



TEMAGAMI TIMES

THE VOICE OF THE TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA)

WINTER 2014

Council Makes Decision on Fire Protection Options

Are you thinking of purchasing a fire pump to protect your cottage? You may be eligible for a municipal subsidy under a new policy being put in place in the near future. Does your cottage have water-only access? You will likely see some form of limited fire service rate on your tax bill in 2015. What prompted these changes?

In October of 2011, the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents Association (LaTemPRA) approached the Municipality to ask for their assistance in providing additional fire protection services on Lake Temagami. This request turned out to be quite complex, and Council decided to form an Ad Hoc Committee to research and make recommendations on the feasible options. The committee, which was struck in late April of 2012, was to include members of the community, with representation from both permanent and seasonal residents of Lake Temagami, as well as the Temagami and Marten River Fire Chiefs, the Ontario Fire Marshalls Office, and others.

After extensive research, they brought a report to Council in April 2013, which identified four options: (1) a Municipal, Marine-Based Fire Department; (2) a Non Municipal, Marine-Based Volunteer Organization; (3) Enhanced Distribution of Individual Fire Pumps; and (4) Enhanced Education & Prevention (beyond what the Municipality is required to provide).

The Municipality circulated this report for public input and held two

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*Friday Creek, Temagami
Photo by Doug Adams.*

TLA Study Finds Low Levels of Mercury in Lake Temagami Sport Fish

The TLA undertook an exciting new environmental monitoring project this past summer, in collaboration with volunteer fisherman from around Lake Temagami. The purpose was to assess mercury concentrations in several species of sport fish caught from the lake.

At high levels, mercury presents potential health risks to people and wildlife that consume fish. In addition to providing some insight into these

potential risks, the data collected will allow the TLA to monitor future trends in fish mercury concentrations in the lake. This is important because in some parts of Canada, fish mercury concentrations have been on the rise. The causes of these trends are not clear, but some researchers think they could be related to broader ecosystem changes brought about by climate warming.

The monitoring project began in

mid-June when sampling kits were distributed to interested volunteers, who donated small samples of fish muscle tissue and provided other information such as fish species, length and location of catch. In total, over 50 individual samples from Lake Trout (10 samples), Smallmouth Bass (31 samples) and Walleye (11 samples) were submitted by about five volunteers.

The results present a good news story overall, with average concentrations in each of the fish species falling well below the 0.5 parts per million (ppm) Health Canada guideline for commercial sale of fish. Only one individual fish, a large walleye, exceeded this guideline, but only slightly.

Mercury and other bioaccumulating contaminants normally increase with fish size, often reaching high levels, so this finding is not unusual. Moreover, in Ontario lakes, fish of

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The results of the TLA study are a welcome confirmation that mercury has not tainted Lake Temagami's well-earned reputation for pristine waters.

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President's letter

It takes a lot to keep up with the needs of maintaining a cottage, or a house! At our family's cottage, we're fortunate to have a wide variety of skills, talents, and creativity among our relatives. My cousin is skilled at setting up and maintaining solar power (which is very important, since we don't have hydro!). My brother-in-law is a very talented and creative carpenter. In the past, relatives have applied their talents to various roofing or dock projects, installing new windows, or leveling the historic icehouse.

To be honest, I don't have any talents to bring to bear on keeping-up the cottage. I cut a little brush along the trails and around the cabins, but it is possible my biggest contribution is taking nephews to productive fishing holes! What has become clear to me over the years is that it takes a variety of skills to maintain and improve the cottage experience. And there are lots of ways people can contribute – each in their own helpful manner.

And so it is with the TLA. People make meaningful and creative contributions to the TLA in a wide variety of ways. People with a knack for writing help with content for the Temagami Times. Others volunteer to monitor campsites, pick up trash, or build and locate loon-nesting platforms. Come to the Corn Roast on July 26 at Wabun to see dozens of volunteers coming together to make a fun social event a success!

Some TLA volunteer activity is less obvious, but equally important to the success and future of the organization. Ten members volunteer their time, expertise, and perspective to serve on the TLA's Board of Directors. Three positions will be open in the summer of 2014, creating excellent opportunities to serve the TLA and participate in its mission to protect and enhance the Temagami Experience. In particular, the Board would benefit from new members with experience in finance, public relations, and planning. Newly retired with some time? Consider running for a position on the TLA Board. Are you a young adult who has enjoyed Temagami growing up, and want to give back or make a difference? The TLA and its Board of Directors would benefit from your perspective.

I can personally say that though I have visited Temagami for decades, my most fun, meaningful, and memorable years have been those I have spent on TLA's Board. I have met new friends, remained engaged in Temagami issues while not on the lake, and learned a great deal. My own personal "Temagami Experience" is strengthened through my involvement with the TLA's leadership. If you have some time, energy, and interest in serving the TLA, I encourage you to consider running for a position on the Board of Directors.

Chip Kittredge
Island 1158

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SKYLINE RESERVE

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

The two reserves would be the following:

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

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



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

ROAD ACCESS

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

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

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

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

MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Battery Recycling Program

Temagami Marine once again will undertake the battery recycling program in 2014. Many Lake Residents turned in used marine and automotive style batteries. Temagami Marine recycles these batteries through Crown Batteries, one of only 4 manufacturers left in North America.

Please let others know that this service is available....at NO cost to anyone!

Thank you for being part of this initiative.
Andre

Property Patrol Report for Jan. 2014 – Not Completed Yet

By Peter Healy

We had a very early freeze up this winter as folks on Bear Island were travelling to the mainland long before Christmas, much earlier than in past years.

Some heavy snowfalls into the second week of January delayed the start of property patrols and the slush came up, making travel to isolated parts of the lake something that was somewhat risky as the possibility of getting stuck in slush was increasing.

Temagami Times Now Printed on FSC Certified Paper

The Temagami Lakes Association is pleased to inform our readers that the Temagami Times is now being printed on FSC certified paper, starting with this issue. To understand why the TLA board decided that the use of FSC paper is desirable, it helps to know a little about FSC certification.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Forest Management (FM) certification is a voluntary certification system available to forestry organizations who want to demonstrate responsible forest management by having their forest management planning and practices independently evaluated against FSC's forest management standards.

The number of FSC certified forests has grown by 191% in the past five years and 31% of the world's FSC-certified forests are in Canada. As of January 2014, there were 61.2 million ha certified to FSC FM Standards in Canada. 34% of Canada's certified forests are FSC-certified.

FSC places a very high priority on the protection of rare and endangered forests and wildlife. All forests that are undergoing FSC certification must be assessed to determine if they contain any areas of high conservation value, and if these do exist they must take action to protect and enhance these values.



The FSC certification system also requires consultation with local Aboriginal Peoples with the intention of protecting their rights, on both public and private lands. FSC forest management requirements include an entire section dedicated to the rights of Aboriginal peoples, and are widely recognized as most extensively and specifically addressing the needs of Aboriginal Peoples.

The FSC Principles & Criteria describe the essential elements or rules of environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable forest management. There are ten principles setting out this vision; each principle is supported by several criteria that provide a way of judging whether the principle has been met in practice.

These principles include, among others, compliance with laws, regulations, treaties, etc.; upholding indigenous peoples' rights regarding land and resources; maintaining community relations and worker's rights; maintaining or restoring forest ecosystems, biodiversity, resources and landscapes; and maintenance of high conservation value forests.

In Canada, all of the major banks print on FSC-certified paper and several have procurement policies requiring FSC certification. Both the Province of Ontario and the Alberta Ministry of Environment require FSC-certified paper be used.

More information about FSC certification and forest management can be found at www.ca.fsc.org.

Source: Forest Stewardship Council website:
<https://ca.fsc.org/>

Finally, late in the third week of January I figured travel was good enough to begin. On my first day out I came across a break-in early in the morning – outboard motors missing from a lakeside shed. A week or so later I learned of another instance of this, even though I did not come across it myself.

There was a lot of snow that first day – three feet or more at the dock and much more up to some cottages. It was tough, and in some cases not possible, to access the buildings. That day a pattern developed – pull up to a dock, stop, stand on the snowmobile and step onto the dock thereby avoiding the slush and three feet of snow on the ice.

This proved to be a good idea until about my twentieth dock, when I felt the back of my snowmobile going down and sure enough I was in the water – not sunk but down with the front of the machine barely hanging onto the ice.

I was not able to extricate it, so I began walking – a walk

that was later measured at exactly 3km (2 mi.) through the slush before I was able to wave down some snowmobilers. We were not able to pull the machine up onto the ice and in fact actually made the situation worse – it was now sitting on bottom in five feet of water.

Two days later temperatures dropped to -30C for over a week with blowing snow each day making salvage operations impossible.

At this writing, my snowmobile remains on the bottom awaiting salvage. Only then can damage be ascertained, repairs made and property checks resumed.

Property checks will re-commence when one of two things happens – my transport is repaired or replaced. This is the first time in ten years such a thing has been necessary. Hopefully I can complete the rounds early this month.

Planning Committee 2013-2014 Update By Andrew Healy

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

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

Deciding which applications to comment on can be tricky, especially considering the close-knit lake community and that an applicant could very well be a TLA member, neighbour or friend. In the event that an application seems to stretch the rules too far, the TLA Board may retain the services of a professional planning consultant to assist us in assessing the significance and also in preparing comment to the Municipality. Referring the application to the planning consultant ensures the TLA Board remains as impartial as possible and also that we are getting expert advice in order to provide meaningful comments.

In 2013 the TLA Planning Committee commented on three different applications that were felt to either stretch the rules too far, or that could potentially be precedent setting if approved. Subsequently, the Municipality approved two of these proposals, which was concerning to the TLA Board, given the Municipality had recently confirmed their support for "the rules" in the five-year review of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law. The third application, and perhaps the most concerning for the

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Temagami Lakes Association Comments on Application Z-13-03

January 7, 2014

Wayne Koethe

Municipal Planner, Municipality of Temagami

Mr. Koethe:

The Temagami Lakes Association does not support Zoning By-law amendment Z-13-03; a proposal to permit construction of an accessory workshop building that does not meet all the requirements of the Zoning By-law. This proposal essentially aims to build a structure the size of a large garage, immediately adjacent to the water's edge, on a property that has already reached its development capacity both inside and outside of the shoreline activity area.

