

TLA Congratulates Temagami's New Mayor

At its regularly scheduled council meeting of August 29, 2013, Temagami Muncipal Council voted to appoint Councilor Lorie Hunter as Mayor to replace former Mayor John Hodgson, who resigned due to conflicting business committments. Lorie Hunter will fill the office for the remaining 14 months of this Council's term of office.

TLA President Chip Kittredge wrote to



Mayor Hunter, on behalf of the Temagami Lakes Association board and members, to extend congratulations on her new leadership role in the Municipality of Temagami.

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TLA SUMMER STAFF REPORTS

This year our TLA summer staff have been very busy, both out on the lake and at the Headquarters building. Their activities have included water quality monitoring, campsite mapping and visits, exchanging old lead tackle, submitting information on loons to Bird Studies Canada, and manning the TLA radio, to name a few. At the end of the season, the summer staff compiled some reports of interest to our readers. The following reports are included in this edition of the Temagami Times:

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Canoeing on a beautiful fall day in Temagami - awesome.

Photo by: Peter Healy

THE DEVIL'S MOUNTAIN FIRE August 16, 2013

By Rob McCubbin, Ojibway

Sam Scovil saw lightning strike the top of Devil's Mountain on August 12 as he and his family drove up the lake in a storm. Four days later, he and

Keewaydin staff saw smoke from the same place and contacted TLA to report a fire.

Our flotilla of boats, made up of the Keewaydin big rig and the Kittredge and Scovil vessels, drifted along the shore of Devil's Mountain. We watched anxiously as a small plume of smoke became a fire that continued to spread along the ridge.

The Ministry of Natural Re-

sources (MNR) had been alerted and, after we docked at Keewaydin, we rushed to the ball-field to greet the response team's helicopter. The trees bent from the force of the rotors and leaves flew into our faces as the chopper descended. When the MNR spokesperson emerged, he requested our boat and good-old fashioned Temagami Islander knowledge to get as close to the site as possible, and inquired about the best way up the mountain.



We dropped off the team at the Squirrel's Point campsite at the base of the mountain and we stared in awe as the MNR waterbomber dumped its first of many

Everyone pitched in, bringing supplies from the helicopter to the dock, and

we loaded up the Emergency crew that referred to themselves (according to the ration pack they had with payloads onto the ridge and the growing flames. The sky over Devil's *continued on page 5*

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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.

President's letter

The Temagami Experience is a notion that I see mentioned from time to time. In general I think it refers to the good feelings and positive memories we have about Temagami, and it partially explains why so many of us choose to travel hundreds of miles or more to return each summer, and why others decide to make Temagami their home. Just as "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", there are probably lots of ways to appreciate the Temagami Experience, and what it means to different people. For some, I am sure their Temagami Experience includes sunsets, clear, cool nights with endless stars, and the call of the loon. Others appreciate the remarkably clear water and the fun it provides for canoeing, boating, sailing, or water skiing.

My personal Temagami Experience includes a fish on the line, a good berry crop, meaningful time together with my family, and no phone or internet access. Some might think I'm a hermit or a curmudgeon, but my Temagami Experience includes being away from the distractions of a phone or computer, and a desire to "get away from it all" for a few weeks. But this past summer my personal Temagami Experience took on a new dimension: the fun, electric energy of several hundred people coming together for the TLA's Corn Roast!

What an event it was! Over 50 people and organizations donated a diverse collection of items for the Silent Auction (to benefit TLA's water quality initiative), and the bidding was both fun and fierce! Plenty of corn, hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages meant that everyone was well fed and enjoyed the day. Our friends at Wabun provided a great venue and support, and a variety of local artists and exhibitors were on hand to entertain and inform. Energetic volunteers greeted, cooked, served, and ran the auction. The fun, positive energy was powerful, and I met many new friends. Though I come to Temagami to get away from it all, at the Corn Roast I was in the thick of it, and loved every minute!

My personal thanks to all who contributed and volunteered to make it a huge success, and to those who came and made it the memorable day it was. My Temagami Experience took on new meaning this summer because of the exciting spirit of hundreds coming together with a common interest in the lake.

Chip Kittredge, President Island 1158

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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.



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Dear Donors and Volunteers,

Peter Calverley, Peter Healy and I want to thank you for your generous contribution to this years Champagne Corn Roast & B.B.Q. in support of water quality.

In the two years since we have initiated this event it has become the 'must attend' social event of our summer in Temagami.

It is because of the generous support of people like you that we have managed to raise money to help offset our water quality testing costs and at the same time create a wonderful event to be enjoyed by all people on the lake.

Thank you again for your outstanding support of the 2013 Champagne Corn Roast & B.B.Q.

Yours very truly,





TLA Corn Roast 2013: Bigger and Better Than Ever!

