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Forest Tent Caterpillar (photo by Ectotherms Wiki)

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Forest Tent Caterpillars Arrived in Temagami

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158

People might remember the summer of 2017 for the incredible numbers of bugs. Some said they've never seen such clouds of black flies despite coming to Temagami for decades. Cottagers were driven indoors, taking shelter in screened refuges. First Nation residents and local folks might have just shrugged and said, "What do you expect? It's what happens at that time of year."

But, there were also different types of creatures evident in June 2017. Observant people might have seen something happening to the foliage on their drives north from North Bay. Trees that should have been leafy and bright green, were showing only sparse foliage. By the time we arrived in Temagami, we knew that something was eating the leaves. We observed the culprit when we arrived at the marina and there were thousands of caterpillars on the boats that were tied up at the docks. It was obvious there was a forest-tent-caterpillar outbreak in the Temagami area.

Aspen and birch leaves are the favoured foods of the forest tent caterpillar in northern Ontario. Forest health experts indicate that outbreaks occur approximately every 10 to 12 years, and last from three to six years (www.ontario.ca/page/forest-tent-caterpillar). The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry estimates that 1.5 million hectares

were affected or defoliated by forest tent caterpillars in Ontario this season.

Luckily, the forest tent caterpillar is a native species and not new to Ontario! Although there are invasive exotic species that have spread throughout the province, the forest tent caterpillar is not one of them. Typically, Ontario forests have evolved adaptations to tolerate infestations from this caterpillar.

For examples of actual invasive species (not native to Ontario) that could have adverse effects on our Lake and surrounding areas, refer to the Summer 2017 issue of the *Temagami Times*. There are real concerns about the movement of invasive species between water bodies in Ontario. In fact, certain areas have inspection stations where boats can be examined to determine whether or not they are carrying some of these invaders, which can be accidentally transported from lake to lake.

Still, you might wonder won't the caterpillars kill the trees if they eat all the leaves? The good news is that Ontario trees have lived with forest tent caterpillars in their midst for years and have adapted to being defoliated periodically. The trees can afford to lose some of their leaves, and most can re-sprout new ones. Thus, the forest tent caterpillar and its defoliation activities will not typically result in the death of your trees.

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President's Letter

Dear TLA Members and the entire Temagami Community:

It's difficult to believe that the summer is over. I had the good fortune to spend 45 days in Temagami for the first time since the 1980s, and it reminded me of all the reasons my family and I love the Lake so much. Even with wet and chilly weather, not a day went by that I didn't realize how fortunate all of us are to enjoy Temagami. It's hard to describe to anyone who hasn't been on the Lake about the sheer beauty and scale of what we sometimes take for granted. In that vein, I am proud of all of the things our organization continues to do to keep the Lake and its surroundings much as they have been for the last 100 years.

The TLA made a concerted effort this summer at reaching out to both the permanent residents and Temagami First Nation. I plan to do more of that during the winter and into next season. It is obvious to anyone who is involved in Lake politics that all constituents are interconnected, and we need the support of one another to make this whole thing work as well as it does.

At the "Annual General Meeting", our Board of Directors presented significant issues that we are dealing with on a regular basis. High on the agenda are planning, property protection, property assessments, conservation, and communications. With respect to planning, we continue to support the current "Official Plan" (OP) and the "Tenets for Temagami". In 2018, the OP will be re-visited, and we will be closely monitoring the discussions in the Municipality. There is also dialogue underway about the future of the TLA building. We know from a survey that having a physical presence is important to our membership. We are also involved with an ad hoc committee to plan the future of the entire Mine Landing, of which the building is one component. There is a comprehensive article on the topic

in this issue. Finally, we have had discussions with Mayor Hunter about the viability of cell service around the Lake. It's a lengthy process, but our informal survey shows that there is a demand for it.

Regarding property protection, the "Lake Temagami Cottage Watch" program and "Crime Stoppers" have helped to keep break-ins at low levels. Just recently, there was a hearing in Provincial Court in Haileybury to punish two offenders. 22 residents were in attendance to show their concern that the case was handled with the severity it deserved.

Our efforts on the property-assessment front continue to move forward. The "Assessment Review Board" has started to contact some members about their Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) appeals. If you have a review scheduled, we would like to know and can potentially aid you in the process.

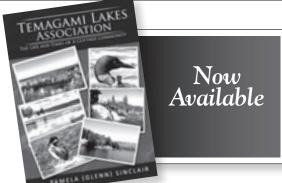
Our conservation efforts – including water-quality monitoring and campsite maintenance – continue, and we are always looking for volunteers to help, especially with efforts to keep the Lake's campsites clean and safe.

I believe we made a much better attempt this summer at communicating with both permanent residents and Temagami First Nation. I will continue with these efforts in the coming year.

Finally, as you will see elsewhere in the issue, Peter Healy has resigned as the "Executive Secretary" of the TLA. I want to thank him both personally, and from the Board, for his tireless efforts on behalf of all TLA members. Peter is known by everyone in Temagami, but some are not aware of how much vital work he does behind the scenes to support the livelihood of our organization. He will be missed!

Will Goodman, TLA President





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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 Tema-

gami 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 main-

tained 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.

Forest Tent Caterpillars Arrived in Temagami

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Fortunately, most trees are quite resilient and capable of being defoliated and withstanding other stresses, on occasion.

Those near the cottage are pretty important, though, aren't they? They cast shade and provide some relief from the hot summer sun, and make a pretty sound when the wind blows through their leaves. Individual tree health is a lot like human health: if you burn a candle at both ends, and don't get enough sleep, don't eat right, or don't exercise, you can set yourself up for catching the next infection that moves through school or the office.

If you want to improve the chances that your favourite trees at the cottage can manage defoliation from the next forest-tent-caterpillar outbreak (or other stressors), there are a few things that you can do. One of these actions is to minimize soil compaction around the bases of trees. The soil is where the roots take up moisture and nutrition. Although out of sight, the roots are alive and also help to anchor the trees – especially from wind.

Temagami and the north can be tough places for trees to grow because there is a lot more bedrock than soil, which impacts healthy root expansion. Therefore, anything you can do to minimize soil compaction around your special trees can be helpful. For example, don't place chairs and picnic tables in these areas.

Also, don't leave hammocks or clotheslines tied around trees all year as this may reduce or cut off circulation. In general, anything you can do to give these trees more space will help them withstand another defoliation event and will reduce the stress they might experience.

Forest tent caterpillars are not a novel news item. A *Sudbury Star* newspaper article from 1936 (www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/tent-caterpillars-outbreak-infestation-northern-ontario-1.4159768), mentions how fish were gorging on forest tent caterpillars.

These creatures may have had an effect on angling this past season, as well. Could Temagami have bigger fish in 2017 because they've been so well fed? Are they less interested in what anglers are offering them because they already have plenty of food? Sometimes there are interesting ripple effects in nature that we don't often see or consider. Who would think that a forest-tent-caterpillar infestation which might occur every 10 or so years could have consequences on fishing in the Temagami region?

Anglers! Let me know what you think! Were your fish fatter this summer or less interested in what you were presenting to them? Were your active fishing holes as productive this past summer? Please email your observations to me at dbkitt@gmail.com and I'll report back in a future Times issue!

Sources:

CBC News (June 14, 2017)
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TLA Business

Welcoming New TLA Members in 2017

Lake residents (and others) are responding to the efforts of the Temagami Lakes Association by 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 really do make a difference.

Accordingly, the TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members in 2017:

The TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members for 2017.

NAME	ISLAND #
Terry, Suzanne, Joshua and Cameron Wiles	25
Dianne Green	150
Melanie Paradis and Joe Gaboury	185
Barret and Reina Leudke	212
Victoria Smart	312
Renee Duncan	660
Denise McKay and William Battler	660
David Brenner	681
Shifra Zisman	681
Catherine Cook and Diane Russel	884, 854
Marnee Buckles	899
Theresa McDermott	970
Robin and Stephanie Dow	1005
Audrey and Gerry Chaput	1066
Robert and Michele Seidel	1073
Becky Hendriksen	1082
Danae and Jason Hawkins	1091
George and Robyn Zivic	1106
David and Colleen Grannary	1119
Mark Schutta and Eunkyung Kauh	1244

TLA Membership History

YEAR	MEMBERSHIP TOTAL
2002	569
2003	552
2004	552
2005	563
2006	569
2007	616
2008	602
2009	585
2010	590
2011	581
2012	579
2013	591
2014	597
2015	576
2016	595
2017	609

Peter Healy Resigns

It was with regret, tempered by some relief of course, that I tendered my resignation as "Executive Secretary" of the TLA to the Board of Directors at their annual inaugural meeting on September 3, 2017. There is no one issue, person, or circumstance that prompts me to do this. Simply, after taking over from Tim Gooderham 15 years ago, it is time.

I would like to thank all those wonderful people who encouraged and supported me over the years. It has been a wonderful experience making so many new friends from such distant places. I will miss seeing you all at the TLA building; but surely, we will cross paths occasionally as we enjoy this wonderful place that the late Tim Gooderham always referred to as "Paradise". Me? I will be at the end of my dock with a good book and cold beverage, whenever possible.

I will continue in my position for the next few months as a Board committee reviews the job description and begins the search for a successor. More information appears elsewhere in this edition of the *Times* and will also be included in the Winter 2018 edition.

Peter Healy

Temagami Lakes Association "EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" Job Opportunity

The Temagami Lakes Association (TLA) has a job opportunity for the part-time position of "Executive Secretary". This is a critical position in the TLA and requires a significant commitment. The ideal candidate will be someone who can spend a considerable amount of time on Lake Temagami and knows her/his way around the different arms. An understanding and respect of the role that the TLA plays in the broader community is also necessary.

