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*Whitefish Bay, Looking North
(photo by Kelly Romans Bancroft)*

Lake Temagami's TINY INVADERS

By Rob Corcoran

In the Summer of 2015, our spiny waterflea article highlighted the potential negative impact of this invasive species, and the fact that it had already been identified in Lake Temagami some years before (see the ONTARIO'S INVADING SPECIES AWARENESS PROGRAM website at www.invadingspecies.com). Because they thrive in colder, deeper, oligotrophic (low-nutrient) water bodies such as Lake Temagami, it is unlikely that we will be able to get rid of them in the future.

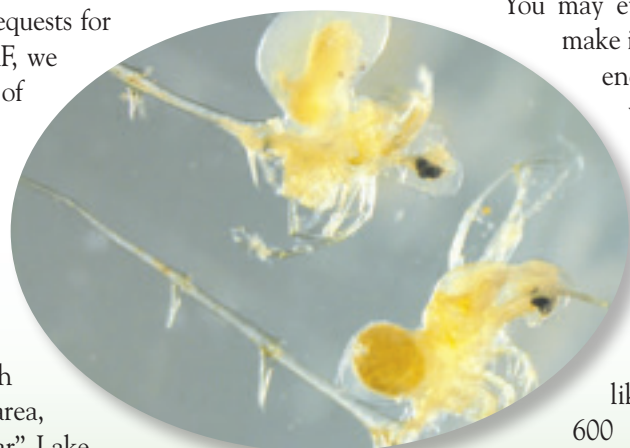
We noted the very significant impact that spiny waterfleas have had on Lake Nipissing – which seemed to show some of the most deleterious impacts in Ontario, based, apparently, upon some unique aspects of Lake Nipissing's size, depth, temperatures, and undoubtedly, ecosystems.

Following a number of requests for information from the MNRF, we finally received the results of their 2014 testing program. While detailed reports are not yet available/accessible, MNRF staff were able to confirm that spiny waterfleas had been detected at several test locations in Lake Temagami. Although the spiny waterflea is in the area, we can now say that “so far” Lake Temagami has not seen nearly the impact that has occurred with Lake Nipissing.

This invasive species can be transported from one infected water body to the next. One means of transfer for spiny waterfleas is via fishing tackle and lines. They can also collect on the loose strands of anchor lines. So, be sure to clean any off your gear before you store it, and leave it out in the sun to dry.

Invasive species are real, and they are here. When you are fishing, watch for tiny creatures curled around your fishing lures and fishing lines.

You may even find a few which make it up to your reel. If you encounter areas where your lines are fouled with spiny waterfleas, please report these to the TLA. While the MNRF may not have as detailed a data set as we on Lake Temagami would like to see, the roughly 600 members from whom such information may be provided could encompass the entire Lake.



Spiny Waterflea (Bythotrephes longimanus) Adults (photo by Gary Montz, 144, Bugwood.org)

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President's Letter

Dear TLA Members:

As I looked at the recent photographs of the ice breaking up in Temagami, my pulse picked up a beat in anticipation of the coming summer on the Lake. I know many of you will be making your first trips of the season soon, and the Board wants to wish everyone a happy and healthy spring.

Over the past few months, I have been contacted by several Lake residents who took me up on my offer to keep an open channel of communication. I have been told that there is a bit of a disconnect between full-time residents and those of us who are on the Lake for only a couple of weeks or months out of the year. I heard that there is a real desire to grow the various businesses in Temagami, which is something that all of us who are part of the larger community believe in. Many permanent residents think that the TLA is opposed to all development. I have made it clear that that is not true, and that we have, and will, continue to support the commercial interests of the Municipality.

With so many of us appealing our MPAC assessments, it is clear that there are some serious disagreements over property valuations. As TLA members, we agreed that we would pay increased taxes in return for enforcement of the "Official Plan" – which includes the "Tenets for Temagami". Since the services that we receive are limited, it seems reasonable that our expectations for a continued, pristine wilderness experience should be met.

At the same time, the TLA Board is determined to work with the Municipality to support activities that will ensure the sustainability of the Temagami region for future generations. To this end, I will be meeting with various members of the permanent residents' community this summer. I remain confident that we have much more in common than both "sides" often realize. The Lake depends on our ability to work together, and we have every intention of making the relationship mutually beneficial.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM on July 29th.

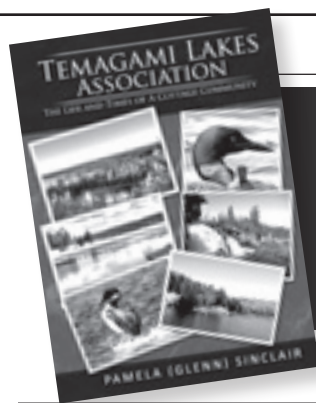
Will Goodman, TLA President



The Southwest View from Island 817 (photo by Marty Martelle)

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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.