Over two hundred people gathered at Wabun on the afternoon of July 27 to participate in the TLA's annual corn roast and silent auction. More than 50 people and businesses contributed valuable items for the auction, and good fun was had by all as they mingled, bid, and enjoyed the social atmosphere. Delicious corn, hotdogs, burgers, and beverages contributed to the spirit of the event. This important and fun fund raising event resulted in more than \$8,000 being raised for TLA's water quality monitoring program. Great thanks to all volunteers, contributors, and participants who combined to make it a memorable, fun, and successful event!





Silent Auction 2013 A Photos by Allan Eustis Photos by E. Gunnell







Highlights of the 82nd Temagami Lakes Association Annual General Meeting

These Highlights have been produced from the DRAFT Minutes of the AGM for the Times by the editor. The full version of the AGM minutes is available on the TLA's website atwww. tla-temagami.org



The 82st Temagami Lakes Association Annual General Meeting was held at Camp Wabun on July 26th, 2013.

GREETINGS

TLA President Chip Kittredge began the meeting by welcoming members and guests. He thanked Camp Wabun for allowing the meeting to be held at this site. Chip introduced guests Deputy Mayor Lorie Hunter and Temagami First Nation Chief Roxane Ayotte.

Lorie Hunter thanked the TLA for their letter of support on budget matters and discussed the financial challenges of budgeting and keeping taxes low. She also reported that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved the Official Plan 5-year amendment. Our Mine landing transfer station is not in compliance with Ministry of the Environment regulations as there are bear and open garbage issues. The Municipality has hired an attendant to bring the town into compliance with the MOE. Check with municipal staff or John Harding, landing attendant, if there are any questions. She spoke about the ad hoc committee and report on the possibility of enhanced fire protection on Lake Temagami. Public input is encouraged.

Roxane Ayotte, chief of the Temagami First Nation reported that two band members were nominated for Diamond Jubilee Awards: 93 year old Tom Seville, the last WW II veteran, as well as Vickie Blake, who is very involved in volunteering in the community and is Finance Manager of TFN. Chief Ayotte also reported on a project with young First Nations people being out on their land, n'Dakimenan, taking care of it and participating in cleaning portages and campsites on several surrounding lakes. As well a number of TFN children have received scholarships to various camps on Lake Temagami, including Camp Wabun.

Introductory Remarks and Quorum Confirmation

TLA President Chip Kittredge again thanked members for taking time out of their holiday to attend the meeting. TLA member Kelly Roman's Master's thesis on lake associations in Ontario reported that the average lake association has 140 members and \$5,000 in the bank while the TLA has over 600 members, is 80 years old and has significantly more money in the bank. Chip concluded that the TLA is a lasting organization that has stood the test of time.

Chip reported on the many initiatives that the TLA is working on including: the exchange of lead weight sinkers for nonlead sinkers at the TLA building, to protect against loon mortality; the mercury testing project; maintaining campsite monitoring and privy projects and, of course, our very significant water testing program. The work of the organization is accomplished largely through volunteers, with their time or financial support. Chip thanked all the volunteers who make the organization a success.

Peter Healy thanked Blake and Judy Stormes for helping with meeting proxies and Diana Van Vlymen and Andrew Healy for facilitating member registration at the meeting.

A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of the Agenda and 2012 AGM Minutes

The agenda was approved with one addition of mercury testing, and the minutes of the 2012 AGM were approved as presented.

Introduction of Directors

President Chip Kittredge introduced the members of the board, as well as previous

presidents and former directors in attendance at the meeting.

Resolution 1: Approval of 2012 Financial Statements

Peter Healy, standing in for Treasurer David McFarlane, reviewed the 2012 financial statement, including the costs and revenues for the annual directory, the Temagami Times, and the water testing. Peter thanked members for their donations. At year end the TLA was \$6,000 under budget. The membership approved the financial statement.

Resolution 2:

Approval of Actions Since 2012 AGM

The motion to approve the actions of the Directors and Officers since the commencement of the 2012 AGM was carried.

Resolution 3: Amendment to the TLA By-laws The motion to amend the By-Laws to allow the current president, Chip Kittredge, to serve one additional year as Director, from Sept. 1, 2013 to Aug. 31, 2014 only, was carried, this being a once only occurrence. (Chip Kittredge reclused himself from the meeting while this matter was discussed and voted on.)

Committee Reports

Municipal Taxation:

Peter Healy reported that in Ontario every employee contributes a per cent of their paycheck towards OMERS pension unlike in the USA, hence municipalities in Canada do not have unfunded pension liabilities as do cities in the USA. All property owners received new assessment notices. Those who live in town for the most part received an increase in property assessments. For those with property on water, most assessments went down indicating a significant decrease in taxes. The TLA thanked the Municipality for responsible budgeting.

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Commercial and Corporate law

The Devil's Mountain Fire

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Island was abuzz with flying machines, including a reconnaissance Cessna, managing the operation by continually relaying information about the location and the current progress of the crew, the waterbomber, and the fire.

The waterbomber left after an hour, but the fire crew remained busy for two days, pumping water from the lake through as much as 2500 feet of hose to the top of the mountain and ensuring the fire was extinguished. With admiration for the men and women of Ontario's MNR, and a sense that all was in good hands, people at Ojibway and Keewaydin can share yet another tale of life on Lake Temagami.