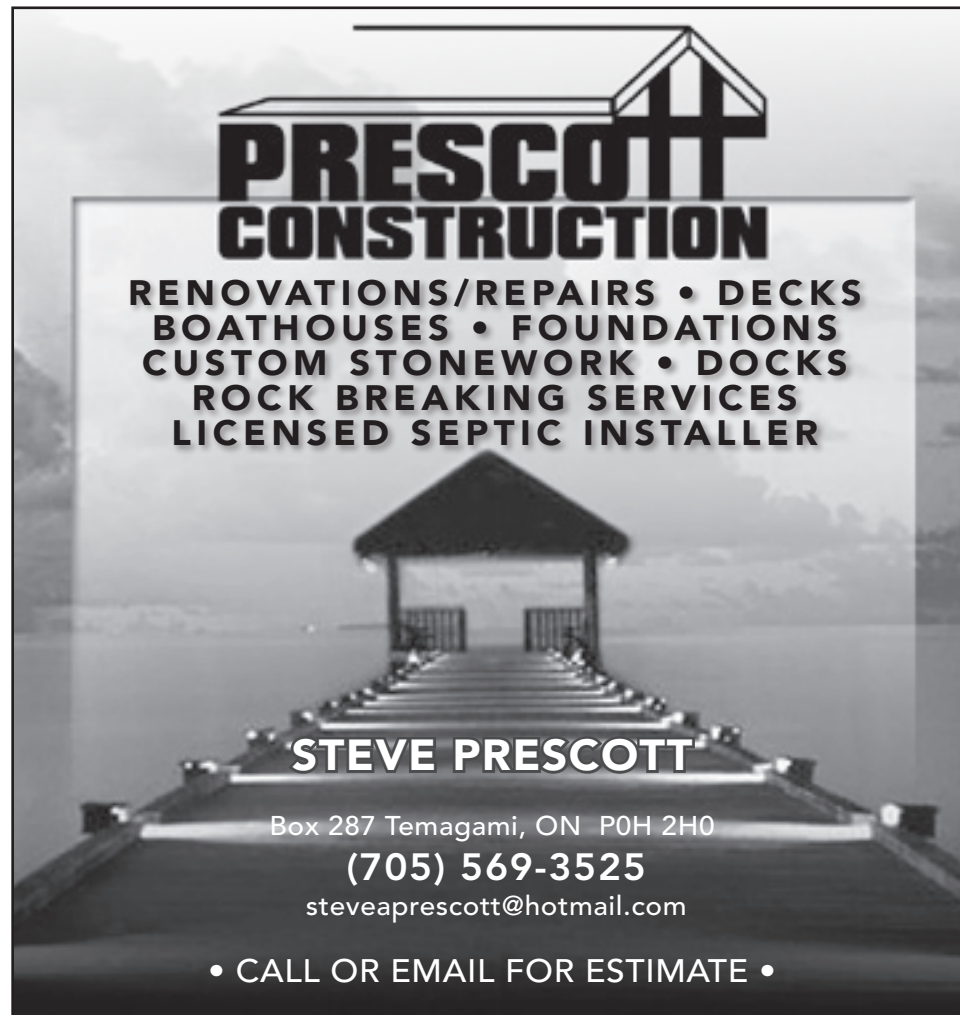
After the amalgamation of the lake community and the Township of Temagami residents of the old Township joined residents of the various lake communities to write both an Official Plan and an implementing Zoning By-Law for the new Municipality. It was a collaborative effort in every way that reflected the values of our new community. The ensuing 5 year review of both the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw further enhanced these.

This application displays a clear disregard for the intent of the Zoning by-law and the consensus on what appropriate island development should be on Lake Temagami.

This proposed amendment lies too far outside the provisions of the Zoning By-law, and would result in an increased intensity of development above what is permitted and/or desired in the Lake Temagami Community as well as setting a precedent that any other party could use to circumvent the intent of our Official Plan and Zoning ByLaw.

Andrew Healy
Chair, TLA Planning Committee

Chip Kittredge
President, Temagami Lakes Association



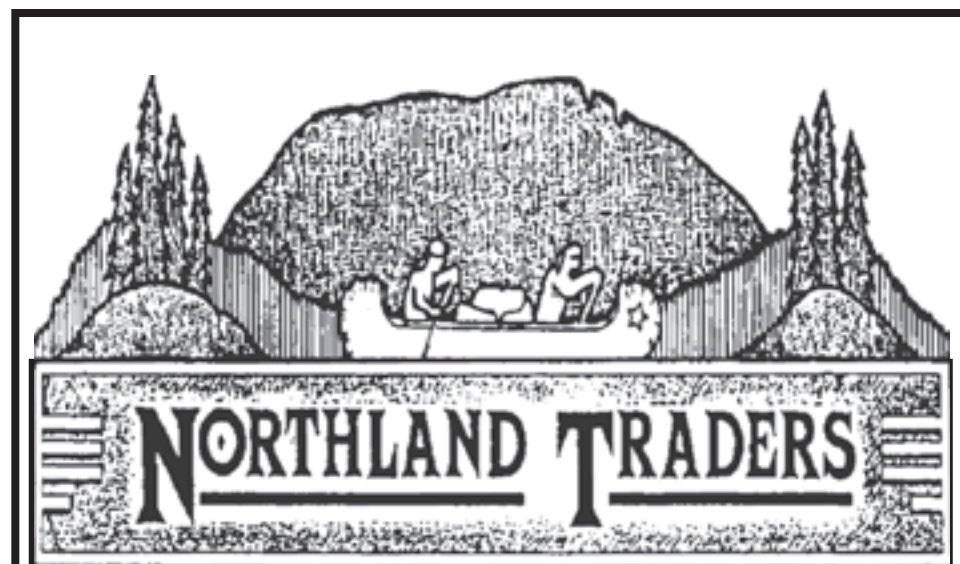
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TLA's Fishing Line Recycling Program: REELING IN AND RECYCLING IN 2014



that as a lifetime angler, I too have ditched line in our forests and lakes. "How many innocent creatures have I harmed?" I thought. It was a simple process: you get snagged; you cut the line; you need new

there. This day forever changed that mindset and the line in my vest remains, waiting to be turned into something great...

Improperly discarded fishing line poses a threat to all of Temagami's wildlife from land to lake. The TLA Fishing Line Recycling Program will allow anglers to discard their cut, tangled and expired fishing line into custom-built receptacles at high traffic areas around the lake, including the TLA headquarters.

These receptacles will be built, distributed and maintained by our summer staff. At the end of each season, all the discarded line will be sent to Berkley Fishing, a world-renowned tackle producer in the U.S. They will properly recycle the discarded line to create a unique crate-like fish habitat or "Fish-Hab" and send it back to us.

These Fish-Habs are artificial underwater habitat structures made from recycled monofilament line and line spools along with other post-consumer materials like milk cartons and pop bottles. They attract fish and encourage plant growth almost immediately, providing the natural cover essential to the growth of healthy fish populations.

The beauty of this program is that it allows us to turn something potentially harmful into something undoubtedly beneficial, all by making one simple choice. Monofilament line takes 600 years to decompose. The choice is simple. Take advantage of this new initiative and be part of sustaining Temagami's pristine legacy.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please feel free to contact the TLA. We also encourage commercial fishing and marina operators on the lake who are willing to participate in this program to contact us.



Berkley recycles used fishing line to create artificial "Fish-Habs".

By Justin Metz
TLA Director: Fish and Wildlife

The TLA is proud to announce our newest Fish and Wildlife Project for spring 2014: The Fishing Line Recycling Program. This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to provide convenient and environmentally friendly alternatives to recreational fishing practices.

The catalyst for this project sparked last year during a 5-day canoe trip down the beautifully historic Mattawa River, an hour south of Lake Temagami. I was paddling through a narrow, twisting section



Loons can fall victim to fishing line while feeding.

of slow-moving water, while soaking in the sights and sounds that hovered above, when around the next bend I saw something out of place.

As I drifted closer and closer, my heart began to sink as I saw a stunning Yellow Warbler suspended from the branches, lifeless and horribly entwined in discarded fishing line. I cut it down, untangled the poor bird, and then brought him into the forest to rest. I went back to my canoe and zipped the line into my vest pocket.

Drifting down river I felt an overwhelming feeling of guilt, not for the fault of what happened, but by knowing



*Recycling Depots like these will be set up at the TLA and other high traffic areas around the lake.
Photo by Chip Kittredge.*

line; you throw the old one in the garbage. I did this not out of disrespect for nature but out of an unknown ignorance as to what will happen to the line when I left it



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Planning Committee 2013-2014 Update

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TLA, was denied by the Municipal Council, as recommended by the Municipality's Planning Advisory Committee.

This application included construction of a workshop on a small island that failed to meet the minimum distance from shore by a great deal (one third actually) in the Zoning By-Law. Further the application exceeded maximums for floor size and total lot coverage permitted in the By-Law by sizeable amounts.

These differences between what the applicant wanted to build and the community standards established by residents and approved by Councils over the years were just too great. Accordingly the TLA Planning Committee recommended that the Temagami Lakes Association express its concerns, as you can see in the letter appearing on page 4.

It is relevant and important to note that Municipal Council has just completed a five-year review of the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law. This review was endorsed by Council resolution. What this means is that

a vote to approve any application as radically different from the Zoning By-Law as this one would be a vote against a position Council took in the recent past.

The application went through the process of a Public Meeting to receive community input; and a Planning Advisory Committee meeting at which the Municipal Planner's report that recommended the application be denied was presented. This committee voted unanimously to recommend that Council deny the application. On January 30, 2014 the matter was included on a Municipal Council agenda for adoption or rejection. Council endorsed the Municipal Planner's report to deny the application. The result was a vote of 4-2 to deny the application.

The TLA was served well by its Planning Consultant, who provided sound advice as to how the application differed greatly from the Town's approved Zoning By-Law. We would also like to acknowledge the strong leadership of Mayor Hunter and Planning Advisory Committee chair Councillor Middleton throughout as they worked to ensure this process conformed to accepted municipal practices in municipalities throughout Ontario.

