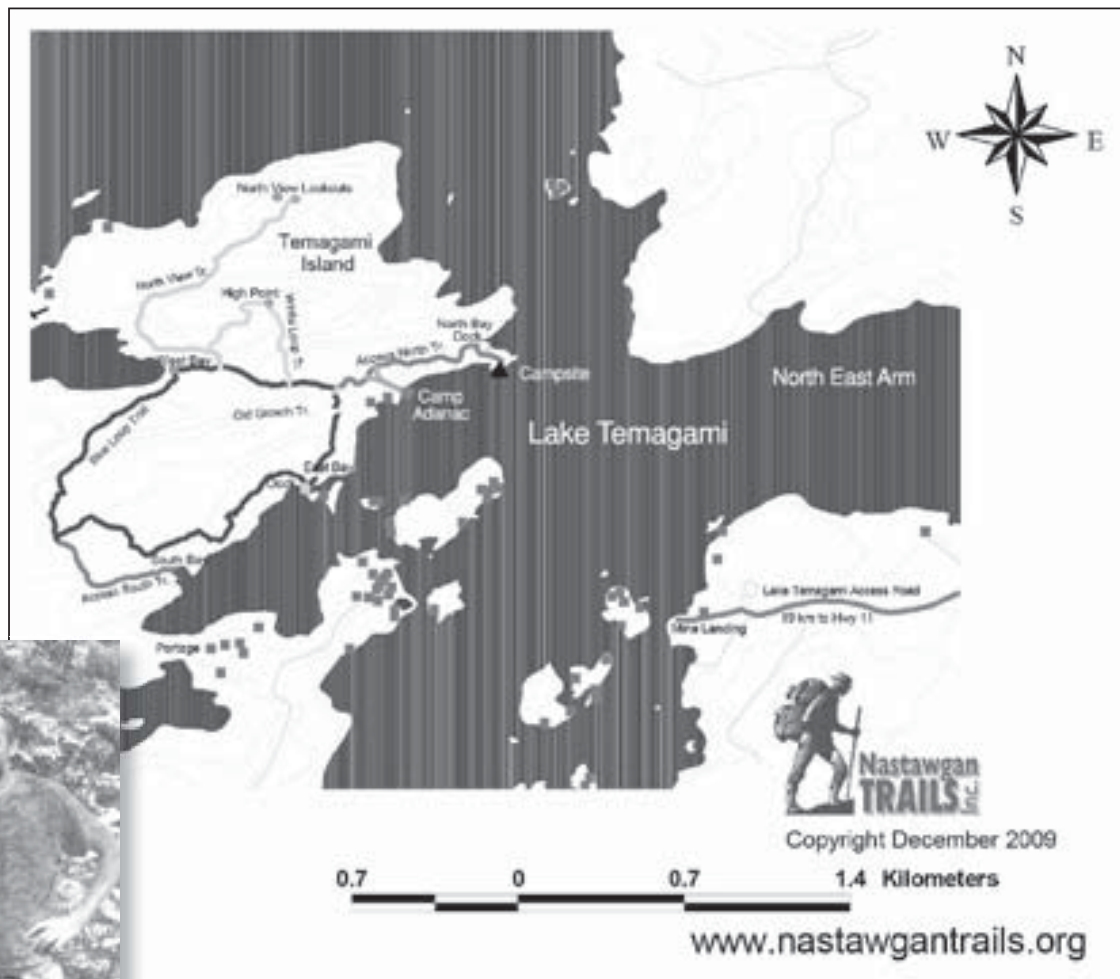
Temagami Island Trails

By: Diana Van Vlymen

This past summer, several volunteers from the Friends of Temagami, Nastawgan Trails, and others cleared parts of the old-growth trails on Temagami Island. With the active support of the TLA, they tackled the blue and red trails on the island, requiring a day or two of work to complete. In the coming years, the Friends of Temagami anticipate further work on the trails, to maintain their quality, so look forward to further updates next year and beyond.

Stop by the headquarters building next year to pick up a colour map (courtesy of Nastawgan Trails Inc.) or laminated copy, and discover the trails for yourself. The hike through the woods along the

blue loop trail (the main section cleared over the summer) is somewhat challenging and takes about an hour to 90 minutes to complete, but the scenery is not to be missed! The forest is absolutely spectacular, and you almost feel like you're the first travellers to discover the island as you walk. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers for their hard work this summer!



