



# TEMAGAMI TIMES

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## The 2014 Municipal Election

Yes, it has been four years already, and that means that another municipal election is coming up this fall. With municipal elections happening so infrequently, and since things can change over a four-year period, people will naturally have questions about the upcoming election. Who can vote? Who can run for election? When, where and how can I vote? How can I find out if I am on the voters list? What if I am not on the list, but am eligible to vote? Where do I get answers to my other questions?

The answers to some of these questions are found in Ontario's Municipal Elections Act (MEA), which governs all municipal elections in the province. The Clerk of each municipality must run the election in accordance with the requirements of the MEA; but the Act does permit some decisions to be made at the municipal level, such as whether or not to use alternate voting methods, such as Vote-by-Mail.

### Who Can Vote?

According to the MEA, "a person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if, on voting day, he or she, (a) resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; (b) is a Canadian citizen; (c) is at least 18 years old; and (d) is not prohibited from voting under subsection (3) or otherwise by law." Those prohibited from voting include: corporations; persons who are serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution; persons acting as executor or trustee; and persons convicted of a corrupt practice with respect to an election held less than five years before voting day in the current election.

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*If you enjoy watching loons on the lake, please consider participating in TLA's Loon Survey (see page 7).*

*Photo by E. Gunnell*

## TLA Collaborates with Community Groups to Plan New Future for OLD GROWTH FORESTS

By Vince Hovanec

The story of Temagami's old growth forests actually began thousands of years ago when the massive glaciers that covered much of North America started to withdraw, leaving behind large areas of bare rock devoid of any vegetation.

While there were no trees at that time, over time, an ecosystem gradually developed and sustained itself, fostering in time the growth of what is now known as an old growth forest characterized by many old trees reaching skyward.

Today, many of these trees are more than 200 years old with girths that can surpass a meter in diameter.

The two nearby old growth forests on Temagami Island and the White Bear Forest east of the town have always attracted hikers, campers and naturalists despite their lack of easy access, well-defined, clear trails, user-friendly maps, and annual maintenance.

Earlier this year, the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) approached the TLA, the Friends of Temagami (FOT), Nastawgan Trails, Inc., the Temagami Chamber of Commerce, along with the Municipality of Temagami and the Temagami First Nation (TFN) with a proposal to develop a 10-year partnership plan for the old growth trails in the two forests.

The aim is to highlight the trails in Temagami so that when people think of

Old Growth and Temagami, they know they can walk the trails and experience, enjoy and learn what is so special about Temagami's Old Growth.

The immediate impetus for the project was a 2013 effort by the FOT, Nastawgan Trails and the TLA to clean out the Blue trail on Temagami Island. Much

from the TLA and TCF.

The first order of business will be to raise funds to build a new dock to replace the old North Access dock to enable trail visitors to park their boats in a safe location. Over the long-term, a 10-year-long project as envisioned would easily cost \$50,000, a lot of time and money to be sure, but not as impressive and unique as the two old growth forests, and the benefits – increased eco-tourism, for example – that would accrue to the community.

The Temagami Island dock will be located at the trail head on the east side of the island. The TLA has indicated it will contribute some of the money towards its cost; for its part, the TCF intends to promote the project on a web-based crowd-funding site, in addition to reaching out to specific supporters and donors.

The south tip of Temagami Island near Camp Wabikon was a summer settlement area for the Temagami-Anishnabai while the north tip had a maple stand used for producing maple syrup. The 126-hectare (311 acres) Conservation Reserve (CR) features stands of "provincially significant" old growth red and white pine between 220-230 years old and covering approximately 90 percent of the area. Some parts of the island trails are in good shape with very little brush growth, but the Orange, White and Yellow trails will need significant repeated efforts to get the brush under control.

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remains to be done, however, on the Orange, White and Yellow interpretative trails, the Red north access trail and additional remedial work on the Blue trail.

Over the winter, the coalition members developed a plan to ensure that the trails are continuously maintained, that signage is standardized, paper and digital maps are accurate and available, infrastructure needs (docks, bridges, kiosks, for instance) are identified, marketing and promotion programmes are developed and, finally, that a funding plan exists for a 10-year period.

With a buy-in from the Ministry of Natural Resources (which has responsibility for the Conservation Reserves), the Temagami First Nation and the Municipality, work started in late May on Temagami Island. The FOT is leading this stage of the project with support

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## President's letter

Many of the accomplishments of the Temagami Lakes Association are obvious and visible – you can see the important results of our water sampling project on our website or in issues of the Temagami Times. You can exchange your old lead fishing tackle for new lead-free tackle, free of charge. You can see campsites where trash has been removed. You can join us on Saturday, July 26 at Camp Wabun for the TLA Corn Roast, and enjoy great food, company, and the fun opportunity to bid on a variety of items all in support of our water monitoring program. You can visit the TLA Headquarters building and borrow a book, buy a shoal map or environmentally friendly soap products, or access the wireless internet. You can enjoy reading an issue of the Temagami Times.

Other efforts of the TLA are not as obvious, and may be invisible to many. In recent months, the TLA has collaborated with the municipality's Protection to People and Property Committee, sending their survey to all members, inquiring about the status of fire pumps on the lake, and gauging interest in the possibility of purchasing new pumps. Likewise, the TLA has collaborated with the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) on the development and distribution of a survey to assess the status of human waste systems on the lake. In addition to providing this collaborative public service, the TLA has actively reached out to the MNR, OPP, and THU seeking interesting content for the Temagami Times. Some accomplishments of the TLA are obvious to see, and others are perhaps less tangible or visible, but no less important. The TLA plays an important role as facilitator and communicator, with the consistent goal of improving the Temagami Experience for all.

When the Fall issue of the Temagami Times is published, there will be a new TLA President, making this my last opportunity to contribute to the Times in this way. I am grateful to the TLA Board of Directors, whose collective dedication to Temagami and the TLA impresses and inspires me. They have been a fun and productive group to work with. Two members of the Board will leave with me at the end of August. Ted Tichinoff has provided helpful insights from a legal perspective, and invaluable leadership in initiating the water monitoring program. David McFarlane has served as our Treasurer, preparing budgets and maintaining our excellent financial position. He and Peter Calverley were instrumental in organizing the successful Corn Roast in 2013, and the 2014 event will be even bigger and better! I have greatly enjoyed working with Elaine Gunnell, the dedicated editor of the Temagami Times, whose creativity is evident in every issue. Finally, I'd like to publicly thank Peter Healy, the TLA's Executive Secretary, for his energy and obvious commitment to our organization and Temagami. It has been a real pleasure to work with Peter, and to serve the TLA.

Chip Kittredge  
Island 1158

## Dear Temagami Times reader:

By Peter Healy

I am sure by now you have noticed the new format of our paper. The many changes taking place in the newspaper industry affected us here in Temagami. Our previous printer, the North Bay Nugget, has informed us they will no longer be able to print for us. I was very fortunate to be able to find another local printer in New Liskeard, the Temiskaming Speaker.