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2014 TLA Student Jobs

EMPLOYER: Temagami Lakes Association (TLA)

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

Location: Lake Temagami, Ontario

Job Term: Approximately 15 weeks

Anticipated Start date: May 12th, 2014

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

Schedule: 35hrs/week, some weekends required.

JOB DESCRIPTION/DUTIES:

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

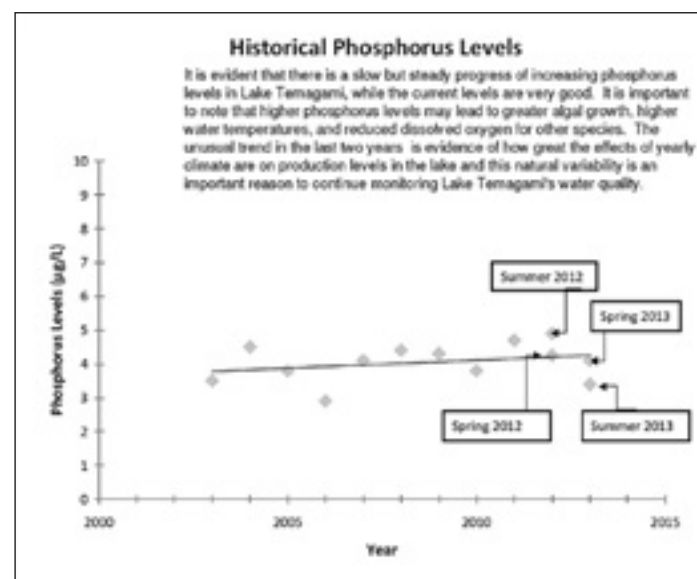
QUALIFICATIONS:

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

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

References will be requested of those candidates selected for interviews.

This chart is an example of data collected by TLA summer students for the Water Quality Monitoring program.



Automated BP Kiosk a Welcome Addition to the Temagami Medical Centre

By Ellen Ibey

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, about one-quarter of Canadians have hypertension, commonly known as high blood pressure. Elevated blood pressure (BP) is the number one correctable risk factor for stroke and a major risk factor for heart disease. What's more, hypertension is on the rise in Canadians 18-35 years of age, due in part to rising rates of obesity in children and teens.

Big health benefits are the pay-off for reducing high blood pressure. According to the Canadian Hypertension Society, lowering high blood pressure can reduce:

- Heart attacks by 25%
- Stroke by 40%
- Heart failure by 50%

All adult Canadians should know what their BP numbers are – just like they should

know their numbers for weight, cholesterol and blood sugar. Knowing your BP numbers can be particularly important, since most people with high blood pressure have no symptoms.

One reading doesn't tell the whole story. While it's important to have your blood pressure checked at least once a year by a healthcare professional, a single BP reading taken in the physician's office isn't usually enough to provide a true picture of a person's BP.

It's normal for blood pressure to fluctuate significantly – as much as 15 or more points from minute to minute. BP is affected by many variables such as exercise, coffee, smoking, illness, etc. The average of multiple readings over a period of time is the best indication of a person's BP.

In an effort to encourage blood pressure self-management and increase access

to regular BP monitoring, the Temagami FHT embarked on a fundraising initiative to purchase an automated BP Kiosk. Recently, through some very determined individuals, groups and service clubs, the fundraising target has been achieved and a PharmaSmart automated BP kiosk has been installed in the waiting area at the Temagami Medical Centre.

It has only been through the generosity of the following individuals, groups, and service clubs that the purchase of this equipment was possible:

- Temagami Lion's Club
- Earlton Lion's Club
- Royal Canadian Legion, Temagami Branch
- T&K Scholarship Fund
- Royal Canadian Legion, Temagami Poppy Fund
- Physician & Staff of the Temagami FHT

This equipment comes with Hypertension Management Smart Card tracking capability which allows patients and their providers to determine their average BP from multiple readings taken over a period

of time. From a clinical perspective, this information allows for improved professional consultation and patient management.

When using the kiosk, the patient should rest seated at the unit for a full minute prior to commencing the test. This will allow them to return to a resting pulse. It's also important to use the proper arm position. A diagram on the instruction panel indicates the correct arm position. It is also very important that the patient remains quiet and still for the duration of the test. Patients are encouraged to use the BP kiosk to take the average of 8 to 10 readings. Only then will they have a good indication of their average blood pressure.

Plans for an official unveiling of the BP kiosk are in the works -- watch for details in the not-too-distant future.

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Council Makes Decisions on Fire Protection Options

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also asked for written comments. During the process, it became apparent that in 2005, the town had changed the practice of billing limited or full fire service charges to properties according to their geographical location and the type of access to the property.

So, in the fall of 2013, Council agreed to postpone their decision on the Lake Temagami Fire Protection Report's options while staff researched the history for the reason this changed. Council received the staff report at the January 10, 2014 meeting. It explained that the 2005 Council exercised their right to change the method of charging fees by adopting the 2005 budget by-law; however, no documentation was found on why this decision was made. The report stated that there had been verbal accounts indicating that the vast majority of fire department calls at the time were highway and vehicle collision related (and that remains to this day).

The report, which can be viewed online, also outlined the financial implications, and recommended that Council consider reinstating the limited and full fire service

public meetings, one in town and one on the lake during the summer months and

charges on a go forward basis. Council accepted the recommendation and has directed that a form of limited and full fire service charges will be reinstated.

They have referred this to the General Government and Finance Advisory Committee for recommendations on the method of allocation, taking into consideration the level of response to highway calls as well as fires, and the properties to be charged limited and full fire service – this recommendation is to be made in time for implementation in the 2015 taxation year.

Once that was decided, Council turned to the original question of which option(s) to pick for fire protection for water-access properties. It is ironic that the very things that make Temagami so unique and wonderful can also present the greatest challenges. Several of the public comments expressed the opinion that island-only development with many remote, secluded properties makes a central water-based fire department response impractical. Council selected a combination of options 3 (Enhanced Distribution of Individual Fire Pumps) and 4a (Enhanced Education & Prevention) as the most feasible choice.

The General Government and Finance Advisory Committee will be drafting a financial plan for implementation of these options for Council's consideration. The proposal had included municipal subsidies for the purchase of standardized individual fire pumps by any municipal resident with no municipal fire protection, (i.e. not limited to Lake

Temagami). More details on how this will be done will be available at a later date.

The enhanced fire education and prevention option could include distribution of additional educational printed material through mailouts and the town website. It could also include working with organizations like the TLA to help get messages out through their various communication channels (i.e. broadcasts over the TLA radio service, regular fire prevention articles in the Temagami Times, TLA web site, literature distributed at the annual meeting, etc.).

The full Lake Temagami Fire Protection Report, the public comments submitted (including from the TLA) and the follow up staff report, are available for public viewing at: www.temagami.ca.



The TLA Loon Nest Project Needs Your Help!

By Justin Metz, TLA Director, Fish and Wildlife



Artificial nest like these will be strategically placed around the lake this spring. The TLA is seeking valuable loon information from lake residents to assist in determining these locations. Photo by Justin Metz.

The TLA is calling on all Loon lovers to assist us with our returning Loon Nesting Platform Project and our overall commitment to the preservation of the Loon population in Temagami. In order for this project to be successful a number of Loon Surveys must be completed on the lake. The TLA will be working closely with Bird Studies Canada in participating in the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey (CLLS).

Taking part in the CLLS is an excellent way to enjoy watching loons over the summer while contributing to loon research and conservation. To track loon chick survival through CLLS we need each volunteer:

- in June to watch for pairs of loons occupying the lake;
- in July to look for newly-hatched chicks;
- in August to record the number of chicks that have survived the summer.

Each participant is provided with a survey kit and detailed instructions that explain the survey protocol. You decide which part of the lake you wish to survey within the Common Loon's

breeding range; even parts of the lake without loons provide valuable information.

All participants will receive a paper kit that can be picked up at the TLA Building in mid-May. Surveyors have the choice of submitting their observations to Bird Studies Canada on paper or entering them online at Bird Studies Canada's website. All observations are to be submitted by 15 September.

We understand that many of us (unfortunately) cannot visit our islands at least once from May to August. However, if you are interested in this project nonetheless or have any personal historic data on loon breeding sites and success rates, we would love to hear from you.

Furthermore, based on specific data you may have on loon breeding activity near your island, you may be a candidate to host one of our unique loon nesting platforms if interested.

Please inquire about this great volunteer opportunity with the TLA by email: tla@onlink.net or by phone (705) 237-8927.

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Low Numbers Cause Volunteer Fire Departments to Join Resources and Respond Together

By Jim Sanderson, Temagami Fire Chief

Marten River and Temagami Fire Departments are concerned of not having enough members available to be able to provide an adequate response to daytime emergencies or to structural fires at any time of the day or night. In the past, both departments have had sufficient personnel available to operate independently of each other, occasionally requesting assistance at structural fires or large highway incidents.

A drop in available personnel over the last 4 months, especially during the day, has resulted in the Fire Chiefs requesting a change in operating procedures. This change, authorized by Council on January 30, 2014, will see both departments responding simultaneously to structure fires in the departments' coverage areas. Between the hours of 06:00 AM and 6:00PM, both departments will respond to highway incidents within their combined coverage areas, stretching from Tilden Lake to James Lake on Hwy 11, and to Temagami River Road on Hwy 64.

What does this mean? If you call and there are not any other emergencies happening, both departments will respond. It also means there are NO additional fire resources immediately available should the departments be out at another emergency.

To better protect yourself, the departments are strongly urging residents of Temagami and Marten River to be more vigilant in practicing fire safety.

Make sure all your smoke alarms are working, checking them monthly and replacing batteries at least yearly (preferably every 6 months when the time changes). Recognize the low battery chirping sound that your smoke alarm makes and replace batteries im-

mediately if you hear that sound. This chirping will only run for a few days, so if you are away from home for several days or more, check your smoke alarm when you return. Replace smoke alarms that are older than 10 years old.