Friends of Temagami Trail Brushers July 2013: Mike McIntosh, Roger Marceau, Ed MacPherson, Alex Mathias, Pierre Aubin. Photo courtesy of TLA member Nicole Brooker who was also there to help out.

TAFIP Overcomes Challenges and Creates Opportunities for 2014

By Ike Laba



wife Olive dedicated significant hours to the operation, promotion and fundraising of our local hatchery. Due to the Landrys' efforts and dedication, along with the help of volunteers throughout the years, the Walleye fishery in the Temagami area has improved significantly.

Until late March, no one was willing to step up to the plate to take over the leadership of the Hatchery. At a meeting in late March, Wayne Adair agreed to be the President and 12 directors were named and accepted various positions and duties within the organization.

Last winter (2013) ice conditions remaining until very late in the spring, followed by a very quick thaw, resulted in a short spawn, making it

The 2013 season for the Temagami Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) has been a challenging year. Claude Laundry, the long-time President of TAFIP for 15 years, passed away in May due to illness. Claude and his

difficult to get walleye eggs. We were successful in getting approximately 150,000 eggs from Cassells Lake/Net Creek and additional eggs from Lake Temagami.

With the extreme spring weather and the short walleye spawn, it was difficult to maintain survival of the existing Walleye eggs at the hatchery. In order to provide the best results for the remaining eggs, they were put back into the areas where they were obtained.

This meant that the hatchery's rearing ponds were not required for the 2103 season, so it was decided to use this opportunity to improve them. The ponds at all three sites: Sherman Road, Red Squirrel Road and Roosevelt Road, were overgrown with cattails and various other plants. These three ponds and the water holding area are now ready for the 2014 season.

Thank you to all the people, organizations and volunteers who have contributed



As the Hatchery's rearing ponds were not required in 2013, TAFIP used this opportunity to improve them. This backhoe is working at the Red Squirrel Pond. Photo by Wayne Adair.

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towards the fisheries program in the past number of years. Your contributions and volunteer help have greatly improved the Walleye population in Temagami. We also thank all those who will donate in the future to the cause of preserving our fisheries within the Temagami area.



The Sherman Pond, shown here cleared of overgrown vegetation.
Photo by Wayne Adair.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks this year go to Russ Manderstrom for his work on all three ponds and for his donation of 2 days of labour and machinery to work on the Sherman pond and water holding area.

Special thanks also go to Scott Langford, who also worked on all three ponds and donated 2 days of his labour. These donations allowed the hatchery to save 33% of the total cost of the rehabilitation of the Walleye rearing ponds. The total cost to TAFIP for these projects amounted to \$13,000.

Special thanks also go to:

- Jason Blais for his donation of an outboard motor for hatchery work.
- Charlie Berube for working on the Sherman holding pond and water retaining area.
- Olive Landry for continued work with the new Temagami hatchery volunteers.
- Peter Healy for helping with accounting, funding applications and fundraising.

Although this year was not the best year for the Walleye egg collection and development program, we feel we have made some major accomplishments by upgrading the Fisheries Ponds, which will have a positive effect on the 2014 season. The rearing ponds are in excellent shape, and the new expanded team is ready and willing to make 2014 an excellent, productive season.

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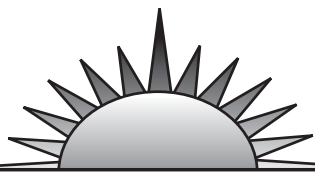
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Temagami Lions Club Update

By Ike Laba

HOSPITAL FUND RAISER

Two years ago, the Temagami Lions Club made a commitment to raise \$50,000 over a 5-year period in support of the Temiskaming and North Bay Hospitals. To date the Lions Club, along with your help, has raised a total of over \$33,000. Recently, the Lions Club received a very substantial generous donation from Jeff Snyder towards the Hospital Fund, which was greatly appreciated.

Anyone wishing to donate towards the Hospital Fund and requiring a tax receipt should send their donation to the Temagami Community Foundation. Please identify your donation "HOSPITAL FUND" so that it does go to the intended use. If you do not require a tax receipt, then the Lions Club can receive your donation. Any donation large or small is greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Wayne Adair at 705-569-3319.