TLA Radio Service Once Again Comes Through in Fire Emergency

By Peter Healy

At approximately 4:45 PM on August 16, only 15 minutes before close, TLA staff person Diana Van Vlymen received a call from 'Sal Sam" (a radio call sign) to report seeing smoke at the top of Devil's Moun-

tain. She asked Sal Sam a series of questions pertaining to what they were looking at, such as exactly where the area on fire was, the smoke colour, and what seemed to be burning. Sal Sam also mentioned seeing a lightning strike a few days before, in the same location.

Diana followed the radio protocol perfectly: calling the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)'s fire line to report it and giving the operator the information available. She was told that a chopper was on the way.

Diana communicated to Sal Sam, and most of the lake that was listening in, that the chopper was headed in that direction. At this point, Camp Keewaydin called in to say that they could see the flames and that the fire was increasing in strength. Accordingly Diana reported to the MNR that we had a confirmed visual of the fire itself.

As the fire was too far inland and high up from the water, no pubic request was made to send fire pumps to the site. It was now best to await the professional fire fighters from MNR, who arrived promptly. The water bomber that was called in made at least six passes before departing. MNR then dropped in a crew to clean up and remain overnight to monitor the site.

A special thank you is in order to all TLA members who support the radio service with contributions each year. Your support makes it possible for us to hire staff and train them appropriately on how to handle these types of emergencies through the use of our far-reaching transmitter and receiver.



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(Water) Quality Time on Lake Temagami

By: Diana Van Vlymen, with contributions from Peter Healy and Adam Tretjack

What do you imagine when you think of a summer spent here on Lake Temagami? If you're anything like me, you may remember warm days spent participating in water sports, fishing at your favourite secret spot, a homecooked meal prepared using water from the lake, and watching the stars on a calm night. Whether this is what you think of, or if your Temagami memories represent something different and equally significant to you, the lake is an integral part of the experience. The TLA recently began to implement a water quality monitoring program on Lake Temagami in order to establish a baseline of how the water's doing, so to speak, and to make efforts to preserve this lake in its current, healthy condition.

With this goal in mind, the TLA's summer staff for the year continued the water quality program that began in earnest in 2012. We tested the lake in 43 locations, taking measurements of depth, pH, and clarity/turbidity using a Secchi disc. We also recorded temperature and dissolved oxygen using a ProODO (professional optical dissolved oxygen) probe. From

the data we gathered in two rounds of sampling – May and August – we were able to interpret a few things about the lake water quality.

First and most importantly, is the topic of phosphate or phosphorus. It is interesting to note that the two substances are slightly different, while the terms are often used interchangeably. Phosphorus is an element required by most life on earth, and phosphate is the ionic form in which it often exists, in living tissues and in the water column of the lake.

Therefore, when our water samples are tested for phosphorus content, phosphate is the ion being measured because phosphorus exists as phosphate in phytoplankton (algae) and in the water. Measuring phosphate ensures we measure the phosphorus content not only of the water, but also that which is collected and used in the living cells of the algae.

But why is phosphorus so important? Why are environmental scientists, biologists, limnologists (lake scientists), and others concerned with the element? Phos-

phorus is necessary for the growth of virtually all life on earth, including phytoplankton. Phosphorus has been scientifically proven to be one of the main determinants of algal growth. Even in the presence of abundant nitrogen, potassium, and other nutrients, inadequate phosphorus limits the growth of algae.

WATER QUALITY RESULTS SUMMARY

Secchi depth = 7.1 metres

- Very good compared to the province, and about the same as last year
- pH = 7.4 (spring), 7.8 (summer)
- Within acceptable range; not dangerous to lake species
- Temperature at lake bottom = 4.8°C
- Similar to last year, and consistent through the year
- Dissolved oxygen range of 10.0 14.7 mg/L Well above minimum for healthy survival of
- coldwater fish
- Phosphate = 4.1 μg/L (May 2013), 4.9 μg/L (Aug 2012)
- Perfect compared to the region; average is 13.3 μg/L



The phosphate levels on Lake Temagami are quite good, yet they are noticeably increasing. It is important to note that lower phosphate levels mean lower algal growth, colder water, and more oxygen for other species in the lake.

unrestricted algal growth – often called an algal "bloom". Therefore, it is important that we know how much phosphate is currently in Lake Temagami, monitor change in the levels of phosphate over the years, and take steps to restrict any influx of excess phosphate into the lake from our own activities at the cottage.

Lake Temagami's current level of phosphate is an average of 4.2 μ g/L in the spring and an average of 4.9 μ g/L

in the summer. Both of these values were determined using data collected over the last two years. In relation to other Ontario lakes, this level is excellent. Using data collected by the Ministry of the Environment through the Lake Partners Program, the concentration of phosphate in other Ontario lakes can be determined, yielding a result of $13.3 \mu g/L$ on average.

Few other lakes in the province have the quality of water that Lake Temagami does. Other important data collected in May and August included the turbidity readings, pH, and dissolved oxygen/temperature, summarized in the dark box on this page.