Both departments are actively looking for new members interested in being emergency responders. While both departments have a strong need to increase the number of

emergency responders, there are many other activities within the department that do not include responding to emergencies. Perhaps you are interested in helping with public fire education activities or fire prevention inspections. If you are interested in helping improve fire safety in your community, please contact either Paul Elliott, Marten River Fire Chief (at 705-892-2340 or email pelliott@ontera.net) or Jim Sanderson, Temagami Fire Chief (at 705-569-

34211 ext 1500 or email temfire@temagami.ca) for further information on how you can help; OR visit the fire departments' page on the municipal website at www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/39.

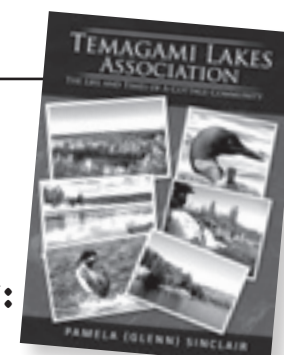
- Have a home escape plan, and practice it with your family so that everybody knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and gets out safely.
- During the winter, clear out both exits of snow, so that you can open and get out your secondary exit if required.
- Clean out wood stove chimneys monthly.
- Practice fire safety at all times.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home if you have any fuel burning appliances (wood, gas, oil, propane,...).

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Temagami Old Growth Trail Project

By Cathy Dwyer

The Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) has approached local groups – Friends of Temagami, Nastawgan Trails Inc., Temagami Lakes Association, the Temagami Chamber of Commerce, along with the Municipality of Temagami and the Temagami First Nation – with a proposal to develop a partnership plan for the Old Growth trails on Temagami Island and in the White Bear Forest.

The plan would identify trails for maintenance, standardize signage, electronically update and print maps, identify and prioritize infrastructure needs and develop a funding plan.

To fund part of the plan, the TCF intends to promote the project on a web-based Crowdfunding site. It also plans on reaching out to specific supporters and donors. The Temagami Lakes Association (TLA), for example, has already committed funds towards some of the infrastructure requirements.

In the past, volunteers and organizations like the Friends of Temagami, Nastawgan Trails Inc. and the TLA have all worked on the trails, but there has not been a cohesive plan in place for the two areas that would ensure the long-term care of these unique areas.

While maintaining these valuable ecosystems, the partnership plan will include a strategy to market and promote the trails so that the public can enjoy, learn and experience what is so special about Temagami's Old Growth trails.

Both sites were set aside in 2002 as Conservation Reserves by the Province to permanently protect representative ecosystems, biodiversity and provincially significant elements of Ontario's natural and cultural heritage and then to manage these areas to ensure that ecological integrity is maintained.



Photo by Cathy Dwyer.

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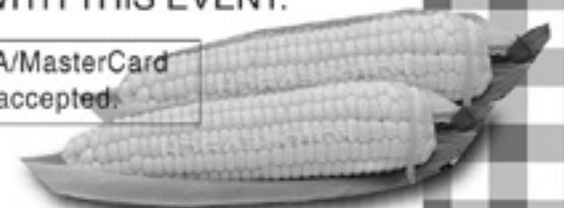
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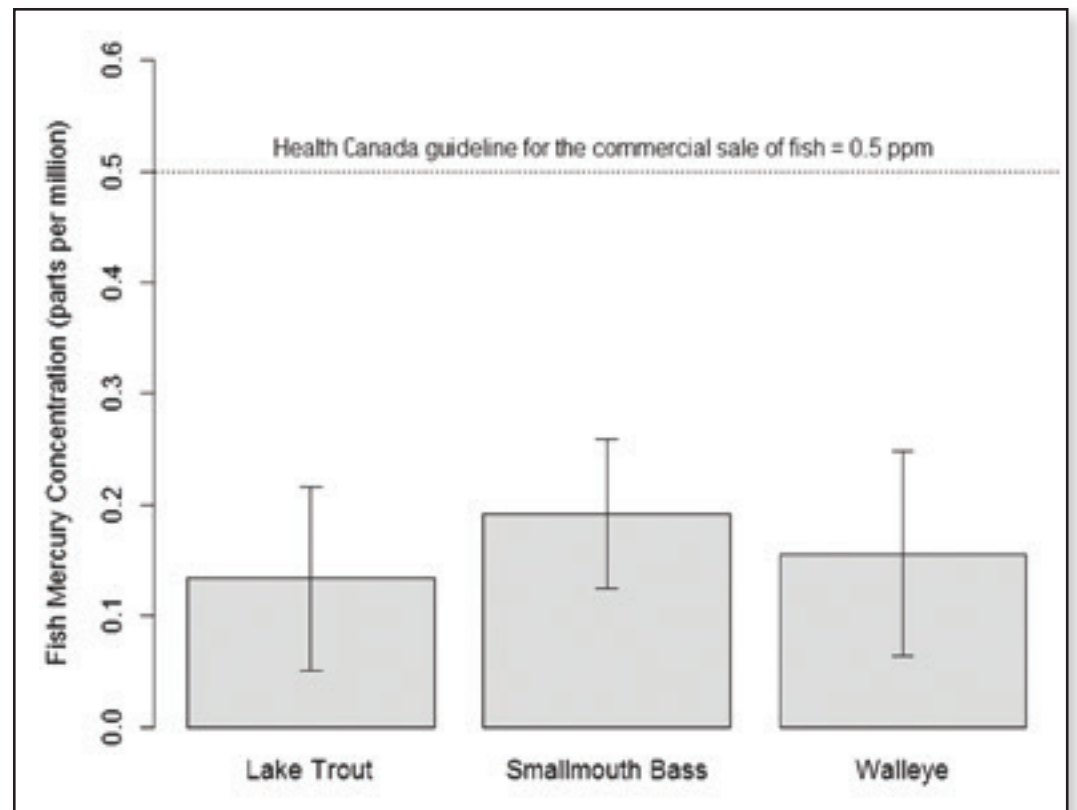
TLA Study Finds Low Levels of Mercury in Lake Temagami Sport Fish

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sport fish size can exceed 0.5 ppm, so the results of the Temagami mercury study are reassuring. They imply that mercury-related risks to humans and wildlife consuming these sport fish from Lake Temagami are relatively low.

It is important to know, however, that the 0.5 ppm guideline is just that: a guideline. In fact, it is not necessarily unsafe to eat a fish with mercury levels that exceed 0.5 ppm, rather it serves as a trigger for recommending a limitation on the amount of fish consumed per week. For more information, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources provides a comprehensive, annual “Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish” (http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/resources/collection/guide_to_eating_ontario_sport_fish/index.htm). Health Canada guidelines can also be found at: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/pubs/mercur/merc_fish_poison-eng.php.

Mercury is a ubiquitous atmospheric pollutant that is often found at elevated concentrations in Canada’s aquatic ecosystems, even in pristine and remote lakes far from any industrial activities. The results are a welcome confirmation that mercury has not tainted Lake Temagami’s well-earned reputation for pristine waters, like it has for other lakes in Canada. We thank all volunteers who contributed fish samples in support of this monitoring study.



Average mercury concentrations in Lake Trout (10 samples), Smallmouth Bass (31 samples), and Walleye (11 samples), determined through the 2013 TLA fish mercury study. Grey bars are the averages; error bars show the amount of variability around these averages based on the individual fish samples for each species (95% confidence intervals).

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Take Action to Protect Water Quality

By Cameron Clark, Renee Duval, and Doug Metson of the Timiskaming Health Unit

Cottage life means that we swim in the lake, drink from the lake and use lake water to wash and shower. We fish and boat in it and take great pride in protecting the future water quality and biodiversity of the lake. Environmental initiatives such as the Fish Mercury Study, the Lead Tackle Exchange Program and the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey have all been discussed on Lake Temagami, but another serious problem exists closer to home: Faulty septic systems.

There are over 900 properties on Lake Temagami. This means there are likely hundreds of sewage disposal systems. These include outhouses, composting toilets and septic systems. The largest potential source of contamination to the lake is faulty outdated septic systems.

A proper septic system consists of a watertight septic tank and leaching bed of filter pipes and sand. A modern septic tank will not empty from year to year unless it has been pumped. Without sufficient sand and soil, wastewater will not be adequately filtered and treated. This can result in raw sewage in the lake leading to a risk to human health and the health of the environment.

E. coli can survive in lake water and

travel with currents and wave activity. No one wants to consider what happens if water quality deteriorates. This is an environmental concern that you can control; take action now. Encouraging cottagers to have their septic systems assessed and replaced should be a community initiative, where everyone is honest with themselves and their neighbors in the interest of protecting each other and the quality of the lake.

Is **your** septic tank safe? Ask yourself these questions:

- Is your septic tank empty after a period of non-use?
- Does the grass over the system at times become unusually green or spongy to walk on?
- Do toilets, showers and sinks take longer to drain?
- Do occasional sewage odours become noticeable?
- Do you see gray or black liquid surfacing in your yard or backing up through plumbing fixtures?
- Do you see unusual algae growth along the shoreline near your septic system?
- Was your system installed before 1984?
- Does your system consist of a steel tank installed before 1970?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the ques-

tions above, you may have a malfunctioning septic system that is contaminating the lake.

Under the Ontario Building Code, a septic system is considered a structure. It is important that you obtain a sewage system permit from Timiskaming Health Unit for the following situations:

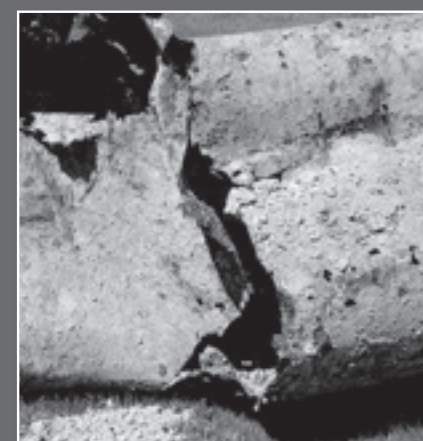
- When installing a new septic system;
- When altering or putting additions on to your cottage;
- When corrective work or repairs are needed for an existing system;
- When updating an existing system.

Make it safe and make it legal. Contact the Timiskaming Health Unit to learn more.