DIABETES CLOTHESLINE

In late December of 2012, the Lions Club initiated a Diabetes Clothesline Drop off Box at the Temagami Grocery Store (Our Daily Bread). This box was set up to raise funds for Diabetes research, raise funds for the Lions Club for community service, and to divert usable clothing from waste disposal sites.

To date, the Club has shipped 625 bags of clothes, for which the Lions Club will be reimbursed \$800.00. It was originally predicted that the club could raise \$900 to \$1,000 within a year's time. Thanks to all the people who assisted us in achieving this goal to date.

LIONS/ GRANT'S HOME HARDWARE

Thanks to Grant's Home Hardware and especially Al Lavallee for the continued support of the Temagami Lions Club this year. On July 26 & 27 the

Lions Club held a successful BBQ in front of the Temagami store and Grant's Home Hardware donated a patio set to the Lions Club for a draw to be held at the BBQ. The winner was Joanne Van Manen of Temagami. All funds raised from the BBQ and Patio Set draw will be donated towards the joint Temiskaming/North Bay hospital fund.

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Lions Club Event (left to right) Sally Middleton, Wayne Adair, Al Lavallee (Home Hardware), Joanne Van Manen (winner of the patio set) and Lions president Bob Sykes. Photo by Ike Laba.

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HIGHWAY INFORMATION SIGN
(fire 1999/ Lions tree plant/MNR research area)

Final approval has been received from various government agencies to place an Information Sign along Highway #11 at the 1999 fire site, south of Temagami near the Town Entry Sign. This project was a partnership project between:

- The Ministry of Natural Resources
- The Ministry of Transportation
- The Municipality of Temagami
- School children from Bear Island and Temagami
- The Temagami and Mattawa Lions Clubs

The Temagami Lions Club co-coordinated a plant-

ing program at the north end of the 1999 fire location. Various species, such as Jack Pine, White Pine, Red Pine and White Spruce were planted amongst existing species such as Poplar and White Birch. The burn area to the South is used by the MNR as a research area for Salamander study, growth and yield data.

TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK

URGENT! The Lions Club of Temagami requests your assistance in replenishing the Temagami Food Bank. Due to a recent increase in clientele, it is at an all time low of supplies. The Food Bank at present has an adequate supply of pastas and sauces, but is very short on many other items such as hot and cold cereals, all types of canned goods and juices. If you wish to donate items to the Food Bank, please feel free to call (Lion) Paul Middleton at 1-705-569-2586. All and

any donations are welcome. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

The Temagami Lions Club is involved in many service projects within the community and is continuously looking for new members. If you require more information, please contact any club member or our President Bob Sykes at 705-569-4412 OR if you are interested in joining, but need more information, you can come to one of our meetings as a guest of one of the club members.





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The 50-Foot Surprise

By Linda Cain, Island 849

Fishing for Trout usually happens in 80 to 120 feet of water. In late August I went out trout fishing around 3 p.m. in the afternoon. It was a sunny, cool day and the wind was light enough for trout jigging.

I was working my way south from Cattle Island to Island 672. I saw some baitfish, but few trout on my fish finder. After spending about 30 minutes searching for trout, I decided to cut through to the southwest end of Chimo Island. The water was only about 50 feet deep between the small islands and I was just putting along, enjoying a diet Pepsi, when I spotted a great mark on my fish finder. Immediately I thought, "What the heck? That must be a really big bass."

I dropped my jig lure down 50 feet and, boom, something was on the end. My first thought was, "I am snagged on a log." Then my line whizzed out and I said to myself, "I have caught the largest bass in Lake Temagami or a large pike."

I tried to reel the big fish in, but he just kept pulling line out. I fought with the big fish for about 10 minutes, finally struggling to bring him to the surface. I love to look over the side of the boat, when the fish is just appearing in about 3 feet of water. I couldn't believe what I saw! It was a monster trout. I was amazed that I had found him in 50 feet of water. He must have been cruising the area for dinner.



Linda Cain with the 15-pound trout she caught in only 50 feet of water on Lake Temagami.
Photo by: Dave Cain.

Getting him in the net was yet another challenge. He was exhausted as he neared the surface of the calm water. I grabbed my net in my right hand and tried to get him head first into the net, but his whole body would not fit. Out of desperation, I grabbed his tail, shoved his head well into the net and heaved him over the side and onto the bottom of the boat.