It turns out that the paper size we have been using is a 'special order' paper which is smaller and more expensive.

As a result we will take the advice of our new printer and go to a larger page with the resulting fewer number of pages per issue. Our content quantity and quality remains the same but we are told that both our photos and advertisers' images will be much clearer as a result.

As this is the first edition using the newer size, hopefully this edition demonstrates we have made the correct decision.

As always we appreciate the support of Lake Temagami and area residents who through their Temagami Lakes Association memberships allow us to make this paper available to our community.

## Correction

We neglected to include the name of the author with the article entitled TLA Study Finds Low Levels of Mercury in Lake Temagami Sport Fish that ran on the front page of the Winter 2014 edition of the Temagami Times. The author was Dr. Murray Richardson, with assistance from Cameron Samson and Melissa Dick from Carleton University, Dept of Geography and Environmental Studies. We apologize for the omission and offer our appreciation for a very informative and interesting article.

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

The editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity and relevance. Letters containing libelous remarks, personal attacks or inaccurate information will not be published nor will open letters or copies of letters sent to public officials or governments. The opinions expressed are the letter writers' own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Temagami Lakes Association. As contributing authors write articles for the Times on a voluntary basis the TLA cannot take responsibility for errors or omissions which may accidentally appear in Times articles.

### 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. Shingwood 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.



# Property Patrol Report for March 2014

By Peter Healy

What a winter. Extreme cold for weeks at a time, regular snowfalls and windy conditions that pile up snow to heights I have never seen here.



We saw an abandoned pickup truck on the ice in the South Arm. Photo by Peter Healy.

about 40 inches down. To add to our life, warmer weather is melting snow on the ice creating slush conditions that make snowmobile travel difficult if not impossible if one strays off packed trails. You don't unfortunately know you are in slush until you are, it can't be seen under the snow.

After having my snowmobile recovered from 5 feet of water near a member dock in January and having it repaired, I was able with a friend to make a tour of our member cottages in early February. Due to snow depths near docks and up to



It took us over an hour to extricate the snowmobile from over a foot of slush. Photo by Peter Healy.

As I write this on April 1, we still have two to four feet of snow on the ground, much more in drifts in bays and near docks, and enough ice that my ice auger can just barley reach water

the buildings, we were not able to walk up to most cottages at that time unless we spotted issues. We did find a few break-ins and one open cottage door, which were reported to members.

In the last week of March, again with company, I was able to travel to all Lake Temagami arms and have a look at members' properties. Once again due to snow depths in many bays and near most docks it is not possible to stop and get off our machines. The slush is too thick in any location near shore that does not have a packed trail. We did bog down in one bay in the SW Arm about 100 yards from the member's dock. It took us over an hour to extricate the snowmobile from over a foot of slush. We were lucky we didn't have to leave it there. I would not like to try and walk home in that stuff.

In the South Arm we saw an abandoned pickup truck with plough as well as the remains of a burned-out snowmobile. These I am sure will be removed by owners once the snow melts off the ice. In March we did find quite a few break-ins all involving shoreline structures in an obvious search for gas. These were reported to members and the police.

Like me, I am sure you are all anticipating warm weather and a great summer on Lake Temagami.

Peter Healy

Chief, but no longer the only patrolman.

## 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TLA

Friday July 25 at Camp Wabun, Coffee 9:30, meeting 10:00, lunch 12:30  
AGENDA:

- TLA year in review
- Lake Temagami Water Level management
- Policing our community: Ontario Provincial Police
- Water Quality testing – 2013 results and 2014 initiatives
- Timiskaming Health Unit – Septic systems and water quality



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## Meet the TLA 2014 Summer Staff:



### Diana Van Vlymen

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

I have completed a BScH (Environmental Science major, Life Science minor) at Queen's University and will be graduating this June on the Dean's Honour Roll. I will be returning to Queen's in September for the Master's of Environmental Studies program, focusing on arsenic resulting from gold mine waste near Halifax, Nova Scotia.

I spent much of the last 23 years on Lake Temagami, at the Shiningwood Bay island my grandparents purchased in 1964. I recall many fond memories of paddling around the lake on a piece of foam, picking blueberries, and learning to fish, kayak, and windsurf. Our cottage burnt down in July 2012 from dry lightning and we are in the process of finishing the rebuild. Our family is now based in Sudbury after my parents' retirement.

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



### Julie Vaillancourt

My name is Julie Vaillancourt, I am 18 years old and love the outdoors. I was born in North Bay, Ontario in August 1995. I graduated high school in the summer of 2013 at Algonquin Secondary School. I currently study environmental science at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario and recently finished my first year of undergrad. I grew up playing hockey and now have the opportunity to play for the varsity team at Carleton while getting my degree.

My family spent several years camping when I was younger, but we now have a cottage on Marten River where I learned to fish many lakes including Lake Temagami. I love to fish for walleye, but my favorite type of fishing is down rigging during trout season. I live with my brother Patrick, who is 16, and my mother and father, Lisa and Pierre.

My favorite pastimes are camping, fishing (summer and winter), going for long rides on the skidoo, playing guitar, wakeboarding and biking. I also commit at least 6 hours a week throughout the summer to train for hockey by doing Olympic Weightlifting at a gym in North Bay. My proudest accomplishment was to be part of a National Championship last spring with my team representing Ontario, as an assistant captain. I am very excited to work for the Temagami Lakes Association this summer and am pleased to be able to help preserve its natural environment.

## TLA Headquarters' Building This Summer

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

We are pleased to announce that Diana Van Vlyman will be returning to work with us this summer. As well as supervising our office and providing members services, Diana will oversee our water testing/sampling program. Joining her will be Julie Vaillancourt, who is studying Environmental Science at Carleton University. You will see them frequently on the lake in our made-in-Temagami, Naden watercraft testing water, cleaning campsites or working on trails.

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

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

**Our Summer Services for 2014 include but are not limited to:**

- June 30 – open for member services. Members may call the office or drop by before then as our staff will often be about;
- Welcome back BBQ for members on Saturday July 12;
- TLA Special Fund Raising Event at Camp Wabun on July 26 – see notice elsewhere in this paper for details;
- Radio service including emergency fire coordination 7 days a week 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. from June 30 through Aug 31;
- Postal (incoming and outgoing) service at 1.30 PM;
- Environmentally friendly soap product sales;
- Household battery disposal program;
- Shoal map, wall map, and local publication sales;
- Lending library and 'high' speed internet for members;
- Fax and pay phone, meeting room;
- Temagami Times and Directories available;
- Members' services through TLA staff.

Remember the Annual General Meeting to take place this year **Friday July 25 at Camp Wabun at 10 AM**. Join us for coffee at 9:30. There is plenty of beach parking for small boats.



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## Water Level Management in Northeastern Ontario

By Peter Healy

(The first four paragraphs are taken from the Summer 2013 Times to clarify the process).

