

THE VOICE OF THE TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA)

SUMMER 2016

Misty Rise (photo by Gerry Gooderham)



In 2008, after a difficult year of losing my grandfather, struggling with a new disability, and all of the

pressures and confusions that come with your mid-20s, I decided I needed to escape to the one place that always had all the right answers – our cabin on

When "ice out" finally arrived in late May, I anxiously packed up my bags, fastened my new canoe to the top of my old Chevy Venture, and hit Highway 11 (with windows down and the Tragically Hip roaring

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out of the one good speaker). An overwhelming sense of freedom and adventure began to set in as I started to reach "Shield Country", and even though I had no concrete plans for

into a life of adventure.

employment, there was an undeniable certainty that I was doing the right thing.

A week had passed since the long week-end family rush, and I was settling into life in solitude. I got a call from Ivor Jones, our late and beloved contractor, who was looking for an extra hand with some of his many construction projects around the

Lake. One night while enjoying a well-deserved, cold beer after a hard day's work, I picked up the summer edition of the Temagami Times, flipped to the classifieds, and nearly spit out my delicious drink.



Moose on the Trail (photo by Dean Copeland)

WANTED FISHING PORTAGER July 6-August 1 (except bad weather) 8:30am-2-3pm. Drive boat, carry canoe, fish, assist spry elderly gentleman.

The Famous Classified Ad (photo by Justin Metz)

few days later, I met the "spry elderly gentleman" and convinced him that I was the right man for the job. His name was Alfred T. Copeland, Jr. – but was known more affectionately as "Moose". The nickname was given to him after a fel-

low canoe tripper witnessed him stubbornly charging through a thickly-brushed portage, with his wannigan strapped to his head and knocking down everything in his path.

At 83 years young, Moose sported a ruggedly-lean physique that was shaped by many years of canoe tripping through Temagami and Ontario's vast

northland. He wore round glasses and a weathered ball cap, and occasionally enjoyed a puff or two out of his full, bent pipe. Oh, and Moose loved to fish. He had an insatiable appetite for backcountry

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President's Letter

Dear TLA Members:

As we individually begin to make our summer 2016 plans, I think it would be helpful to lay out some of the things we collectively share in our love of Lake Temagami. Many of us have been coming to Lake Temagami since we were small children – which may be as many as 80 or more years for some of us. If we include our parents (and grandparents) who have also enjoyed Temagami, the timeline goes back even further. I make this point as a way to engage everyone in a discussion about what Temagami has meant to us as individuals and what we hope it will mean going forward.

Until the 1970s, the TLA acted primarily as an association for fishermen and lovers of the outdoors. Then Island 660 was subdivided, and suddenly the TLA membership realized that the Lake they cherished was threatened in fundamental ways that could directly impact the Temagami experience. Since that time, much of the TLA's work has been focused on maintaining a quality of life that the membership has generally agreed upon.

Over time, many families are passing their cottages on to succeeding generations, and some of the memories of previous "battles" have been lost. It has taken hard work and the determination of a lot of members to ensure that Temagami remains a beautiful area with a community of residents who have a vested interest in keeping things pretty much as they always have been. At the same time, there will inevitably be pressure to develop the Lake further. When that happens, we want to have a strong voice in the nature of that development – so that

it will occur within a framework that is acceptable to current cottage owners and respectful of the exceptional beauty of the natural environment.

So the critical question remains: What do we want the Temagami of the future to look like? The answer is not solely up to us as cottage owners, as we have to work closely with permanent residents of the Municipality of Temagami and the First Nation on Bear Island. Each group has a different set of priorities, so it is my goal as President of the TLA to work together with other stakeholders in order to find common ground. On issues where we have differing ideas, we will have to work determinedly to come up with solutions that balance the needs of all.

I also want to list a few values that have been informally shared with me by a number of TLA members. The Board of Directors and I are open to additional suggestions, as one of our objectives is to finalize a mission statement that clearly expresses the following ongoing goals of our organization:

- to responsibly protect, enjoy, and promote the Lake Temagami experience for all, while preserving the shoreline and purity of the Lake and surrounding wilderness;
- to encourage the year-round economic prosperity of the Municipality of Temagami and the Temagami First Nation with ecologically-sensitive, sustainable activities

In closing, best wishes for a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer on the Lake.

Will Goodman

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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.

Temagami inspires us with the sights and scenes of the natural world; but, Temagami's nature can also be appreciated by its sounds. The music of loons, wind through the pines, or the crashing of white caps on a rocky shore are all memorable examples. There's another natural sound that speaks to me and reminds me of Temagami, however, and that's the call of the "white throat" – by that I mean the diminutive "white-throated sparrow".

I am sure every reader of the Temagami Times has heard it. Depending on who you ask, the song is a "pretty, thin whistle that sounds like oh-sweet-Canada-Canada or old-Sam-Peabody-Peabody." Sometimes the song goes up or down, but the rhythm remains the same, and the complete song lasts for about four seconds. Although

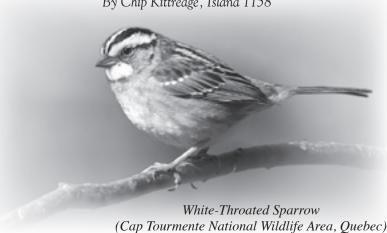
we've all heard the distinctive song, we don't often see the source of the music. What do we know about white throats?

One birding website says that white throats are "large, full-bodied sparrows with a fairly prominent bill, rounded head, long legs, and a long, narrow tail." Obviously "large" is a relative term, as they are merely six to seven inches in size. These birds also have black-and-white head stripes and unmistakable patches of bright white on their throats. If they are scurrying around in the underbrush, however, they may not be quite so easy to identify. Although you might not get a good look at the throat or the fine head stripe, there is absolutely no mistaking the call. You'll always know if white throats are in the neighbourhood, as they sing frequently during the summer breeding season – even in the middle of the day.

Their summer breeding habitat extends across Canada, and includes parts of the northeastern and upper-midwestern United States. They prefer either coniferous or deciduous forests, and particularly like areas with low, dense vegetation (that typically follow logging or fires) or those at the edges of meadows or ponds. Their preference for low, brushy vegetation is understandable since they feed and build nests on, or near, the ground (and short, thick foliage provides important cover for safety). During the summer in Temagami, they eat large numbers of insects from the forest floor or while they are in the air on quick, low flights. Their diet includes dragonflies, wasps, beetles, flies,

The White Throats

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158



and caterpillars, as well as spiders and snails. Parents feed chicks in the nest almost nothing but insect meals.

White throats hop when they're on the ground instead of walking or running. They hunt for food in the leaf litter, often using both feet at once to scratch backwards, and then pounce forward at anything they've uncovered. They also toss leaves aside with flicks of their heads.

A female will build a little nest on, or close to, the ground - usually hidden beneath vegetation. She will commonly start by using a small, natural depression, and then build it up with bits of moss. Grass, twigs, wood chips, and/or pine needles will also be added. Finally, she'll line the nest with finer grasses, rootlets, and deer hair. The finished structure is three to five inches across on the outside, but the little "cup" inside is only two to four inches across and one to two inches deep. The nest doesn't have to be large, however, since the eggs are just under an inch long and roughly half an inch wide. After all of this construction effort and investment of time, the nest will be used only once. White throats will sometimes construct their nests off the ground – particularly if they've lost previous ones to predators. Even so, the structures might be only 10 feet up a coniferous tree, or in brush piles, shrubs, ferns, or the roots of an upturned tree.

Female white throats will lay eggs once or twice during the summer breeding season. Typically, between one and six eggs are laid and will require 11 to 14 days to incubate. The new chicks will spend another 7 to 12 days in the nest before they leave. Mating pairs of white throats will spend the summer together, but will find new mates the following season. The oldest recorded white throat was at least 14-years, 11-months old when it was re-captured and re-released during banding operations in Alberta.

Biologists consider white throats to be shortto-medium-distance migrants. They can be found in the northeastern US year-round, but the birds that breed there tend to leave in fall, and are replaced by wintering birds that have bred farther north. The Canadian Atlas of Bird Banding has fascinating maps that show where specific birds, wearing tiny identification bands, have been found. Birds that breed as far north as James Bay tend to migrate to Michigan or Illinois for the winter, while white throats from southern and

central Ontario migrate to South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, or Alabama. Bird banding data reveal not only locations, but can sometimes tell us about rates of travel, as well. One banded white throat travelled a remarkable 673 km in one day, and another moved an average of 153 km per day over six days.

The IUCN (International Union for Conserva-TION OF NATURE) lists white throats as a species of "least concern". The "North American Breeding Bird Survey", however, estimates that white-throat populations declined by 35% between 1966 and 2014. Partners in FLIGHT estimates a global breeding population of 140 million, with 96% spending some part of the year in Canada.

If you love the song of the white throat around your cottage, the most important thing to remember is where they build nests and feed during the breeding season – on (or near) the ground. If you have a cat that spends any time outside, white throats are at risk. You can do these melodic members of the Temagami natural community a favour by keeping your cats indoors, to ensure that ohsweet-Canada-Canada will continue to be heard.

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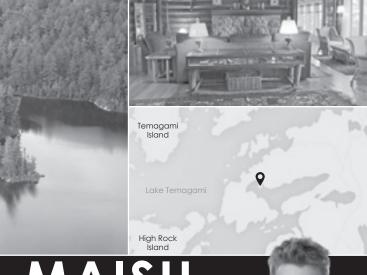
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Fishing with Moose

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smallmouth bass and was willing to brave any (and all) hardships in order to get them. In fact, he relished those hardships. There was something about the cuts, scrapes, heavy loads, and hordes of mosquitos along portage trails that distinguished his style of fishing from that in the big lake. The rewards were limitless.

On our first outing together, we headed down Shiningwood Bay in his bow rider — with a canoe strapped across the stern and our gear in the bow — until we could go no further. We tossed out the anchor, loaded up the canoe over the side, and paddled to the portage. I had that undeniable feeling again — I didn't know exactly where I was going, but it just felt right. We scurried merrily along the por-

tage as it was the perfect morning for fishing: cool, calm, and just a little overcast. At the other end, we quickly loaded up the canoe again with our gear and set off to fight the plucky smallmouth bass.

Moose was a traditional fisherman: he used an old fly-rod and live worms on a single hook, and stored all of his prized catches in a large wicker basket. He had a beautifully-subtle way of paddling the canoe using his signature Canadian J-stroke (or "Moose stroke"). This produced a forward circulating motion, with the paddle blade never leaving the water, and thus created the ultimate, silent trolling "motor". With our lines set adrift along each side of the canoe, we gracefully trolled the shores of the majestic little lake. We had the whole place to ourselves.

To pass the slow fishing time, Moose used his innate gift to tell stories with such enthusiasm, wonder, and excitement that they would "suck you right in" and make you feel as though you were there when the anecdotes took place. He had this distinctive voice that resembled a sports radio announcer from the 1940s – a little "scrappy" and with lots of punctuation. "Lo and behold," he would always belt out before delivering a punchline.

From Navy tales to encounters with strange characters of the far north, Moose's favourite stories were always those that featured his family. He was a proud and loving father and grandfather, and said that the smartest investment he ever made in his prestigious career as an investor was his children. Moose also had this incredible capacity to remember full names, dates, places, and even dollar figures right down to the very cent. Perhaps they were sometimes made up, but I never cared to question him – I was too busy living the dream.

Suddenly, a story would be interrupted with, "WHIZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ" (as his old fly-rod would exclaim) and "Ker-splash!" Then he would cry, "Whoa! Here comes Moose's breakfast!" He loved to comment on the catch even more so than his be-

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loved stories. "Action! Action! Wow! Does this guy ever fight! Oh my lord! Thrilling, thrilling stuff!"

Each time he would land a monster bass, it was as though it was the first time he had ever done such a thing in his life. This is the magic of fishing. It was not until the wicker basket was filled, or appeared that it wouldn't be filled at all, that we would end the excursion to filet our prizes and dream of the next day's adventures.

And so it went on for the next three weeks, with each day more exciting than the last. Moose and I shared many memories together – from black bear sightings, to being separated and lost, to an encounter with a bass-eating, canoe-towing, giant, snapping turtle. Our exploits rivaled those of our favourite boyhood adventure novels.

that I learned from my grandmother.

Lunch and Dinner (photo by Dean Copeland)

I kept a wonderfully-detailed journal of my adventures that summer – a beloved hobby that I learned from my grandmother.