Here is another question for you. If your septic system is malfunctioning and there is a potential for sewage to leak into the waterway, would you allow your children or grandchildren to drink untreated lake water? To learn more about drinking water safety, contact Renee Duval, Public Health Inspector (duvalr@timiskaminghu.com).

To learn more what you can do to preserve the water quality of Lake Temagami, contact Doug Metson, Building Control Officer (metsond@timiskaminghu.com).

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Does your septic system have a steel tank installed before 1970? If so, it may look like these and need replacement. Photos supplied by the Timiskaming Health Unit.



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MNR Moose Management in Ontario's Northeast Region

By Peter Davis,
Northeast Regional Wildlife
Biologist, MNR



Ontario's Northeast Region (NER) has 25 Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) that are managed for licenced moose hunts (WMUs 01A, 01D, 21B, 22 to 42 inclusive and 47).

The combined moose population in the NER has been mainly in a declining trend since 2004. It is currently estimated that there are just under 39,000 moose for those WMUs with licenced moose hunts. The majority of WMUs with moose aerial inventories in the past decade have shown lower moose calf recruitment since 2002. WMUs 31, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 40 have moose densities that are near or below desired ecological minimums of 20 moose per 100 sq. kilometres.

In the winter of 2014, moose aerial inventories are planned for WMUs 23, 28, 30, 32, 35, 36, 39 and 41.

Moose with substantial hair loss caused by high winter tick infestation have been observed in the NER during the winter and spring of 2013 (Chapleau, Timmins, North Bay and Sudbury Districts), with several documented tick related mortalities. In 2012, snow

depths disappeared by mid-March across the NER which favoured winter ticks. Deeper snow extending well into April, 2013, may have resulted in higher mortality of engorged female winter ticks and may cause fewer ticks on moose this winter compared to last winter.

In 2012, 49 per cent of resident hunters in the province hunted within the NER (42,589 of 86,650 hunters), which accounted for 37 per cent of the provincial resident moose harvest (2,192 of 5,861 moose).

The estimated 2012 resident moose harvest from the NER WMUs was 2,192, comprised of 927 bulls, 499 cows and 766 calves. Tourist industry clients harvested a total of 206 moose comprised of 146 bulls, 54 cows and 6 calves. The high number of resident hunters and effort results in high calf harvests, which reduces the adult validation tag quotas offered under the current system.

For further information on moose biology, moose management and resident moose harvest estimates by WMU, please visit <http://ontario.ca/moose>.



MUNICIPAL UPDATE

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NEW COUNCILLOR

The Municipality welcomes Dan O'Mara as a new member of Council. In late October 2013, Dan was selected by Council to fill the Office of Councillor that became vacant when Lorie Hunter was appointed Mayor. Dan has spent most of his life in Northern Ontario and was a cottager in Temagami for many years before becoming a permanent resident of Lake Temagami several years ago. He has worked primarily in health care, including as the CEO of several hospitals. He was also a volunteer firefighter for years.

After coming to live full time in Temagami upon retirement, Dan became actively involved in the community. He became a member of the Legion, the TLA and the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents Association. In recent years he has also served as a member of the North Bay Health Centre Board of Directors and on Temagami's General Government and Finance and Protection to Persons and Property (PPP) Advisory Committees.



Councillor Dan O'Mara being sworn in by Municipal Clerk, Elaine Gunnell, as a member of the Temagami Police Services Board. Photo by Don Johnson.

The knowledge and experience he brings to Council in these areas will be beneficial to the Municipality and to his portfolio of Protection to Persons and Property. Dan now chairs the PPP Advi-

sory Committee and is the council representative on the Cemetery Board. He has also been appointed as a member of the Police Services Board, of which Don Johnson is now Chair.

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Municipality is in the process of preparing its 2014 Operating and Capital Budgets, based on the guidelines adopted by Council in October of 2013. We are continuing to restrain operating expenses and focus on capital, obtaining funding wherever possible. This Council has been successful in limiting tax increases, while aggressively addressing our infrastructure deficit. A new Asset Management Plan, which is in the final stages, will help determine capital priorities. Staff has again been asked to find further operating efficiencies for the 2014 budget year. Council recognizes the hard work of staff and of the General Government and Finance Advisory Committee, chaired by Councillor John Kenrick, in this budget process.

LAKE TEMAGAMI FIRE PROTECTION DECISION

A great deal of research went into the Lake Temagami Fire Protection Report that was drafted in the spring of 2013 by the Ad Hoc Committee created for that purpose. The committee consisted of two members of Council, Lorie Hunter and John Kenrick, members of staff including our two Fire Chiefs, a representative from the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office and members of the public, including permanent and seasonal residents of Lake Temagami. Extensive public consultations were augmented by further research done by staff to answer questions from the public arising from the consultations.

In January 2014, Council gave serious consideration to the information gathered from all of these sources and came to a decision. The options chosen were #3 – enhanced distribution of standardized indi-

vidual fire pumps – supplemented by 4a – increased public education and fire prevention measures. To enhance the number of fire pumps available to protect water access properties, the municipality will assist owners to purchase compatible pumps, by means of a subsidy. This will be offered to all owners of water access properties throughout the municipality, not just on lake Temagami. The General Government and Finance Advisory Committee and staff will be drafting policies and procedures in the near future for Council's consideration, to facilitate putting this plan of action into operation this summer.

A second outcome of this process is that Council has also decided to reinstate some form of limited and full fire service rates, similar to those used prior to 2005, which would come into effect in the 2015 taxation year.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The municipality is in the process of creating an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate and draft a viable Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Council's consideration that would help to stimulate economic development in Temagami. A CIP is a tool that enables a municipality to encourage redevelopment, revitalization and improvement of existing built-up areas and neighbourhoods of a municipality and to help to attract and retain businesses. The Ontario Municipal Act severely restricts the ability of municipalities to directly or indirectly provide financial or other incentives or assistance to commercial, manufacturing, or industrial businesses, which is commonly referred to as "bonusing". It does, however make an exception for measures taken to implement a CIP as provided in the provincial Planning Act.

Council felt that the creation of an ad hoc committee for this purpose would be more appropriate than referring it to an existing standing advisory committee. An ad hoc committee is appointed by Council for

a specific purpose and is dissolved once that purpose has been accomplished. It is an effective way to encourage individuals with the needed expertise to participate on a specific project.

This particular ad hoc committee will be comprised of municipal ratepayers and will not include members of Council or municipal staff. The Municipal Planner and Economic Development Officer shall, however, be included in the committee as non-voting members for the purpose of information, guidance and minute taking. There will be one representative from each of the Economic Development and Planning Advisory Committees and it is intended that there will be representation from each of the municipality's five neighbourhoods.

Individuals interested in participating on this committee should contact the municipality's Economic Development Officer, Michelle Anderson at 705-569-3421 ext 207, or by email at edo@temagami.ca. Members of the committee ideally should have experience in one of the following areas: municipal experience, planning, engineering, architectural, marketing, industrial, commercial and residential contracting.

SPRING BEAR HUNT PILOT PROJECT

The Ministry of Natural Resources is implementing a limited early bear-hunting season as a pilot project. They are doing this due to the concern over the rising number of human-bear conflicts as a result of the increasing bear population. In the fall of 2013, the Municipality received notice from the MNR along with a request for support for this initiative. The two-year pilot would allow bear hunting by Ontario residents only from May 1 to June 15, beginning in 2014, and only in selected Wildlife Management Units (WMUs).

The pilot project area takes in only the southwest corner of the Municipality of Temagami that is part of WMU 41, but does not include WMU 40, which encompasses most of the Municipality. Council passed Resolution 13-586 in December to express support for the proposed pilot project, but also to encourage its expansion.

In a letter to Minister Oraziotti, Mayor Hunter asked the Minister to seriously consider adding Wildlife Management Unit 40 to the pilot project area. In addition she wrote that we hope that the MNR will consider expanding the early hunting season in future years to include hunters from outside Ontario. Americans are well-known

bear hunters and allowing them to participate through local hunting lodges would provide a needed economic benefit to the north, as well as addressing the issue of human-bear conflicts.

2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The municipal elections for Members of Council and School Board Trustees will be held throughout Ontario on **October 27, 2014**. Every person who is a Canadian citizen who is at least 18 years of age and not otherwise prohibited from voting, is eligible to vote in the local municipality in which he or she resides or is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant.

If you or your spouse own or rent property in another municipality besides the one in which you live, you may be considered to be a "non-resident elector" and may be eligible to vote in more than one municipality. This eligibility does not, however, extend to adult children of the non-resident owner or tenant. In addition, if the property is owned by a business, a trust or an estate, and not by you personally, you would not be considered to be an owner.

If you are eligible to vote, you are encouraged to make sure that you are on the Voters List. During the summer months, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) will provide a preliminary list to the Municipal Clerk, based on the records that MPAC maintains on home ownership and tenancy. You should contact MPAC [1-866-296-6722] if you have moved since the last election, to make sure they have your new address. You may also contact MPAC at http://www.mpac.on.ca/property_owners/contactus.asp to confirm that they have your information.

After the voters' list comes out at the beginning of September, you can apply to the Municipal Clerk to have your name added up until the close of voting on voting day.

Any eligible elector may also run for office on Council or as a school board trustee. This includes non-resident electors, however, they must be able to attend meetings in person. If you would like further information about becoming a candidate for office



(council or school board) or to access a Voters Guide or a Candidates Guide prepared by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, please visit the municipal website at www.temagami.ca/2014_election. Additional information on all aspects of the election will be added to this web page as it becomes available throughout the time leading up to the election.

ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE

The Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning By-law was updated as a result of the 5-year Official Plan review being completed. The Municipal Zoning By-law Amendment passed 3rd reading on November 21, 2013, but the Municipality received an appeal from a member of the public in December 2013. The appeal was forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) as required and the OMB has acknowledged its receipt. The appeal is in the early stages and it is anticipated that that appeal will take a few months for a decision. At this time the Zoning By-law amendment has not yet come into force. Updates on its implementation will be posted on the municipal website as they become available.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 Municipal Award Program. 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.) Please consider nominating a group or individual who makes or has made a positive difference to the quality of life in Temagami. Categories for nomination are Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Posthumous Lifetime Achievement. Further details and nomination forms are available from the Municipal Office and the municipal website at www.temagami.ca/awards.