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

Water levels within the SNF watershed are managed co-operatively by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Public Works and Government Services Canada (PW&GSC) and Ontario Power Generation (OPG). However, since water levels have the potential to significantly affect many stakeholders, interested parties in the watershed participate as an advisory group to dam owners.

The primary mandate of the advisory group is to act as a vehicle for the exchange of information among all group members. Group members are also responsible for bringing forward their observations and/or their concerns and providing input to the dam owners who ultimately have the final say in water management decisions. This information generally pertains to snow and ice conditions, local water levels and flow conditions and fish spawning activ-

ity at their location in the watershed. The dam owners rely heavily on the input of these members when making dam manipulation decisions during the freshet and fish spawning period.

Particular emphasis is placed on communications prior to and during the annual spring freshet period. Throughout the spring period weekly conference calls are held to ensure an open and coordinated approach to dam (and water level) manipulation. More frequent teleconferences are held throughout the spring if the situation warrants it (i.e. potential flood situations). (1) Biweekly meetings have been held this year during the last two weeks of April and into May as water levels can change quickly as temperatures and precipitation patterns change.

This winter's snow accumulations were extreme to say the least. In late April logs were replaced in the Cross Lake dam both to bring the lake up to summer operation

### Lake Temagami Water Levels Measures - 2014

Date	Water Level m-sea level	Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /sec)	Summer Operation Range		Trend up/down	Snow cm	H2O equiv. mm	H2O % Norm
			Min (m)	Max. (m)				
March 6	293.09	21.7	293.60	294.00	down	71.6	154.9	
March 19	293.04	19.9			down	90.2	152.4	95
March 25	293.04	11.6			flat	93.6	172.7	128
April 1	293.04	11.2			down	98.5	213	159
April 8	293.04	13.3			flat	84.3	165	113
April 13	293.04	14.8			flat	61.5	134	155
April 22	293.11	.9			up	45.5	140	220
April 27	293.27	26.2			up	32.6	99	467
May 6	293.56	30.4			up	5.7	15	

#### LEGEND

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

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

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

**Snow** – amount of snow on ground in Temagami watershed

**H2O equiv.** – amount of water contained in snow on ground measured in mm (rain while snow is on the ground can elevate this number and result in more meltwater in spring).

**H2O % Norm** – indicates amount of water contained in the snow compared to a normal year

range and to hold water to help prevent flooding in southern portions of the watershed. As of this date, May 5, water levels throughout the southern portion of the watershed remain close to flood levels with the snow pack not nearly gone in our region. Temagami water levels continue to rise as snow melts. Water is being released gradually from the dam as shown on the table below.

At this time, May 5, the ice is still thick and shows no sign of going yet. We do expect a very late break up.

The table above tracks lake levels and snow levels for the spring of 2014.

(1) Sturgeon/Nipissing/French Advisory Group Terms of Reference.

## The Scientist Behind TLA's Water Monitoring Program

By Chip Kittredge



Dr. Murray Richardson is a professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa, where he teaches courses in water resource science, geographic information systems (GIS) and statistical computing. In addition to teaching throughout the fall and winter, he conducts research on hydrology and water quality, limnology (study of inland waters), and metal pollution. In recent years, Murray's research has focused on mercury cycling in boreal, subarctic and

arctic landscapes, and he frequently travels to northern Canada throughout the spring and summer to conduct field studies.

Since 2012 Murray has provided scientific expertise for the TLA's water monitoring program. He volunteers as a member of the Water Monitoring Committee, enabling TLA to gather and interpret robust and credible data, and understand results. As TLA is a largely all-volunteer organization with a part-time Executive Secretary, his insights and contributions have been extremely important. We know from a 2011 survey of TLA members that water quality and the health of Lake Temagami are a primary concern. Murray's participation on the TLA's Water Committee helps TLA address this interest and ensure that we are doing it in a meaningfully scientific way.

Murray designed last year's 2013 study to investigate mercury levels in Temagami sportfish, involving fish tissue samples collected and submitted by volunteers. The results indicated low levels of mercury. In the 2014 summer season, TLA's water monitoring programs will monitor concentrations of chlorophyll a in the lake, which is a biological indicator of nutrient levels and lake productivity. Murray has designed the sampling protocols and methods, and will analyze the data in his lab at Carleton.

Murray has also contributed important scientific articles to the Temagami Times on subjects of climate change and mercury. Starting this June, Murray is collaborating with Temagami First Nation (TFN) and the non-profit organization Tin Roof Global on a Health Canada funded, community-based monitoring study aimed at quantifying metal concentrations in water and fish from 15 different lakes throughout the traditional territory of TFN. Monitoring metal

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concentrations, including mercury, throughout the region is important because it will allow TFN to track possible changes in metal pollution that could be associated with industrial activities (such as the Young-Davidson gold mine), atmospheric pollution arriving via long-range transport, and climate change.

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## TLA's Fish and Wildlife Programs 2014: Convenient Conservation Initiatives

By Justin Metz

This summer the TLA's Lead Tackle Exchange Program and Fishing Line Recycling Program will be in full force around Lake Temagami. If you have an interest in fishing and are passionate about conserving the beauty of Temagami, these programs are perfect for you.

Our Lead Tackle Exchange Program will always be readily available during TLA office hours and occasionally at the Mine and Manitou Landings during its busier times. Our knowledgeable and friendly staff will be



Look for these decals and signs posted above our Fishing Line Recycling Bins to help dispose of your old monofilament line responsibly.



Take advantage of our Lead Tackle Exchange Program this summer! Exchange your lead tackle for quality non-lead tackle...for free!

present at these locations to help members and non-members alike to better understand the effects of lead tackle on our lake's ecosystem, as well as provide you with a free exchange of quality non-lead tackle for your old lead jigs, split shots and lures. Free of charge!



We collected a substantial amount of lead tackle during this program's inaugural season last year. All of this tackle will be brought to an appropriate lead recycling centre while the proceeds collected will go back into purchasing further non-lead tackle and education materials for the program.

New for this season, our Monofilament Fishing Line Recycling Bins will be featured at the TLA Building, Loon Lodge and the Manitou Landing. More locations are expected to host our recycling bins, so please stay tuned! Occasionally our qualified staff will be promoting this initiative at the landings while helping cottagers further understand the importance of responsible fishing practices.

*Please refrain from disposing your old line into landfills or worse, our forests and lakes. Monofilament line takes 600 years to decompose!*

If you have old Monofilament fishing line lying around your boat or cottage please bring it to one of our recycling bins at these locations. Please refrain from disposing your old line into landfills or worse, our forests and lakes. Monofilament line takes 600 years to decompose! By taking advantage of our Fishing Line Recycling Program, you are keeping harmful waste out of Temagami's lakes and contributing to the creation of recycled artificial fish habitats which will be used in select areas of need around the lake.