Toward the end of my summer journey, I wrote:

August 22nd, 2008:

"Counting down my last days here and feeling a bit nervous and apprehensive to return to the big city. It's hard to imagine a day where I won't be able to fish, drink from the lakes, or hear the winds softly brushing through the old pines. However, I know I can find solace in the memories that I have lived through on this adventure – most of all, the ones with Moose. I

have learned so much from him, it is beyond comprehension. He has opened up a world to me beyond the skyline that I have only ever dreamed existed. It has truly been life-changing. I have begun a new era of cottaging in Temagami – one that answers to the enticing calls of the unknown. I think I will follow in Moose's footsteps for the rest of my days here."

And "lo and behold", since 2008 I have been following that undeniable feeling – which I have appropriately come to call "Moose tracks". That same summer, shortly after my tenure as a "portager" ended, I took a spontaneous week-end trip to Muskoka and met a beautiful girl who would later become my wife. A few days after that, once word had spread of my epic fishing adventures, a client of Ivor Jones subtly asked me to take him to one of the mystical lakes. I obliged, as sandwiches and beer would be provided. That "client" would later become one of my groomsmen and a lifelong fishing buddy.

A year later, through my unique knowledge of Temagami's backcountry, I landed a job as the Manager of Temagami Outfitting Company. From this point in time, I went on to become an outdoor-education instructor and professional wilderness guide, and have lead canoe trips throughout Northern Ontario and Quebec. My clients' preferred campfire story is always "Fishing with Moose". Today I teach science and outdoor education to middle-school students, who embark each year on a seven-day canoe trip to Temagami. It's their favourite week of school.

What a scenic route through life it has been since the day I saw that ad. Sadly, in 2011 at the age of 85, Moose passed away into the fishing heavens forever. Never a day goes by while paddling through the backcountry that I don't give thanks for Moose. I hear his golden voice narrating with each fighting smallmouth that I reel in, while his contagious lust for travelling further and further into the interior casts its spell on me each time I unfold my maps. The signature "Moose stroke" will live on through my hand-carved, cherry paddle as it dips silently through the waters of the vast Temagami wilderness. "Thrilling, thrilling stuff."





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TERAS Announcement

By Tim Richardson

On Friday April 29, 2016, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) confirmed that the application to register as a Canadian charity had been approved for Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS). This ended a prolonged (greater than a year) effort to establish a charitable organization dedicated to identifying, researching, and educating interested parties about current environmental challenges pertaining to our Lake.

The approval by the CRA, in addition to a recently-formed agreement with the Friends of the Nature Conservancy Canada (FNCC), will allow the new charitable organization to be funded by tax-deductible donations from both our Canadian and American supporters. We are thrilled that this has finally transpired, and thank staff from both the Ontario and Canadian governments, as well the FNCC personnel who have listened to, and supported, our vision and goals.

TERAS was envisioned as a response to the increasing awareness and concern about climate change and, more

specifically, its effect on our Lake Temagami. Informed cottagers, scientists, and researchers on our Lake understood the importance of collecting accurate data over years and decades.

The "Water Quality, Waste Disposal" Committee of the TLA was formed as a response to our members' questionnaire from six years ago which unequivocally identified "water quality" as the number one issue of concern facing us. As you are aware, the TLA then initiated a study (now in its fifth year) to acquire data that officially serves as baseline scientific information which researchers can use in the years to come as important reference points. Initially, the expenses for these water-quality studies were considerable, and included the purchase of new scientific instruments and a boat, as well as hiring two university summer students for four months every year. As the data came in, the expenses increased.

At the same time, the vision of the potential for the acquisition and analysis of valid data and its possible influence on decision-makers (both locally and in a broader context) became clear. The expenses of running the initial water-quality study were substantial; however, the potential for studying and educating our Temagami commu-

nity became obvious. The ability to investigate not only water quality, but numerous other facets of the air, trees, fish, shoreline, insects, and more (as well as the interaction/influence of modern cottagers, Town residents, and Indigenous people on our environment) were areas that had to be addressed!

We anticipate that many environmental issues pertaining to our Lake will become apparent in the future. With TERAS, we now have a legal and sustainable structure in place to rigorously research these local issues and recommend appropriate action, as well as educate our communities about threats and potential remedies. As the name indicates, TERAS is not a political organization. It is strictly a scientific- and research-orientated body that was established to support studies, and educate and advise the public about the status of our Lake's environment.

In the upcoming months, we will be communicating with all of the Lake Temagami communities regarding our ideas, vision, and possible projects. Some of these will be very academic and university-based, but will also include other smaller endeavours. We look forward to the participation and support of all of you for generations to come.

Lake Temagami Water Levels 2016

By Peter Healy

Date	Water Level (m>sea level)	Flow (m³/s)		ration Range a level)	Trend up/down	Snow on Ground (cm)	H ₂ O equiv. (mm)	H ₂ O in Snow (% average)
			Min. (m)	Max. (m)				
March 16	293.36	36	293.60	294.00	up	58	42	120
March 31	293.38	35	293.60	294.00	ир	no data	no data	no data
April 6	293.41	37	293.60	294.00	ир	47	157	no data
April 13	293.41	36	293.60	294.00	no change	67	183	127
April 20	293.42	37	293.60	294.00	ир	37	142	no data
April 25	293.53	1.3	293.60	294.00	ир	28	83	122
May 2	293.62	1.0	293.60	294.00	up	5	20	130

On April 23, the Cross Lake Dam was closed to increase water levels on Lake Temagami.

LEGEND

Date: date on which measurements were recorded

Water Level (m>sea level): water level of Lake Temagami on that date

Flow (m³/s): rate of water flow through the Cross Lake Dam

Summer Operating Range (m>sea level): ideal, operational, water-level range in summer

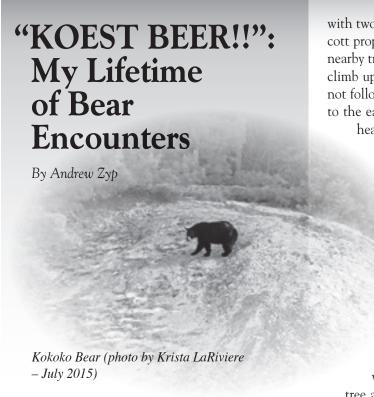
Trend (up/down): water level trend compared to the previous measurement

Snow on Ground (cm): amount of snow on the ground in the Temagami watershed

H₂0 Equivalent (mm): equivalent amount of water contained in the snow on the ground (N.B., rain that occurs while snow is on the ground can elevate this number and result in more meltwater in the spring)

 $\rm H_20$ in Snow (% average): amount of water contained in the snow compared to an average year





Hardly a Northerner in Canada can claim to have gone through his/her life without an encounter of some kind with a member of the family *Ursidae* (i.e., bears). My earliest recollection of these beasts is of seeing black figures in fields, scampering away, or of glimpses caught while riding the school bus during the 25 miles to Houston, BC from our bus stop at the end of Walcott Road. Oh, and I suppose the Houston dump provided the most frequent sightings.

We lived about 3.5 miles down Walcott Road on 800 acres in the northern interior of British Columbia. I was four-years-old when we moved there and was the youngest in our family – young enough to be the only child who would still hold Dad's hand and go for walks. And walk we did. My Dad was a walker, and we traversed the 800 acres in many directions in many seasons. The most thrilling of our encounters with bears was on the day we rounded a bend along the creek and before us was a black bear with four cubs. We crouched and sat silently for a moment while my father took stock of the situation – no doubt formulating a brilliant plan that would have us stealthily retreat downwind, and extract ourselves from this dangerous situation. We did have .22-caliber rifle with us as well, so naturally I felt safe.

I whispered to my Dad after an uncomfortable period of time had passed, "Let's get out of here Dad." I expected nothing but the finest strategy from my fearless father – the man who took 18 months to finish a year in the Dutch army (200 days in jail may have dragged things out a little).

I had no doubt that all of that training would certainly come to bear (*cough*), and sure enough, he suddenly stood and shouted, "KOEST BEER!" I was dumbstruck as I watched the bear, clearly understanding, go running up the opposite bank with three cubs in tow (although the translated command, "Quiet Bear!", didn't lead one to expect that a Dutch-speaking bear would run away upon hearing this). The fourth cub sat bawling in a tree – a situation one might consider dangerous – but, our Dutch-speaking bear hadn't the courage to return and fight for its offspring (so we were safe as we scurried up the opposite bank as fast as our legs would carry us).

It might be unfair to my Dad to call this our most thrilling encounter. It certainly was <u>our</u> most thrilling encounter, but <u>his</u> most thrilling encounter is a story he, naturally, tells best. Suffice it to say, he narrowly escaped a mauling upon encountering a different black bear

with two cubs on one of his frequent walks on the Walcott property. He spotted her first, and moved toward a nearby tree with plenty of nice branches he could use to climb up. Not always the best choice, but the bear did not follow and eventually left the area. Paying no heed to the easiest route out, my Dad waited a while before

heading in the opposite direction to the one taken by the bear and her cubs.

This family of bears felt no need to conform to the human desire to head from point A to point B in a straight line.

They circled around, and the mother bear then spotted my Dad. Unfortunately the closest tree this time was a branchless poplar, and he tripped and fell in his attempt to reach it. Making like a greyhound on all fours, my Dad pulled himself out of harm's way with the bear crashing into the tree just beneath his legs as he pulled them upward. He managed to climb up this branchless

tree as though he was a primate in the jungle – the same tree he was unable to ascend only two feet a few weeks later without adrenalin. He then removed his belt and cinched himself to the tree.

At one point the cubs climbed a neighbouring tree, and the mother bear, seeing their proximity to my Dad as a threat, began to climb my Dad's tree. His only weapon was a can of insect repellant, which he lobbed in the direction of the cubs, thereby distracting the mother bear from her task. Eventually, the bear departed with her cubs, and my Dad made a beeline for the road. He had been gone from the house for more than eight hours – six of which were spent in the two trees. It was well after dark, and the police had already informed us that they wouldn't consider someone missing until 24 hours had passed. He arrived at a neighbour's house exhausted from his ordeal, and made the call to let everyone know he was safe. I wish you could hear him tell the story.

I would encounter many bears over the course of the next few decades, and every one of them would run away upon seeing me. I am a sort of bear repellant, I suppose. This is a good thing, given that Krista (my wife) has lived her life convinced that there is a secret communication network among bears which they use to track her whereabouts and notify others that she is in the vicinity. They then plan her demise, which, so far, has been foiled by my presence. However, last summer on Lake Temagami, my deal with the bears was nearly breached by a rogue male.

One day, we were on our dock eating dinner. I had my back to the water, and Krista was facing me. Her expression changed, and she must have taken more than 10 seconds to choke out words that shouldn't be repeated in print. Suffice it to say they were meant to get me to turn around. We saw the (pictured) Kokoko bear non-chalantly moving toward the water, about 50 yards off our dock. I jumped up and yelled at the bear, with Krista joining in. It looked our way as if to say, "Are you kidding? You don't scare me." We yelled some more, and it moved along slowly toward the bush. I was a little disconcerted, given that my contract with the bear community plainly states they are to run away frightened when I yell at them. This bear was clearly unconcerned by the prospect of legal action.

We decided to leave the area for a little bass fishing, and on our way mentioned the bear sighting to our neighbours at the campsite across from our island. They were a nice young couple – one of whom worked as an MNRF technician and wasn't the least bit con-

cerned about a bear in the area. We left, and about a half an hour to an hour later returned to find them in the middle of the lake in their kayaks. Naturally, we assumed they were going for an evening paddle. Paddle they did – over to our dock – to let us know the bear had entered their campsite several times, and they were finally unable to convince it to leave. Not quite firing on all cylinders in my mind, I asked them what they were planning to do. Leave? Stay? It was getting late. They weren't sure. I thought about it, and as my northern hospitality started to emerge, I went to their site and gave them a can of bear spray. I also extended an offer for them to stay in our sleeper cabin (Hilton Kokoko) if their night would be ruined by thoughts of becoming a chew toy for a large, old, fat, black bear.

An hour or so later it was dark, and we saw and heard a lot of activity at their site. Soon enough, they were packed and at our dock, happy to take us up on the sleeper cabin offer. Understandably, in their minds, every small noise was a bear coming for them. This is kind of how Krista feels every day in the wilderness.