Council also has the opportunity annually to nominate one individual who is 65 years or older for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award. If you know of a Temagami Senior who deserves to be nominated, please send your suggestion to Mayor and Council by March 25th, along with details of why that person should be nominated.



Working for Temagami's future...Together!

The TLA welcomes the following new members for 2014.

Lake residents and others are responding to the efforts of the Temagami Lakes Association in contributing to and preserving the quality of the Temagami experience through membership renewals and new member applications.

These are positive signs that our many initiatives, including those with respect to lake water quality, on behalf of all residents do make a difference.

The TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members during 2013:

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Ann Navaro	1186
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Northern Safe Roads Coalition Asking for Safer Roads

By Owen Smith and Sue Nielsen,
Northern Safe Roads Coalition members

The Northern Safe Roads Coalition (NSRC) was formed in the later stages of December and early January 2014.

It is a coalition of Highway 11 users made up of concerned citizens, truckers, law enforcement, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof, municipal politicians, business leaders and others.

We had our first meeting at the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce office in New Liskeard in early January and were pleasantly surprised at the turnout.

The issue of safety on Highway 11 during the winter months is a cause for concern for many people and we were quite taken aback by comments and the passion of area people who want safer roads.

Since our inaugural meeting we set up a NSRC facebook page that went viral. In just three days we had 1,700 likes, which indicated to us the issue of safe roads was of great importance.

Our coalition is concerned with winter road maintenance standards and the classification of Highway 11 as designated by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO).

Currently, Highway 11, the Trans Canada Highway is classified as a Class 2 Highway and maintenance standards are set out from this classification.

Maintenance standards delivered by contractors who are often times successful applicants for contracts because they are the lowest bidders. Lowest bids don't necessarily allow for

proper maintenance standards given the high volume of traffic, the unique physicality of the highway and the fact that it is the lifeblood of Temiskaming and the only road in and out of the north.

The NSRC is asking the province, who are represented by the MTO, to change the classification of the highway and therefore change the maintenance standards that we all realize aren't sufficient to protect lives and ensure safe travel.

Our plans are to host a "Solutions" meeting near the end of January or beginning of February to bring together all the stakeholders to the table to discuss how we can make our roads safer.

There will be plenty of notice given when and where the next meeting will take place and we hope to see as many stakeholders as possible to raise our voices in solidarity to affect change.

Everyone has a stake in the safety of Highway 11.

There have been unprecedented road closures this year and if we don't ask for safer roads and better maintenance then these unacceptable road conditions will then become the norm.

The conditions of our roads affect every aspect of our way of life, and northerners are sticking together on this very important issue.

An important aspect of the NSRC facebook page has been that people are posting first hand accounts of road conditions in our region complete with photos as it has been noted that the MTO 511 site has often had misinformation about road conditions.

If you would like to get involved check out our facebook page, send us a message and attend the next meeting.

Hopefully by working together we can bring about change in the way of safer roadways for northerners.

Thank you and safe travels.

Pink Boat Tour 2013

By Andre Lamothe

The first Pink Boat Tour was a tremendous success. I imagined that many people would contribute in one fashion or other, but I must admit that I was astounded by the breadth of the involvement.

Our employees donated the mooring cover and time to build the boat. Manufacturers sponsored the engine and the trailer in order to complete the package. A dealer gave a comprehensive mooring pack and a supplier donated life jackets. The raffle tickets and the posters were, again, all gifts for our cause.

One hundred percent (100%) of the funds raised were handed over to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. This result is substantially better than the 27% of funds raised that typically flow through to charities in general. For that also I am grateful.

Michel Mino of Callander, Ontario was the holder of the winning ticket drawn on October 6, 2013 at the CIBC Run for The Cure event held in North Bay. We were able to remit \$20,000 (including donations) from our first Pink Boat Tour. People had fun and our dealers created a lot of goodwill in their communities. One dealer held a wing fest in August. The objec-

tive is that participants vote for the best recipe. In Don's words, they "cleared the decks and set up 5 BBQs". He was the cook at one, and four more of his customers were at the other.

In order for the guests to receive a ballot, they had to purchase a ticket for the Pink Boat raffle. In 2 ½ hours, they served 1,600 wings, 250 ears of corn, and 2 kegs of beer. They sold 300 tickets and raised \$1,300 for our Cause! More than that, their clients had a good time and wish to do it again this year.

It has come to my attention that Naden Boats has been nominated for a Corporate Initiative award as part of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation recognition ceremony to be held on April 6th at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The reason for the nomination is that we organized a whole fundraising campaign instead of simply handing over an item for a raffle. The honour of being nominated is shared with each and every person who contributed to the success of the inaugural Tour.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, there will be a Pink Boat Tour 2014 ... all our participants from last year have pledged to participate again. Without you, dear ticket purchasers, none of this success would have happened and I wish to THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!

Warmest regards,
Andre



CANADA Grouse Hunt

By Ed Russell, Island 1092

Like most of us, I have enjoyed the beauty and solitude of Temagami during the summer weeks for years, in my case about 55. Each summer I marvel at how little the lake and its surroundings have actually changed. Oh, there have been some changes in the town, and we now have businesses like Boat Line Bay handy to us on the mainland, and Bear Island is not the hub it once was. But as I travel and fish the lake and its islands and bays, I always think, "This looks just like it did when I lost Pop's lure in that tree."

In the spring of 1977, however, there was a change, one that will remain for the rest of our lives. That change was the great forest fire, a fire that claimed some 200,000 acres, much of it visible from the lake. Fortunately, the cause was Mother Nature doing her thing, not some idiot who forgot to tend his campfire, which makes it more palatable in my mind.

All changes aren't all bad, even nasty events like forest fires. So what's good about this? Grouse cover. Ah yes, that elusive, secretive bird that goes from zero to sixty before your mind can even catalog his presence now has almost endless acreage to breed and thrive. You see, grouse need young brush and hardwoods to exist; they shun mature forests. So for the last several years we have returned to Temagami in September and into October with dogs at our sides and shotguns in our hands for the annual partridge hunt.

We hunt the burnt-over acreage, now thick with young birch and poplar, Christmas fern and berry bushes. The fall colors are often in full display. Brilliant reds and yellows of the maples, and the warm gold of the birch and poplar are mixed with shades

After a day in the bush hunting grouse (left to right): Grace Kiltie, Charlene Gebler, John Russell, Paul Gebler, and Ed Russell of Island 1092. Photo by Debbie Russell.

of green ever present in the pines. Combine that with the clear blue sky and you've got something real hard to beat.

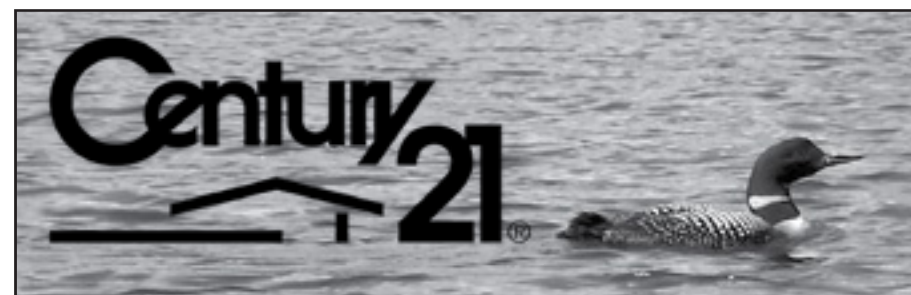
Walking the remains of untold miles of lumber trails, in four or five hunts we usually bag about 20 birds. There are always plenty of birds, thanks to the dog work we come upon them. But spying the fleeing prey in the thick brush in a timely fashion (seconds) and securing an accurate aim is the key. Grouse have an uncanny way of placing whatever they can between the barrel of your gun and them, shielding them from the ensuing blast. Often they run, unseen for sure, lost to all but the keen noses of my brother's wonderful setters.

In time another point; maybe the same bird, maybe not, but this really makes no difference. The opportunity is there again and again to prove to the family what a poor wing-shooter you really are. I've hunted grouse for much of my life. Am I ever ready for their blast-off in exactly the wrong direction? Am I ever ready for the tangle of vines that rap my barrel providing the perfect excuse for my miss? This year one lit in a tree, and in my excitement I shot low and missed. Am I ready for that? Likely not.

The grouse hunt is not for most. The terrain can be brutal and the walks very long as we "follow up" most all unseen or missed birds, but I highly recommend it. The Temagami scenery back in the bush is spectacular: ancient rock formations, marvelous beaver ponds, the bone-chilling howl of a wolf pack, and if you're lucky a seldom-seem moose.

I've always thought the Temagami region is a truly unique environment. Go south a few clicks and the crush of mankind is everywhere, the further south the worse the

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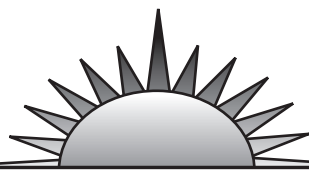
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Snowmobile, Ice, & Cottage Safety

By Constable Renee Taylor,
OPP Community Services Officer

The Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind snowmobilers that their safety while sledding this winter can start with being compliant with the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act (MSVA) and being properly trained.

To ride legally, snowmobile operators must always carry:

- Valid driver's licence (or if under age 16, a Snow Vehicle Operator's Licence);
- Proof of snowmobile ownership;
- Sled registration (including properly placed registration numbers and validation sticker on sled);
- Proof of sled insurance (pink slip);
- Approved snowmobile helmet (for each rider);
- While snowmobiling for recreation on an OFSC Prescribed Trail, a 2013 Snowmobile Trail Permit (properly displayed on the sled) with permit receipt.

Snowmobiling is a very popular activity in our province, and knowledge of how to operate your snowmobile safely is very important.

Here are some rules to remember:

- Check the weather before heading out.
- Obey speed limits and the road and trail signs. Reduce your speed when you are driving at night.
- Avoid driving on frozen water. If you must, please check the ice conditions prior.
- Many fatalities involve snowmobiles breaking through the ice or driving into open water. Anytime you travel on ice, you put yourself and your passengers at risk.
- Wear a buoyant snowmobile suit, carry ice picks and make sure they are available to you.
- Always tell someone where you are going, your exact route and your expected time of return. You should never travel alone and always be prepared for the unexpected.
- Use caution at railway and road crossings.
- Always remain on the right-hand side of the trail.
- At night, drive at a reduced speed and avoid travelling faster than the beam your headlight can shine ahead.