The "Executive Secretary" plays a vital function for the Board of Directors and participates in all meetings, oversees the operation of the TLA Headquarters Building, and plans and implements the "Annual General Meeting" that is held each July. An approximate salary for the position is \$20,000 (with a potential year-end bonus).

Position Overview:

The role of the TLA's "Executive Secretary" is pivotal to the success of the organization. It requires a dedication to Lake Temagami and the "Temagami Experience". It also requires a high level of organizational skill, political acumen, and superior communication talent to represent the TLA's needs to its members and within the Temagami community at large. The "Executive Secretary" must also effectively represent the interests of the TLA to non-members, other associations, and the local municipal council. Through excellent administrative, business, and leadership skills, the "Executive Secretary" effectively supports the Association's Board of Directors and other volunteers, enabling the organization to thrive and grow, and to achieve what it otherwise could not.

Note that Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS) – an associated, but separate, organization that focusses on environmental monitoring, research, and education – may occasionally second the "Executive Secretary" to complete some of its record keeping, Canada Revenue Agency filings, and other tasks, as required.

It is anticipated that the position will start in the Spring of 2018, and the successful candidate will report to the TLA President and Treasurer.

Description of Position and Applications:

For a complete job description and application instructions, please refer to the TLA website (https://tla-temagami.org) or contact Will Goodman, TLA President, at: willg1961@gmail.com.

TLA Committee Members Needed

You can get involved and become part of the process of preserving and enhancing the "Temagami Experience" by joining a TLA committee. We have a number of committees that meet infrequently, but still do great things. Please join others like yourself and contribute some time to one of following committees:

- Archives
- Communications
- Fish and Wildlife
- Membership Events
- Planning
- Natural Resources
- Protection of Persons and Property
- Taxes and Municipal Issues
- Water Quality and Waste Disposal

Contact us at **tla@onlink.net** or 705-237-8927 to get involved and contribute to your association.

TLA Business

TERAS Call for Directors

By Tim Richardson

TERAS has just completed its first year of existence and has focussed on governance, strategy, and initial fundraising. Consisting entirely of TLA members, it was initiated to study environmental issues pertaining specifically to the Lake Temagami area. Envisioned research projects were beyond the limits of the regular TLA budget, and therefore a funding mechanism for donors with tax relief was created.

According to our by-laws, a minimum of two TERAS directors must be TLA directors, including the current TLA President. We are looking for two more directors to join and expand our five incumbents. These volunteer Board members should have knowledge of our Lake and TLA activities, and an interest in exploring the ongoing effects of climate change on the area.

To begin with, we have taken over and expanded the water-quality research project which the TLA has sponsored over the past seven years. This endeavour has been described in detail at TLA AGMs and through the *Temagami Times*. As funding permits, we will purchase equipment and support projects brought forward by any members of the Lake community, as well as those suggested by university and college environmental-science departments.

If you are passionate about our Lake and want to become involved as a volunteer director, please contact our chairperson, Tim Richardson, through the TLA office. I will be happy to discuss our vision and history to date.

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TERAS Facts

TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS) – the new not-for-profit charity – has been created to:

1. organize, fund, and participate in environmental monitoring and research projects which are designed to preserve and protect Lake Temagami and its surrounding lands;

- 2. educate about, and increase public understanding and appreciation of, Lake Temagami's environment and ecosystems, with particular attention to long-term environmental monitoring;
- **3.** take over and expand the current, expensive water-monitoring activities that were initiated by the TLA;
- **4.** work closely with the TLA, by participating in environmental projects suggested by its members;
- **5.** stimulate a broader interest in environmental monitoring and research in the Temagami region among college and university environmental-science departments.

N.B., Donations are tax deductible for both Canadian and US citizens.

911 Numbers

By Peter Healy

Do you know your 911 number if you need to use it in an emergency?

For example, my cottage is located on "Island 981", and my 911 number is "150". Hence, when I call for help, I am at "981-150 on Lake Temagami".

Do you know yours?

For safety reasons, write it on, or near, all of your cottage phones.

Keep Up to Date with TLA and Temagami News

Are you receiving notifications of the TLA's blog posts? Don't miss announcements, photos, and articles as they are posted. To easily sign up and receive such items by e-mail, simply follow these steps:

- 1. Go to the TLA's website at: www.tla-temagami.org.
- 2. Scroll down to the bottom right-hand corner of the page where it says "Subscribe to Blog via Email".
- 3. Enter your e-mail address in the box, and click the "Subscribe" button below it.

N.B., The TLA issues about 15 to 20 blog posts per year. In addition, your e-mail will not be shared with other parties.

New Mailing Address —— for the TLA ——

The TLA now has a new mailing address. All items that would previously have been sent to our post-office box should now be addressed to:

Temagami Lakes Association: 1720 Lake Temagami Access Road, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0



Please consider submitting photographs to the TLA so that we can share them in our various publications and via online media.

Photos must be high-resolution PDF, TIFF, or JPEG images – with a minimum of 200 dpi (dots per inch) at 100% photo size. For further information, or to submit a photo, please send an e-mail to: **tla@onlink.net**.



Dock Lights and Our Night Sky

By Peter Healy

It was an interesting summer for sky gazers – especially at night. A solar eclipse on a clear day was also

amazing. Furthermore, we were fortunate to have a couple of instances of northern lights and a once-in-a-lifetime comet display.

Unfortunately for some, these events were tarnished by dock lights that were left on all night and thereby denied a great night-sky experience for those looking in that direction.

Dock lights are useful in many instances. Fisher people returning after dusk find them helpful. That last trip to the dock to check on things before bedtime often requires light. At my dock, I have had to move boats in the middle of the night as wind directions change – something that is much easier without a flashlight in hand.

What no one needs, however, are dock lights that are on all night. Not only is this expensive, but as mentioned above, it is discourteous to others. For most cottagers, motion-sensor lights are the most useful. A switch in the cottage to turn on lights for late-arriving folks can also do the job.

Let's leave the night lights behind in the city and enjoy the night sky!

Lake Temagami Water-Quality Monitoring Report 2017

By Tim Richardson

Once again, the Richardson family completed the important monitoring of the water quality of our Lake – this time with the added help of a third generation (12-year-old Lauren Richardson)! In the future, these efforts will fall under the activities of the TLA's TEMAGAMI ENVI-RONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS) fund.

The work took place on three days over the Labour Day week-end. Under the supervision of Murray Richardson from Carleton University, the project is constantly being refined in an effort to keep it practical and sustainable and, at the same time, scientifically rigorous. After further consultation with an aquatic scientist from the Ministry of the Environment AND CLIMATE CHANGE (MOECC) in Dorset, Ontario, we will now take samples at least once per year – and preferably twice (in the spring and at the end of summer), if resources permit – in at least one location in each arm, and at the deepest locations of Lake Temagami.

Using a multi-parameter sonde and a Secchi disk, we measured water clarity and six other water-quality parameters (i.e., pH, oxygen saturation, temperature, bottom. We also collected water samples for total-phosphorus determination from 10 different locations on our Lake. The samples have once again been sent to the Dorset MOECC lab for evaluation, with results forthcoming.

Temagami is considered a Lake Trout management lake by the Ontario Min-ISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOR-ESTRY – a designation that is surprisingly rare in Ontario as less than 1% of our lakes contain this species. Measurement of temperature and oxygen-depth profiles will allow us to monitor water conditions for any future changes to Lake Trout habitat. We will now place additional emphasis on this aspect of the annual sampling program.

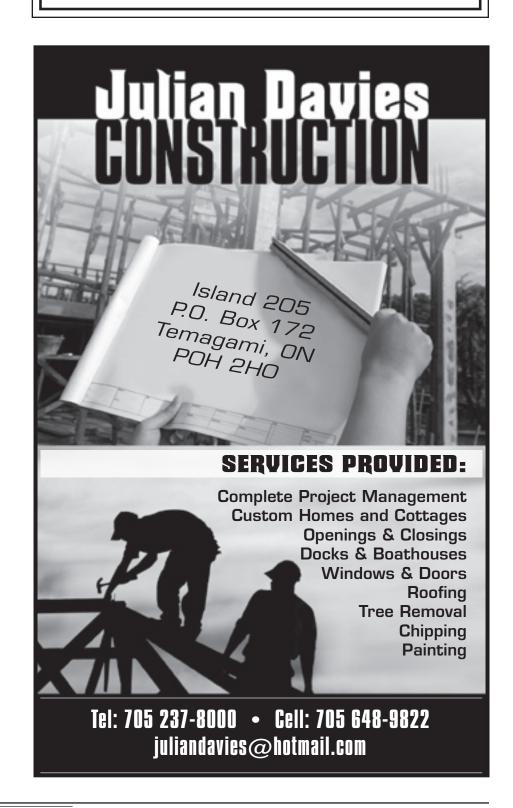
Overall, these efforts will contribute yet another year of water-quality data to our growing historical database. The TLA's goal is to maintain a consistent, reliable, long-term record of water characteristics so that we can effectively track any ecological changes in the Lake's condition which are associated with climate change or other human impacts.





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INVASIVE PHRAGMITES A Threat to the Temagami Experience By Rob Corcoran

You may have noticed some thickening stands of tall grasses/reeds along the highways over the past few years, including some along Highway 11 between North Bay and Temagami. I've been observing them down in the Toronto area, and due to their locations and densities, I had initially assumed that MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION ONTARIO (MTO) had been planting them. My wife, Sherry, is the gardener in the family, and works with the neighbourhood wildflower preserve. She brought home some literature about <u>invasive Phragmites (Phragmites australis subsp. australis</u> or European Common Reed) last year, and we've been paying closer attention to the spread of this plant since that time.