Contrary to popular belief, though, a sow protecting her cubs is not the greatest threat for an attack. In North America, from 1900 to 2009, there have been 63 people killed by black bears. Only 8% of those attacks were attributed to mother bears, with the vast majority being the result of predatory behaviours of lone, male bears. Studies show that periodic food shortages are the far greater dangers; so when you see a big patch of wild blueberries, be grateful for a good berry year. And maybe leave a few for the bears! Ironically, our confrontation last summer may have been a great deal more dangerous than my father's bear encounters.

Bear attacks are rare, but bear encounters are less so. If you do meet up with a bear, don't yell, "KOEST BEER!" Your bear probably doesn't speak Dutch.

What To Do If You Encounter a Black Bear:

Stay calm. When black bears are caught off guard, they're stressed and usually just want to flee. The bear may stand on its hind legs to get a better look at you. The animal may also salivate excessively, exhale loudly, and make popping sounds with its teeth and jaws. Generally, these aren't bad signs: noisier bears tend to be less dangerous, but don't get any closer. Stand still, and talk calmly to the bear. If the animal doesn't approach, back away slowly and keep chatting in a quiet, monotone voice. Resist the temptation to run, and don't scream, turn your back on the bear, kneel down, or make direct eye contact.

What To Do If The Bear Approaches:

Yell, and wave your arms to make yourself look bigger. Throw objects at the bear, such as sticks and rocks. Blow a whistle or an air horn, if you have them. These actions may persuade the bear to leave. If you're with others, stay together, and make sure the bear has an escape route. If the animal keeps advancing toward you, stand your ground, and use bear pepper spray. Black bear attacks are extremely rare; however, when a bear strikes, fight back with everything you have. Don't play dead – except in the rare instance in which a sow is attacking to defend her cubs.

Statistics and data for this article are from: <u>www.</u> theglobeandmail.com/technology/science/a-few-surprises-in-decades-long-black-bear-study/article579472.

Call for Writers

The *Temagami Times* is, as it says on the masthead of this issue, "The Voice of the Temagami Lakes Association". As such, it is also the voice of its members. We all want to hear those voices in these pages.

Do you have an opinion on something you read in this paper? Did your corner of the Lake host a unique event this past year? Is there a special Lake "character" who you would like to recognize? Are you new to the Lake and would like to share your reasons for coming here? Is there something really special about Temagami that you want to protect?

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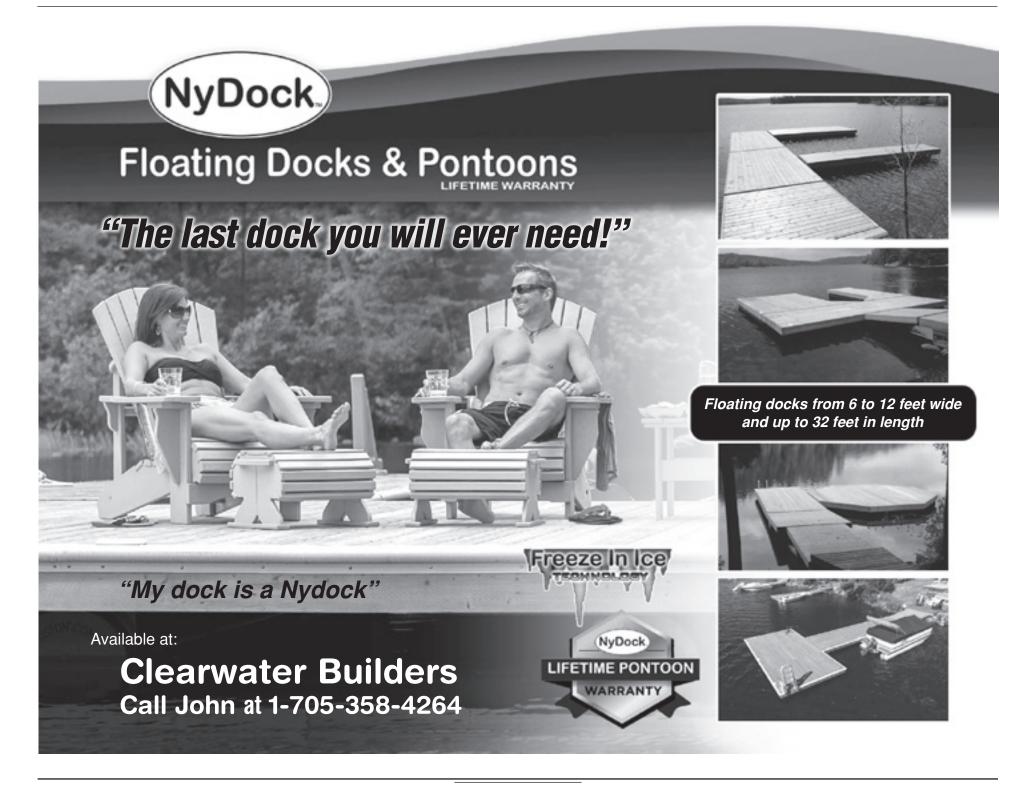
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- Temagami-related books, and other local publications
- water-testing kits

Summer 2016 Member Services:

- We are open for service as of **Friday July 1**.
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- TLA "Annual General Meeting" and "Corn Roast" at Camp Wabun (Saturday July 23)
- radio services, including emergency fire coordination, 7 days-a-week (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) from Friday July 1 to Saturday September 3
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TLA Facebook Pages

Announcing the TLA's two new Facebook sites...



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The public Temagami Lakes Association Facebook page will carry TLA announcements and news. Please "Like" us at: www.facebook.com/temagamilakesassociation.

The private Facebook group (named "TLA Member Community") is a new members-only forum for discussion, assistance, sharing memories, making connections, buying/selling/trading of cottage items, and general sharing among the TLA membership. To connect with others in this way, head to www.facebook.com/groups/211206275926832 and click the green "Join Group" button. The moderator will add you to the group as soon as possible. The group is open to TLA members and their families.

If you need any help, please contact Kelly Romans Bancroft at: kellyrbancroft@gmail.com.

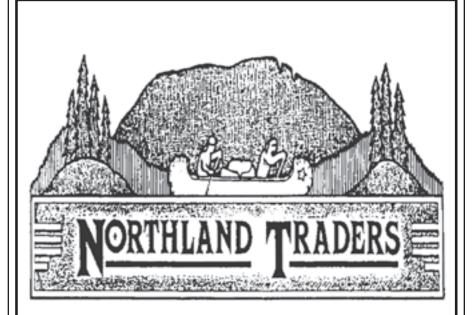


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Robert H. "Tad" Jeffrey II: *Keewaydin* Camper, Staffer, and Granny's Bay Suitor; 75-year Association with Lake Temagami

annual, mid-season gathering

– with a sign indicating his first

year as a camper

By Anne Jeffrey Wright, Nancy Jeffrey, and Elizabeth Jeffrey Balderston

Businessman, philanthropist, and outdoorsman with deep Temagami roots, Robert Hutchins "Tad" Jeffrey II, died at the age of So on Saturday February 13, 2016 at his home in Columbus, Ohio, USA

Born in Columbus on June 23, 1929, Tad attended Bexley Elementary Schools and the Columbus Academy (class of '47). He graduated from Williams College in 1951, received an MBA from the Harvard Business School in 1953, and then served as a Lieutenant in the *United States*

Navy for three years during the Korean War.

Jeffrey was a camper and on the staff of *Keewaydin Camp*, and met his wife-to-be, Nancy Kittredge, on the Lake. They would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in March 2016.

Tad's 75-year relationship with Lake Temagami started at age eleven when he was a camper at *Kee-waydin* during the summer of 1940. He loved the "Manitou" experience of being in the outdoors, and returned to camp enthusiastically the next summer (1941). During that season, he developed a case of appendicitis and was transported to Haileybury's *Misericordia Hospital* for surgery. During his post-operative recovery period, he could not participate in strenuous canoe trips – so, instead, he remained at base camp where he was bored.

The Vittedge family island "Volcamic" (#1158 in Tad Jeffrey in 2011 at the Keewaydin

The Kittredge family island "Kokomis" (#1158 in Granny's Bay) was the closest neighboring island to *Keewaydin Camp*. Mrs. Dorothy "Dottie" Kittredge invited young Tad, age 12, to dinner on Kokomis. Tad

was transported by Malcolm Scovil (from neighboring island #1161) via the Sal Sam – an all-wood, 25', double, open-cockpit, inboard runabout (circa 1930). Upon arriving at Kokomis, he met Mrs. Kittredge's daughter, Nancy (age 11), along with neighbors from the Scovil and Garretson islands. That first spark was fanned on subsequent summer afternoons at the *Ojibway* dock when the *Belle of Temagami* arrived with mail and supplies. Mrs. Kittredge and Nancy would come to *Ojibway* to reprovision, and to enjoy an ice cream cone and a visit with Tad.

America's entry into World War II limited the availability of college-aged staff for *Keewaydin*. Tad was one of a group of high-school juniors and seniors that were invited to serve as staff men in place of absent college men during the summers of 1944 and 1945. Social activities on the Lake during those summers revolved around square dances on Tuesday and Saturday nights on Bear Island at John Turner's hotel, where Malcolm Scovil served as the caller. Tad and Nancy's summer romance was kindled during those "do-sidos" on the shores of Lake Temagami.

In 1946, Tad's widowed mother, Florence Jeffrey, visited Ojibway at Keewaydin to see 17-year-old Tad at camp. While in residence that summer, "Flo" met Mal Scovil, who was divorced. They fell in love and were married in November 1946, making Tad an islander on the Scovil Island for the summers from 1947 until Mal's death in 1950. During these visits, Tad enjoyed skippering the Sal Sam to call on Nancy on Kokomis.

After 10 years of summer courting on Lake Temagami, Tad married his best friend and devoted partner in life, Nancy Kittredge, in 1951. This March they would have celebrated 65 years of marriage. He is survived by their four children: Anne (Rick – deceased) Wright (Ardmore, PA); Sally (Mark) O'Neil (Sudbury, MA); Betsy (Tom) Balderston (Ardmore, PA); Andy (Dorothy) Jeffrey (North Andover, MA); and, thirteen grandchildren who call him "G'pa". Tad is also survived by Kittredge nieces and nephews who are frequent visitors to Lake Temagami – including David and Debbie Kittredge, Elizabeth (Kittredge) and Drew Brumm, Anne (Kittredge) and Roger White, Joan Kittredge and Bob Shapiro, Jennifer (Kittredge) and Rick Wastrom, Emily Kittredge, and Chip and Anne Marie Kittredge.

Tad and Nancy stayed in touch with the Lake through the Scovil and Kittredge families and friends, and brought their children for a stay on Kokomis in the 1960s. They returned again for the centennial anniversary of *Keeway-din* in 2003 and once more in 2011.

These early connections with the outdoors instilled in Tad a life-long passion for nature which was nurtured, not only over many summers at *Keewaydin Camp* on Lake Temagami in Ontario, but around the family's summer camp in the Adirondacks. He enjoyed hiking with his children and grand-children, and meticulously marked his expeditions on a map on the wall of their cottage.

In 1992, he was appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Columbus and Franklin County (Ohio). He walked nearly every trail and canoed every waterway in the park system. In 1998,

he championed the creation of Three Creeks Park in south Colum-

bus. He encouraged the development of natural play areas to enable people to "get off the trails". In 2009, he chaired the Metro Parks levy campaign and received the "Out-

standing Leadership Award" from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association. In 2011, he also received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Ohio Wildlife Center. He served as a trustee of the Ohio chapter of The Nature Conservancy for many years, as well.

Tad and Nancy came to Columbus in 1956 when he joined the family business – the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company. Founded by his great grandfather in 1876, the company was a pioneer in the field of mining mechanization, and expanded to industrial and construction machinery. Starting with summer jobs, he worked his way up through various positions in the firm, and became President of The Jeffrey Company in 1974. He was most proud of turning around the Jeffrey Mining Machinery Division and re-establishing the company as a leader in the industry.

In 1974, Tad led the family's decision to sell the business to Dresser Industries, and he started a second career as the president of a private investment company. He was recognized as an innovator in tax-aware investing, and published a number of articles in the field of portfolio management. Tad served as President of the company until he retired in 2000.

Tad was a leader in civic and philanthropic affairs. He served as a trustee for the Columbus School for Girls, and the Columbus Academy (from which he received the "Distinguished Alumnus Award"). He also served on the board of Nationwide Children's Hospital for over forty years. He was Vice-Chair of the United Way of Franklin County and chaired the Franklin County Children's Services Levy campaign in 1981. He was on the boards of Green Lawn Cemetery, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and Opera Columbus, as well as the boards of Capital University, Franklin University, Online Computer Library Center, and Columbus College of Art and Design. Tad lived a productive, full, and generous life, with early and ongoing ties to Temagami.