- A rigid tow-bar must be used when towing a sled or similar device behind a snowmobile.
- Drive within your ability.

Ontario's snowmobile trail system is maintained by many snowmobile clubs. Our trails are patrolled by the Ontario Provincial Police, and conservation officers. During this winter season the Temiskaming OPP Detachment has dedicated motorized snow vehicle patrol hours working in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on the area trails and waterways. Police will be enforcing the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, Liquor Licence Act, Fish and Wild Life Conservation Act, Criminal Code of Canada and more.

Cottage checks will be conducted during patrols in the area.

In order to safeguard your property remember:

- Cottages and summer homes are most vulnerable to thieves.
 - If there is no one living at or checking it regularly, the cost of owning a cottage or summer property does include the frustration and irritation of repairing damage and replacing stolen property.
 - Pack up and take home all alcohol.
 - Do not leave firearms or weapons at the cottage.
 - Do not leave valuables.
 - Secure your sports equipment or do not expect it to be there next spring.
 - Make sure vehicles that are left behind are winterized, secured and disabled.
 - Make a list of everything and make copies.
- In 1993, Cottage Watch was developed in response to cottage break and enters, damage and theft property crimes. Cottage Watch is a "community driven – police supported" initiative, which targets property crimes and promotes "crime prevention through community engagement. By Cottage Associations working more actively with local cottagers in crime prevention, communications increase amongst the partners as everyone works together to make their cottage community safer.

Research indicates that Break and Enters are significantly lower in communities with a Watch initiative in place when compared to those that don't. Cottage Watch initiatives reduce crime, foster community spirit, a sense of belonging and working together.

For more information on Cottage Watch contact your local Ontario Provincial Police Detachment at 1-888-310-1122, or visit the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations' website at www.foca.on.ca.



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Building A Better Future With Community Partnerships

By Vince Hovanec

After a decade of experience working and “living” in the Near North region, the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) is undertaking an exercise that many such organizations have long avoided doing -- re-evaluating itself to do even more for the people and groups of the area.

It's not a question of being disappointed with the results of the TCF's first ten years. Far from it, as literally scores of community groups and initiatives have benefited from more than \$270,000 in grants disbursed by the TCF. Most of these projects succeeded, a few didn't, but the TCF realized that experience was part of the growing process for some groups and the communities.

Perhaps even more important, these were years in which the Foundation actively participated in the community, seeking input from the community and developing its own signature projects rather than simply disbursing money to local charitable groups or activities.

Over the fall and winter months, the TCF Board of Directors participated in several brain-storming sessions to scope out what the organization should do in the next year and beyond.

They agreed that the health of the local economy was a paramount priority. So, too, was an examination of some of the unique features of the community to see where the TCF could contribute and encourage collaboration among the area's three communities: native, non-native and seasonal residents. And, finally, what ongoing community projects and goals should be encouraged and/or supported.

In the end, there was a consensus to focus on four priority areas with activities or planned projects that might spinoff other initiatives, be they short or long-term in nature. They are:

ART CAMP FOREVER FUND:

The main benefit of the camp, now in its second decade, is the cross-cultural awareness that it engenders among young people in the communities. In the future, an adult camp to

foster ties and build personal relationships among community members might be considered. The Forever Fund, which provides tax receipts for all contributions, is designed to create an endowment that will enable the project to grow over the years.

OLD GROWTH TRAILS:

The Foundation has approached groups -- Friends of Temagami, Nastawgan, TLA, the Municipality of Temagami, Temagami Chamber of Commerce and the Temagami First Nation (TFN) -- with a proposal to develop a partnership to ensure that the trails are continuously maintained, signage is standardized, maps are updated electronically and printed, and infrastructure needs identified and prioritized and a funding plan developed. The Old Growth trails could be marketed for the unique environment they offer; summer youth employment might also result.

TEMAGAMI TRAIN STATION & DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION:

The Foundation has begun to work with the Municipality as it develops a plan around the upgrading and future use of the old train station. One of the TCF roles will be to assist in promoting community involvement in the process.

OUR RICH HISTORY:

The heart and soul of any community -- no matter how big or small, rural or urban -- is, more often than not, what people remember and cherish -- the stories and events that are told and re-told over the years. Each of the communities that make up the area have their own stories, people and events that bind neighbors and newcomers alike. The TCF will assist these communities in identifying the cultural and historical assets they already possess, and then to detail what needs to be done to preserve them for future generations.

These initiatives, then, are where the TCF will put its energy on behalf of the communities and inhabitants it serves going over the next 10 years. Its success will depend on its ability to attract support and financial contributions from the community. That's a challenge that all of Canada's 191 community foundations face every year as they try to help. As the Community Foundations of Canada notes, “Canadians invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play.” The TCF is fully registered with



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Canada Grouse Hunt

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crush. Go north a few clicks and the land opens up to farming and agriculture, further north the environment is ravaged by harsh winters. If you were riding in a car or train and fell asleep in North Bay and woke up in New Liskeard, you'd never, ever guess that this beautiful spot was here. And somehow it remains much as it was when I first jumped into that cold water in 1957. I am thankful for much in my life, and this gorgeous spot is near the top of the list.

So, you don't have to hunt, but don't shy away from our own little “great lake” just because it's September and you think it's too cold. The conditions are cooler, fewer people, largely bug free, longer nights and shorter days but, nevertheless, Temagami at its best. If you hunt, so much the better. Bring your dog, your chaps, and your blunderbuss and, if you've never hunted grouse, a change of skivvies wouldn't hurt. And, by the way, the grouse are wonderful to eat.



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What Happened To The Birch Trees?

By Cathy Dwyer

Last August our birch trees looked like they were all dying or fall was coming early. The leaves went from green to brown and we missed the nice yellow fall colour of the birch leaves. I had more than one person express concern about the health of the birch trees in Temagami.

I believe we were experiencing the Birch Skeletonizer (*Bucculatrix canadensisella*). When I referred to my bug and pest books they all said that it is common across Canada and in most cases will not damage the tree.

In my opinion, birch trees are very sensitive. When trying to determine why a tree is declining, I usually look at three factors:

- Is there evidence of a pest infestation?
- How shallow are the roots and is there soil compaction?
- Has the area around the tree changed?

The roots of birch are very sensitive to compaction and temperature change. Often you will notice that white birch trees left in the open after harvesting will start to decline within 3 or 4 years.

The Birch Skeletonizer principle host is the white, yellow and

ornamental grey birch. Alder can be attacked as well.

The adult moths emerge from the leaf litter in late June to late July. Eggs are laid singly on either side of the leaf surface, hatching approximately two weeks later. Young larvae "mine" the leaf material between the upper and lower epidermal layers for three to four weeks, then emerge from the lower leaf surface and spin webs in which they molt. Molting occurs twice over three to four weeks, during which time the larvae feed externally on the underside of the leaves as skeletonizers. When larvae are full grown, they spin cocoons on the dead leaves, which drop to the forest floor where the larvae pupate over winter.

Defoliation occurs late in the summer, and is more spectacular than injurious since most of the growth is completed. Large-scale control is usually not warranted, but population levels can be reduced by raking and burning leaves.

We will have to wait until late summer to determine if the extreme cold weather in January has had an impact on the population.

I N R E M E M B R A N C E

John Thomas Glenn

1924 - 2013

John, or "Jack" as he was called by his Temagami friends, passed away peacefully in Toronto on December 09, 2013 at the age of 89. His northern roots stretched back to 1903 when his grandfather John Trethewey, a mine developer, ventured south from Cobalt and discovered beautiful Lake Temagami. In 1905 he chose Island 1003, named it Silver Birches and thereby commenced a family legacy five generations strong.

John's love of the lake began when he was only a few weeks old and his parents Tom and Gladys introduced him to Temagami. As a child he spent two months of every summer on Island 1003 and later attended Camp Temagami as both a camper and a counsellor.

Jack's involvement with the Temagami Lakes Association was a constant in his life from childhood. He attended meetings with his mother who was a Board member and then, in 1980, was himself elected as a Director and served as Chair

of the Temagami Region Studies Institute. Jack became President in 1981, was re-elected in 1986 and chaired the budget committee until 1992.

Perhaps Jack's greatest contribution to the TLA was made in 1991 when he authored a ground-breaking position paper seeking clear definitions relating to government planning policies on mainland development, the Skyline reserve and access roads. Jack's document became known as "the white paper" and comprised a template of what would emerge as the Tenets for Temagami. The tenets are still the foundation of all Lake Temagami planning and have guided government decision-making. Jack's dedication to the Temagami Lakes Association helped to define what the TLA stands for today.

Jack will be sadly missed by his wife Gerda, daughters Carol (Biff Lowery), Judy Glenn and Pam (Reg Sinclair), and his grandchildren Bob, Tom and Catherine Lowery, and Elizabeth Sinclair (Andrew Lucko).



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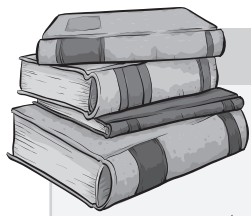
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TEMAGAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Shelley Rowland, CEO

This morning I woke up to a balmy -32 degrees Celsius! Fortunately the car started – I took that as a good sign and felt perhaps it would be one of those days everything went according to plan.

Carol Oley met me at the library to continue working on our current Archives project. We are applying for funding to collect and preserve the memories of lifetime/long time residents of Temagami. Gerry Gooderham will also be a part of this project by taking photos of those interviewed. We are excited and can't wait to start.

Temagami Library has recently started Knitting Classes. We have gone from just one class to 2 classes. These are held on Tuesdays – one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Call the library if you would like to participate. The cost is \$2.00 per class.

In early March we are hosting Vegetarian Delights. There will be samples of vegetarian and vegan dishes as well as the recipes. This session will be helpful in finding new ways to add extra vegetables to your meals. We are asking anyone interested in attending to call the library to register or drop in and register in person. We want to make sure there are adequate samples for all (free of charge).