I was gasping for air and shaking with excitement. I had not lost him! I had caught and netted a 15-pounder all by myself!

Fishing for trout is such a thrill and catching a big one all by myself, was the highlight of my summer on beautiful, bountiful Lake Temagami.



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Kristen Adrienne Rannie Hatz

August 20, 1986-September 30, 2012

We have lost a daughter, a niece, a fiancée, a warm and loving friend, and a caring and talented teacher.

Kristen Rannie Hatz died at age 26 from complications of metastatic melanoma in the early hours of September 30, 2012. She was the cherished only child of Jean Rannie and Joe Hatz, fiancée and best friend of Wayne Barry, and beloved niece of Claire Rannie and Tim Roach.

She will be sadly missed by friends and colleagues at the Primrose Family Medicine Centre; the Pinecrest Recreation Centre, where she was a lifeguard and swim instructor for many years; Blossom Park Public School, where she was a student teacher during the completion of her B. Ed. from the University of Ottawa; and Camp Wabikon where she spent many summers as a camper, CIT and counsellor. In addition, she was a dedicated volunteer and director of the Ottawa Sexual Assault Centre, starting when she was still at university.

Kristen's love of Temagami began very early, when her parents brought her to Island 813 just before her first birthday and for several years afterwards, before the family left to spend four years in the Netherlands in 1995.

She returned to Temagami in 1999 to attend Camp Wabikon as a camper. She enjoyed camp so much she enrolled in the CIT (counsellor in training) program in 2002. The senior staff were so impressed with her that they invited her to join the

staff as a counsellor the following summer, instead of requiring her to miss one summer before taking the job, the usual policy.

A melanoma in 2009 was successfully treated, causing us to hope that all would be well. However, in December of 2011 a chronic cough was found to be caused by a large lump in her lung, a return of the melanoma.

In spite of side effects from the cancer treatment and constant exhaustion, Kristen insisted on completing her B.Ed and working at the Primrose Family Medicine Centre when she could. Many around her were unaware of how ill she was.

Kristen embraced her practice teaching with enthusiasm, imagination and humour. She showed promise of being an inspired and loving teacher. Her favourite saying was "some days, you just need a boa", which was followed by her producing the item in question.

We are grateful that Kristen was well enough last summer to spend time on Temagami, doing things she loved; canoeing, climbing High Rock, enjoying some quality dock time and sleeping in a tent one last time.

The family would like to express our gratitude to the Temagami Lakes Association for their kind and thoughtful donation to The Temagami Foundation in Kristen's name.

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What You Should Know About Your Septic System

By Adam Tretjack

*When was the last time you had your holding tank pumped out or inspected?
When was the last time you looked into updating your holding tank or septic system?
Did you know that old steel tanks are only good for about 20-25 years?*

The issues created by leaking tanks and malfunctioning septic systems can drastically change the health of the surrounding water sources and the environment in your area. This can have many consequences, including lowered property value.

Your septic system may be having a negative impact on our lake, the fish, your neighbours and the animals that rely on the lake for food and water. If you pump lake water into your cottage or if you enjoy eating fresh fish and blueberries, this could include you! This remarkable place may not be the same for long.

There are a few signs that indicate a poorly functioning system, the most obvious being that there are soggy spots near your leaching bed/holding tank or there is a sewage odour in your home or around the leaching bed. Other signs could include large amounts of algae growth in nearby water sources; sinks and showers that back up with sewage or drain slowly; and drinking water tests that come back with high levels of bacteria and other unpleasant contaminants.

The processes that digest and filter sewage rely on the presence of a healthy variety of beneficial microbes to eat contaminants and to clean the water to safer levels before returning it back to the natural environment through a leaching bed. Household cleaners, caustic toilet bowl cleaners, drain cleaners, medications, fabric softeners, hair conditioners, solvents, bleach and disinfectants can hinder this process.

These cleaners and chemicals overwhelm and kill the beneficial microbes that are needed to purify the sewage water, causing degradation to the soil and water in the surrounding area. They will also cause sewage to rot or putrefy, rather than ferment, causing that "smell" nobody likes. Luckily your septic system is "recoverable"; when chemicals, cleaners and solid waste stop being introduced into your system, your system will clean itself within a month or so.