A celebration of his life was held at First Congregational Church on Saturday February 20, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception. The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens officiated. Private interment was at Green Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Tad's memory to: Friends of Metro Parks (1069 W. Main St., Westerville, OH 43081); Columbus Center of Science and Industry (333 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215); Columbus School for Girls (56 S. Columbia Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43209); or, Friends of Green Lawn Cemetery (1000 Greenlawn Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43223).



Tad Jeffrey at the wheel of the "Sal Sam" in 1947

Tad and Nancy Jeffrey

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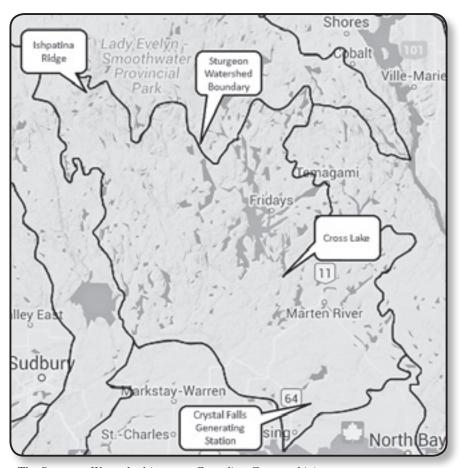
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Know Your Watershed

By Kelly Romans Bancroft



The Sturgeon Watershed (source: Canadian Geographic)

The Sturgeon Watershed:

The Temagami area is renowned for its rugged terrain. It is the largest wilderness area in close proximity to Southern Ontario and the Northeastern United States. The region is also environmentally unique, and contains plentiful old-growth, red-and-white-pine forests which are accessible by local hiking trails and canoe routes.

The watershed is composed primarily of forested areas in five provincial parks (104,248 hectares), eight conservation reserves (42,836 hectares), and over 500,000 hectares of unregulated Crown land. Its designated eco-zone is "Boreal Shield". Lying on Precambrian bedrock, Temagami is located in the transition zone between the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence forest to the south and the Boreal forest to the north. The highest point in Ontario – Ishpatina Ridge (693 m) – is located at the northwestern edge of the watershed. It sits at the boundary of the Hudson Bay drainage basin to the north, and the Atlantic Ocean drainage basin to the south.

The Sturgeon watershed drains southward toward its lowest elevation, Lake Nipissing (196 m), at the southern end of the watershed. As the headwaters of watersheds to the south, the region enjoys high water quality due to its large tracts of provincially-protected areas, as well as the large percentage of Crown land within its boundaries. The southeastern end of the watershed has a small agricultural area near Lake Nipissing.

Lake Temagami is at the top of three river watersheds: the Montreal, the Matabichuan, and the Sturgeon. In its natural state, the lake drained into all three watersheds. Originally, one outlet flowed toward the Ottawa River, and a second outlet flowed north and eventually down the Montreal River to the Ottawa. Both of these outlets have been blocked off [filled in]. The remaining outlet that still drains Lake Temagami is through Cross Lake and into the Temagami River. This waterway then meets the Sturgeon River and flows into Lake Nipissing – which, in turn, drains into the French River system and Lake Huron. It is estimated that 60% of Lake Nipissing's inflow comes from the Sturgeon River (of which Lake Temagami contributes approximately 30%).

History:

The Teme-Augama Anishnabai people have inhabited the region for at least 6,000 years. The region was divided into hunting and trapping territories among the 14 original families. Their descendants still live in the area. Thus, the Sturgeon River watershed contains hundreds of sites of Aboriginal significance. There has also been a land claim dispute between the Province of Ontario and the Temagami First Nation (TFN) since the 1850s.

In 1901, in an attempt to protect forests for future logging, the *Temagami Forest Reserve* (an area larger than Algonquin Park) was established. The entire mainland shoreline of Lake Temagami was, and still is today, protected from development. Most of the growth on Lake Temagami has been restricted to islands – with the exception of the Municipality of Temagami and a small number of businesses.

The Town of Temagami (with a population of less than 1,000) lies at the extreme eastern end of Lake Temagami. It is the main entry point for the large recreational wilderness area that overlaps to a great extent with the watershed. Tourism and related industries are currently the main economic generators in the area.

Resource Management:

The Ontario Power Generation (OPG) company is licensed to operate the dam at Cross Lake, which controls water levels on Lake Temagami and water flow into the Temagami and Sturgeon Rivers, and Lake Nipissing. OPG's operation of the dam is overseen by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) in accordance with the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act.

OPG has a number of interests to balance in operating the dam. The desired water level in Lake Temagami is between 293.6 meters and 294 meters above sea level. As the

water levels in the Temagami headwaters region affect downstream river areas, coordination among multiple communities is necessary.

The Sturgeon River-Lake Nipissing-French River Watershed Management Advisory Group is made up of OPG and local stakeholders (including the Temagami Lakes Association – represented by Peter Healy). They collectively provide input into the management of dams for the purposes of flood control, public safety, recreation and fishing, water levels, wildlife habitats, ice damage, and hydroelectric power-generating facilities downstream at Crystal Falls on the Sturgeon River. The area is not, however, considered to be highly regulated.

Forestry and mining have a long history in the area. These industries were the core of the local economy until the 1980s, when dwindling resources and global competition closed them down.

Management and Policy Issues:

Primary threats to the watershed include economic development pressures such as mining claims, logging, and commercial development. Planning activity areas overlap fairly closely with the boundaries of the Sturgeon watershed.

The Municipality of Temagami, Lake Temagami residents, the TFN, and other stakeholders conduct collaborative planning for the growth and development of private property via the *Temagami Official Plan* – under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) *Planning Act*. Crown land, conservation reserves, and provincial parks are governed by the *Temagami Integrated Planning Process* and the *Temagami Land Use Plan* document, and are administered by the MNRF.

Conservation groups have a long history of conflict with planned development initiatives in unincorporated or protected areas. In 2012, for example, environmentalists intensified a campaign to prevent mining near Wolf Lake, in the eastern area of the watershed.

Several Ontario provincial agencies have key roles in environmental and management issues in the area – including the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (clean water legislation), MMAH (planning), MNRF (provincial parks, forests, fisheries, wildlife, and Crown lands and waters), Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (mining activities), and the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (land-claim negotiations).

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Ontario Power Generation: www.temagamifirstnation.ca
Temagami Lakes Association: http://tla-temagami.org

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2016 TLA Committees

By Peter Healy

"The TLA is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving the natural scenic beauty of Lake Temagami and its surroundings, and maintaining and improving the health, safety, and welfare of residents so that they may continue to live in harmony with each other and with the forests and waters around them."

The concerns for the TLA are many, and the challenges are real; but, the rewards are simple – just look around the next time you stand on your dock. As a volunteer organization, we depend on our members to step up and help out on occasion. One way to do this is by joining one of our ongoing committees and being part of the process. It is also a great way to meet other members who share your interests and passion for this land.

Committees tend to meet as issues or new opportunities arise. Most of the communication (and give and take of ideas), however, is done through e-mail. Infrequently, meetings are held via conference call.

The following are some of the current committees that are open to volunteers, along with brief descriptions of their respective mandates. The committee Chairs are usually (but not always) TLA Board members.

- Archives (to manage, protect, and make accessible the vast TLA archive collection): Peter Whyte (Chair), Biff Lowery, Tom Lee, Claire Rannie, Kelly Romans Bancroft
- Communications (TLA publications, website, social media): Kelly Romans Bancroft (Chair), Peter Healy, Will Goodman, Peter Whyte, Allan Eustis, Chip Kittredge
- Elections (to solicit nominations for the TLA Board of Directors and run the election of same according to the TLA by-laws): Tim Richardson (Chair), Will Goodman, Peter Healy
- Fish and Wildlife (promote sustainable wildlife in the Temagami watershed, and support the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program hatchery): Justin Metz (Chair), Peter Calverley
- Membership and Events (promote a strong membership and good fellowship through member events that bring people together): Peter Calverley (Chair), Peter Healy, Kelly Romans Bancroft, Allan Eustis
- Natural Resources (monitor provincial activity re: forestry, mining, and other resources; promote and improve campsites and trails): Peter Calverley (Chair), Jim Hasler, Justin Metz
- **Planning** (review all planning applications with a view to protecting the "Tenets for Temagami" and the overall "Temagami Experience"): Andrew Healy (Chair), Claire Rannie, Jim Hasler, Andrew Zyp
- Protection of Persons and Property (work with local authorities and others to protect member properties): Will Goodman (Chair), Peter Healy, Peter Whyte
- Taxes and Municipal Issues (monitor budgets, tax rates, and other activities of the Municipal Council): Tim Richardson (Chair), Peter Healy, Will Goodman, Andrew Zyp
- Water Quality, Waste Disposal (monitor and develop initiatives related to the quality of our lake water): Tim Richardson (Chair), Andrew Healy, Peter Calverley, Murray Richardson, Justin Metz.

We would love to hear from members who want to help, get involved, and contribute to the ongoing preservation of all that is good in the Temagami area. For more information, please send an e-mail to **tla@onlink.net**.

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Property Patrol Report for Winter 2016

By Peter Healy

Winter on Lake Temagami in 2016 started very late – and safe travel was even later. A long freeze-up was followed by an abnormal amount of snow in January, resulting in poor ice conditions (uneven thickness and extreme slush). This made travel that wasn't on established and hard-packed trails very difficult. If you had to journey into a bay or dock for the first time, it was likely that your snowmobile could get stuck in the slush. This is a tough situation for anyone, but if you travel alone it can be dangerous.

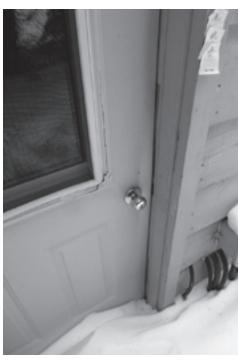
Our patrollers travel with house jacks – so that if they do get stuck, they are able to get their machines out. It is, however, a difficult and exhausting process. Despite these conditions, our patrollers were able to access most properties by the end of January. Some trees were down, but no damage or break-ins were reported.

Lake travel was also poor over the remainder of the winter, as the snow levels continued to produce slushy conditions, and the ice thickness made some areas unsafe for stopping. A brief thaw in mid-March, however, melted most surface snow on the Lake, and following a light snowfall towards the end of the month, travel became easier and quicker. At this point in time, our patrol team could get around safely and access all of the properties on our list. They reported a few open doors and

windows – attributed to shifting buildings and wind – but there was no evidence of any intrusions.

At the time of this write-up (April 13), there appears to be evidence of only one break-in at a TLA member's cottage. I have contacted this family, as well as a few other members about fallen trees or open doors and windows (although none of these latter occurrences appear to be serious).

Our next round of property checks will be conducted by boat in early May.



Cottage Break-In (photo by Peter Healy)

TLA/Timiskaming Health Unit "WATER SAMPLE WEDNESDAYS"

Once again, we are teaming up with the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) to provide TLA members with a drinking-water sampling program in 2016.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- 1. It's FREE!
- 2. Water-sample bottles can be picked up at the TLA Headquarters building any day between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- 3. Drop-off dates are Wednesday July 20th and 27th and August 3rd and 10th at the TLA Headquarters building.
- 4. Samples must be dropped off by <u>11:00 a.m.</u> to be delivered to the lab for you.
- 5. You will receive results by e-mail.

IMPORTANT:

- Ensure that you write "TLA" next to your name on the requisition form.
- Refrigerate your sample immediately after taking it, and submit it to the lab within 24 hours.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the results of your drinking-water samples, please call the THU in New Liskeard at 705-647-4305, and speak with an inspector.

Remember

- Lake water may look, smell, and taste clean; but, any surface water is subject to contamination.
- Your water-treatment systems require ongoing maintenance. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions, and maintain your systems to ensure safe drinking water.

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Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program Update

By Ike Laba

Earlier this year, it was not certain that the Tema-GAMI AREA FISH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (TAFIP) "Walleye Fish Hatchery" initiative was going to be operational in 2016 due to lack of committed volunteer support. After a recent meeting (March 30, 2016), along with more committed volunteer support,

a change within the committee structure, and assigning volunteers to various segments of the program, we will be operating again this season.