Through these programs we strive to educate anglers and cottagers to make sustainable choices so the future of Temagami's ecosystems will remain intact for generations to come. Please take advantage and help spread the word on these great conservation efforts. If you have any questions please feel free to phone us at (705) 237-8927 or email us at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net).

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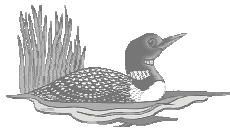
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## **TLA Loon Survey Report Form**



The purpose of this survey is to gain a general understanding of Lake Temagami's Loon population and breeding habits so that we may take the appropriate actions to best protect and conserve these beloved water birds. The formal Canadians Lakes Loon Survey Report Form is available at the TLA Headquarters if you are interested in participating in this survey more in-depth over multiple years. **Thank you for taking the time to help us and our Loons.**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:** Surveyor's name(s), Island Number, Phone Number(s) and or Email Address.

**AREA SURVEYED:** Please describe the area surveyed to the best of your ability. Use Island #'s, Longitude Latitude, photocopies or sketches of maps with survey areas clearly marked are very helpful. You can attach these to the survey form.

### **For each month you survey please record your observations as follows:**

- Record the estimated amount of time that you spent looking for loons and chicks (number of days surveyed).
- Record the **maximum** number of adult loons (including mated pairs) you observed on the lake at any given time during the month (if none, record "0"). For example, if you observe 3 adults on 8 June and 5 adults on 15 June, record 5 adults.
- Record the number of mated loon pairs you believe were resident on the lake during the month (if none, record "0").
- Record the maximum number of loon chicks observed with each pair during the month (fill in "0" if no young were seen or "?" if unknown).
- Please do not fill in information for months during which you did not survey your area.

Month	# Days Surveyed	Maximum # of Adult Loons	Maximum # of Mated Pairs	Maximum # of Young			
				Pair 1	Pair 2	Pair 3	Pair 4
May							
June							
July							
August							

**NESTING SUMMARY:** Did you observe a nest? If so: How many eggs were present, How many eggs hatched? If you know any causes of nest loss (e.g., flooding, wake from boats) or death of adults or young, please comment in the space below:

## The 2014 Municipal Election continued from page 1

### Who Can Run for Election?

This is also set out in the MEA. To be eligible to run for an office on Council or on a School Board, a person must be an eligible elector in that municipality. There are also certain restrictions and conditions that apply, which are specified in the MEA. Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has a comprehensive Guide available for potential candidates that can be accessed at [www.mah.gov.on.ca](http://www.mah.gov.on.ca). Nomination forms may be filed in the Clerk's Office, in person or by an agent, during regular business hours up until 2:00 p.m. on September 12, 2014 (Nomination Day).

### When, where and how can I vote?

Voting Day is Monday, October 27th, but Temagami will also be using Vote-by-Mail. If you are an eligible elector, you should receive a Vote-by-Mail kit in early October. **Please follow the directions carefully.** You can return your

completed ballot by mail before the mail return deadline, or it can be delivered to the Municipal Office up to Voting Day or to the polling station on Voting Day. There will not be any advance polls, due to the use of Vote-by-Mail, but there will be one poll located in the Public Library at 7 Lakeshore Dr. in Temagami on Voting Day.

### How can I find out if I am on the voters list?

The Voters' List is created by the Clerk from the Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) supplied to the municipality by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). For the 2014 election, MPAC has a new online feature called VoterLookup.ca. You can go online to [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca) and enter your name, property information and birth date and confirm if you are on the list and if your school support information is correct. Be sure to use the drop-down menus. You can correct or add some in-

formation if needed. Please note that this process does not confirm your mailing address, just your property address, so if your mailing address is different than the one that is on the tax bill for your property or that your MPAC notice is sent to, please contact the municipality to make sure we have your correct mailing address. [Voterlookup.ca](http://Voterlookup.ca) will only be active until the date that MPAC sends the PLE to the municipality. Temagami is also in the process of adding a new feature to our own website called Municipal Voter-View. This has been successful in other municipalities, and will be one more way to by which to verify that you are correctly on the voters list.

### What if I am NOT on the list, but I AM eligible to vote?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you may add your name through MPAC's VoterLookup.ca or by contacting MPAC directly by phone at 1 866 296-6722, until July 28. After that, you can add your name by submitting a completed form EL15 to the Clerk, by mail

or in person (it must bear your original signature), from Sept 2 up until voting day. On voting day, you can fill out an application at the voting place. If you intend to use Vote-by-mail, please make sure that your name has been added by mid-September.

#### For More Information:

Temagami's election web-page, at [www.temagami.ca/2014\\_election](http://www.temagami.ca/2014_election) has more detailed information on the above topics and more. It also has links to other helpful information, such as MMAH's Voters' Guide and Candidates' Guide. This information will be updated on an ongoing basis between now and the election. For those who do not have internet access or are not comfortable on computers, paper copies of the information are available from the Municipal Office. If you still have questions, please contact: Elaine Gunnell, Municipal Clerk at 705-569-3421 ext 208, or email at [clerk@temagami.ca](mailto:clerk@temagami.ca).

## F.Y.I.

### It's Art Camp Time Again!

By Cathy Dwyer

It's that special time of the year, right? Time to get back up to the lake, open the cottage, check out the boats and then get ready for another wonderful summer, right?

Well, not exactly, especially if you've got youngsters, ages 6 to 12, who want to do something different or even return to a place where they had such a great time last summer.

If so, that can only mean Art Camp on Bear Island from June 30 through July 4.

Youngsters, ages 6 to 12, from Temagami, Bear Island and the Lake come together for a week-long free camp that focuses on art, sports, music, drama and fun! The Temagami First Nation hosts the camp, provides facilities, boat transportation (free transportation is also provided from the town to the end of the Lake Temagami Access Road) and personnel support.

But if you're interested in having your children enjoy such an experience, the registration deadline is June 15, so there's not a minute to delay: go to the Temagami Community Foundation web page [www.temagamicommunityfoundation.com](http://www.temagamicommunityfoundation.com) and complete the online registration form.

Camp Director Patsy Turner and her camp staffers and volunteers are ready, willing and able to offer the kids a memorable experience. The children will learn how to paint, carve, appreciate native culture or star in a play, just to name a few activities.

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## The Idea of a Sustainable Temagami

By Walter Ross

### Is the idea of a “Sustainable Temagami” a concept worth thinking about?

First of all, the word “sustainable” conjures up all sorts of things – southern environmentalists congregating on the Red Squirrel Road for example. This is not at all what I have in mind. We are well beyond that debate.

What I have in mind is about continuity in the region, continuity in a healthy sense. It is about long-term connections to, and respect for, the region we call Temagami. It is also about jobs and a healthy economy. For the idea of a Sustainable Temagami to have substance it needs all of us – permanent and seasonal residents, native and non-native.