Property owners, guests, and tenants also need to be aware that solids like dental floss, feminine hygiene products, food solids, hair, washing machine lint, cat litter and items of this nature need to be disposed of responsibly into their proper receptacles. These solids can build up and clog your leaching bed and pipes.

Even after the sewage has passed through the purification process of a septic system, not all of the nutrients are removed. For example, nitrate and phosphate

will remain and these ions will have a negative influence on ground and surface water.

Nitrogen is a basic nutrient that algae require to bloom and, if left in its original form, it will contribute to algae growth. It could also potentially collect in ground water sources to unacceptable levels for potable water.

The second nutrient to be concerned about is phosphorus. Phosphorus has been removed from many types of soaps; however, there are limited options to remove phosphorus from our sewage wastes. The higher the phosphorus levels, the faster algae will grow. Temagami has naturally low phosphorus levels, but maintaining this pristine environment requires everyone's help. We don't want to wait and deal with algae blooms resulting from poor septic systems.

When possible, the expense of replacing or upgrading/accessorizing older units should be treated as an investment not a cost. Property value is linked to the health of the environment around your property. If you pollute the lake and soil, that will damage the value of your property.

Like any healthy relationship there needs to be give and take, and this is true for our relationship with this stunning place we all love to visit or reside in. To become more environmentally benign, we must ask ourselves, "what we are doing differently from what people did in the past?" "What new cleaners are we using?" "What alternative substances could be used (like vinegar or baking soda) instead of the modern harsh chemicals that are destroying the beneficial bacteria that are working so very hard to clean our wastewater?"

Wishing you all beautiful days on the lake for years to come!

SEPTIC SYSTEM DOS AND DON'TS

TO DO

- Plant grass over and around your leaching bed to help with evaporation and to try and prevent erosion.
- Avoid watering the grass above your system or leaching bed. Divert gutters and other possible water sources that could potentially flood your leaching bed.
- If possible, install low-flow showerheads and toilet bowls. Avoid long showers and excessive use of tap water. Too much water flow into your septic system can disturb solids settled at the bottom of your tank or the greasy scum that floats on top and release them into the leaching bed or pipes potentially causing a blockage.

NOT TO DO

- Do not plant trees, shrubs or things with complicated or large roots around your leaching bed. The roots can clog your pipes or damage your system.
- Do not park ATV'S, Trucks, Cars, Trailers, Snowmobiles, or pile wood or leave heavy objects on or around your system, holding tank and leaching bed. The weight can compact the soil reducing the dispersion rate or even damage your pipes and system.

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Another Bird That Eats Fish

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158

If someone asks you about birds and Temagami, the first thing most people think of is loons. No surprise there, since their iconic and unmistakable call and presence on the lake does a lot to define the Temagami Experience. Sure, there are gulls, a variety of ducks, and of course hummingbirds, white throated sparrows, and owls. But this summer, while fishing in a quiet cove, I encountered a pair of belted kingfishers, a relatively unique member of the Temagami community.

It shouldn't be a surprise to see kingfishers, since their habitat relies on clear water. They eat small fish, crayfish, and insects, and need clear water through which to spy their prey. Unlike loons, though, that sit on the water and dive, kingfishers sit up in a tree, or hover over the water, and then literally close their eyes, fold back their wings, go straight into a dive, and catch a fish with their beak.

What is unusual about Temagami and kingfishers is their nesting habitat requirement. They dig a burrow into a soft earthen bank, extending upwards and back for 1 to 2 meters, to a small chamber roughly 30 centimeters in diameter. How many places can you think of around Temagami with soft earthen banks? During breeding season, a kingfisher pair will defend a territory along a stream bank or lakeshore that can be up to a kilometer.

The call of the kingfisher is nothing like the kinds of eerie or melodic sounds made by loons – kingfisher calls can best be described as a loud, mechanical rattle.

Kingfishers are larger than a woodpecker, but smaller than a crow. They are powdery blue gray in color, with a white breast, a ragged tuft of feathers on their head, and a distinctive heavy, straight bill. They really look like no other bird you've ever seen!

Their summer breeding habitat extends north up to Hudson Bay, but since they need open water to feed on fish, they migrate in the fall and can be found throughout Mexico and Central America to northern Venezuela and Colombia.