However, it is important to note the gradual increase shown in the historical graph provided. While this increase is slow, it is steady, and seems like it will

> continue for many years. For this reason, we should do whatever we can to limit our own impact on the lake's phosphate levels.

> This means not using fertilizer at the island. (Trust me, many plant species are fine without any at all! And less garden maintenance means more time having fun at the cottage.) It also means using phosphate-free soaps, like those sold during the summer at the TLA headquarters building, and rinsing away from the lake, or using another option if you have one (like an indoor or outdoor shower). Using phosphate-free soaps for washing laundry and dishes is also a good idea, since all of the water used on islands eventually drains back to the lake.

> Finally, it is important to have your septic system checked out and perhaps replaced, since this can be another major source of nutrients that find their way into the lake, if

Conversely, abundant phosphorus can lead to nearly not functioning properly. Each of these considerations can help to minimize our impact on Lake Temagami, helping to keep the water healthy for generations to come!

Temagami Cooks is Being Reprinted

Over the years since it was published in 2002, our TLA cookbook, Temagami Cooks has become somewhat famous.

One thousand (1,000) copies of the book were originally printed and they sold out in the first year! Due to the overwhelming number of requests received by the TLA to buy the book, your TLA Board of Directors approved a reprint earlier this year.

The Temagami Cooks reprint will be available late this fall, so it would be a great idea for a Christmas present, or to tuck in a Christmas basket (or even as a gift for yourself). We will be printing 250 copies. The price has yet to be established, but watch for further details on the TLA website, or by email from the TLA.

To tantalize your tastebuds, below is a sample recipe from the book. Happy cooking!



Temagami Fish Chowder

- 2 medium onions, chopped 2 tbsp butter
- 3 cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 large red peppers, diced
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 3 cans chicken broth, or stock
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp cold water
- lb your favourite Temagami fish (or halibut or bluefish), cut into pieces
 cup chopped parsley
 cup white wine

1 cup light sour cream

Salt and pepper to taste

In a Dutch oven or large saucepan, sauté the onions, mushrooms and peppers in butter. Add lemon juice, broth and potatoes. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, cover and simmer until potatoes are tender.

Blend cornstarch and water and add to the pot. Add fish, parsley and wine. Cover and simmer only until the fish flakes easily. Add sour cream, then salt and pepper to taste. Serves 8.

Marie-Louise and Rob Wilson Is. 958

New Cell Phone Towers in Temagami

For those cottagers who come to Temagami to get away from technology, including cell phone service, you are still safe on most of Lake Temagami, and many other smaller lakes.

On the other hand, those who have been anxiously awaiting better cell phone service in town and along the highway corridor, will be happy to know that improvements have been made. The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC), NetCentral and Rogers have been working on an initiative for the past couple of years to bring cell phone service to unserved communities in northern Ontario.

The service was activated at the CBC tower site in the Town of Temagami and at the new tower 35 km south of town off Hwy 11 in September, as well as the site at Hwy 63 and Hwy 533. If you are with another cellular provider, you may see increased signal strength, with no or limited service; however emergency calls to 911 will work regardless of your service provider.



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September 2, 2013

Mayor and Council The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami 7 Lakeshore Drive, P.O. Box 220 Temagami, ON P0H 2H0

RE: New Mayor

Dear Mayor Hunter,

On behalf of the TLA board and members, I'd like to extend my hearty congratulations on your new leadership role in the Municipality of Temagami! Thank you very much for agreeing to step up and fill the void created by former Mayor Hodgson's recent resignation. The position of Mayor is not one you originally sought, and it is very nice of you to take on these new, additional leadership responsibilities in the Municipality's time of need.

I would also like to thank you and Councilor Kendrick for attending the Temagami Lakes Association's 82nd Annual General Meeting on July 26th at Camp Wabun. It is good for members, many of whom are seasonal residents, to hear from the Municipality's leadership. Through the Municipality's page in the *Temagami Times*, they can read the latest updates, but a meaningful message is sent when Municipal leadership takes time to venture up the lake and address the audience. Thank you very much!

The TLA is dedicated to preservation of the Temagami Tenets, and the overall environmental quality of the lake and its environs. Through our various programs, we are actively involved with monitoring and improving environmental quality. Through our website, the *Temagami Times*, and other forms of communication to over 600 members, we are in a position to reach people with important messages on the environment, safety, and other matters pertaining to the lake. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if you would like to explore ways that the Municipality and TLA can collaborate on improving the Temagami Experience for all.

Again, congratulations, and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

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Chip Kittredge President Temagami Lakes Association

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Natural Resources:

Members are asked to please report sightings of loons, loon chicks and nests so the information can be sent to Bird Studies Canada.

Members are asked to pick up a testing kit at the TLA office to test mercury levels in fish they are catching. Mercury comes from bedrock, especially in acid lakes, although the pollution contributing to acid rain has been reduced in the region over the last decade.