There is much history to guide us. Pam Sinclair’s book about the Temagami Lakes Association describes past TLA initiatives, from forest preserves to skyline reserves to water quality initiatives, each an important aspect of Temagami today. Mining, forestry and government services have contributed employment opportunities in the past. Unfortunately, many of these activities are a thing of the past and the town of Temagami, like many small northern communities, is struggling. The Teme-Augama Anishnabai, the original inhabitants of the region, have a rich history. Their rights and responsibilities are now being recognized as part of an ongoing project of reconciliation.

### What will Temagami look like five, ten or twenty years into the future?

Might the idea of a “Sustainable Temagami” be worth thinking about? Could we imagine a future for the Temagami region where people will want to live and work, attractive to young people?

We are not starting from scratch. In 2003 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the Municipality, the Temagami First Nation (TFN) and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA) setting out four “fundamental principles” that should guide the community’s future. They are:

- The land is our common bond with respect to co-existence and cooperation;
- Mutual respect must be maintained for each other’s laws, customs, traditional practices and beliefs;
- Sustained life is the primary goal in the management of land. The natural integrity of the land and all life forms will be maintained; and
- Principles of sustainability and sustainable development will facilitate all uses and activities on the land.

I cannot imagine a better set of principles to guide us as we think about the future of the Temagami region. However, to make the MOU an action document rather than merely hopes or desires on paper is a challenge of the first order. How could we breathe life into these principles and translate them into practice?

The only way this will happen is if we work together, permanent and seasonal residents, native and non-native, all of us. Could we imagine an economy in the region based on principles of mutual respect, shared stewardship, sufficient prosperity and joint resolve? A tall order perhaps but what’s to stop us?

### Where do we start?

Consider this possibility. The Municipality and the TFN/TAA create a Stewardship Advisory Group to consider the four “fundamental principles” of the 2003 MOU and suggest ways that these could be applied in the context of the Temagami region. Some ideas for potential collaboration might include:

- Long-term care facility for seniors and elders;
- Collaborative infrastructure projects;
- Revitalization of the Temagami townsite as the gateway to a shared stewardship natural region;
- Community sustainable forestry possibilities;
- Renewable power and carbon offset initiatives;
- Celebrating the history of the region; and
- Water quality and watershed planning initiatives.

I believe the idea of a “Sustainable Temagami” could spark conversations about our future, and the future for next generations. And it could challenge all of us to come together around a vision for a healthy and sustainable Temagami.

### Shall we talk about it?

(Walter Ross, a TLA member, is a retired partner of Ernst & Young, Honorary Co-Chair of the Temagami Community Foundation and Chair of the Audit committee of the Temagami First Nation.)

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## Temagami Artistic Collective.... And the Beat Goes On!

By Carolyn Laronde

The Temagami Artistic Collective (TAC), a not-for-profit group has been providing wonderful entertainment, workshops and mentoring opportunities for local musicians and aspiring youth since 2004. Since inception there have been many great concerts featuring a variety of music including country, folk, blues and bluegrass, as well as some live theatre and film. TAC has hosted some well-established musicians including George Leach, Shane Yellowbird, April Verch and The Good Lovelies at the Bunny Miller Theatre, in the Temagami Welcome Centre.

Highlights in 2012 included a 'songs and stories' concert with award-winning actor, author and musician Les Stroud/Survivorman, as well as musicians Mike Lynch and John McGale. In 2013 TAC presented blues-award winning Suzie Vinnick and Rick Fines with support from a grant from Ontario Arts Council; home-town girl Wendy Lynn (Leduc) Snider and her 6-piece band; and Hard Ryde Bluegrass. David Laronde also held a CD Release for his album "Right City Wrong Town" which earned him a nomination of Best Blues CD with the Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards.

Already in 2014 we have seen the local favorite, and annual, Girls Night Out show, featuring all local female talent; Composer/Guitarist Jamie Dupuis; and the David Laronde Band. Acts still to come in 2014 include Sweetgrass Band (May 25) and Jacob Moon (October 18). On June 21 (Aboriginal day) TAC features national icon SUSAN AGLUKARK and her full band in the Theatre; earlier in the day she will visit Bear Island where she has a speaking engagement about self esteem and youth.

Temagami Artistic Collective works hard during the year writing grant proposals for funding of many events, some of which include the anticipated 1st Annual Temagami Canoe & Kayak Festival scheduled for July 17-19, 2015. This Community Initiative will include the Temagami Deep Water Music Project, Storytelling, Canoe Races and Clinics, Vendor Park and Aboriginal Village. While this project is still in the early planning stages if you have skills to contribute, organizational skills or grant writing abilities to help make this a viable contribution to Temagami's arts, culture and tourism sector, we ask that you contact us to be part of the organizing committee.

For further information about shows and projects please contact Carolyn or David Laronde at 705-569-2904 or email meegwich@ontera.net. Please visit Temagami Artistic Collective on Facebook and don't forget to LIKE us....and the beat goes on!

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## TLA Collaborates with Community Groups on future of Old Growth Forests on Temagami Island

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The TLA in 2011 had requested a work permit to build a dock, but it was stymied because of Provincial regulations concerning structures on CRs. Accordingly, a new permit request, with the support of the MNR, calls for an underwater crib to hold a floating dock with a gangway that simply rests on the CR shoreline, allowing it to be removed at the end of the season.

Meanwhile, an assessment by coalition members needs to be done on the White Bear Forest trails, which need more work than those on Temagami Island. Over the years, Doug Adams, whose Northland Paradise Lodge on the outskirts of town has long assisted hikers, has been the informal "keeper" of the White Bear Forest. The assessment will cover such factors as the cost of maintenance, infrastructure, signage, promotion and marketing to determine the level of funding required. The TCF, in turn, has committed to raise funds to cover some of the cost involved.

The White Bear Forest CR is a 1,242-hectare parcel (3,069 acres), just east of the town, also featuring old growth red and white pine, mixed wood forest, significant plant communities and wetlands. The White Bear forest is named for Chief Francois White Bear of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai who resided in an early forest settlement; since the late 19th century, he and his family used the forest as part of their hunting and trapping grounds. With TFN involvement, the material created by the coalition will include historical and cultural information as a means of educating the general public about the Teme-Augama Anishnabai as the original inhabitants of the land.

The White Bear forest is the sixth largest remaining stand of old growth white pine forest currently known. It's also unique in that it is perhaps one of the most easily accessible of the remaining stands of old-growth pine.



Katie and Sarah Knox demonstrate the girth of a tree on one of Temagami's Old Growth Trails. Photo by E. Gunnell.

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By Elaine Gunnell, with assistance from Terry Duquette and Barry Turcotte

## GRADING the Mine Road

One of the key issues for many of Temagami's lake residents, both year-round and seasonal, is the condition of the Lake Temagami Access Road, commonly called "the mine road". It is a gravel road and, like all gravel roads, it is normal for the surface to break down and the condition to deteriorate due to weather conditions and traffic usage. Ongoing reshaping of the road surface with a road grader is therefore required.

The ability to maintain this road in good condition, especially with the high volume of traffic in the summer months, involves several key factors. By having a basic understanding of these factors, and of gravel roads in general, we may all be able to help keep this road in better condition.