So, what's the big deal with some tall grasses/reeds? Remember Purple Loosestrife – an invasive, European plant which threatened to drastically affect our wetlands? Luckily, a biological control for Purple Loosestrife was brought in, and the risk has been significantly reduced.

Invasive *Phragmites* (pronounced "frag-mite-eez") is now at the forefront. It is an imported variety of the *Phragmites* plant and has more seed growth at the top. As its root systems expand, it can reach heights of 15' (5 m) – growing so thickly that it chokes out other plant life, dries up wetlands, and has a negative impact on local animal life. Its roots can reach depths of 30', and the species spreads via seed dispersal and expanding root systems. The roots of invasive *Phragmites* also secrete a toxin to kill off nearby plants – a double whammy when paired with the density and height of its mature stands. A thick grove of invasive *Phragmites* also represents a significant fire threat in the fall and spring.

The native variety of this plant - Phragmites australis subsp. americanus (American Common Reed) is a relevant part of the diverse foliage in our Ontario wetlands. Invasive Phragmites was, however, first observed in Nova Scotia in 1910, and appeared around many seaports thereafter. It has likely been around for about a century in North America and is still sold as an ornamental plant by some gardening centres. Important distribution areas seem to be along our highways, with mud and dirt from maintenance vehicles appearing to spread this plant to new locations. As you drive past MTO yards, for example, you'll notice that some of them are now surrounded by invasive Phragmites stands. There are also thickening, expanding stands of invasive Phragmites on many highways and rural roads in Southern Ontario. In addition, we've observed stands in the Tilden Lake area, and they also seem to be present along Highway 11 near Marian Lake. So far, the Lake Temagami Access Road appears to be free of them, so kudos to our Temagami road crews and contractors for not (yet) introducing them to this area.

There were a number of news articles several years ago (e.g., from the CBC) about invasive *Phragmites*, which is currently identified as the number-one, invasive, plant-species threat in North America. Many items will show up if you do an internet search for "invasive *Phragmites* Ontario", and a number of relevant links are posted at the end of this article.

So, what are our provincial and federal governments doing about invasive *Phragmites*? There is apparently some work under way to utilize certain insects in an attempt to combat this invasive species. My understanding is that initial efforts have not shown significant success. As this plant appears capable of drasically changing our wetlands, and even choking out seedling growth, sitting idly by (as seems to be the case based upon the lack of visible action on the part of our governments) is not something which is any of our best interests in Ontario.

There are a few stands along Highway 11 north of Toronto which seem to have been treated, with good results (perhaps through test activities by the province). There are also some working groups involving the MTO, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change. Ideally this will lead to a very aggressive provincial response (that we should track carefully), and from a Temagami perspective, something for which we should collectively lobby as we move into 2018. Invasive *Phragmites* that is currently along Highway 11 is now going to seed, and will continue to expand its range unless there is direct intervention.

HOW DO YOU CONTROL INVASIVE PHRAGMITES?

Some cottagers' associations in Southern Ontario have undertaken invasive *Phragmites* removal attempts, which often involve significant effort. Credit goes to those who have been fighting the battle with this invasive species. This is a potentially-viable approach early in a plant stand's life cycle. There are also at least two chemicals approved for the removal of invasive *Phragmites* (i.e., glyphosate – a.k.a. Roundup; and imazapyr), but permits are required to use them. Although these chemicals break down quickly, both herbicides should, however, also be used with appropriate protective gear.

If we look at the impact in Southern Ontario, I think we will all agree that "nipping this in the bud" may be essential for the long-term viability of Temagami as we know it. Seeing our wetlands turn into a monoculture, our portage trails clogged, our shorelines covered with 15' invasive *Phragmites*, and having animal and bird diversity compromised, is not in anyone's best interests. This could have a dramatic effect not only on those who use Temagami for recreational purposes, but (to a greater extent) on those who depend upon its natural environment for their livelihoods.

Clearly, Nova Scotia has not been overrun with invasive *Phragmites* in the past century. Significant areas of Southern Ontario have, however, been inundated, and the advance of this species certainly appears to be accelerating in the province. There are indications that something about the plant has changed in recent years, which has increased its effectiveness as an invasive species. Activity at municipal levels (e.g., by community groups) to address stands as they appear along highways and other area roadways is essential, while the province also increases its response. The federal government (Harper era) cut-backs on funding to address invasive species have been detrimental. If the Liberals have not vet reinstated this monetary support, we need to lobby them to do so. Ontario's Conservation Authorities are also working with the province, and the MTO appears to have some plans which are coming together to manage/contain the spread. So far, however, invasive Phrag*mites* appears to have the upper hand.

If you're wondering what an invasive *Phragmites* infestation could to to the "Temagami Experience", the accompanying photo should be food for thought. Think "invasion of the body snatchers". We can sleep comfortably and ignore this invasive species for a while longer; but if we do, when we finally wake up to the reality of this threat, it may well be too late.

For further information on invasive *Phragmites*, please refer to the following links: https://georgianbay-forever.org/2016/07/07/ministry-of-transportation-phragmites-updates

www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/action-needed-to-control-invasive-phragmites-ecologist-urges-1.2786707

www.greatlakesphragmites.net/blog/native-vs-invasivephragmites

www.lsrca.on.ca/SharedDocuments/board/letter-co-phragmites-control.pdf

www.nvca.on.ca/Shared Documents/Phragmites control best practices.pdf

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Future of the TLA Building

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158

THE SITUATION:

Recently, the status of the TLA Headquarters Building has been called into question. It is helpful to understand the background and history of the building, since it is located in the skyline reserve on provincial land.

It is understandable there would be questions about its status. The building, which was completed in 1971 and was supposed to include a basement fish hatchery (although this never materialized), was built long before there were the official "Tenets for Temagami" (agreed to by the Municipality of Temagami, the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents' Association [LaTemPRA], the Temagami Tourist Operators Association, and the TLA) and an "Official Plan" (OP) – both of which prohibit mainland development. These pre-existing land uses that were in place before the OP made them illegal are referred to as "legally-non-conforming uses" and have been "grandfathered" into current zoning plans. This is also the case with some features of most older cottage properties on Lake Temagami.

The TLA Headquarters Building, which was open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the summer of 2017, is well used and maintained. A new roof was put into place in 2015, and the radio antenna was repaired in 2016. The primary use of the building during the most recent season was as a Wi-Fi hot spot. According to a 2017 TLA survey (completed by 151 members), the TLA building was used an average of three times per season per member. Also, about half used the radio system which is run out of building.

In 2016, the municipal taxes were \$827.95, and the lotlease fee paid to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) was \$2712. The MNRF has renewed the building permit several times in the past few years.

The TLA has been in existence since 1931. For a rich discussion of the TLA history, including the TLA Head-quarters Building, I highly recommend *Temagami Lakes* Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community by Pamela (Glenn) Sinclair. It was most recently published in 2011 and provides a comprehensive review of the history of the TLA and the Lake community. Copies of the book are available for purchase from the TLA.

The TLA didn't begin with a physical building presence, and now that we're well into the 21st century, some people might wonder whether or not the TLA really needs bricks and mortar to provide services to members and, in fact, the entire community. In the recent past, the building has also had these community uses: acting as a meeting facility for the committee for Temagami Island trails, LaTemPRA, the Municipality's "Public Works Committee", the "Parking and Docking Working Group",

boating courses, land-claim meetings, and the "Municipal Landing Committee"; providing free accommodation for the MNRF creel census and Temagami Stewardship Council personnel; and, serving as a polling station for Provincial and Federal elections.

On July 20, 2017, the Municipal Council formed the "Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Lake Temagami Access Point Plan" (ad hoc LTAPP committee). One representative on the committee is an elected member of the TLA Board of Directors. Allan Eustis has volunteered to serve as the TLA representative on the LTAPP, which held its first meeting in late September.

A plan was developed for the end of the Lake Temagami Access Road in 2007. Nevertheless, it is worthwhile to review that plan – especially in light of changes that have occurred on the Lake in the last 10 years.



TLA Headquarters Building – Spring 2011 (photo by Peter Healy)

WHAT'S NEXT?

The TLA Executive remains open to the idea of a possible combined project with the Municipality to develop the Mine and Manitou landing sites to protect water quality, provide services to Lake users, and generate funds.

The TLA Board has also formed a committee that is investigating our options for a physical presence or building on the Lake, so we are ready for possible changes in 2018. In terms of the site, if the TLA (the lessee) gives up the Headquarters Building, it is expected to return the site to a natural state. Ten years ago, there was a verbal quote that indicated this would cost in excess of \$60,000.

WHAT KIND OF TIME FRAME ARE WE WORKING WITH?

A Municipal resolution stated: "AND FURTHER THAT a report and recommendations be provided to council by February 9, 2018 in advance of the February 13th 'Committee of the Whole' meeting for deliberation and possible implementation in early 2018."

Since implementation is anticipated early in 2018, this gives the TLA little time to figure out what to do about its building in the meantime.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT PHYSICAL SPACE NEEDS FOR THE TLA?

The TLA needs some space so that it can store the water-quality sampling equipment that is used annually for monitoring purposes. In the past, the TLA has also sold environmentally-friendly merchandise, navigation maps, and other materials, and has provided services to members, such as the opportunity to receive mail and telephone messages and access to the Internet. A physical presence or building enables these types of activities and services. Yet, perhaps these services are less important, especially now that many members have hydro, telephone, and Internet access of their own.