Planning and Tenets for Temagami:

Andrew Healy reported on the TLA's reviewing of planning applications and understanding of planning and related issues. He thanked Gerry Kluwak who is co-committee member and Peter Healy for assistance in understanding planning issues.

Andrew reviewed the tenets: Protection of shoreline reserve; No new road access; No new mainland development.

These principles, agreed to in early 90's prior to amalgamation, were integrated into the official plan for Temagami, so all new development has to take the tenets into account. The tenets Defense Fund is available in the event of a challenge to these tenets.

There have not been significant changes to the rules agreed to in the 1990's and the status quo is working. The TLA supports this status quo and has supported the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw review in writing. Each application for a minor variance is reviewed by the TLA's planning committee. If there is a need for more consideration, a professional planner is used to assist with TLA input to the town. We do try to maintain as impartial a position as possible, as applicants are often our members or neighbours.

Water Quality:

Peter Healy reported that Diana Van Vlymen and Adam Tretjack, our summer students working for the TLA, have been working on the environmental water testing initiative. Diana gave a slide show overview of how the *continued on page 10*

Lead Tackle Exchange and Surveying Loons

By: Diana Van Vlymen, with contributions from Peter Healy and Adam Tretjack

This summer, the Temagami Lakes Association began two new initiatives at the headquarters building. Each was aimed at ensuring Lake Temagami's loon population continues to reproduce successfully and that the number of loons remains relatively steady.

Both programs began with the hard work of the TLA's board of directors. We would like to thank Justin Metz and Pete Calverly for constructing and installing a pair of artificial loon nests on the lake, and Justin was also instrumental in ordering lead-free tackle for use in the exchange program.

Over the course of July and August, numerous interested anglers turned in lead sinkers and jigs for non-lead replacements. A wide variety of sinkers and jigs were available, **and many anglers were satis-**

fied with their new tackle - received free of charge by simply bringing lead tackle to the headquarters building during the summer season. TLA staff have even tested some of the non-lead tackle, and had great success at favourite fishing holes. The bass and pickerel were biting all night long!

This program is expected to continue next summer, so if you haven't visited the headquarters building to get the lead out, the summer of 2014 will be your opportunity to do so. The lead collected through the program will be recycled at a licensed facility and the money earned from this and received by donation from concerned TLA members will be used to purchase more nonlead sinkers and jigs for exchange.

The lead tackle exchange program is aimed primarily at preventing loon fatalities by ingestion of lead tackle (the second greatest cause of loon mortality, as mentioned by Justin Metz in a previous issue of The Temagami Times). This is incredibly important, but it is also necessary to have a grasp on the current number and success of loons present on the lake. In order to do this, the TLA is participating in the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey run by Bird Studies Canada. We invite members to continue to describe three observations they make over the course of summers on the lake. These include sightings of loon pairs in May, sightings of loon chicks as they begin to hatch in June through July, and sightings of surviving near-adult loon chicks in August.

With reports gathered from cottagers this past summer, the TLA has begun to submit information to Bird Studies Canada as part of a nationwide initiative to preserve the loons for

A tip for spotting surviving chicks: near-adult chicks are often identified by their plumage. While their bodies resemble adult loons in shape and size, their colouring is often still brown (as when they are younger). generations to come. In eastern Canada and New England, loon populations are under stress and have begun to decrease in some localities. Thus, we intend to quantify Lake Temagami's loon popula-

tion, to have a baseline against which to measure a decrease or increase in the number of loons. To this end, member loon information has been a great help.

TLA staff were able to observe loons and chicks while out in the boat performing water testing, checking campsites, and installing privies, but there were times over the summer peak that these activities were waylaid by days off or inclement weather. Since staff cannot be everywhere at once, it is helpful to know where loons were spotted even on the days that we were on the lake. Therefore, it is very important that members' loon sightings continue to be reported in the coming years so that a comprehensive summary of the lake's loon population may be established.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We look forward to hearing those beautiful and haunting evening calls for years to come!





This baby loon and its parents were spotted on Lake Temagami in summer 2013. Photo by: Adam Tretjack



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water testing is done. 43 locations throughout the lake have been tested this summer in May and will be retested in early August. Results will be posted on our website.

Turbidity, ph, total phosphate and dissolved oxygen are being tested at depths up to 75 metres. Trent University's Dorset laboratory analyzes the water samples for us. *Water quality results:*

Temagami does not have a high level of phytoplankton and has exceptional clarity relative to most lakes. The ph is 7.4 compared to 7.8 last summer. Ph is higher in summer than in spring due to higher phytoplankton levels in summer. As water temperature decreases, dissolved oxygen increases. Total phosphate is a major indicator of water quality. Total phosphate levels are quite low indicating overall health of the water specifically 4.1 micrograms/litre compared to 4.3 in 2012.

Algae levels can throw off the balance, so it is important for human users to reduce phosphate inputs. Some ways this can be accomplished include: replace and upgrade old septic systems, use phosphate-free soaps and do NOT use fertilizer on plants – there are plenty of indigenous plants that grow well in the region. The swimming, canoeing and fishing that we all enjoy greatly depends on high quality water.