Thanks is extended to Wayne Adair (Past President) for all of his dedicated volunteerism in making the past several years of the walleye program a success. He has spent countless hours preparing required paperwork (licencing, reports), along with ensuring that tasks have been completed properly at the hatchery and the rearing ponds. Although Wayne has resigned from his position, he will continue working with the TAFIP group as a Director. Olive Landry continued working with Wayne after Claude (her husband) passed away. She has, however, given up her position with the hatchery this year for personal reasons. Thanks, Olive, for all of your help.

"LING FLING":

Special recognition goes out to the "Ling Fling" organizing group (Shawn Burrows, Jim and Kathy McLaughlin, John Jerzyk, John Harding, Dan O'Mara, Joe and Penny St. Germain, Terry Delachevrotiere, Sharon Jones, and any other volunteers) for making this event possible.

This year the "Ling Fling" was held on March 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the end of the Lake



"Ling Fling" 2016 Cooks (left to right: Penny St. Germain, Jim McLaughlin, John Jerzyk, John Harding, Shawn Burrows, Dan O'Mara, Joe St. Germain, and Terry Delachevrotiere)



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Temagami Access Road due to poor ice conditions on the Lake. Even though the weather was not ideal on the day of the event, the group raised approximately \$1,300.00 – which will go toward the operation of the "Walleye Fish Hatchery" program. Another special thanks has to go to Jim and Kathy McLaughlin who provided their own equipment for making French fries, as well as providing supplies such as potatoes and condiments for this event. Our appreciation is also extended to Sharon Jones, a well-known Temagami resident, who was very instrumental in gathering donations from the crowd that was in attendance.

TAFIP COMMITTEE:

President: Ike Laba
Treasurer: Wendell Gustavson
Secretary: Rick Gunnell

Past President: Wayne Adair Secretary/Data Recording: Gerry Stroud

NEW VOLUNTEERS:

We are always looking for new, keen volunteers for the "Walleye Fish Hatchery" program. If you would like to become involved, or are interested in receiving more information, contact any committee member, Ike Laba (705-569-3252), or Wayne Adair (705-569-3319). Please note that in order to volunteer within the TAFIP program, you must belong to the OFAH for insurance coverage (for the program as well as yourself).



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Lyme Disease in Ontario

By Renee Duval, Public Health Inspector, Timiskaming Health Unit (THU)

N.B., This article is in response to a question from the 2015 TLA Annual General Meeting.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is spread through the bite of an infected tick. In Ontario, Lyme disease is transmitted only by the blacklegged (deer) tick, *Ixodes scapularis* (although not all blacklegged

ticks carry the bacteria). An infected tick must feed for at least 24 hours before it can transmit the bacteria to a human. Therefore, it is important to remove a tick soon after it attaches itself.

Infection, which can occur up to four weeks after a bite, is often associated with an unusual rash named "erythema migrans" (commonly known as a "bull's-eye rash"). Other early symptoms include fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue, and stiff

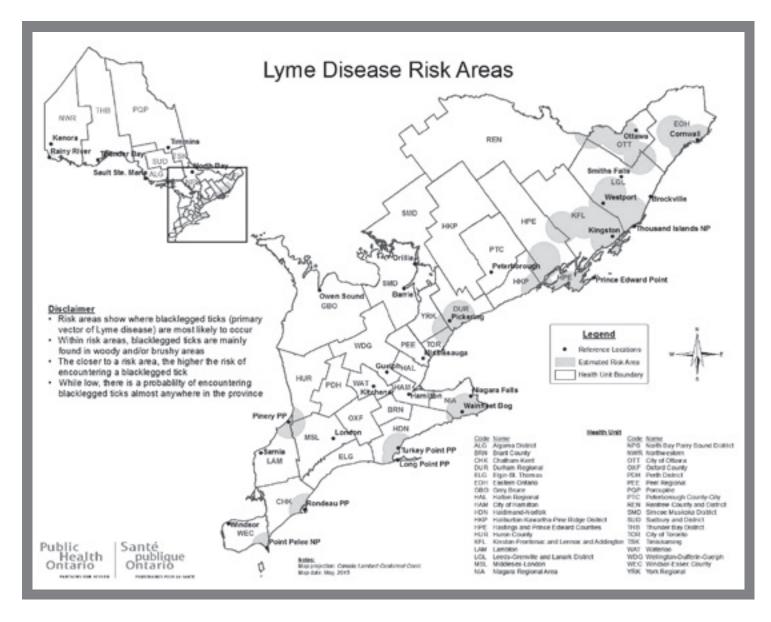
neck – which are similar to many viral illnesses. If treated early with antibiotics, a full recovery can be expected. If the initial infection is not treated, cardiac, neurological, and rheumatological complications may develop – including skin rashes, heart irregularities, arthritic symptoms, and nervous system symptoms (such as extreme fatigue and general weakness).

RISK AREAS:

While low, there is always a potential risk of contracting Lyme disease anywhere in Ontario; however, the risk increases where there are established populations of blacklegged ticks that can transmit the bacteria. In Ontario, these ticks are more commonly found in areas along the north shores of Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River. Locations with endemic populations of blacklegged ticks are Long Point Provincial Park, Turkey Point Provincial Park, Rondeau Provincial Park, Point Pelee National Park, Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area, Wainfleet Bog Conservation Area, and the St. Lawrence Islands National Park area.

PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL RATES OF INFECTION:

In 2014, 220 confirmed and probable human cases of Lyme disease were reported in Ontario, with most cases located in the high-risk areas of eastern and southwestern Ontario. The THU is in a low-risk area for acquiring Lyme disease. There have been no reported, locally-acquired cases of Lyme disease or infected ticks in the past 10 years.



TESTING:

People who find ticks on themselves are encouraged to submit them to their local health units, who will, in turn, send them to a Public Health Ontario laboratory for identification. If a tick is identified as *Ixodes scapularis* (blacklegged/deer tick), it is sent to the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg and tested for the agent of Lyme disease. Ticks collected from animals are not sent for identification or Lyme-disease testing.

REMOVING A TICK:

- Using fine-tipped tweezers, carefully grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull it straight out gently, but firmly.
- Do not squeeze the tick. Squeezing can accidentally introduce Lyme-disease bacteria into the body.
- Do not put anything on the tick or try to burn off the tick.
- After tick removal, place it in a bottle, and submit it to your local health unit. Determining the type of

tick will help assess the risk of acquiring Lyme disease.

- It is important to remember where the person most likely acquired the tick. It will help public health workers to identify areas of higher risk.
- Thoroughly cleanse the bite site with rubbing alcohol and/or soap and water.







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Another attraction at the TCM is the growing number of talented musicians who come out to entertain and have their music showcased in a very enjoyable environment. If you or anyone you know is musically gifted, then the Market is a great place to share your talents.

This summer will be our 8th year in operation, and again we look forward to seeing our old friends and welcoming new faces. The TCM has been a local event that draws patrons, vendors, and musicians from miles around, and has grown to become a popular tradition for Temagami.

The TCM is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Train Station Parking Lot – beginning on June 25, 2016 and running until September 3, 2016. We look forward to seeing all of our vendors and patrons again for another vibrant, exciting summer. For more information, please visit our website at: www.temagamicommunitymarket.com.



With its black and white plumage, large profile, and haunting calls, the Common Loon is Canada's most iconic and beloved inhabitant of our lakes. This ancient predator is, however, undergoing systemic and increasing human pressures - great enough that loons may someday be unable to maintain their current population levels. A concern verified by "Canadian Lakes Loon Survey" (CLLS) data suggests that reproduction for the Common Loon has declined over the last 30 years.

Taking part in the CLLS is an excellent way to enjoy watching loons over the summer, while contributing to loon research and conservation. To track loon chick survival through the CLLS, you must be at a lake in an area where loons breed at least three times over the summer to complete the following:

- watch for pairs of loons occupying the lake (in June)
- look for newly-hatched chicks (in July)

 record the number of chicks that have survived the summer (in

Participants may also work as stewards within their communities by sharing knowledge of better boating, fishing, and shoreline practices - to protect and support loons, and many other aquatic species that share our waterways, as well.

Families, lake property-owners, fishing enthusiasts, and boaters can all help monitor the health of their favourite lakes. By participating in the "Canadian Lakes Loon Survey", they will take their recreational activities to another level - active participation in conservation science. To take part in the Lake Temagami region, simply record your observations and send (or deliver) them to the TLA building before you leave the Lake this summer.

For further information about the loon survey, please visit the BIRD Studies Canada website at: www. birdscanada.org/volunteer/clls.

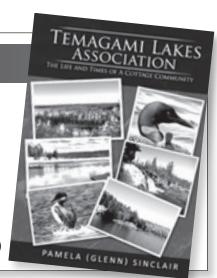
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MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

The Municipality of Temagami will be holding a by-election to fill a vacant office of Councillor.

Voting day will be on August 18, 2016.

Candidates

Anyone who meets the requirements can run for office. You must be:

- · A Canadian Citizen
- At least 18 years old
- A resident of the Municipality of Temagami, or be the owner or tenant of land or the spouse of such owner or tenant in the Municipality of Temagami; and
- Not disqualified to hold office by any legislation.

You must submit a Nomination Form, in person or by an agent, no later than 2 p.m. on July 4. Nominations Forms can be obtained from our website or from the Municipal Office.

Electors

To be eligible to vote you must meet the first three requirements above and not be otherwise prohibited from voting. If you are eligible and would like to check if you are on the Voters' List, you can use the Voter Lookup feature on our website or contact the Municipal Office.

The Municipality will be using vote by mail for this election, so please ensure your mailing address is correct. Summer Residents please note: if you are an eligible elector and would like your voter kit mailed to your Temagami address instead of your permanent address, please contact the Municipal Office.

We have set up a webpage with information on the by-election; please visit www.temagami.ca/byelection for additional details.

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Councillor John Kenrick resigned from Council effective March 11th, and the seat was declared vacant on March 17th. This was John Kenrick's second term on Council and we thank him for more than five years of service to this community.

He served as the Chair of the General Government and Finance (GG&F) Committee for five years. For the past two-and-a-half years he also served as Deputy Mayor and as a member of the MOU Committee that meets with the Temagami First Nation and Teme-Augama Anishnabai through our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We wish him well in his future endeavours.

Council has appointed Councillor Brian Koski to fill the position of Deputy Mayor and as a member of the GG&F Committee, Councillor Dan O'Mara as Chair of the GG&F Committee, and Councillor John Harding as a member of the MOU Committee.

2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

As of the time of writing this update, the

2016 municipal budget has not been finalized. Council has reviewed original submissions and given strategic direction, including prioritizing capital projects. The focus of the 2016 capital budget will be to concentrate on the major, funded projects that were started last year. Notices and details will be on our website prior to the draft municipal budget being considered by Council and prior to the final budget being passed.

ORGANIZATION REVIEW UPDATE

The Municipality will be making some changes to staff positions and process changes as a result of the Organization Review.

Planning

We will be filling the former Municipal Planner position, which is currently vacant, with a new administrative position – either a Planning Technician or a Planning Assistant with some of the duties of a Technician. There has been high turnover in the Planner position and we trust that this change will provide greater efficiency in this department and more seamless service to our residents. We will outsource the higher level planning requirements.

Economic Development

The Municipality has created a new positon of Special Projects Coordinator, which will replace the positon of Economic Development Officer that is currently vacant. This position will still handle some Economic Development functions as well as coordinate special projects and perform some payroll related duties. This position will be responsible for funding applications, leading marketing initiatives and will also help to provide support for community events, initiatives and festivals.

Treasurer Position

As a result of the Review, some of the Human Resources and payroll duties will be removed from this position and reassigned. Before this was decided, our current Treasurer had announced her intention to leave before summer, so the revised position will be posted.

Process Changes

The Municipality will be changing the way we do some things, to provide better information to the public. A new database to track the resolutions of Council and their implementation will be put in place sometime this summer. As a result, a listing of the decisions of Council and their planned completion dates will be available on our website. It will be updated following each council meeting. Staff will put this in place once the above positions have been filled.

We will also be implementing a new complaint tracking system, to facilitate the tracking of and timely responses to residents' complaints.

The Municipality will be looking at updating our decades-old financial system. The present system does not adequately meet current information and reporting requirements and so it is difficult and timeconsuming to produce the information needed. Council has directed staff to request proposals/quotes and then report back to Council on the various options, along with estimated costs and timelines for implementation.