Lake Temagami's Tiny Invaders

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As a refresher, here are some further details about spiny waterfleas:

- ❖ They are small zooplankton (animal plankton) that are 1 to 1.5 cm in length and attach to fishing and anchor lines – sometimes in large numbers. The spiny waterflea (*Bythotrephes longimanus*) has one large eye, a large egg sac, and (as its name implies) a long, spiny/barbed tail – which represents about 60% to 70% of its overall length. It may have orange, blue, and/or green colouring, and a red stripe running half the length of its tail.
- ❖ Zooplankton (animal) and phytoplankton (plant) are members of a less-visible, but hugely populous, portion of life found in water. Early multicellular life would presumably have been a form of plankton, and evolved to become fish, crustaceans, insects, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals, as well as the full range of sea plants and all land plants. Plankton are the backbone of the aquatic food chain and provide nourishment for minnows – some of which grow to become the next generation of lake trout, bass, or pickerel. Those minnows which don't make it to adulthood are themselves a significant food supply for predatory fish, as well as loons, common mergansers, black ducks, gulls, etc. Phytoplankton also perform such duties as generating oxygen in the water. In addition, zooplankton swim about, and may eat both each other and phytoplankton (which, in some instances, contains/prevents algal blooms and helps to keep the lake in a balanced state).
- ❖ The spiny waterflea has evolved to such an extent that only a single female must reach another lake to initiate an entirely new population in that lake. Females lay eggs (1 to 24 at any time) in a sac. These will then grow into clones of the mother if left unfertilized.

Most spiny waterflea populations are female. When conditions appear bleak (e.g., unfavourable temperatures, too little food), however, some spiny waterflea embryos become males (when they would otherwise mature as females under more suitable conditions), so that they may fertilize the eggs of females. The fertilized eggs are then referred to as “resting” eggs and are so titled because they can remain on the bottom of a lake for an extended duration and “hatch” when conditions are desirable. Resting eggs can survive being dried, and can also pass unharmed through fish digestive tracts.

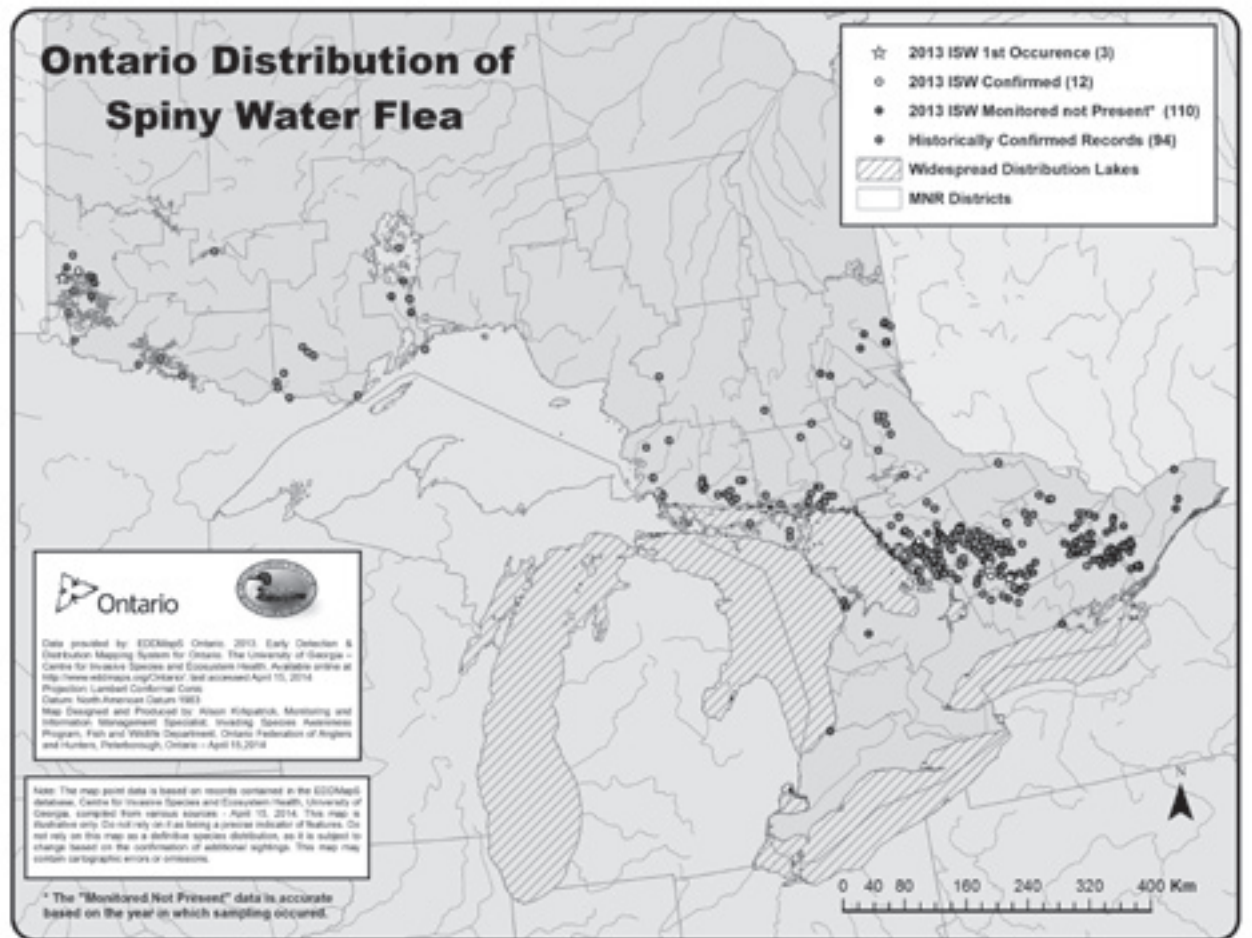
- ❖ The spiny waterflea has been in North American waters since the early 1980s, and was introduced from freighters that dumped ballast water (e.g., from waters of Northern Europe, such as the Caspian Sea) into the St. Lawrence Seaway. At first glance, they are an annoyance. They clog fishing lines, and can make it a challenge to reel in that nice lake trout you've hooked.
- ❖ The spiny waterflea is transferred from infested water bodies to inland lakes (such as Lake Temagami) via water from boat trailers, live wells, plane floats, bait buckets, fishing gear, and hollow aluminum canoe gunwales.
- ❖ Most lakes in North America, have (or had) a very diverse plankton population – which is essential to a healthy lake, and to all higher levels of the aquatic food chain. Studies of severe infestations of predatory spiny waterfleas (e.g., those that have been completed on Lake Nipissing by Jean-Marc Filion, the LAKE NIPISSING PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION, and the MNRF) have shown that this can cause native zooplankton populations to diminish significantly – with the potential for some species to disappear entirely.