The Library has partnered with Scotiabank, Temagami Chamber of Commerce and Temagami Medical Centre. We are planning on offering free information sessions for the upcoming year. We are suggesting the following topics and are looking for feedback from the public so we can move ahead with sessions you would be interested in attending. *Retirement Planning *Will and Estate Planning *Home Renovations *Insurance Planning *Educational Savings Plan *Tax Fee Savings *End of Life Health Decisions and are open to suggestions from the public. We have seminar checklists available at Temagami Scotiabank, Temagami Public Library, Temagami Chamber of Commerce and at the front office of the Municipal building.

We also have two book clubs, one for adults and one for teens. We usually meet monthly.

Once again the Library will run the TD Summer Reading Program this summer. We hope to see lots of children join and come out for the special activity days.

The Library is pleased to announce that we are working towards becoming fully accessible. Through funding received by the Municipality, the entryway to the library now has automated doors. Work was also done on what was formerly the women's washroom and it too is now accessible and includes a change table for babies/toddlers.

The Disappearing Moose

Reprint of a New York Times Editorial of October 17, 2013.



This moose shows evidence of hair loss from rubbing caused by winter ticks. Photo by Doug Adams.

For such large creatures, moose are a relatively hidden species. They are hard to count. They live where humans do not like to go, along the boggy fringes of northern

lakes and rivers where the sound of summer mosquitoes fills the air. They thrive in cold weather, and their well-being depends on sharp, cold autumns and late springs, which protect them from their most important predator: not the wolf, but the winter tick.

Moose are dying off across North America for a number of reasons, most of which can be linked to a warming climate and an eroding winter. Long, warm autumns and early, wet springs benefit winter ticks, which can cluster on moose in unbelievable numbers, causing anemia, loss of appetite, hair loss from rubbing — weakening the animals at the onset of winter, just when they need their strength most.

In the Upper Midwest, moose are at risk from liver fluke, a parasitic disease, and brain

worm, which can afflict the nervous system. In British Columbia, they have lost protective cover thanks to the die-back of white pine forests caused by an epidemic of pine bark beetles. The epidemic, largely attributed to climate change, has also robbed grizzly bears of the seeds they depend on for winter food.

The collapse in moose numbers — one Minnesota population has fallen from 4,000 animals to fewer than 100 — is something scientists can track but otherwise can do nothing about. It is typical of the kind of shifts that a warming climate is causing, tipping the balance in ways that favor some species and do grievous harm to others. It is the sign of an entire ecosystem caught up in changes largely brought about by human activity.

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How long can a love endure when the people in love can't be together? History is full of examples. Some last for decades. Some people die before they can see the one they love. This story isn't as dramatic as that, but it's a lovely tale. And, it happened at Lake Temagami.

Tom Snyder and Heather Arnold met a little over a decade ago – Tom and Heather's cousin, Graham, had been friends for years. In the summer of 2006, Heather and Graham were working in Muskoka, and Tom was coming up to visit Graham on the weekends. It was this magical summer that Heather and Tom's connection really began – attending the Baysville Boat Show, spending time on the water, and sharing their first kiss at the cottage campfire.

That fall, Tom took Heather to his family cottage for her birthday – Tom's family has been cottaging on Lake Temagami since the early 1940's*, and some of you may remember Tom as a radio announcer at the TLA in 2002 and 2003. The pair, joined by a small group of friends from the lake, enjoyed a champagne toast on High Rock, over a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday". It was this day, at the top of High Rock gazing out at the lake, when both Tom and Heather realized they had found something truly special and unique in each other.

But, like most good love stories, their relationship took a bittersweet turn. In November of that same year, Tom was offered a job in Penticton, BC that, at the age of 22, he could not turn his back on. With Heather still in school at the time, she

A Dream Come True on Lake Temagami

By Heather Snyder and Rhodes Arnold

gave him her full support to pursue this exciting opportunity. They shared a tearful goodbye, and he moved to British Columbia before Christmas to start a new adventure.

They kept in touch over the years, but to be in love with someone who lives 4,500 km away is a tricky business, and their communication faded after yet another difficult goodbye at the Penticton airport in 2009.

Three and a half years later, in the fall of 2012, Heather's job took her to a conference in Kelowna, BC. Finally, after all this time, was the opportunity they needed in order to get closure and finally move on in their heads and hearts. They met for lunch at a small local eatery, to have the meal that would ultimately change their lives forever.

Two weeks later they were back together, separated again by 4,500 km, but this time connected in their hearts by the knowledge that this time was going to be different.

In July, 2013, Tom and Heather ventured back up to High Rock, to revisit the spot where it all began. Unbeknownst to Heather, Tom had bigger plans than just sight-seeing – as the sun was setting, he got down on one knee and asked her to marry him. When the shock and disbelief wore off, she gave him an enthusiastic and emotional "yes"! High Rock had truly brought them full circle, and will be a treasured spot forever.

At the Lake on Labour Day, Heather and Tom decided that for the wedding, Lake Temagami would be the place, and Thanksgiving Weekend, 2013, would be the time. It was a beautiful, love-filled weekend.

Tom's parents, Jamie and Susie Snyder, entertained friends from the Lake at a delightful outdoor cocktail party on the Saturday afternoon and evening. The cocktail party was followed by a traditional family Thanksgiving

dinner and pumpkin carving in preparation for the wedding the next day. As darkness fell on the island, the evening transformed into a late-night sing-along and dance party – the perfect pre-wedding celebration!

The Arnolds and Snyders awoke early Sunday morning – Wedding Day was finally here!

The families rallied around to get everything ready for the evening ceremony. Tom's dad led the team of men that masterfully decorated the rock point with beautiful flowers donated by the Curriers (Isle 90), The Blanchards (Isle 86), the Travers (Isle 79) and the Berrys (Isle 150). Tom's mother led the inside team of ladies and gentlemen who were in charge of meals and decorations, who outdid themselves in every area.

With the sun shining and a light breeze blowing, the ladies gathered on the sunny deck by the water, busy with hair, nails and other bridesmaid activities. Heather's sister-in-law co-ordinated the bride's make-up, while the moms got their nails and makeup done, and Tom's sister – in her role as "Wedding Florist" – created the bridal bouquet as well as beautiful corsages and boutonnieres for the parents of the bride and groom.

The day flew by, and before anyone knew it, Sue Weiss, the officiant from Temiskaming Shores, had arrived and it was time to get the ceremony under way. With the pumpkins lighting the path to the wedding, the campfire crackling on the rock, and the sun setting over the far shore, Heather's parents walked with Heather until she stood at the water's edge beside her husband-to-be.

The couple stood on the rock point, framed by nature – one could not have asked for a more beautiful setting for such an occasion. Before they exchanged vows, "The Art of Marriage" was read aloud by Heather's brother, and Heather and Tom told each other of the love they held in their hearts for all these years. There was not a dry eye on the island. After signing the register at a small table nestled amongst the trees, they were officially introduced as Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Snyder. They shared their first dance as a married couple, accompanied by the voices and guitars of the bride's mother and brothers.

With ear-to-ear grins on every face, music playing, and the fire roaring, the families enjoyed a charcuterie platter and drinks on the point, followed by a delicious meal at the harvest-style table in the candlelit cottage.

By the end of the weekend, a new chapter had begun and a new family had been created – Tom and Heather Snyder. Everyone on Island 108 agreed that it's a beautiful creation.

Tom and Heather Snyder signed the register at a small table nestled amongst the trees.



* Tom's great grandfather, Harvey Pipher, purchased 11.5 acres of land on Island 856 (one parcel currently owned by Weddel, the other parcel by Townsend) in the early 1940s. This family compound is where Tom's mother, Susie, spent the summers of her youth. It wasn't until 1995 that Susie and Jamie found and bought their island paradise on 108.

Temagami Community Market Now in its 6th Year

By Dianne Laronde

It was six years ago that the idea of having a Community Market in Temagami was born and nurtured by Sabrina Picard and Caitlin Morrison. Being the first time an event such as this was about to take flight, I can well imagine the excitement and trepidation the girls felt. It did not take them long to round up 15 or so vendors, acquire funding, set advertising and attend to other essential details. Then it was off to the races!

From day one it was evident that an event like the TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY MARKET was exactly what Temagami needed. There was a special feeling in the air that day with people greeting each other with smiles, hugs, and neighbourliness!! It was amazing to see how friendly and cheerful everyone was. My hat is off to Caitlin and Sabrina for all the hard work they put into starting the Temagami Community Market. Thanks, girls!

Now here we are getting ready to begin our 2014 season and, looking back on the past five years, I can say how proud I am of how the Market has grown and evolved into the community tradition it has become. The Market has become a catalyst for tourism and new businesses in Temagami. Many of our vendors have become well known for their artwork and creativity and are sought out each year by returning visitors, encouraging our vendors to be proud of the

beautiful talents they have.

We have never had less than 28 registered vendors in a season; the vendor base runs from Callandar to Timmins. We also have inquiries from tourists who camp at Finlayson Point Provincial Park that would like to be a part of the market when they are in Temagami.

We value the many patrons who visit each summer and always look forward to seeing old friends returning year after year which shows us how important the Market is to everyone.

This year the Market opens on June 28, 2014 and runs through to August 30, 2014 at the Temagami Train Station Lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday mornings.

Temagami Community Market is supported by the Municipality of Temagami, Fednor, Industry Canada, South Temiskaming Community Futures Development Corporation and Temagami Community Foundation. Without this support Temagami Community Market would not be in existence. These organizations play a vital role in our success and growth and we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to them.

At this time I would like to invite you to come to visit the Temagami Community Market. If you have a product, talent or have a creative hobby that you would like to showcase, please know that you are most welcome. If there is some small way you would like to participate or contribute, please give a call. We are always open to new ideas, suggestions and advice! For further information please contact Dianne Laronde at 705-569-3686 or email diannelaronde@gmail.com .



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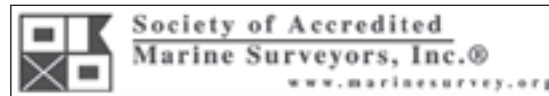
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