This very ambitious water health testing initiative began with the hiring of an environmental consultant to help set up this water health testing initiative. We believe our water quality initiative is a very impressive undertaking to protect our lake water quality.

2012 Lake Temagami Water Levels

Peter Healy, who sits on an advisory committee with representatives from First Nations, MNR, Ontario Hydro, Federal Government, lodge and cottage owners associations reported on water levels on the lake and how water is drawn out of the lake. A full report and data is available on our website.

Friends of Temagami

Bob Olajos VP of Friends of Temagami (FOT), an environmental backcountry advocacy group, attended along with Mike McHugh, Secretary of the organization. Friends of Temagami focus on the backcountry in a wide region around Lake Temagami. They have been working with others on the world's largest old-growth red pine forests in the Wolf Lake area, trying to encourage the provincial government to protect this region. This is a very significant region for biodiversity in North America. The TLA is both a member and supporter of FOT.

Bob thanked the TLA for their support. FOT is now working with a 6-person crew to restore the trails on Temagami Island, with a permit from MNR. The Blue trail will be worked on this year and others in following years. Bob asked for volunteers who could contribute some time to assist. Hiking the trails should be ready after next Friday.

A new adventure-planning map has been released by Friends of Temagami and is available at the TLA building. Bob encourages all TLA members to have one of these maps on their wall.

Timiskaming Health Unit

Rene Duvall and Doug Metson reported that they take water quality very seriously. The Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) has partnered with the TLA on the drinking water sampling initiative. The health unit will test water samples, but they must be "treated" water rather than raw lake water. If members have questions, please call Rene at the New Liskeard office. Boiling lake water - a rolling boil for 1 minute – is a safe option for drinking lake water untreated.



The Timiskaming Health Unit staff were at Camp Wabun both Friday and Saturday to answer members questions and provide information. Photo by Elaine Gunnell.

Doug Metson reported that one of the biggest problems on Lake Temagami is steel septic tanks. These allow raw sewage to seep into the lake. Records of septic systems are

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in file back to 1962, and all properties on the lake are under the THU's jurisdiction. Doug offered to answer one-on-one questions of members today and at the corn roast tomorrow. A health inspector will also be available at Saturday's corn roast.

Temagami Police Services Board – OPP

Don Johnson, a member of the police services board, reported that Lorie Hunter is Chair of the Police Services Board. He introduced Dan Dawson, Temagami Detachment Commander. Don spoke about break-andenter crimes on the lake. Some motion cameras have been installed and have successfully captured thefts and break-ins in progress. These crimes take up a lot of policing time and seem to be committed by the same offenders, who usually get sentences of 2 years less a day. When they are released from jail, break-ins begin again. One suggestion is to place gas and alcohol in a protected hiding place in the bush. Identify any large items by engraving your driver's license number on the item. This acts as a huge deterrent, as police can immediately check these numbers. The OPP has two engraving tools to lend and there are a couple at the TLA office.

Peter Healy checks more than 140 cottages each year. This year there were several break-ins that were obviously searches for gasoline near the shoreline of properties.

New Business and Motion to Adjourn

Peter Healy thanked Camp Wabun and its directors for their continued support of the TLA, and for hosting the meeting. The kitchen staff was thanked for providing lunch. Blake and Judy Stormes were thanked for looking after the proxies and Trish Healy for taking minutes of this meeting. Debbie and Sandy Nixon were thanked for providing their pontoon boat for organizing for today and tomorrows event. Peter thanked Chip Kittredge for his excellent work as President.

President Chip Kittredge thanked Peter Healy for his work as Executive Secretary and his assistants Diana Van Vlymen and Adam Tretjack for their work at the TLA building and water testing program.

Chip once again thanked the membership for their presence at this meeting and their ongoing support for the organization and welcomed all to stay for the buffet lunch.



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Water Purification Without Electricity

Submitted by Renee Duval, Public Health Inspector with the Timiskaming Health Unit.

A unique challenge faced by cottagers on Lake Temagami is the lack of hydro service to properties. This makes every day life a little more challenging as compared to living in cities. For many, this is a charming feature of cottage life. No overhead lights, no television, no computers, no...water treatment equipment. Oh wait, that's not charming!

After meeting a few cottagers this past summer at the TLA AGM, the most common question asked was "what would you recommend we do to treat the lake water if we don't have electricity?" This is an excellent question that has many answers. There are many products on the market that one can use to treat lake water.

Before we discuss treatment options, let's first talk about what we are removing. Water taken from lakes, rivers, streams and ponds may look clean and have no undesirable odour or taste. Unfortunately, however, pathogens found in water not only are harmful, but also are invisible to the naked eye and may be odourless and tasteless. These bacteria, viruses and protozoa can cause mild nausea and fever or can develop into more serious illnesses. Water from lakes, rivers, streams and ponds should always be disinfected before being used for drinking or cooking as it may be contaminated with human or animal waste.