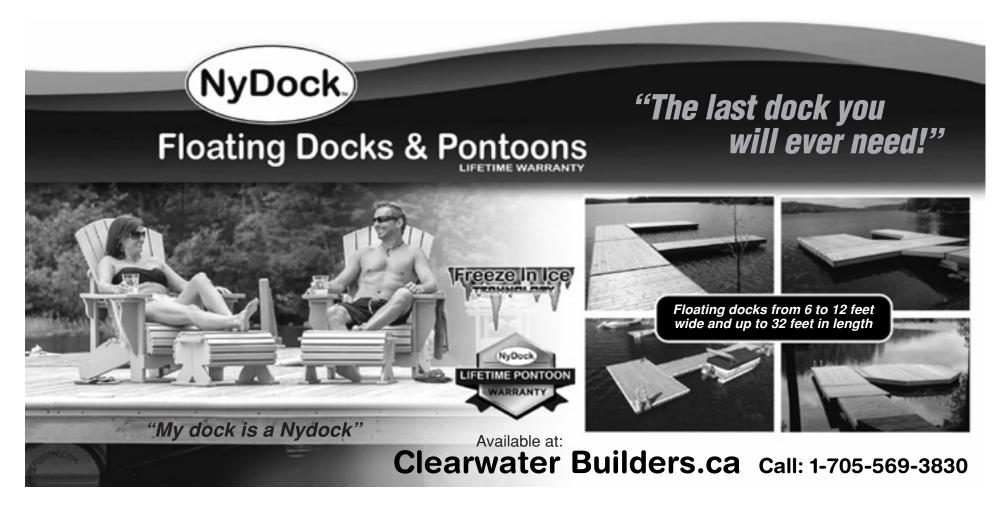
Have time and technology advanced to the point where the TLA does not need a physical building on the mainland anymore? If the TLA found a cooperative member or commercial enterprise that could provide storage for our environmental-sampling equipment, maybe it does not need its own structure. In fact, with the money saved by not paying for maintenance, property taxes, insurance, hydro, and other related fees, the TLA could consider renting some space for its storage needs.

As an alternative to a physical building on the mainland, the TLA could consider posting summer students at the landings to provide outreach and information to visitors re: issues of concern to the organization (e.g., water quality, invasive species, location of campsites). To this end, the TLA could provide some sort of "mobile unit" or a trailer that would provide temporary shelter for students during the course of the season, and a place for them to store any handouts and distribution materials for visitors.

It has often been suggested that the TLA would be better served with an office on an island. This might be problematic, however, with respect to costs and the need to re-zone the site for institutional uses – something to which we can assume some neighbouring islanders would object.

The TLA Board is currently considering options for the TLA building and is also participating on the Municipality's committee regarding the access point (ad hoc LTAPP committee). TLA members who have ideas and would like to provide input are invited to contact TLA President, Will Goodman (willg1961@gmail.com), TLA Director, Allan Eustis (allan.eustis@gmail.com), or any other member of the Board of Directors (see contact information elsewhere in this issue of the Temagami Times).

This consideration of physical space for the TLA is an important, healthy exercise for an organization that has existed over 86 years. It provides a good opportunity for the TLA to review its current needs and activities, how best to serve its members, and how to achieve its goals and objectives.





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TLA in the Temagami Community

The Temagami Lakes Association has been proud to support the greater Temagami community over the years. Contributions to the Temagami Co-op Inc., Temagami Lions Club, Temagami seniors group, Temagami Public School, and various Christmas events are only some of the ways in which we have responded to community needs. 2017 was no exception, as is evident from the "Letters of Thanks" we've received from various community groups.

Memorial Baseball Tournament "Letter of Thanks"

Temagami Lakes Association Members:

Thank you for your ongoing support and donations, including this year's 14th edition, to the "Kimmy and Tracy Memorial Baseball Tournament". The Renaud and Gauvreau families

Background:

From June 9 to 11, 2017, the Renaud and Gauvreau families hosted the 14th annual, mixed, slo-pitch Kimmy and Tracy baseball tournament in Temagami. Half of the money raised from the tournament was donated to the Kim Renaud and Tracy Gauvreau scholarship funds, while the other half was given to the Temagami Fire Department.

Kim's scholarship fund is designed to help anyone pursuing a career in the field of aviation, while Tracy's is for someone pursuing a career in early childhood education or teaching. Both scholarships are active, and applications can be made in the 2017-2018 school year by Temagami residents. The Temagami Community Foundation manages the funds.

The tournament is a very successful annual event that has benefitted both the scholarship funds and the local economy, while bringing together family and friends for a week-end of activities. In the first year, 14 baseball teams participated. In the years that followed, there have usually been 16+ teams in attendance.

In the first 13 years in which the event has been held, over \$40,000.00 was raised for the two scholarships. Over \$12,000.00 has also been donated to the Temagami Fire Department and approximately \$2,000.00 to the Temagami Family Health Team.

Temagami Community Market "Letter of Thanks"

July 5, 2017

Dear TLA Board Members,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the most kind donation of one 10 x 20 marquis tent to the Temagami Community Market (TCM).

It is people and organization like yourselves that show the true meaning of community that make assistance like this possible. This tent will be made good use of and is an overwhelming addition to the TCM.

Yours in Community Spirit,

Dianne Laronde, Manager, Temagami Community Market

An Old White Pine on Island 768 (watermark photo by Marty Martelle)

Temagami Canoe Festival "Letter of Thanks"

P.O. Box 482, Temagami, Ontario POH 2H0 Tel: (705) 569-2904

Email: temagamicanoefestival@gmail.com

Website: www.temagamicanoefestival.com

July 22, 2017

TLA President and Board of Directors,

Re: Temagami Canoe Festival – July 15-16, 2017 – Sponsorship

Thank you for sponsoring the Temagami Canoe Festival 2017. Securing sponsorships enables the festival to grow and deliver quality programming such as displays of birch bark canoes, Temagami First Nation drummers and singers, canoe demos, clinics and workshops, old-growth guided hikes, canoe races, live music, food and craft vendors, and adventure films, along with special presentations.

Your logo has been included on the website at www.temagamicanoefestival. com and also on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/temagamicanoefestival. We look forward to your continued support of this event.

For more information about the festival please visit www.temagamicanoefestival.com.

Thank you, Carolyn Laronde, Project Coordinator

TAFIP "Letter of Thanks"

From: Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP)

Attention: Peter Healy

Re: TLA Support for TAFIP

We as TAFIP volunteer members appreciate all the support the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION and its members have given us over the years. We have received substantial financial support from your association and its members, as well as donated equipment towards the TAFIP program.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. This financial support has helped us increase our volunteer membership, enhance the quality of Walleye production, and allows us to increase the amount of fry and fingerling distribution throughout the whole Temagami area.

Please thank your members for their support.

Ike Laba, President, Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program



Your TLA Board of Directors (2017-2018)



Will Goodman, TLA President Contact Information: 914-420-2363 and willg1961@gmail.com



Peter Whyte, TLA First Vice-President Contact Information: 519-215-1800 and peter@mcintyre.ca



September 1, 2017).

Allan Eustis, TLA Director Contact Information: 202-744-0788 and allan.eustis@gmail.com



New Directors

for the TLA Board

At the conclusion of the nomination period that ended on May 1, 2017, TLA Directors Peter Whyte and Chip Kittredge were acclaimed to a second term according to the TLA by-laws. Newly-acclaimed to the Board was Margaret Langfitt of Island 1090. They will each serve a three-year term (which began on

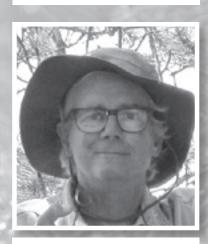
All Lake residents thank these individuals for stepping forward

to contribute their time and experience to their community.

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TAFIP Update (September 2017)

By Ike Laba

The Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) hatchery was well prepared for the 2017 season. The trap nets were repaired in the fall, the hatchery was cleaned and sterilized, and the equipment was working. Rearing ponds were ready, and we had an excellent volunteer group on hand. We thought we were going to have a great year, but soon

found that the 2017 season was going to be very challenging for these reasons:

(a) The Walleye egg collection took much longer than expected this spring due to ongoing, cold, water temperatures. We did reach our Walleye, egg-collection target from Cassells Lake, but collected only 20% of the Lake Temagami target. (b) The hatchery also had issues with the eggs hatching into fry this year, as the normal time frame for Walleye takes 21 days (versus 30+ days). The delay in the hatch was due to the cold water, which also affected the survival rate - which dropped to 65% this year compared to over 80% last year. (c) As soon as the Walleye eggs hatched into fry, we stocked Cassells, Snake, Rabbit, and Net Lakes, as well as Lake Temagami. We also deposited some fry into the Red Squirrel and Sherman rearing ponds so that they would grow into fingerlings, which are much larger and have better survival rates. (d) Walleye survival at both rearing ponds was a great disappointment this year as we lost close to 99% of our fingerlings. These ponds were monitored very closely on a regular basis re: temperatures, feed, prey, water levels, etc. As soon as we discovered our losses, we contacted Near North Labs in North Bay to sample our waters. They did not identify any significant chemical imbalances in the ponds, but it was suggested that we complete the following during the 2018 season:

- » Oxygen and pH measurements should be taken at regular intervals, especially after weather changes.
- » Algae growth must be monitored and controls implemented, as required.
- » Close observation of fingerling growth is essential to determine the need for emergency extractions.