PROCEDURE BY-LAW REVIEW

Council has reviewed and made changes to its Procedure By-law—the rules that govern council meetings and related council matters. Please note that the deadline for getting items on the agenda has been changed to 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday of the week prior to the Council meeting, or the Tuesday when the Wednesday falls on a public holiday.

The by-law now addresses the way in which council assignments are made. It specifies how the Deputy Mayor is selected and how Council Member appointments to Committees and Local Boards are made.

New sections have been added to the bylaw to provide for Committee of the Whole meetings (all of Council sitting as a committee) and to add more structure to the budget process.

New opportunities for members of the public to speak to Council at a meeting have been added. The first and most common is as an Unregistered Delegation, as outlined in the following section. The second is in "Town Hall" meetings, which may be called as needed for the purpose of receiving public input on matters on which Council has deemed public input would be desirable.

Other than as delegations or presenters, or at special meetings designed for public input, members of the public are still only permitted to speak at council meetings with the unanimous consent of Council.

UNREGISTERED DELEGATIONS

In the public input meetings regarding the Committee Structure Review, several suggestions were received about making it easier to speak to Council.

These suggestions were addressed in the new Procedure By-law, and there is now a new item on the regular council agenda called "Unregistered Delegations".

In addition to the "Registered" or prearranged delegations, Council will now hear from members of the public without advance notice. A maximum of five minutes per person and 15 minutes in total per meeting will be allowed. Presenters may only speak on matters that the Council has power to make decisions about, or has some influence over, or make announcements to inform Council of events of interest to the community.

There are some other limitations and details that are explained in our new brochure titled "So You Want to Speak at a Council Meeting?" You can obtain a copy from the Municipal Office or our website.

MOECC ORDERS UPDATE

As mentioned in the winter edition, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) had issued orders for the transfer station at the Lake Temagami Access Point as well as for the Briggs and Strathy landfill sites. The orders required some significant measures be taken to combat the bear issues that have occurred in recent years.

The Municipality asked for some changes that would be less onerous to implement, but still effective, and the MOECC has been willing to working with us to find suitable solutions. The original deadline of April 30 has been extended as a result of discussions as to which measures are acceptable, but no final agreement has been reached at the time of writing this update.

If feasible, we hope to incorporate public consultation before any measures are taken that may impact the public, such as hours of operation. Other changes that have less impact, such as fencing or covering at landfills, will be implemented once an agreement has been reached with MOECC.

Although decisions have not been finalized, you will notice that at some of our facilities we have been making changes that will assist in improving the efficiency of our landfill operations and also make it easier to become compliant once the decisions are finalized.

PROPANE SAFETY MEASURES

The Municipality has received an order from the Technical Standards and Safety Authority regarding propane storage at the Manitou Landing.

It is apparent that lake residents/ businesses have been leaving propane cylinders unattended, while waiting for the provider to pick them up, or after the provider has delivered them to the landing. This violates mandated safety practices for safe propane storage. Even empty cylinders must be stored properly.

The Municipality must take measures to ensure compliance and staff will draft a plan for Council's consideration in the near future. We ask those that have propane delivered to this area to ensure that cylinders are never left unattended.

ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Once again we encourage nominations for our annual Municipal Awards program. It recognizes those who have made a difference in Temagami. All Temagami residents, seasonal and year-round, may nominate and be nominated.

Details about the program, including previous award winners, and the nomination form are available on our website at



www.temagami.ca/awards or from the Municipal Office. The submission deadline is Monday, June 27th and the

awards will be presented at a

council meeting in the summer.

PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM

The District of Nipissing Social Services Administrative Board (DNSSAB) is responsible for the delivery of social services, such as Ontario Works, Childcare related programs, Social Housing and Emergency Medical Services/Land Ambulance throughout the District of Nipissing (including Temagami). Councillor Carol Lowery is Temagami's representative on

this board. The DNSSAB's vision is: Healthy communities without poverty.

A popular program offered by the DNSSAB is the paramedicine program. It is open to all Temagami residents (both permanent and seasonal). It is held on the last Tuesday of the month at the Ronnoco from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. You can drop in and have your blood pressure checked. No appointment is necessary.

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ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORTS

Take notice that the Ontario Clean Water Agency has prepared the 2015 Annual / Summary Report of the operation of the Municipality's water treatment systems for Temagami North and South and the quality of the water as required by the Ontario's Drinking-Water Systems Regulation (0. Reg. 170/03), made under the Safe Drinking Water Act in 2002. These are available for viewing at the Municipal Office during normal business hours and on our website under public notices.

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Not as much as you think. You may have only a very few minutes to safely escape from fire. Would you know where to go if smoke or flames blocked your escape? There is no time to think about these questions in a real fire.

Real fires are hot, smoky, and so dark you may not be able to see your own hands. Know ahead of time what to do if there's a fire.

- If you're ever in a fire, don't spend time getting dressed or trying to gather valuables.
- Make sure everyone understands that getting out is the first priority in a fire.
- Develop a fire escape plan and practice it with the whole family.
- Everyone should know two ways out of each room and know where to meet outside.
- Just get out and once out, stay out!

If you receive fire suppression services call the fire department; we are equipped, and train for the hazards of fighting fires. If you do not receive suppression services, learn the hazards associated with fire, and any fire suppression activities you may be considering.

When was the last time you tested your smoke alarms? Last month? Last year? Can't remember?

Working smoke alarms give us early warning of a fire, providing extra time to escape safely. In a fire, you'll need every second to get out safely, and the early warning from a smoke alarm can make the difference between surviving a fire and dying

- Your smoke alarm has the power to save your life, but they can't do their job if you haven't done yours.
- Going without the protection of a working smoke alarm is a risk too dangerous to take.
- Test your smoke alarms in your home monthly to make sure they're working.
- For your life and the lives of your loved ones, you can't afford not to.

Fire Safety is Your Responsibility! ~HAVE WORKING SMOKE ALARMS~ ~HAVE A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN~

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For more on fire safety, visit the Municipality of Temagami website, fire prevention and education pages. Contact your local fire department if you have any questions.

The Temagami and Marten River Fire Departments are currently recruiting for new members, with a focus on individuals that are available to respond during daytime hours.

Response Time Realities

(For fire response areas)

Fire department members are your neighbours that have committed their spare time to train and be ready to help their community / neighbours having one of the worst days of their lives.

- It takes 1 to 2 minutes for 911 and our fire dispatch agency to notify firefighters of the emergency.
- Department firefighters must leave their jobs, or if in the middle of the night climb out of bed, get dressed and drive to the closest hall. On average, it's another +4 minutes before the first truck pulls out of the fire hall with 2 firefighters onboard.
- It is now over 5 minutes and we still have not considered:
 - How long was the fire burning before it was discovered?
 - How long did it take for the person discovering the fire to call 911?
- How long will it take fire trucks to drive, according to conditions (speed limits) to the fire?

Fire research studies show it can take less than 3 minutes from the time a fire starts to the time room temperatures reach over 1000 degrees F, and everything in the room ignites at the same time (flashover).

Fire Department response times are 2 or more times longer than the time it takes for a room to be totally engulfed in fire. The most important thing you can do is have working smoke alarms, and if you are unable to control the fire quickly and safely (e.g. put a lid on the pan fire), get out and stay out, closing doors behind you as you leave to compartmentalize the fire, and wait outside for our arrival. We will do everything we can to save the property and contents once we arrive.

Most fire deaths are not caused by burns, but by smoke inhalation. Often smoke incapacitates so quickly that people are overcome and can't make it to an otherwise accessible exit. The synthetic materials commonplace in today's homes produce especially dangerous substances.

Our worst fear is arriving at a structure fire, knowing there is potentially someone inside, and either knowing by the fire conditions and our response time that there are no saveable lives inside or that we not have sufficient members on scene to do interior suppression. Seeing everyone standing outside waiting for our arrival is a huge relief for our fire fighters.

Your support and commitment in having and maintaining smoke alarms and fire escape planning contributes greatly to keeping everyone, including our firefighters, safe.

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TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Busy Schedule and Raffle Highlight Community Foundation Summer

By Vince Hovenac

The Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) has a busy summer event schedule in 2016 for Lake and Town residents alike. It will offer families and friends a sampling of good food and music, as well. And for those yearning for a truly classic canoe, our raffle has always been a very popular attraction.

On Saturday July 30, CAMP WABUN will play host to a TCF fish fry and concert from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Once again, the Lewis family has been most generous in offering their camp to host this event. On the menu is: deep-fried pickerel, baked beans, coleslaw, French fries, and dessert. In addition, there will be a cash bar with wine and beer, plus a 50/50 draw.

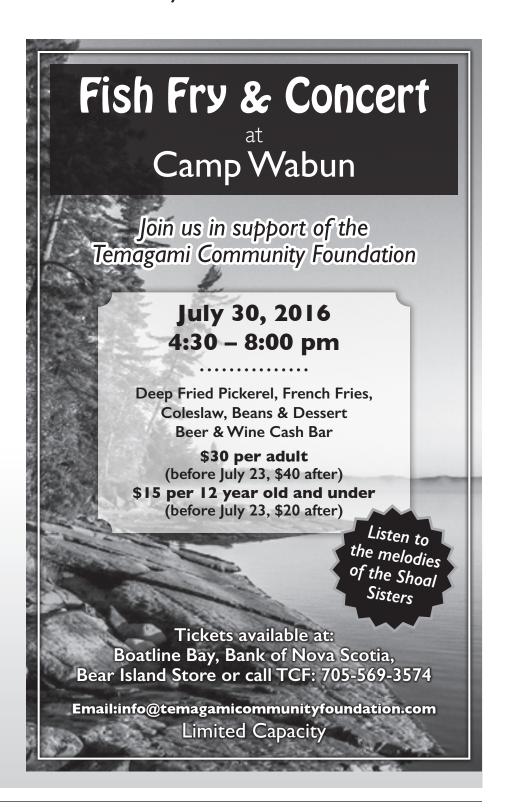
The highlight of the evening will be a concert by some ladies from the Lake who will be performing as the "Shoal Sisters". The trio of Shelley Timms and Marty Banghart on vocals, and Theresa McDermott on piano, will feature musical theatre and jazz standards, as well as folk and pop songs. It's a "rain or shine" presentation as there is ample indoor space available at the camp. Besides good music, the concert will be a great opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends, and will satisfy the palate with some excellent northern cuisine.

Tickets are: \$30 per person or \$15 for children 12 and under (if purchased before July 23, 2016); and, \$40 per person or \$20 for children 12 and under (if purchased after July 23, 2016). Tickets are available at Boatline Bay, Scotiabank, and the Bear Island store (cash or cheque). They can also be purchased with a credit card by calling the TCF office (705-569-3737) or utilizing the TCF e-mail address at: info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com.

Another summer highlight will be the raffle featuring a traditional, hand-made, wooden, canvas canoe donated by Hugh Stewart's Headwaters Canoes – a small canoe shop in Wakefield, Quebec that has built many canoes for camps on the Lake over the past decade. The beautiful 15' Prospector model, originally manufactured by the famous Chestnut Canoe Company of New Brunswick, is now being built in an ultra-light mode using thinner ribs and gunwales. The hull will be made of eastern white cedar, and to give grain and wood-colour contrast, the thwarts, decks, seats, and outside gunwales will be constructed from black cherry. The typical value of this canoe is \$4,860.00.

Tickets for the canoe raffle are \$20 each, or \$100 for 6, and are available from TCF Board members. They may also be purchased using the information outlined in paragraph four above.





Winter Camping in the Temagami Watershed

by Bob Olajos, Friends of Temagami

Winter camping is nothing new in Temagami. Trappers, dogsledders, and other intrepid types have been doing it for decades. But there is something new, even unprecedented, in Temagami's winter woods. Since 2011, a small Northern Ontario company has offered one-of-a-kind snowshoe camping trips up Ishpatina Ridge, Ontario's highest peak, in northwestern Temagami. This year, Dave and Kielyn Marrone, the dynamic husband-andwife duo behind Lure of the North, took it up a notch. They led a motley crew of ten on the "Trans-Temagami" – a 128-km, south-to-north, snowshoe trek from the outskirts of Sudbury to the town of Gowganda.

Beginning in late February, and travelling about 10 km per day, the

group dragged all of their gear on toboggans – no snowmobile support, no hut-to-hut cabins, no food drops. They slept each night in wood-heated canvas tents, while temperatures outside dropped below -40°C. They ate voraciously.

Over fourteen days, this flock of rogues was transformed into a band of brothers and sisters. As the miles passed, one question remained. Since winter camping is at least ten times more awesome than summer camping, why aren't more people doing it?