For occasional, emergency or short-term disinfection, a very simple method that does not require a special device (or electricity) is to bring water to a rolling boil for one minute. This will destroy disease-causing organisms and disinfect the water.

Chlorinators, iodinators and ultraviolet light (UV) devices are most practical when it is necessary to disinfect water that serves a whole dwelling. The use of these devices may depend on a generator. Water can be treated and then pumped to holding tanks, which then feed the cottage (by gravity) when the generator is not in use. Chlorine and iodine kill most disease-causing organisms and require short to moderate contact times.

Chlorine or iodine treatment alone, however, may not provide adequate protec-

tion against protozoa such as Giardia lamblia (aka Beaver Fever) and Cryptosporidium parvum. If protozoa are present or suspected, it is recommended that the water be first passed through a filter to remove these parasites and then chemically treated with chlorine or iodine to kill bacteria and viruses.

Iodine disinfection of drinking water, however, should be reserved for emergency and occasional use (e.g., at a weekend cottage or in recreational vehicles). Iodine should not be used for long-term continuous disinfection, because it is physiologically active, and ingestion in excessive amounts may be harmful.

Ceramic or glass fibre filters handle smaller amounts of water and are useful when water from just one tap is to be treated for drinking and cooking or to provide drinking water while camping, boating or hiking. Such filters can remove bacteria and protozoa from mildly contaminated waters. However, they are not suitable for removing viruses or for treating highly contaminated water. Therefore, when treating surface waters it is recommended that these filters be used in conjunction with disinfection. Portable glass fibre or ceramic filters with iodine- releasing resins are available to disinfect water for campers.

When camping, canoeing or hiking, you should assume that all waters contain disease- causing organisms. To protect your health and the health of your children and grandchildren, you should disinfect the drinking water before use. Ultimately, the best approach to ensure complete disinfection of water intended for human use and consumption is a multi-barrier one, consisting of collecting water from the cleanest source possible, followed by filtration and disinfection.

For more detail on the treatment of drinking water, please visit (online) Health Canada. Environmental and Workplace Health: Water treatment devices for disinfection of drinking water. http://www. hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/ disinfect-desinfection-eng.php

Art Camp 2013: Fun, Friends and LOTS MORE

By Patsy Turner, Camp Director

This year's Art Camp July 8 - 12, at the Bear Island Recreation Centre anticipated a maximum capacity of 50 children, ages 6 - 12, but actually ended up with more because of the high demand and the number of volunteers available. The campers started off their day in large group sessions, followed by small group project work, snacks, play time/ lunch, more group work, snack and then a final large group session. Helping with the camp's activities from 10 AM to 3 PM were 10 volunteers and five youth volunteers.

> Here are some notes and highlights of the 2013 session:

Help preparing for Art Camp:

Bettina Schuller, Laura Irvine, Holly Charyna and Cathy Dwyer were very helpful and supportive in preparing for the art camp. Whenever I needed some information or ideas on how to prepare something they were able to help me.

Temagami First Nation:

The TFN was a very good partner in the project, providing the Rec. Centre, sound equipment, a program worker and two helpers to prepare the snacks and drinks throughout each day for the kids. They also picked up and dropped off the participants and volunteers from town, by boat. They used a pontoon boat and a steel boat each trip.

They also helped provide any photocopying and accommodated any last minute needs throughout the day.

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Project Volunteers: Brooke Mathias, Caitlin Morrison, Peter Greyson, Lesha Laronde, Elaine Gunnell, Shelley Tims, Claudette Paul, Laura Irvine, June Keevil and Bonnie Turner.

Youth Volunteers: Aleria McKay, Julia Yarrow, Jenna Blake, Sierra Cole and Matthew Peshabo.

Special Guests: Daisy Fannin, Wayne Potts, Virginia McKenzie and drummers Jamie Saville, Roger Assiniwe and Tyler Paul.

Overall: The art camp was successful. Each day the participants were engaged in crafts, playing, learning, singing, and having fun. Some of their comments included: I like the snacks ... I liked making new friends ... I like dancing ... I liked the medicine walk ... I liked playing Manhunt.

The final presentation was well done. The participants did great and the feedback from everyone was positive. It was nice to see long-time director and camp co-founder Bettina Schulller there as well. She said it was great and she enjoyed the presentation.

On a personal note, "it was a busy and exhausting week with a lot of preparation leading up to the event. I wouldn't have been able to do it without my family's help, my husband John who helped set up and take down all the supplies and carried all the heavy stuff and my sister-in-law Melissa Turner who came from Six Nations to stay with my 9-month old, while I was at the camp."



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2013 Campsite Report

By: Diana Van Vlymen, with contributions from Peter Healy and Adam Tretjack

Another initiative that the TLA summer staff were busy with this summer was the campsite inspection program that was begun in summer 2012. Between summer 2012 and summer 2013, TLA staff managed to get to all of the lake's known campsites – **177 locations!**

The campsite map used was compiled from a combination of maps available to us – two different historical maps, the shoal map, MNR map #2, and Friends of Temagami map. Based on the master map created, TLA staff visited the many campsites and recorded the GPS location, estimated campsite size, and determined the presence of campsite signage and privies. Existing privies were evaluated based on condition, with necessity of replacement recorded, and garbage on the campsites was removed.