EXPANDED MONITORING:

- 1. Weed control will be monitored, and action will be taken, as required.
- 2. Inflow and outflow water pipes from reserve ponds will be fitted with metal screens to prevent losses from competing species.
- 3. Feeding material will be monitored to prevent algae growth.

After checking with Near North Labs and other hatcheries, we found that these hatcheries also had similar issues in 2017.

Note: There are many factors that we cannot control that effect the survival of young fish. These include:

- predation (e.g., by minks, otters, other fish species, great blue herons, ducks, snapping turtles);
- extreme weather and water-temperature variations (e.g., sudden highs and lows); and,
- sudden, severe storms (especially those with lightning and hail) that will destroy small fish.

Credit must be given to all of our hatchery volunteers who have put many hours into this program to improve the fisheries within the Temagami area. Even though this

year has been a very challenging one, we were still able to stock 530,000 fingerlings: 300,000 (in Rabbit Lake); 90,000 (in Net Lake); 50,000 (in Cassels Lake); 50,000 (in Snake Lake); and, 40,000 (in Lake Temagami).

2017 TAFIP EVENTS:

- On June 6th, our hatchery recognized three long-standing members of the TAFIP (1984 to 2017): Olive Landry, Robert Molyneaux, and Eldege Montrieul. Thank you!
- On July 1st, TAFIP volunteers held a BBQ for the "Canada 150" celebrations.
 This annual BBQ event is one of our main fundraisers. Thanks is extended to
 all of the volunteers.
- On August 6th, TAFIP volunteers ran a "Kids' Fishing Tournament" on the municipal docks. A total of 37 kids attended with their parents. We wish to thank all parents, volunteers, and sponsors.



Three long-time TAFIP volunteers, who have been members from 1984 to 2017, were recently recognized for their efforts. Olive Landry is on the left, while Robert Molyneaux is on the right. Eldege Montrieul is missing from the image. (photo credit: Ike Laba)

CONTACTS:

For more information on the TAFIP, please call any of the following people:

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Gerry Stroud (Vice-President):	705-569-2960
Wendell Gustavson:	705-569-2439
Penny St. Jermaine (Lake Temagami Contact):	705-237-8293
Dave Zimmerman (CALA Contact):	705-569-3207

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COUNCIL MEETING CHANGES

The schedule and format of municipal council meetings is changing. Regular council meetings are now scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. When a closed session is required, it will be held at the beginning of the meeting, with the open session business to commence at 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the Tuesday of the week prior to the council meeting.

The purpose of the Committee of the Whole meetings is to discuss regular council business in advance of it being voted on at the regular meeting. When there are time-sensitive matters, motions may be considered upon a return to regular session at the end of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Council will not hear delegations or presentations at the Committee of the Whole meetings, only at the regular or special council meetings. Special meetings will continue to be called on an asneeded basis, with a minimum notice of two business days.

Items of business that do not require further discussion at the regular council meeting will be placed on the consent agenda. When using a consent agenda format, the proposed motions will be listed separately, but they may be adopted in a single motion.

The Municipality is in the process of implementing new agenda management software. You will soon see the draft proposed motions listed on the agenda, instead of having a separate list of proposed motions.

There will be a choice of Agenda package formats available on the municipal website to accommodate the varying levels of internet capability of our residents. You may download the entire agenda package as a single pdf document, or view it in html format and click on the links to access pdfs of individual items.

PHONE IN DELEGATIONS

Council has decided to make the phone-in option for the unregistered delegation portion a permanent part of the council meeting procedure. If you would like to speak to Council in the Unregistered Delegation section of the regular council meeting, but can't be there in person, you may do so by phone. You must first make arrangements to do so, by contacting the Municipal Clerk, or designate, at 705-569-3421 ext. 208.

You must do so no earlier than the business day before the council meeting and no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the council meeting. For more information, please see the policy on the Council meeting page of our website, or contact the municipal office.

AUDIO RECORDINGS

The Municipality is now audio recording all of its council meetings. Due to distance or seasonal residency, many municipal residents are not able to attend meetings in person. The recordings provide an additional opportunity for ratepayers to observe the council meetings, and will help to promote open and transparent government.

Due to internet limitations, we are not able to livestream the audio, but it is made available through our website within a few days following the council meeting. To listen to a recording, please go to www.temagami.ca/audio, or click on the link on the home page.

INFO CENTRE / TRAIN STATION

The Temagami Information Centre has been moved to the Train Station building. The Municipality has entered into a lease agreement with the Living Temagami-Culture and Heritage Centre (LTCHC). In addition to the Chamber of Commerce and Information Centre, the LTCHC will use the building for art & other exhibitions, education, and events.

We are looking forward to the LTCHC using this historic building to promote community interest, engagement, appreciation, and education in the arts, culture, heritage, local history, and other areas.

AWARDS PRESENTED

Senior of the Year

In conjunction with the Province, the Municipality presents the "Senior of the Year" award annually to a deserving person who continues to contribute to the community in their senior years.

This year we were pleased to recognize Betty Poirier for the many ways she does this, from volunteering at community events and the public school to personally helping out individuals and families in countless ways.

Betty is one of those people who nev-

Municipal Awards

We were pleased to present the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award to Doug Adams. This award is given to someone who has enhanced the quality of life for the people of Temagami on an ongoing basis for an extended period of time.

er looks for recognition, but is always working somewhere in the background,

making things better for the community.



Doug Adams is presented with the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award by Mayor Hunter.

Doug's contributions include being instrumental in starting the Chamber of Commerce's annual Wild Game Dinner and the Smallmouth Bass Tournaments, which are still held every year. He has volunteered untold hours of his time grooming local snowmobile and hiking trails. For these and the many more things that Doug does quietly, he is well deserving of this recognition.

We were also pleased to present the 2017 Posthumous Lifetime Achievement to John O'Sullivan on behalf of his Mother, Rita Moore O'Sullivan. Rita was well known in the community as Bubsey.



Betty Poirier [left] is presented with the 2017 Senior of the Year Award by Mayor Hunter.



She was a strong advocate for human rights, particularly of women's and indigenous rights and had the courage to actually fight to change federal and provincial laws. Bubsey was an active volunteer and fundraiser for St Elizabeth's and St Ursula's Churches. She was also well known for calling the squares at every square dance on the Lake. Although Rita passed away in 2013, her legacy continues to live on in Temagami.

ACCESS POINT PLAN REVIEW

Council has created an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Lake Temagami Access Point Plan. This plan is now 10 years old. Some aspects of the plan have been accomplished, including creating some of the additional parking, adding finger docks, and making a separate area for contractor docking. There is still a lot to do.

This Committee will review and make recommendations regarding the 2007 LTAPP Plan with a view to providing Council with a proposed timeframe and proposed updates to the plan, for budgeting purposes as the basis for the continued implementation of the LTAPP. During the process, the Committee will consult with user groups and the public and use the input received to help formulate their recommendations. It is anticipated that the Committee will submit their report to Council by Feb. 9, 2018.

NEW LIBRARY CEO

We welcome Quelia Cormier as the new CEO of the Temagami Public Library, following Shelley Rowland's retirement. Quelia has been working parttime at the library for about five years,



and is well acquainted with the library and patrons. She is planning to bring in more programing to further enhance the library services.

DNSSAB HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) has a new Homeownership Program. It allows eligible households to receive a 10% forgivable down payment loan for the purchase of an eligible home. It is intended to help households make the jump from rental to homeownership.

For more details on eligibility criteria or to register for the program, please contact Cameron Messmer by email at cameron.messmer@dnssab.on.ca or by phone at (705) 474-2151 ext. 3355.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements, the notes thereto, the auditor's report and the tax rate information for the current and previous year as contained in the financial review, are posted on our website. These are also available at no cost to any taxpayer or resident of the municipality upon request.

NEW WEBSITE

The Municipality has received proposals for replacement of the municipal website. We are looking forward to a new site with easier navigation and an improved experience for users. More details will follow once a proposal has been selected.

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The Province requires municipalities to review their Official Plans at regular intervals as set by the province. Temagami is required to start this review process by March of 2018.

The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) has already started the ground-work for this process and will be making recommendations to Council regarding a Terms of Reference and Timeline.

Residents and ratepayers will be encouraged to participate through open house(s) and public meeting(s) and written submissions. More details will be available in the next few months.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2018

2018 is a municipal election year. Due to changes in the Municipal Elections Act, the period in which nominations for office may be filed has been reduced. They may now only be filed from May 1st until 2:00 p.m. on the last Friday in July. There are other changes as well. Please watch for more details in the winter edition of the Temagami Times. By early in 2018, there will be a page on the municipal website with election details for both prospective candidates and electors.

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Temagami Lake Cottage Watch Aims to Reduce Crime

Sue Nielsen, Speaker Reporter

TEMAGAMI — People are working together on Lake Temagami to prevent crime.

A high number of break and enters involving cottages and homes on Lake Temagami has resulted in the creation of an affirmative action program called Lake Temagami Cottage Watch.

Cottage break-ins, damage and theft are among the main concerns of residents living in the municipality of Temagami.

A cottage watch program is an initiative promoting community safety and security. Involved in this program are cottagers, cottager associations and local police.

"Our program is patterned after cottage watch programs in the province. We work with the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, the Temagami Lakes Association, Bear Island police and First Nations and the municipality of Temagami. It is intended to make people aware of criminal activity on the lake and to keep an eye out for it," said Lake Temagami resident/Temagami councilor Dan O'Mara.