A typical gravel road consists of a gravel surface, which is made up of crushed rock mixed with fines (gravel particles with a diameter of 2-4 mm), laid over some type of subgrade material. The surface profile consists of a crowned driving surface; a shoulder (which is usually minimal) that has a slope slightly steeper than that of the driving surface; and a ditch.

The crown is important to the condition of the road, since without it rain water will quickly collect on the road surface and may overly soften the crust and the subgrade, leading to rutting and potholes. Conversely, too much crown in the road can cause motorists to feel that they are sliding towards the shoulder, so they tend to drive down the middle of the road instead of in their lane, posing danger to oncoming vehicles.

Shoulders on any road, gravel or paved, provide a recovery zone for vehicles that leave the driving lanes for any reason. On a gravel road, they also serve the functions of providing support for the main roadway and carrying precipitation further away from the driving surface. If excessive material builds up on the shoulder, it leads to "high shoulder", a condition that impedes proper drainage.

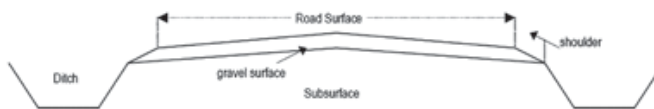
Obviously, ditches help to drain the water from the roadway. Proper drainage is a very important element in promoting the longevity of road surfaces, whether paved or unpaved.

The subsurface of the road also has a large impact on road condition. Since the Lake Temagami Access Road was originally built as an access road for mining vehicles, longevity was not really contemplated in its construction. In some places along the mine road, the subsurface is bedrock, which tends to cause the gravel to wear off quickly, while in other places the subsurface consists of the remnants of a log road running through swampy areas, which makes it difficult to promote proper drainage. Both of these scenarios cause some of the challenges in maintaining the road for today's usage.

### WASHBOARDING

Washboarding is a common complaint on gravel roads. There are three main causes: driving habits of motorists, lack of moisture, and poor quality gravel.

When motorists accelerate hard or break aggressively going up or down steep hills and leading into or out of sharp curves, these poor driving habits are clearly evidenced by washboarding present in these places. Additionally, on the mine road many vehicles



are pulling trailers and the bouncing of the trailers in the washboard areas only adds to the problem. Speed is also a contributing factor, since driving at a speed of 50km/hr (the posted limit on the road) will help to keep the fines on the road, but increasing one's speed to 70km/hr will stir up the surface and send the fines airborne. Once the fines are removed the remaining material easily aligns itself into a washboarding pattern. Higher speeds also contribute to high shoulder conditions as the gravel shifts to the sides of the road.

*If you do the math, you will find that an increase in speed from 50km/hr to 70km/hr on the 18km road will make a difference of only 6 minutes – is it worth it?*

Lack of moisture and prolonged dry weather will accelerate washboarding, because it tends to loosen the surface, contributing to the fines becoming airborne under traffic action. Adding products such as magnesium or calcium can help retain moisture.

The first two causes are out of the control of the grader operator, but can be remedied to a certain extent by frequent grading and by adding more good gravel, with the proper combination of crushed gravel and fines. Even with the best of maintenance, however, washboarding can never be eliminated, particularly with constant traffic flow.

### GRADER OPERATION

Operating a road grader is a lot more complicated than simply driving it along the road. A proper speed of 5 to 8 k/hr must be maintained, since higher speeds will cause loping, or bouncing, of the grader as it travels producing a wavy surface. Keeping the blade (the moldboard) at the proper angle and pitch is critical to achieving the correct degree of slope for the crown and

shoulders of the road and placing the gravel where it needs to be.

When the gravel is sufficiently damp, the grader stirs up a roll of material as it travels along. The blade must cut below the washboard to eliminate it. The operator works in sections, making from 3 to 8 passes per section to place the material and leave the surface in an ideal condition, with the larger number of passes needed for removing larger rocks or where the road is wider. He takes care not to stop in the middle of a pass thereby creating a hump on the road, which would take extra time to fix.

If you come up behind a grader, please be patient, the slow speed is necessary to create the road surface we all want to drive on and the operator will not wave you past if he suspects there are larger rocks in that roll of material that may damage your car.

Grading is a very time consuming process, with multiple passes at low speeds. Due to the time it takes, some days the operator will do just the worst spots, lifting the blade over the areas that are in better shape.

Of course, Mother Nature does not always cooperate and the road is sometimes simply too dry to grade. If it's too dry, the grader is unable to pick up the material, ending up only with a roll of dust. Grading in even semi-dry conditions often ends up breaking teeth off the blade and burns more fuel than in damp conditions. One alternative used in very dry conditions is to drag heavy tires behind the grader to accomplish some smoothing of the road, but this is only a "Band-Aid" solution, used when grading can't be done, as it impacts the crown.

Due to the complexity of operation and the skill set required, an individual already trained on heavy equipment usually needs to take a week-long course to learn the theory and practical skills to operate a road grader properly. This is just the beginning, though, as it also takes a lot of on-the-job experience to become truly expert.

The Municipality's grader operators know how important the Lake Temagami Access Road is to those who travel it, so they do their best to keep it in good condition despite the constraints they have to work with. Those of us who travel this road also have an impact, so if we all watch our speed and driving habits, together we will contribute to a better road surface, to the benefit of all.

(Source: The New U.S.A. Gravel Road Manual, accessed at [http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/12000/12100/12140/pdf/A\\_SELIM.pdf](http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/12000/12100/12140/pdf/A_SELIM.pdf))