Based on the work completed, a new campsite map was compiled with campsites colour-coded by size, privies indicated, and a numbering system including all of the existing 151 campsites. The system devised means that campsites numbered similarly will often be visited on the same day in future years, when the campsite cleanup program continues. In case you're wondering about the difference in campsite numbers, some locations depicted have grown in since publishing of the map where the locations were found.

Overall, the campsites were in good condition, and staff were pleased to find some really nice sites that may need to be revisited with friends and a tent! Of the 151 campsites, 63 were small (fewer than 3 two-person tents would fit comfortably), 45 were medium (3-5 tents would fit), 37 were large (more than 5 tents would fit), and 5 were virtually unlimited in number of tents that could fit. 71 campsites were marked with an orange, diamond-shaped campsite sign and 70 campsites currently have privies. Of the 70 privies existing, 4 are slated to be repaired in the near future, and 12 are to be replaced. Looks like there will be more box privies that may be seen being built at the TLA building in the future!

Several campsites visited received new campsite signs in visible locations to make it easy for campers to find these sites, and some also received privy signage to help with those late-night treks. Six box privies were constructed this summer, and four box privies were installed in different arms of the lake where existing privies were in desperate need of replacement.

Now that all of the campsite locations are recorded, TLA staff will be visiting campsites on a regular basis in years to come to ensure they stay in top condition for everyone's use. Also, if you haven't had a chance to go camping on the lake, we encourage you to try it or even have a picnic lunch at one of the campsites – these sites are stunning! It is hard to describe some of the amazing vistas and rock formations we saw.

We encourage you to collect trash if you see some while camping, or to adopt a campsite. Whether you choose a personal favourite spot or a campsite that happens to be easy for you to reach, all you have to do is visit your chosen campsite and fill out a short form giving a summary of its condition afterwards. It is really simple, and we hope you will participate in this program. (There are lots of campsites to choose from!) Together, we can preserve Lake Temagami's numerous campsites and continue to enjoy them for years to come.

Yes there are robbers in your garden. They are there every year, early in the spring and they stay right until freeze up, and you rarely see them. They are sneaky, methodical and innocent looking.....they are the worst kind of robber.

They love perennial gardens, or any garden for that matter, especially the ones that you aren't planting each year. They thank you every time you carry that heavy bag of soil and dutifully spread it on the garden. What kind of robber am I talking about? I'm talking about ROOTS, especially cedar roots.

How many times have you watered your perennial garden only to have the plants wilting in a couple hours? And that prized hosta or daylily all of a sudden looks a little smaller this year, what is going on?



By Cathy Dwyer, Temagami Property Management Services

Tree roots love flower gardens; where else can they grow in wonderful soft topsoil that isn't acidic and full of rocks? In the past I have lined flower beds with landscape fabric thinking that I would beat those nasty cedar roots, only to find in three years a mass of little, burnt umber roots taking over the soil. Then in another three years I can hardly put the shovel in the earth.

The best defense is annual working of the soil, adding new topsoil, compost and manure. Keeping the garden well watered also helps to keep the soil soft and workable. In many cases, planting perennials on septic tile fields works well; lots of moisture, nutrients and usually decent soil. The roots of perennials are not deep and will not impact your tile field like tree roots will.

Every year we tend to many gardens on Lake Temagami and keeping the robbers away is a tough job, but when the perennials are in full bloom and the garden is flourishing, we feel we have beaten them for one more year. **ENANCIPAL UPDATE IN ANTICIPAL UPDATE**



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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 longtime 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 Bylaw 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 appendixes 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 theses 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.

Working for Temagami's future...Together!

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.

Lake Temagami

TAFIP Overcomes Challenges and Creates Opportunities for 2014

By Ike Laba



The 2013 season for the Temagami Fish Involvement Program (TA-FIP) 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

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 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 the of 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 rear-



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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.

ing 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

TAFIP Overcomes Challenges and Creates Opportunities for 2014

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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.

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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Temagami Lions Club Update

By Ike Laba

Fall 2013

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 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.

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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Temagami Lions Club Update

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.



N REMEMBRANCE *Kristen Adrienne Rannie Hatz* August 20, 1986-September 30, 2012

We have lost a daughter, a neice, 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 neice 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 muich 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.

Her spirit will live on in every life she touched.



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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/viewtopic.php?t=6304

Material consulted for this article: http://www.allaboutbirds. org/guide/belted_kingfisher/lifehistory If you are reading this edition of the Temagami Times and both enjoy it and find it a valuable community resource, please consider supporting its continued publication through a membership in the Temagami Lakes Association.

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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.

We can help get projects off the ground quickly and at low cost. We are associated with qualified donnees through which we can immediately flow through tax receiptable funds to your project. We successfully established "equivalency" status with the Internal Revenue Service in the United States (no small 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.

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