The official unveiling of a large billboard announcing the program took place Monday, August 28. The sign is located approximately three kilometres down the Temagami Access Road from Highway 11 on the right hand side of the road.

Local volunteers who work with the police run the program. A community of cottagers are watching for criminal activity, are alert to suspicious vehicles or persons on the lake, provide useful information to police to assist in solving crimes and assert their right to crimefree environments.

O'Mara said the program involves a trace pen whereby valuables are marked with an indelible ink trace pen.

"By marking your property it can easily be identified," said O'Mara.

"We try to make pawn shops and other people aware of this identification program so to be aware of stolen goods that might come to them."

The program is a 24-hour, seven day a week, 365-day-a-year program helping to offset crime on Lake Temagami.

"It is important to get people to be a part of this program and raise awareness," he said. "This program has also been effective in rural areas."

Temiskaming Detachment Inspector Brent Cecchini said the OPP works with the Temagami Lake Watch program, the Temagami Lakes Association and the municipality to raise awareness about crime and to help cottagers prevent crime.

"We have established good communication with this program and the various groups to help us solve crimes quicker," said Cecchini.

"We are most vulnerable when the freeze and thaw conditions occur when it isn't easy to get to the lake."

He said the OPP also have aircraft surveillance providing eyes in the sky.

"I give huge credit to the lake watch committee for supporting our efforts to prevent crime on the lake."

THREE ASPECTS

Three main aspects of the program include identification of valuable possessions with a trace pen or other means.

Cottagers need to trust their instincts and report suspicious looking activity to the police and then let the police take over. Cottage watch does not advise citizens to actually confront criminals or suspicious individuals, but rather to report those individuals to the police.

Awareness of the cottage watch program amongst cottagers and homeowners on the lake will help to aid police in deterring criminals.

The Lake Temagami Cottage Watch Program has signs for sale that can be placed on property or at residences.

The large road sign was funded in part by the Municipality of Temagami, noted O'Mara.

To report or provide information about an incident to police call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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From the left at the official unveiling of the Temagami Lake Watch program sign, located on the Temagami Mine Access Road, are representatives from the various groups working together on the Cottage Watch program: Temagami First Nation councillor Jamie Saville, Lake Temagami resident/Cottage Watch representative Bill Hand, Lake Temagami resident/Temagami councillor John Harding, Temagami resident/businessman Charlie Bérube, Lake Temagami resident/Temagami councillor Dan O'Mara, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) auxiliary constable Jason Pigeault, Temiskaming Detachment OPP Inspector Brent Cecchini, Temagami First Nation Bear Island police constable Tom Saville, Temiskaming Detachment OPP constables Rob Shillinglaw and Kevin Watson. (photo by Sue Nielsen, Temiskaming Speaker Reporter)







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Safeguard Your Cottage and Secure Your Property

One of the biggest issues of concern in the Municipality of Temagami is the increase in cottage break-and-enters, thefts, and damage that have occurred this year.

The Temiskaming and Temagami Detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.), along with the TLA and the Temagami "Lake Watch Program" are working together to reduce these crimes.

Cottage break-and-enters, damage, and theft are serious concerns impacting police, cottage owners, cottagers' associations, and insurance companies. The O.P.P. encourages crime prevention at the cottage in support of local cottagers' associations and "Cottage Watch" initiatives across Ontario.

Local residents can assist by reporting all suspicious matters to the police and including as much information as possible (e.g., physical descriptions of the persons involved, clothing descriptions, vehicle descriptions, licence plate numbers, island numbers, and any other pertinent details). In each instance, it is also helpful to note the area where suspects were last seen and the direction in which they were heading.

"Operation Identification" is a property-marking initiative designed to help discourage the theft of valuables by facilitating the identification of recovered stolen property. Thieves prefer to target easy-to-carry items that don't hinder their movements. One simple way to help discourage theft of these items is to etch them with an identifying number, such as your vehicle licence plate number, or to use a tool such as a Trace™ pen. This pen is a personal, anti-theft, marking system which helps individuals to protect their property. Trace™ pens contain tiny discs (about the size of a grain of sand), and each holds a unique, personal, identification number that links your property to you within a global database. The use of the Trace™ pen allows police to positively identify stolen items. This anti-theft tool is already being utilized in the Temagami area and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police approves and supports its use with the goal of reducing property theft in Ontario.

Cottagers' associations encourage cottage owners to use these $\mathsf{Trace}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ pens to assist police in locating stolen items through an associated database. In addition, it is a good idea to also maintain a list of the serial numbers of all electronic devices, tools, generators, etc. and to keep this list in a secure area as these numbers can assist in investigations.

These are just a few suggestions to help in preventing crime and keeping your property secure. Remember to assure your own safety at all times. If an offence is committed, contact police immediately and do not tamper with the crime scene as valuable evidence can be lost.

Please visit the O.P.P. website (www.opp.ca) for more information on "Operation



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Identification" or the "Safeguard Ontario Property Security Program", which provide helpful tips to secure your home and property. You may also contact your local O.P.P. detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

The "Crime Stoppers Civilian Board of Directors" will pay up to \$2000 for any information leading to an arrest. Callers do not have to give their names and do not have to testify in court. Calls are never traced or taped. Contact the "Tri-Town Region Inc. Crime Stoppers" at 1-800-222-8477.

For further information on any policing issue, please contact PC Jennifer Smith, Community Safety Officer – Temiskaming O.P.P., by phone at **705-647-8400**. You can also visit the O.P.P. website, access regional Twitter feeds at @OPP_NER or @ PPO_Nordest, or contact your local detachment of the O.P.P. through the toll-free number provided above.

Editor's Note: TraceTM pens are available through the Temagami "Lake Watch Program" at a cost of \$45.00. For further information, please contact Dan O'Mara at danomar@ontera.net or

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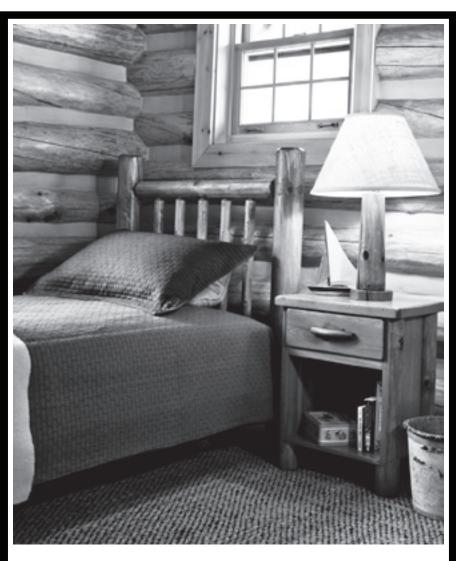


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Bootleg Fentanyl in Ontario's Illicit Drug Supply

September 12, 2017 (City of Temiskaming Shores, ON):

Members of the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) have responded to incidents involving stolen fentanyl patches and other prescription medications. Prescription drug abuse has a serious impact on community safety and involves an increase in violent acts and property crimes.

Prescription medications are legal and intended for use under a physician's supervision. They are to be taken as prescribed; however, when misused they can be dangerous. Medication may be stolen from residences and businesses, such as pharmacies. Police remind pharmacy operators to ensure that their supplies are secure at all times, and also encourage physicians to secure their prescription pads.

The "Controlled Drugs and Substances Act" prohibits anyone from possessing a prescribed medication without a prescription. It is illegal to offer or sell a prescribed medication to another person and/or to purchase medication that is not prescribed to you.

In addition, communities across Ontario are reporting the presence of "bootleg" fentanyl. This is a high-dose, illicit, opioid that is toxic and has caused an increase in overdose fatalities. Bootleg fentanyl may appear as a powder or as counterfeit pills made to resemble prescription opioids. This drug is a fatal poisoning threat to people who consume substances illegally since they may not be aware of the presence of fentanyl.

"Contact your pharmacy, and ensure that you safely dispose of all expired or unused medicines. We share the responsibility with community stakeholders to raise awareness, and it is necessary for citizens to report suspicious behaviour in order to prevent crime," says Inspector Brent Cecchini.

Should you wish to report suspicious drug activity and remain anonymous, you may do so by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). You may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

For further information on any policing issue, please contact PC Jennifer Smith, Community Safety Officer – Temiskaming O.P.P., by phone at **705-647-8400** or by e-mail at **jennifersue.smith@opp.ca**.

Our Cat at the Cottage

By Rebecca Danvers

We never intended to bring our 5-year-old cat to the cottage. But, here we are at the end of the summer, preparing to take our cat home with us. It was his first summer here in Temagami. Has it been good for us all? Well, yes and no.

When we realized in April that our regular cat sitters had abandoned us, we were tortured with despair. We were anticipating an 1800-mile, three-day, car trip with a cat that had made only unhappy, 20-minute car trips to the vet before. We were convinced the trip would be an ordeal for all three of us.

As the reality became increasingly inevitable, we began to prepare. We purchased: a large cat carrier for our long, 15-pound feline; travel food, food and water dishes, and a litter box; harness and leash (oh, how he loathed those); and, calming pheromone spray (no obvious effect).

All this paraphernalia, of course, displaced other items we had planned to bring north. Our projects were delayed, and our own comforts were denied for the sake of the cat.

We made sure his "passport" papers were in order. Then we set off. After all of our angst, the trip was fine. He wasn't happy by any means. He freaked out (as only cats can) in the motel room the first night, but the second night he seemed to take it as a novelty we provided for his enjoyment. (Cats are so self-centered.)