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

SPECIES	Fisheries Management Zone 11	Slot Limits and Exceptions
Walleye (Pickerel) and Sauger or any combination	Jan. 1 to March 16 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun) May 17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.) to Dec. 31 S - four (4) in one day C - two (2) in one day	Slot Limit, Sport & Conservation: Zero (0) between 43 - 60 cm (16.9" - 23.6") Only one (1) greater than 60cm (23.6") in length Lake Temagami - Zero (0) between 46 - 60 cm (18" - 23.6") One (1) >60 cm (23.6")
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass or any combination	June 28 (4th Sat.) to Dec 31 S - six (6) in one day C - two (2) in one day	Obabika Lake - Small Mouth S - two (2) C - one (1)
Northern Pike	Jan 1 to March 16 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun.) May 17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.) to Dec 31 S - six (6) in one day C - two (2) in one day	Slot Limit Sport Fishing License Only two (2) greater than 61 cm (24") of which only one (1) may be greater than 86 cm (33.9") Slot Limit Conservation License Only one (1) greater than 61 cm (24") Zero (0) greater than 86 cm (33.9") length Obabika Lake S- two (2) Only 1 > 86cm C- one (1) Must be < 86cm
Lake Trout	Feb 15 - Mar. 16 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun.) May 17 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.) - Sept. 30 S - two (2) in one day C - one (1) in one day	Florence Lake & Obabika Lake Closed All Year for Lake Trout
Brook Trout (Speckled Trout)	Feb 15 to Sept. 30 S - five (5) in one day C - two (2) in one day	Size Limit for Sport License Only one (1) greater than 31 cm (12.2") Size limit for Conservation License Zero (0) greater than 31 cm (12.2")
Splake	Open All Year S - five (5) C - two (2)	
Whitefish	Open all year S - twelve (12) in one day C - six (6) in one day	Lake Temagami - S - twenty-five (25) C - twelve (12)
Aurora Trout	August 1 - October 15, 2014 Liberty Lake	Liberty Lake NO Live Baitfish (used or possessed)
<b>BAIT-FISH</b>		
It is illegal to release any live bait, or dump the contents of a bait bucket, including the water, into any waters, or within 30 m of any waters		Lake Temagami - Alive or Dead Bait-Fish less than 13 cm (5.1") only Liberty Lake - NO Live Baitfish
<b>SANCTUARIES</b>	<b>Dates are inclusive</b>	
	March 15 - June 15	Lake Temagami - Gull Creek (SW Arm) - Kokoko Bay - Spawning Lake and Creek - Loon Bay and Spawning Bay
	April 1 - June 15	Thieving Bear Creek Net Creek - Dam area Net Lake - ONR Bridge Kanichee Creek - Kanichee to Net Lake
	Closed All Year	Whirligig Lake Whitepine Lake Florence & Obabika - Lake Trout
	Jan 1 - May 16 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday)	Wicksteed Lake

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

## 2014 Pink Boat Tour

By Andre Lamothe

The 2013 Pink Boat Tour was a huge success and we are excited to announce the 2014 Edition has grown as a result. There will be 3 prizes.

**FIRST**, will be a package consisting of a 2014 Naden 14' Fisherman boat, a Tohatsu 15HP motor and an Easy Hauler trailer.

**SECOND** is a fishing expedition donated courtesy of Wishin' You Were Fishin' AND flight into and out of camp courtesy of Lakeland Airways.

**THIRD** will be a weekend pass and two nights accommodations at the 2015 Toronto International Boat Show being held from January 9 to 18, 2015.



The 2013 Tour raised some \$20,000 for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF). The winner of the 2013 package was Michel Mino from Callander, Ontario.

The CBCF- Ontario Region honours its volunteers at an annual Gala held in Toronto every spring and I am pleased to say that on behalf of every ticket purchaser, every sponsor, every volunteer ticket seller, Naden was an award recipient for the Corporate Commitment Category.

Please see related articles as follows: [www.cbcf.org](http://www.cbcf.org) (April 7th) and <http://www.boating-business.ca/news/article/004004/Naden-Boats-Receives-Canadian-Breast-Cancer-Foundation-Award>.

*Thank you again for being involved and we will see you during this 2014 Pink Boat Tour.*

# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE OPP

## BICYCLE SAFETY

The Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind the public that several people are out riding their bicycles and preparing for summer adventures now that we are having some mild weather.

When riding your bicycle you need to remember the rules of the road. Safety is about

making choices. To make good choices, you need to understand how traffic works and how a bike fits in.

Cyclists must obey all traffic laws and they have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers. A bicycle is a vehicle, the same as a car or truck. Riding on the road means riding with other traffic and this is only safe when everyone follows the same rules.

HERE ARE SOME SECTIONS OF THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT THAT APPLY TO CYCLISTS:

- Traffic signals and signs;
- Bicycles travel at a lower speed. Remember that slower traffic stays to the right and must give way to faster traffic when it is safe and practical;
- No riding in crosswalks;
- Stop for school buses when upper alternating red lights are flashing;
- Assure that you have reflective lights, a bell, brakes;
- A cyclist must stop and identify themselves when required to stop by police for breaking traffic laws;
- Passengers are not allowed on a bicycle designed for one person;
- You are not allowed to "hitch a ride" by attaching yourself to the outside of another vehicle.

Cyclists should be aware of surface hazards, as most of your riding is done close to the curb. You will encounter holes, raised areas and depressions, loose surfaces, and sometimes sharp objects.

As a parent you have a responsibility to ensure that your child has the proper safety equipment and they use it. Every cyclist must wear an approved helmet if they are under 18 years.

Parents and others need to remember that when you are riding your bicycle there will be those that are younger than you watching your every move. You set the example.

For more information contact your local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122. You can visit the Ministry of Transportation at: [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca)

## WATER SAFETY

With the arrival of summer there will be more use of the waterways occurring over the weeks and months to come.

As inviting as the water may look, we need to think about the dangers that come with it. A key point to remember is that drowning is not age specific; it affects all ages. The vast majority of drownings occur in open water; this is our lakes and rivers.

The OPP plays a role in preventing drownings through proactive patrols of 110,398 square kilometres of waterways. The OPP combines its law enforcement efforts with public education efforts in order to improve marine safety. The OPP is responsible for policing 95 per cent of all navigable waterways in Ontario utilizing marine vessels.

The law says that you must carry an approved lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD) in your boat for each person on board. It is important that you be smart and wear one of them. On the waterways policed by the OPP, a high per cent of the deaths have been recreational boaters who were not wearing a lifejacket or PFD. Many boaters be-

lieve that they are good swimmers and that having a PFD on board, within reach is good enough. A PFD left behind is not much use, especially in cold water. Use of an approved lifejacket or PFD is well documented to dramatically increase your chances of surviving a boating incident.

Children should be under constant supervision at the water and never be left alone for even a minute. Remember: private pools also require constant supervision and safety rules.

If you are going to consume alcoholic beverages around the water, be responsible. The Liquor License Act is very clear on where you may consume liquor, either on private property or at licensed premises. Driving your personal boat on the lake or river is not considered to be private property. Drinking and driving (whether on land or water) is against the law and the consequences, even for a first offence, can last a lifetime. Canada's Criminal Code applies to boating and makes activities like operating a boat while impaired, failing to stop at the scene of an accident, and operating a boat that is not seaworthy crimes.

REVIEW THE SAFE BOATING GUIDE BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT. REMEMBER TO:

- Inspect your boat;
- Monitor the weather;
- Make a sail plan;
- Avoid local hazards;
- Practice safe fuelling;
- Do not overload your boat with equipment or passengers;
- Complete a pre-departure check-list;
- Conduct a safety briefing with your occupants.

If you need any further information on water safety go to [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca) or contact your local Ontario Provincial Police Detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

Working together we can make this a safe and enjoyable summer.


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- Fresh Flowers & Herbs
- Baked Goods & BBQ
- Seasonal Produce
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# MUNICIPAL UPDATE

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## WELCOME BACK

It was the second week of May before the ice disappeared from most of the lakes in Temagami this year. Despite the late spring, we happily anticipate the summer season and are pleased to welcome back our seasonal residents who are returning to summer homes and cottages in Temagami.

We look forward to seeing you around town and hope that you will join us on July 1st for our Canada Day celebrations at the waterfront.