I'll tell you more about this adventure, and maybe try to answer that question, in another issue of the *Temagami Times*.



Winter Camping in the Temagami Watershed (photo by Kielyn Marrone, Lure of the North)

Three Directors acclaimed to the TLA Board

TLA Director, Andrew Zyp (Island 1044), was nominated and acclaimed to serve a second three-year term on the Board of Directors at the conclusion of the nomination period that ended on May 1, 2016.

Nominated (and acclaimed) to the Board for the first time were **Amelia Brooker** (Island 663) and **Brit Hyde** (Island 1248). They will serve three-year terms beginning on September 1, 2016.

We thank all three members for volunteering to serve the Lake community in this manner!

Temagami Lions Club



Summer 2016 Activity Update

By Lion Paul Middleton, Communications

"SEEING MORE CLEARLY" CAMPAIGN A CLEAR SUCCESS!

During the summer and fall of 2015, the Temagami Lions Club (TLC) held a raffle fundraiser. First prize was a cabin / storage shed that was donated in part by EZ Log STRUCTURES and a local business in Temagami - Peacock Woodcraft. This shed is made of a pine-board interlocking material (very unique to the northeastern region) and was won by Andy Chaisson of Temagami. The second and third prizes – a threeday week-end vacation package at Bay-Lee-Mac Camp (won by Laurie Hartley of New Liskeard) and a framed art print (won by John O'Sullivan of Temagami) - completed the raffle program. A special thanks is extended to Temagami Legion Branch 408 and Peacock Woodcraft for their assistance and support during the multiple years of this campaign.



"Seeing More Clearly" Campaign Success – April 2016 (left to right: Lion Wayne Adair, Campaign Coordinator; Lion Ike Laba, President; Lion Bob Sykes, Past President; Lion Paul Middleton)

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If you would like to receive an application for membership or information related to this, contact Peter at tla@onlink.net or call 705-237-8927.

The proceeds of this raffle draw (which was held on Sunday January 31, 2016 at our annual "Men's Hockey Tournament") went towards the TLC's continuing pledge to the North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation "Seeing More Clearly" Campaign – for the purchase of an MRI machine and other diagnostic equipment. The pledge, originally to be implemented over a 10-year period, was for a total of \$25,000. The raffle in 2015 raised the final \$4,611 to complete this donation.

An equal pledge of \$25,000 was also made for this same time period to the Temiskaming Hospital in New Liskeard to purchase various types of medical equipment. For example, during the "Radio-Thon" held on February 13, 2016 at Riverside Place to raise funds for a new ultra-sound machine, the TLC donated \$2,000.

Both of these pledge goals were achieved in five years (instead of 10) – not bad for a small club! We currently have fewer than twenty members, and we are very proud of our achievements in the Temagami community. Our appreciation goes out to folks from the town and lakeside, the Lake Temagami neighbourhood, and

Marten River, who are always quick to support our raffles and other fundraisers.

This year marks the 62nd anniversary of the TLC, which was first formed in 1954. In 2015, this raffle was one of 10 events and fundraisers on which we worked, proving that volunteerism and community spirit are alive and well in Temagami!

SUMMER EVENTS IN TEMAGAMI:

The TLC continues to collect donated items from around the community in preparation for our annual open-air "Flea Market", which is being held again on the Canada Day week-end (Friday July 1 to Sunday July 3, 2016), at the Pavilion at the Welcome Centre Waterfront Park in town. Many in-towners, out-of-towners, tourists, highway travellers, and cottagers alike attend this sale to seek and find that special item for the mantle, kitchen, table, or porch. The price is always right, and bargaining is welcome – but, please remember that all monies raised support the varied community events and programs held throughout the year by the TLC. The old adage, "What goes around comes around" has been proven to hold up as some folks have re-purchased their own donated items from previous years!

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Club members will also be volunteering our BBQ cookout talents in providing delicious lunchtime service at several events over the summer, such as: the upcoming second annual "Temagami Canoe Festival" (July 15, 16, and 17, 2016); the annual *Grants Home Hardware* "Yard Sale" on the fourth (4th) week-end in July; and (perhaps), other events as requested. We look forward to feeding you. Please keep an eye out for our banner.

CLUB MEETINGS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

The TLC has welcomed two new members over the winter/spring of 2016, and we are always looking for more public-service-minded folks to come on board. Our monthly meetings, including a delicious dinner, are held on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month (except in the summer – June to August) at the Legion Hall in Temagami. If any men or women in Temagami are interested in joining with us, please act now by contacting a TLC member.

Come out for two or three meetings to see if this suits your community spirit. We believe it will. Let us welcome you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2016-2017):

At our April 12th meeting, the following club members were elected / re-elected to our Board of Directors for the upcoming year:

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How to Pay Your Municipal Taxes

By Peter Healy

Last year, I found my municipal taxes were well overdue. After the Municipality of Temagami stopped accepting Visa payments over the phone, I neglected to set up an alternative means of payment. To avoid this problem, here are your options:

- ✓ Mail a cheque to the Municipality for each payment due date.
- ✓ Make a payment to the Municipality using online banking for each payment due date.
- ✓ Set up a pre-authorized payment system using your bank account. To do this, ask the Municipality (or me via e-mail) for a "Request for Pre-Authorized Payments Registration Form", which contains a number of payment schedule options.

How to Get Your "Outdoors Card" and Buy a Fishing Licence

- This summer there is no official distributor of fishing licences on Lake Temagami.
- To obtain a fishing licence, visit the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry website (www2.on.wildlifelicense.com/start.php?lang=1), and you can download one in minutes.

 Our staff at the TLA Headquarters building will be pleased to help with this task.

 Be sure to bring a credit card with you.

N.B., If you are a Canadian citizen and over 65 years-of-age, you don't need an "Outdoors Card" or a fishing licence.

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".

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NEWS FROM THE TEMAGAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY



"Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light." (Vera Nazarian)

The Temagami Public Library was (as it always is) a hub of activity this winter. In addition to its regular programming, the Library also participated in some community activities, including the "Temagami Country Christmas" event. Most recently, it co-hosted the Temagami "Annual Easter Egg Hunt", which included games and Easter crafts. We had a great turnout for the festivities and are planning, and looking forward to, next year.

The Library was recently a recipient of special funding ("Capacity Funding -2") from the Government of Ontario. With this support, were able to purchase a number of new books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles - perfect for rainy days at your home or the cottage.

The Library is changing to a new automated cataloguing system. All members will need a new library card (membership is free). This new system requires us to recatalogue and barcode all of our materials. We ask for your patience while we make these updates. The good news is that once we have completed the process, you will be able to access the catalogue through our website.

In March, the Library received five sets of walking poles from the Timiskaming Health Unit. These are available to borrow for a three-week period of time at no

charge – unless you are late in returning them. We hope that both permanent and seasonal residents will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

The "Book Club" just read *The Golden Son*, by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. It is a book we enjoyed and recommend to others. Our next read is *The Silent Wife*, by A.S.A. Harrison. If you are interested in joining the club, please call the Library at: 705-569-2945.

The Library awards a scholarship each year to a student entering a college/university program in either teaching or early childhood education. This bursary is in memory of our former Librarian, Tracy Gauvreau. Applications are open to Temagami residents – both year-round and seasonal. The deadline for submissions is July 15, 2016.

The Temagami Public Library anticipates a busy summer season. Our summer hours are: Monday to Thursday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; and, Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Also, don't forget our annual summer book sale on Canada Day (Friday July 1st). It's the perfect opportunity to pick up all of your summer reading. This year, we will have the largest selection of books that we've ever had. There will be something for all ages.

In conclusion, we are looking for suggestions of activities/programs for adults and children that could be held at the Library. You can call, or e-mail your ideas to: library@temagami.ca. If you have a skill you're willing to share, we'd love to hear from you as well! ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!



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Temagami Tenets and Official Plan Provide Framework for Sustainable Future

By Hilton Young

TENETS

A succession of actions took place over the last three decades to help us reach this point. Early in this period, the TLA Board of Directors requested a report identifying the unique, distinctive, and important characteristics which set the Lake Temagami area apart from other regions. This report was ultimately transformed into the "Tenets for Temagami".

The Tenets identified several requirements to preserve, restore, and protect Lake Temagami. A "skyline reserve" and an "ecological buffer reserve" were established, while mainland development was forbidden. In addition, any new access roads, other than those outlined in the Tenets, were prohibited. These Tenets where formally adopted by the Municipality of Temagami, the TLA, and the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents' Association.

AMALGAMATION

The Tenets ultimately became part of the amalgamation document which created the current boundaries of the municipality. Incorporation of the Tenets was a TLA requirement for amalgamation, as was the creation of a "Planning Committee" composed of citizens (one half of whom must be residents of the Lake Temagami neighbourhood). The committee would then elect a chair-person. This would provide the groundwork for incorporation of the Tenets – both in letter and spirit – into an "Official Plan" (OP). The OP would subsequently provide oversight for development and activity within the municipality.

OFFICAL PLAN

After a lengthy process, which included extensive (and sometimes contentious) debate, an OP was created and used the Tenets as a guiding force for the newly-created, whole-lake concept of the "Lake Temagami Neighbourhood". A municipal "Planning Advisory Committee" (PAC) then assumed responsibility for insuring that the new OP was applied fairly, that zoning by-laws were adopted, and that a "Committee of Adjustment" was appointed to consider reasonable requests for minor variances to the OP. The PAC advises the municipal Council on whether or not zoning by-law amendments should be permitted or denied.

The TLA Board of Directors often reviewed these requests for variance and submitted its comments, which usually included an admonition that the PAC should not approve variances which would be at significant odds with the OP and create problematic precedents. During this time period, the TLA also advocated for a fair and just settlement to the Aboriginal land claim, subject to the conditions of the Tenets.

LAKE TROUT

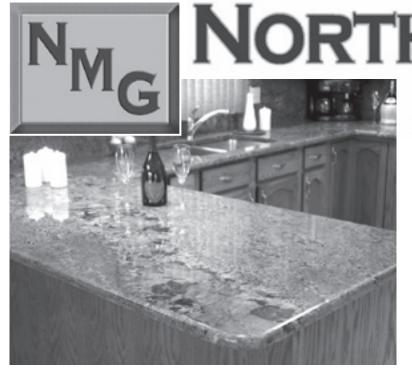
While much of this activity was unfolding, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) formalized a policy which required that no development should take place on Crown land on lakes in Ontario with naturally-reproducing lake trout populations. Lake Temagami was classified as one of these lakes. Consequently, no Crown land has been made available for private use in a number of decades. At least one attempt to secure an exemption for Crown land disposition on Lake Temagami was, however, rejected by the Minister. The TLA also opposed the requested exemption.

WATER QUALITY

For a number of years, the TLA has performed various water-quality studies. Recently, it has intensified this effort and has developed a baseline of data using several parameters against which future analyses can be evaluated. The results indicate that the water quality of Lake Temagami is very good at this time. Ongoing data collection will be done this year, and in the future, to insure that we keep a close eye on any changes.

So, here we are today with a solid "Official Plan" in place (largely unchanged from the original one), a MNRF policy of no Crown land disposition on Lake Temagami, and a robust water-quality monitoring effort. How do we maintain the Lake Temagami environment in an era of rapid change, population growth, and economic uncertainties and their possible negative effects on the area? It will require the TLA, Lake Temagami neighbourhood organizations, the Municipality, the Province, and the Aboriginal community to be vigilant in ensuring that the results of past actions which have helped to secure the favourable positions of today are not diluted or dismantled.





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"Temagami Canoe Festival" and "Temagami Deepwater Music Festival"



By Trisha Pendrith, Island 981

If you missed last July's premier events in Temagami, there's another chance to attend! Even if you were there last summer, you can once again look forward to one more great opportunity to soak up some Temagami culture this coming July. Enjoy wonderful music; bask in the sun along Temagami's waterfront; attend fascinating demonstrations; hike along old-growth forest trails; and if you're very adventurous, take part in the "White Bear Challenge" canoe race – sponsored by Smoothwater Wilderness Outfitters and Ecolodge.

The 2015 events were organized by the Temagami Artistic Collective. Carolyn and David Laronde, and a team of volunteers, worked tirelessly to simultaneously coordinate the "Temagami Deepwater Music" and "Temagami Canoe" Festivals. I was very impressed with the line-up of musicians – including the Juno-nominated blues band, "Digging Roots", and one of my favourite local singers, Ron Ngrini. I "rocked" at David Laronde's concert with his band of very talented musicians. David's album, *Right City, Wrong Town*, was nominated for an *Aboriginal People*'s *Choice Music Award* for "Best Blues CD". The line-up for 2016 promises to be equally as entertaining.