I had really worried about the half-hour boat ride to our cottage, but after the wretched roads across Michigan, he hardly noticed the bumpy boat ride

He spent the first week at our cottage deciding he could stay awhile. Then, he ventured outside! It was a whole new world – so different from our mown and blown, lawn-saturated neighborhood in Fort Worth, Texas. The sights, the sounds, the smells, THE PREY. His inner predator was unleashed on the island's fauna. Luckily, the fauna is limited, small, and harmless to him.

Shrews quickly became his favorite for their entertainment value and their snack-sized bodies. * But, he also outsmarted red squirrels, a toad or two, and a couple of ground birds. He even challenged a grass snake, but we intervened to let it slide away.

We don't know how far he roams on our 30-acre island (shared with the Federal government and two other owners), but we know we could never locate him when we looked, once he had wandered off on his own. Of course, he ignored us when we called him. He's a cat after all. He seemed to love the independence and freedom.

The lake baffled him. He never could figure it out. Well, we all know how the nature of the lake is constantly changing, but it's still the same lake to us. Seemingly not so for him. What he doesn't understand, he avoids. It took him nearly all summer to have the courage to walk out on the dock or into the boathouse. No swimming or canoe rides for him.

Overall, he's very happy here. We're very glad we've had him with us.

It's almost time to go home, and we're despairing again. We're no longer worried about the long trip home. It's just that he loves it so much here in Temagami, we don't think he'll be happy in Texas again.

*I googled "shrews" and found that they have up to 10 litters a year, so his 10 or so kills haven't decimated the species.



Wild Bill Taking a Break on the Deck (photo by Rebecca Danvers)

Temagami Lions Club



Activities Update (September 15, 2017)

By Lion Ike Laba

The Temagami Lions Club (TLC) is a very small group that works for the community's benefit. The Lions are involved in many activities, such as raising funds for hospitals, the Temagami Medical Centre, the food bank, and the local diabetes program, as well as supporting persons in need.

LIONS CLUB EVENTS:

From June 30 to July 3, the Club held their "Annual Flea Market" at the Red Brick Building (owned by Dean Pearson). All items for sale were donated to the TLC by residents, and all monies raised will stay within the Temagami community. This event is a great summer fundraiser for the Club.

The TLC was also actively involved in the Temagami Canoe Festival on July 16th when it held a family BBQ. This was also a successful fundraiser for our Club. The festival is a great event for the Temagami community as it brings in people from all over the world. Thanks is extended to the event for supporting the Lions Club.

On July 16th, the TLC also hosted a pancake breakfast at the "Lumberjack Days" event in Marten River Provincial Park. Breakfast was served to approximately 110 people from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Although it was not a significant fundraiser, the Lions Club received great public exposure. The pancake breakfast was the first for our Club, and we will be better organized at the next event.

The Lions Club has a new raffle through which we are raising funds for the Temagami Medical Centre. The draw will take place on January 28, 2018 at our annual "Lions Club Hockey Tournament". We are grateful to sponsors for the following donations: 1ST PRIZE: cabin storage shed (donor: EZ Log Structures and Peacock Woodcraft) 2ND PRIZE: Yamaha 2.5-HP, 4-stroke, outboard motor (donor: Temagami Marine) 3RD PRIZE: dinner for two (donor: Temagami Shores)

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LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS:

As most people know, the Lions Club is an active supporter of the community and its people. We do, however, require more members to continue with our community projects. If we are unable to attract new members, we will have to cut many of our programs that benefit the com-



munity. If you would like to join the Temagami Lions Club, please contact President Ike Laba (705-569-3252), Treasurer Brian Koski (705-569-4522), Bill Howell (705-569-3653), or any Club member.



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When Former Owners Come to Call

By Rebecca Danvers

We've just spent our 17th summer at our Temagami cottage in the South Arm. In those years, we've had a few visits from the families of former owners. This year a granddaughter, niece, and cousin (with spouses) of the owners of our cottage in the 1950s and 1960s dropped by.

The granddaughter had come twice before. She and her husband have their own cottage in the Northeast Arm. Different family members have come with her at different times. It's such a pleasure to hear their memories and to learn the personal histories of our place.

Our three acres was severed from the sevenacre property to our south at the time our cottage was built in the mid-1950s; but the extended family owned both parcels for many years. The younger generation roamed freely from place to place, naming their destinations as the "white house" (ours, now gray), the "green house", the "boathouse", the "kitchen", and "Sylvester's" (for the handyman who got lodging in exchange for his work). The granddaughter recalls how she and her cousins as young girls swam in our shallow sandy bay and made "mud packs" for their faces. We learned that the room we now use as our third bedroom for guests was built as the dining room. She was thrilled that the old, Scott, 2.5-HP, outboard motor that her generation used to putter around the Lake was still here. We gave it to her to try to resuscitate.

The family all remembered our living room furniture, which was original to the cottage in the 1950s (now with new cushions and coverings, etc.). Together we all pondered how many people have eaten on the dinnerware over 60 years (transferware with illustrations of Shakespeare's

sonnets and nearly all of the 12 place-settings intact).

However, we've learned that these "histories" are as suspect as any memory. Different visitors had contradicting memories of what was what and when was when. No matter, we'll accept all versions and add our own.

Two other owners came between us and the granddaughter's family. About six years after we bought the place, the owner immediately before us came with her brother and his family (he also has a place on Lake Temagami). She and her husband owned the place for about 10 years. As is the custom, we bought "turn-key". Besides the furniture, kitchenware, linens, etc., that usually come, the cottage was "decorated" with gifts that grandchildren had clearly made – from candles garnished with pebbles, to caterpillar mobiles from egg cartons. These artifacts showed the continuing pleasures of generations of people that shared Temagami summers. That visit was touched with sadness, too. It was when this woman's husband died that she sold the property because, for her, much of the joy was gone.

This summer, too, some neighbors of ours hosted, for the day, 16 members of the family that had owned the property just before them. Some other neighbors maintain contact with the son of the 90-year-old they bought from. Soon, here in the South Arm, a woman will come for a few days to visit on islands nearby the one she and her ex-husband sold due to divorce. I expect these sorts of visits go on all over the Lake.

Temagami seems to find a place in your heart and never leaves. Seeing your cottage through the memories of those who cared for it before you is just one part of the happiness of being here. Learning from, and about, the prior owners reminds me repeatedly that our share of Lake Temagami, our part of our island, and our cottage are ours for the caretaking (not for the keeping), and that we are stewards for those people who will be lucky enough to follow us. It's the responsibility of all of us who are here now.

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Greetings:

Peter Healy, TLA Executive Secretary, welcomed members and guests to the 86th AGM and introduced TLA President, Will Goodman, and Municipality of Temagami Mayor, Lorie Hunter. Will thanked members for their commitment to Lake Temagami and encouraged them to contribute articles to the Temagami Times and volunteer on TLA committees. He thanked the O.P.P. for their work on Lake security and the Municipal Council for their partnership in planning and supporting the "Official Plan". He also advocated for improved cell phone reception on the Lake for safety reasons.

Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Hunter reported that the Municipal Council is arranging meetings with cellphone carriers to enhance service in the Town and Lake communities. Council will speak to Bell Canada about deteriorating service following their purchase of Ontera. Her other topics of discussion included: the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND Forestry (MNRF) permits for the contractors' dock at the mine landing; building a breakwater at Manitou and moving the floating docks out 28' to avoid the shoal; moving the building at the Mine landing and outfitting the site with internet and cameras; the formation of an ad hoc committee to discuss parking fees at the landings and development of the Mine and Manitou landing sites as part of the "Lake Temagami Access Point Plan" review; Council meetings being recorded and posted online as of August; and, the Train Station remaining a community building for the promotion of culture and heritage. Also, in February 2018, there will be a provincially-mandated

"Official Plan" review, with the terms of reference ready by next summer. She stressed that it is imperative for TLA members to monitor this process and speak up, since land-use policies and development will be influenced by this review. Lastly, as a Municipal Council member has suggested removing the TLA building, the Mayor recommended that TLA members also voice their opinions on this issue.

Approvals:

Peter Healy confirmed that a quorum existed for this meeting. The agenda was then approved. During the reading of the 2016 minutes, Carol Lowery corrected the \$9 million figure in the Mayor's report. (It should be \$2 million.) The 2016 amended

minutes were also approved, and there was no business arising from them.

Introduction of the Board of Directors:

President Will Goodman introduced TLA Directors, Amelia Brooker, Peter Whyte, Andrew Zyp, Tim

Richardson, Brit Hyde, and Justin Metz, and Director-Elect Margaret Langfitt. Regrets came from Allan Eustis and Chip Kittredge.

Resolutions:

Resolution 1: Andrew Zyp presented the 2016 financial statement, noting that the cash position was similar to 2015. Some funds were used to purchase the Temagami Community Market tent and for repairs to the TLA building radio antenna. The resolution was approved.

Resolution 2: Will Goodman asked for approval for the actions of the Directors and officers since the commencement of the 2016 AGM. This resolution was also approved.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

1. MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION (MPAC):

Will Goodman noted that 88 people appealed their MPAC assessments, with limited success. TLA Executive members have made calls to Toronto lawyers and MPAC officials, but report that it is difficult to find comparable properties to use in cottagers' appeals. Those who have appealed without success, but have not signed off, can use the "Request for Reconsideration" process to have an independent arbiter rule on their appeals. Those who have signed off on current assessments will have to wait for the next round of assessments to re-appeal.

2. Planning

Peter Healy reported that the TLA used the "Tenets Defense Fund" to successfully challenge a boathouse variance with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). He said that TLA members should not be characterized as "tree huggers", but supporters of controlled growth. Each year, there are a large numbers of cottage projects, and construction companies are busy and thriving

> (some with a two-year waiting list). Most are aware of the tenets, and do not suffer adversely from them.