With the new format of the Times, we have added a new section on fire education and prevention, for lake residents in particular. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer at the lake.

## NEW COUNCILLOR

On April 24<sup>th</sup> Council appointed Ike Laba to the position of Councillor to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of former Councillor Deb Charyna.

A long-time resident of Temagami, Ike worked for many years in Forestry for the Ministry of Natural Resources. Now retired from the MNR, he is an active volunteer in the community and has his own small business in town.

Councillor Laba brings a lot of municipal experience to the table, having previously served for a total of 13 years as a member of municipal council in Temagami. He has taken on the Public Works and Water portfolio. His previous experience, both on Council and in this portfolio is valuable asset, particularly this late in the term of Council, which runs to November 30, 2014.

Council accepted Deb Charyna's resignation with regret on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Deb is currently continuing her professional education and found it was not possible to give the desired time and dedication to both her Council position and her courses. We thank her for the service she has rendered to our community and wish her well in her studies.

## 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The draft 2014 municipal budget was presented May 15<sup>th</sup>, within the overall guidelines set by Council in the fall. The aim was to minimize the impact on property taxes, while maintaining services and increasing Capital. Our recently completed Asset Management Plan verifies the need to increase Capital spending significantly. This has been a challenge, with considerably less provincial and federal funding this year for capital than in recent years. The municipality continues to aggressively seek grants for infrastructure projects, and is hopeful of an increase in funding in subsequent years.

In summary, there is an overall 9.8% reduction in budgeted expenditures from the 2013 budget, and this includes a 2.9% cut in operating expenditures. We continue to search for efficiencies, but it is very difficult to continue to absorb inflation. Furthermore, the cuts are offset by reductions in both revenue from government grants and available prior year's surplus. The difference is made up through the tax levy, with most of this increase generated by assessment growth. The result is that the residential tax rate will increase in 2014, but only slightly –

by about two cents per \$1,000 of assessment. Despite this very slight increase, Temagami's residential tax rate remains very favorable compared to those of our neighboring municipalities. The 2014 Commercial and Industrial tax rates will be reduced, as a result of the application of tax ratios, which will help us to be more competitive in these areas.

For more details on revenues, expenditures, tax rates and ratios, please refer to the budget information presented to Council. This can be found at [www.temagami.ca](http://www.temagami.ca) in the May 15<sup>th</sup> council package, under Your Government>>Mayor and Council, or may be viewed at the Municipal Office during regular hours. We appreciate the work of the General Government and Finance Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Chair John Kenrick, and of staff, particularly our Treasurer, Debra Kitts, for their work in compiling this draft budget. Council will consider the necessary by-laws to adopt the 2014 budget at the special meeting scheduled for May 31, 2014.

## REVIEW OF STRATEGY AND VISIONING

In 2011, Council adopted an Economic Development Strategy and then in 2012 developed a Vision for Temagami. On May 31, 2014, Council will hold a public meeting to conduct a review and analysis of the outcomes of these two initiatives. Some of the implementation tasks outlined in these two documents have been accomplished to date, some are ongoing and some may require further refinement. This evaluation will help Council to determine how well they are positioned to achieve the desired goals for our community and what more needs to be done.

## ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

An Asset Management Plan (AMP) is a new requirement by the Province for every municipality, effective December 2013. Having a plan in place is now a prerequisite to obtaining any infrastructure funding from the province. An AMP starts with an assessment of current capital assets, including his-

torical and lifecycle costs; and it contains policies and strategies to be used as a guide for future decisions on repair, refurbishment or replacement of infrastructure and other capital assets. Temagami hired the firm KPMG to compile our AMP, with input from Council, staff and engineers. The plan addresses paved and unpaved roads, water and sewer systems and lines, buildings, vehicles and heavy equipment. Council has approved the AMP in principle; implementation will be based upon specific recommendations submitted to Council at a later date. Temagami's AMP can be found on our website at [www.temagami.ca/finance\\_and\\_tax](http://www.temagami.ca/finance_and_tax).

## MESSAGE FOR DOG OWNERS

Please be considerate of others when walking your dogs in public areas and be sure to follow the "stoop and scoop" policy. Cleaning up after your pet makes public spaces more pleasant and healthier for everyone. Additionally, failure to remove and dispose of excrement left by a dog on any public road or on municipal property is against By-law 10-870, and is subject to a \$25.00 fine per occurrence.

## MUNICIPAL AWARDS PROGRAM

We would like to remind everyone of the June 16<sup>th</sup> deadline for nominations for Temagami's Municipal Awards Program. We encourage people to submit nominations for individuals or groups whom they would like to be considered for this honour. Please use the award nomination form, which is available at the Municipal Office and can also be downloaded from our website.

Awards nominations can be made in three categories: Citizen of the Year; Lifetime Achievement; and Posthumous Lifetime Achievement. Nominees do not need to be in their senior years in order to be considered for a lifetime achievement award, rather they may have done something that has made, or will make, a lasting difference in the community. Council will review all nomination forms and decide this year's recipients. The awards will be presented at the July 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

2014 Sample Tax Bills - Revenue Neutral Ratios									
	Temagami North - Non Waterfront			Temagami South - Non Waterfront			Rural - Non Waterfront		
	2014	2013	Difference	2014	2013	Difference	2014	2013	Difference
Assessed Value	140,000	134,500	5,500	\$84,500	\$83,250	1,250	144,000	142,500	1,500
Municipal Property Tax	1,102	1,057	46	665.28	653.99	11	1,134	1,119	14
Education Tax	284	285	(1)	171.54	176.49	(5)	292	302	(10)
Area Charge User Fees	1,046	1,047	(1)	1,556	1,531	25	76	77	(1)
Total Bill	2,432	2,389	43	2,393	2,362	31	1,502	1,499	3
Municipal Tax Rate	0.787319%	0.785571%	0.001748%	0.787319%	0.785571%	0.001748%	0.787319%	0.785571%	0.001748%
Mill Rate per \$1,000	7.87	7.86	0.02	7.87	7.86	0.02	7.87	7.86	0.02
	Temagami South - Waterfront			Marten River - Waterfront			Lake Temagami - Waterfront		
	2014	2013	Difference	2014	2013	Difference	2014	2013	Difference
Assessed Value	245,000	245,000	0	147,000	147,000	0	184,000	184,000	0
Municipal Property Tax	1,929	1,925	4	1,157	1,155	3	1,449	1,445	3
Education Tax	497	519	(22)	298	312	(13)	374	390	(17)
Area Charge User Fees	1,566	1,531	25	0	0	0	34	30	5
Total Bill	3,992	3,975	17	1,456	1,466	(11)	1,857	1,865	(9)
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Mill Rate per \$1,000	7.87	7.86	0.02	7.87	7.86	0.02	7.87	7.86	0.02

Sample tax bills, prepared as part of the budget presentation, are examples of properties randomly selected from the various areas of the municipality. They give a general idea of the impact of tax rates and user fees on a tax bill.