At one of several talks, Craig Macdonald spoke about his adventures while conducting research and producing the "Historic Map of Temagami". Craig's interaction with Aboriginal elders left him with great respect and reverence for the Anishinawbeg [Ojibway people].

Ray Mears, a world-renowned, British master of wilderness survival and bushcraft, drew an appreciative crowd on the Temagami waterfront. He offered clever ideas for making life in the wilderness easier and safer. One doesn't have to venture into the back country to make use of these neat tricks – from the most effective way to start fires in wet weather, to how to best cook fish, to keeping a bandage from continually falling off a wet finger while paddling.

For the upcoming July 2016 festivals, a series of family-friendly events include a celebration of canoe culture, local art and crafts, demonstrations, and concerts – both outdoors and in the "Bunny Miller Theatre" and "Temagami Community Market". There will be Aboriginal drumming, information on how to plan a canoe trip, and demonstrations on building a birchbark canoe. Food vendors, a continuous BBQ, and a great spaghetti dinner at the Legion should help soothe those hunger pangs.

Ray Mears will return this summer. Although he has a television series, online videos, and an award-winning web documentary about his passion for nature and wildlife, Ray is also an engaging speaker and authentic educator rather than a celebrity.

He founded Woodlore – a school in the U.K. devoted to teaching wilderness survival and bushcraft skills. *The Path of Grey Owl* is an inspiring documentary by award-winning film maker, Goh Iomoto, which highlights Ray's experiences as he explores the boreal forest landscape and its waterways in the Temagami region.

Ray, along with a team from Smoothwater Wilderness Outfitters and Ecologe, will guide two lucky winners of an annual *Ontario Travel* outdoor-adventure contest. This year's prize is a fully-outfitted, eight-day canoe trip in the Temagami region – the "Great Canadian Grey Owl Adventure". Contest winners will walk in the footsteps of Grey Owl as they immerse themselves in n'Daki Menan – the traditional land of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai people of the Temagami region. Entry for this summer's contest closed on May 15th, but there will likely be another outdoor-adventure opportunity next summer.

The "Temagami Canoe Festival" will also host the *Reel Paddling Film Festival* on July 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Temagami Welcome Centre's "Bunny Miller Theatre".

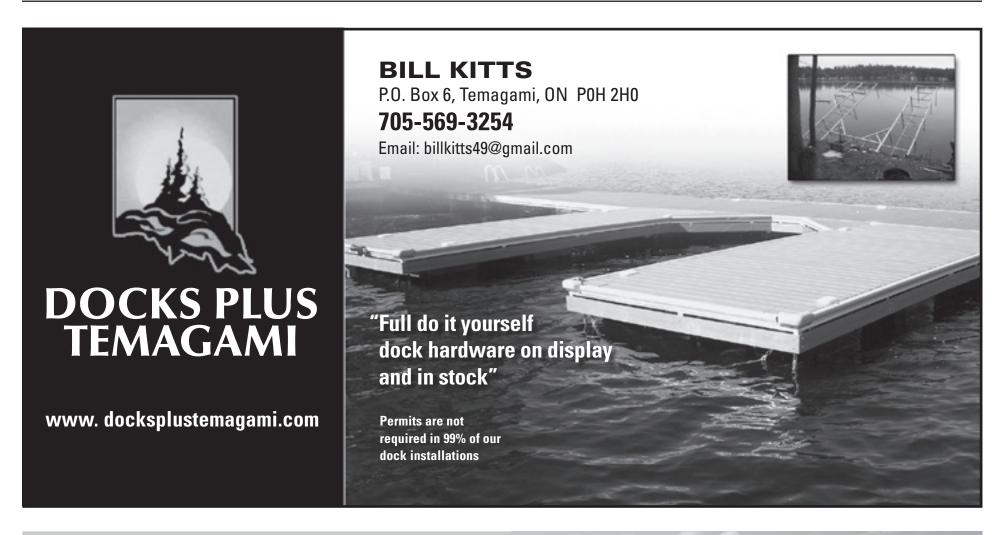
I hope to see many TLA members at this year's festival, which will occur from July 15 to July 17, 2016. I will certainly be there soaking up the music, food, education, and atmosphere.

For more information, please visit the following websites: **www.temagamicanoefes-tival.com**; **www.RayMears.com**; **www.davidlarondemusic.com**; and, **www.ontariotravel.net**.



The birchbark canoe – a beautiful work of art – was built by Temagami First Nation youth through the "Voyages of Rediscovery Project" and displayed at the "Temagami Canoe Festival" in 2015. (photo by Trisha Pendrith)





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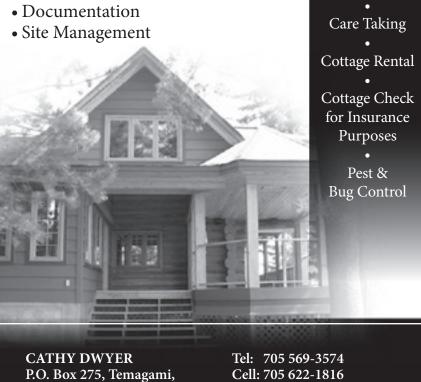
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KING OF THE WOODSMEN: A Panorama of Early Temagami

By Hugh Stewart

Much of the social history of the Temagami region is oral or, at best, recorded in bits and pieces in obscure places. A frequently-referenced document is *King of the Woodsmen* by Hal Pink – a tale of the legendary Temagami character, Bill Guppy. Strangely, however, few have read or seen a copy of this book, which was originally published in 1940. Fortunately, McGahern Stewart Publishing of Ottawa, in collaboration with the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF), has reprinted the book as part of its series, "Forgotten Northern Classics".

The introduction to *King of the Woodsmen* explains why Bill Guppy's story is important and tells us something of Hal Pink, the book's British author. There are also some interesting suggestions as to why copies of the book have hitherto been so scarce.

Bill Guppy was an intriguing character who had a good sense of history. He was an astute observer of human nature and could tell a wonderful tale, as well. The story of training the moose and bear mascots for the Algonquin Regiment in World War I is a great example of truth being far better than fiction. Guppy also describes the types of people – some desirable and some less so – that he encountered in his time guiding sportsmen and canoeists. His observations ring sharp and true 85 years later.

For anyone interested in the story of Grey Owl and his connections to Temagami, King of the Woodsmen is required reading. The book's full

title when originally published was Bill Guppy: King of the Woodsmen, Life-Long Friend and Tutor of "Grey Owl". There was a clear attempt to use Guppy's association with Grey Owl to market the book.

Guppy gives an unembellished account of his time with the young Archie Belaney before he transformed himself into Grey Owl. His final statement on the man is even-handed and respectful, and leaves no doubt about where he stands on the spectrum of Grey Owl commentators.

"Don't let anybody ever tell you Grey Owl was not in the front rank of backwoodsmen," the author, Hal Pink, quotes Guppy as saying. "He was! Few men were his equal in a canoe; no other man had his strange 'night sense' in the woods; his beautifully-written books could never in a thousand years [have] been penned by anybody except a man who had lived the bulk of his life adventuring in the Wild. I've read them all, and you can take it from me that his facts are right; his details about wild life accurate to the smallest item."

The frontier, wherever it is, draws many characters – honest people trying to get ahead, opportunists and scammers of all shades, the skilled, and the unskilled. Bill Guppy encounters and describes them all. The result is a tome which is more of a "life-and-times" style of book rather than the strict biography of one person. There are few places where a panorama of the early days of Temagami has been so richly drawn.

Every resident or regular visitor to Temagami will want to have this book, which retails for \$25. Copies are available from local merchants and the TCF, or directly from the publisher: McGahern Stewart Publishing, 11 Murray Street, Ottawa, ON, K1N 9M5. The publisher can also be contacted by e-mail (mcspublishing@gmail.com) or by phone (613-230-2275).



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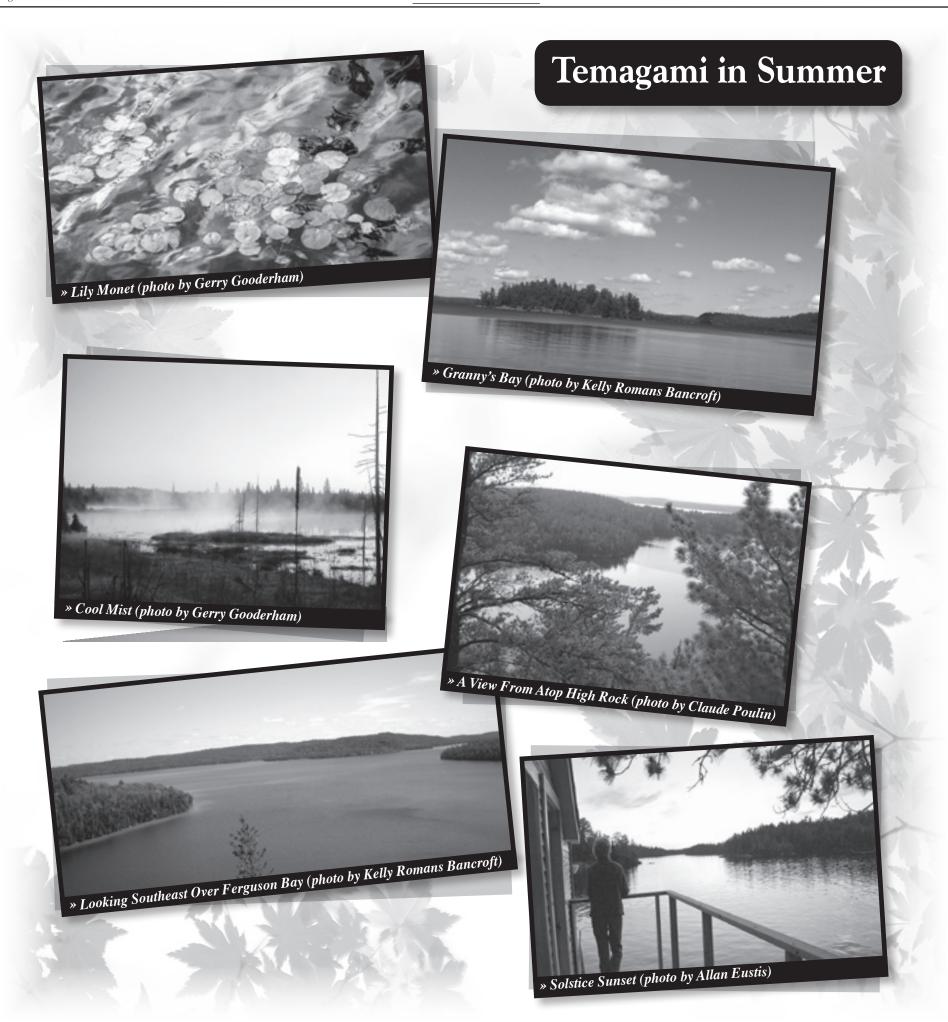
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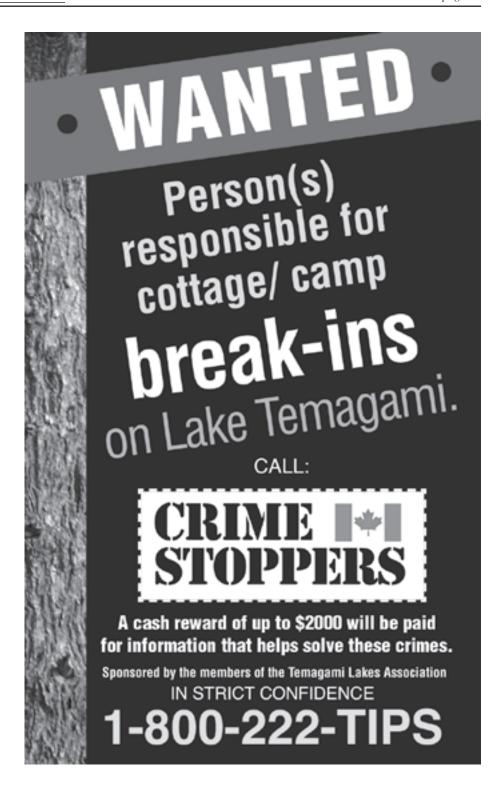


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