3. Protection of Persons and Property:

Peter reported several boathouse break-ins in the fall, but few winter problems.

Dan O'Mara joined Peter in the TLA property patrols, and 150 member-subscribers received four, annual cottage checks. Dan promoted Trace™ pens to identify possessions, and "Cottage Watch" signs to deter thieves. The town has purchased a large "Cottage Watch" sign for the access road, and the O.P.P. has quickly responded to problems.

4. Fishing:

Peter thanked Greg Goodman for his report about black-spot disease and yellow grubs on smallmouth bass in the Southwest Arm. Greg's report concludes that it is safe to eat the fish if internal cooking temperatures reach 70 °C (158 °F). Greg invited members to e-mail him with information regarding these parasites and will compile data from the submissions.

5. TLA Members' Survey:

Amelia Brooker reported that 151 members completed the survey, which was last distributed in 2011. The average use of the TLA building was three times per season, most members read the Temagami Times, and about half use the TLA radio system. Many wanted a return of the flea market, perhaps co-planned with market vendors. Most want a strong focus on water quality and the tenets of the "Official Plan". Goals include: commitment to partnerships with others (e.g., Municipal Council, Temagami FIRST NATION, O.P.P.); representation at Council meetings; improved communication (e.g., through website development and maintenance); and, increased volunteerism (e.g., for loon nesting sites, and privy and campsite clean-ups).

6. TLA Headquarters Building:

A Municipal Council member has noted that the building does not conform to the tenets in the 1990 "Official Plan" agreed upon by the TLA, the Council, and the Province of Ontario. Will Goodman, Peter Whyte, and Peter Healy explained that the MNRF-leased site includes a building erected in the 1950s as a fish hatchery. As the TLA building pre-dates the "Official Plan", it was "grandfathered" as a "legallynon-conforming property" and, as such, is not setting a precedent. The building (open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) is well used and maintained. Dan O'Mara will e-mail a copy of the "Official Plan" to members on request. Both he and Andrew Zyp reinforced the importance of providing strong input into the upcoming review process as the province is trying to weaken the OMB by putting more decision making into the hands of local governments. The TLA Executive is open to the idea of a possible project with the Municipality to develop the Mine and Manitou landing sites to protect water quality, provide services to Lake users, and to generate funds.

7. Invasive Species:

Amelia Brooker recommended that members read Rob Corcoran's article on the spiny waterflea in the Summer 2017 Temagami Times to increase their awareness of invasive species entering Lake Temagami. Her committee wants to see a decrease in the local influx of invasive species that reduce food for fish and waterfowl and lower property values. To this end, they will distribute brochures, do face-to-face work at the landing sites, and provide articles to local newspapers and websites. Information will stress the importance of washing boats,

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thoroughly cleaning hunting and fishing gear, and properly disposing of minnows and bait (rather than dumping them into the Lake). Amelia has asked the TLA for funds to expand the committee's 2017 research in surrounding areas, such as Herridge and Cassels Lakes. She asked TLA members to make contributions to the *Temagami Times* and/or the TLA website with the goal of educating all Lake users about water-quality issues.

8. MNRF

Conservation Officers Peter Gilboe and Mark Shank are active on Lake Temagami and work closely with the O.P.P. Peter stressed that it is a provincial priority to control the presence of invasive species in Ontario lakes, and said that the incidence of black-spot disease and yellow grubs should not be overly alarming. MNRF personnel are actively educating people to watch for invasive species coming into Lake Temagami from other lakes, and emphasized the dangers of dumping minnow pails into Lake waters. Ty Morrison reminded people that, according to provincial regulations, Americans are not allowed to catch lake minnows and must purchase them. Peter and Mark respond as quickly as possible to calls, despite the size of the territory. They also handled the Temagami Island fire investigation and illegal access at Hubert Lake, and assisted the O.P.P. regarding boathouse crimes. Claire Muller reported an increase in garbage at landing sites and the negative results of removing the Manitou landing outhouse. The Municipality hired an employee for the landings, but effective maintenance of such busy sites is difficult, costly, and usually "complaint driven".

Question:

In answering Joe Barnett's question about medical emergencies, Peter Healy said to call 911 or contact the TLA by radio so that they can make a call. Depending on the situation, transportation to a hospital can be completed by helicopter from a pad on Bear Island or by ambulance from Boatline Bay. Response time has been excellent in previous emergencies.

Other Business:

Peter Healy thanked Camp Wabun's Managing Director, Jessica Lewis, and her staff for their hospitality and a delicious lunch. He also recognized Blake and Judy Stormes for taking minutes, and Will Goodman for his excellent work as TLA President. Will then thanked Peter Healy for his commitment to the TLA, and members for their support of the Association.

Truth and Reconciliation: What Now ... and How?

by Vince Hovanec

In the years since the "Truth and Reconciliation Commission" issued its final sobering report, Canadians have been learning and discussing the meaning of reconciliation: the act of restoring a once-harmonious relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

As the Commission stated, "Reconciliation must inspire Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples to transform Canadian society so that our children and grandchildren can live together in dignity, peace, and prosperity on these lands we now share."

While noting that "the urgent need for reconciliation runs deep in Canada", the critical challenge, many observers acknowledge, will be how to expand "public dialogue and action on reconciliation beyond residential schools." Thus, change is coming for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians. While there remains much uncertainty about what this change will look like, few will doubt that it's necessary.

But how will this reconciliation come about – especially at the local level? Reconciliation is an issue and a goal that the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) has embraced since its earliest days. Indeed, it was the first community foundation in Canada founded by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal citizens. The 15 years of the "Art Camp" on Bear Island, for example, illustrates the TCF's mandate of fostering a "reconciliation" conversation among all those who love Temagami.

So, too, were efforts such as the "Angele Project" a few years ago, and the TCF's support for the Deepwater Canoe Festival, the Temagami Artistic Collective, among others, as well as scores of grants to community groups that are working to make the greater Temagami area a better place to live, work, and raise children.

After an initial, successful "local conversation" – an occasion for people to listen to each other last summer in Temagami – Victoria Grant, current chair of the Community Foundations of Canada and a co-founder of the TCF, organized another gathering (funded by the TCF) at Camp Wabun this summer.

To share their experiences and to encourage others in attending, she invited several resource persons: David MacDonald, a special advisor to the United Church of Canada on residential schools; Mae Katt, a TFN member and a Nurse Practitioner in Thunder Bay; Linda Lundstrom, an internationally-known and honoured Canadian apparel-designer and developer of the reconciliation project, "The Sewing Circle"; Ron Prefasi, a long-time Temagami resident and Municipal official; and Misty Rose Paul, a young TFN member, graduate of the Ontario school system, and a Registered Nurse in Sudbury.

Vicki Grant moderated the discussion, and TFN Elder and past Chief, Alex Paul, maintained the smudge pot – to remove negative energy from a place, object, or person. The comments, questions, and shared experiences were, "an incredibly worthwhile experience," said Ron Prefasi.

As Joseph Katt also noted in a Facebook post, "In a way, reconciliation may be a government-sanctioned directive, but it is the people of Canada that have to make it a reality."

While Temagami's reconciliation efforts may not be headline news in the nation's media outlets, they are an example to other communities across the land as Canadians endeavour (as the Royal Proclamation of 1763 proclaimed) to create a society with guiding principles of mutual respect, fairness, and shared prosperity benefitting everyone – Indigenous peoples and newcomers alike.







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Art Camp 2017 – A Week to Remember

by Vince Hovanec

Summer memories are the best. Ask any "art camper"! Every summer (for the past 15 years), a group of children from the Town, the Lake, and Bear Island have gathered on the island for what was for many, if not all, a life-changing, mind-blowing week. While the kids may not have used those terms to describe their "Art Camp" experience, their parents probably did, and the youngsters may well agree in the years to come.

"We had some beautiful and creative art projects," said Camp director, Theresa King, "and an overall fun week. We had a lot of positive feedback and impressed guests over the week. There was a nice turnout for Friday's final-day performance, with campers participating in singing, games, and team challenges. Everyone felt good at the end of the week."

This year's camp attracted 55 children – only a few less than were anticipated. "We planned for 60 and 55 showed up," Ms. King noted, "and we were well prepared for all the campers."

As has been the case from the first year, the free camp is a collaborative effort of the Temagami Community Foundation, the Temagami First Nation (TFN), interested volunteers, and donors (including those who have contributed to the "Art Camp Forever" endowment fund for the camp's long-term future).

The TFN, for example, provided the Bear Island school with all of its equipment, as well as photocopier use, paper and other school supplies, twice-daily boat transport, and extra shuttles for parents to see the end-of-camp performance. Daily clean-up was handled by the school custodian. Snacks for the campers were provided by the TFN "Babies Program", with Alice Moore, Alyssa Paul, and Emily Becker assisting.

Volunteers again played a critical role in the camp's successful efforts. They included Tashina Paul, Amelia Brooker, Shelly Timms, John Shimko, Julie Cootes, Diva Belec, Jennifer Perrerira, Brenda Blake, Carol O'Mara, Lori Nawrocki, Wayne Potts, Lori Hand, David Laronde, Daisy Fannin, and Virginia McKenzie. Student volunteers were Russell Hewitt, Spencer Morrison, Stephanie Legrandeur, and Celina Bob.









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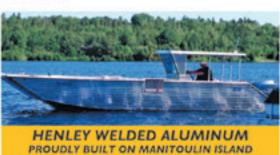
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