If you know a place on the lake that might support a pair of kingfishers, go for a quiet paddle next summer and see what you find. The acrobatic diving and insistent mechanical calls are a unique part of the Temagami bird community.

For spectacular photos of kingfishers in southern Ontario, see: <http://outdoorontario.net/birds/phpBB/view-topic.php?t=6304>

Material consulted for this article: http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/belted_kingfisher/lifehistory



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The Idea of the Temagami Community Foundation

By Walter Ross

What were the original directors of the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) thinking when the Foundation was established in 2000, just over a decade ago?

The TCF was created as a Canadian charitable foundation to promote the well being of Temagami. We wanted to encourage “whole community” perspectives. We believed, and we continue to believe, that much can be accomplished by working together to find the common ground among Temagami’s many stakeholders. Most importantly the TCF was created by the mutual consent of the founding directors who were broadly representative of Temagami’s many communities, both native and non-native.

I still remember a comment made by John Turner, one of our original directors, who noted that this was the first time the Temagami First Nation had voluntarily agreed to be part of a community entity as full partners. The mutual creation of a community institution is a simple but powerful idea. The TCF belongs to us all.

There are about 1,600 community foundations in North America, almost 200 in Canada. The original community foundation was begun over one hundred years ago in Cleveland, home of a number of Temagami summer residents.

Until recently we have been the only foundation created by native and non-native community members coming together. This aspect of our Foundation has been celebrated by Ian Bird,

the CEO of Community Foundations of Canada, most recently at an event in Toronto this past spring. He paid tribute to the TCF and noted that another Canadian foundation on Canada’s west coast had recently been created following our lead. He acknowledged the contribution of Vicki Grant also one of our original directors and now as a director of Community Foundations of Canada.

Over the past decade the TCF has been finding its legs. We have made over \$200,000 in grants to various community projects as described in detail in an earlier edition of the Temagami Times.

We are open for business. We are in a unique position to assist anyone in Temagami start a charitable activity or assist with charitable projects that fall under any one or more of our mandates to:

- Encourage environmental stewardship
- Promote community arts and culture
- Honour First Nation heritage, and
- Support sustainable community economic development.

We are particularly keen on projects that encourage collaboration and “whole community” perspectives that contribute to the long-term viability and well being of Temagami.

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matter and unusual among Canadian charities) that permits full tax deductibility of donations made by American taxpayers.

We can also set up endowed funds, where a lump sum donation is invested wisely to ensure that the income from it will provide benefits long into the future. The donor can fund over time a single project he or she has in mind, or advise where grants should be made annually to benefit the community.

On incorporation we were also granted the ability to act as a land trust. At some point in the future this might become important aspect of the TCF.

In short, the TCF is well placed to act as the centre for charitable activity in Temagami.

To carry out our responsibilities as directors we have established strong administrative and operating practices. More importantly, we have developed the infrastructure that allows us to receive, manage and flow through funds efficiently, so that the maximum amount of donations benefit the community. Our accounts are audited annually and we comply with all Canadian charitable requirements.

We are grateful for all donations, large and small, entrusted to us. Memorial gifts and bequests are welcome. All funds received are invested with prudence.

The directors of the Foundation are proud of our accomplishments to date. We know that the idea of the Foundation is strong and we are committed to realizing its potential.

(Walter Ross FCA is a longtime cottager on Island 725, a founding director of the TCF and currently its honorary co-chair.)

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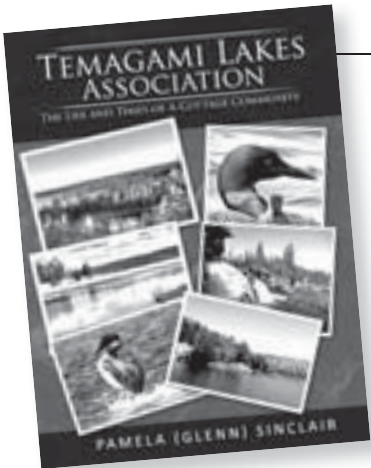
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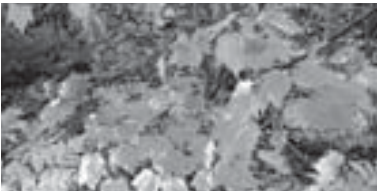
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