This loss of biomass and diversity has a negative effect on the food supply for minnows, various crustaceans, and larger fish. Fish/minnows smaller than ~10 cm in length are generally unable to eat spiny waterfleas, as the tail of this invasive species is not digestible. Larger fish may try to consume them, but

are often found with their stomachs containing a significant number of undigested spiny waterflea tails. Some fish populations (particularly perch), however, seem to be somewhat able to adapt and utilize spiny waterfleas as a food source. Consequently, they have experienced population increases in lakes which are otherwise stressed by the presence of these zooplankton. By contrast, different populations of fish (and other organisms) may be at risk of some measure of decline.

also be reviewing the impacts that they have had on other lakes in Ontario where they've been present for a couple of decades. These lakes have not died off, but the spiny waterflea has certainly had an impact on them. While some aquatic populations have diminished, others have been able to adapt to the presence of this invasive species.

For Temagami, and indeed all affected lakes, the future holds some uncertainties; but, we should expect some noticeable changes over the coming years.



- ❖ In Northern Ontario, the presence of the spiny waterflea is still relatively new – so, the effects on Lake Nipissing will certainly be a gauge for the rest of us to watch. Ideally, infected ecosystems will develop adaptations to these invaders. Spiny waterfleas have, for example, been present in Europe for quite some time, and lakes can achieve a balance (albeit a different one) as life adjusts to their presence. Narrowing the diversity of a lake's plankton population is often not the best outcome. Based on different water chemistries and other environmental factors, as well as the specific combination of species in each lake/waterway, however, a spiny waterflea presence would presumably result in a different outcome from one area to the next.
- ❖ Stopping (or at least slowing) the propagation of spiny waterfleas (and, indeed, any invasive species) into other lakes is essential. Here is what residents, cottagers, and visitors in the Lake Temagami area can do to prevent further infestation:
 - Learn how to identify spiny waterfleas and how to prevent accidentally spreading these invasive species.
 - Inspect your boat, trailer, equipment, and fishing gear after each use. Remove all plants, animals, and mud before moving them to a new water body.
 - Drain water from your motor, live well, bilge, and transom wells while on land.
 - Rinse all recreational equipment with high-pressure (greater than 250 psi) or hot (50 °C / 122 °F) water, or let it dry in the sun for at least five days.
 - If you've seen an invasive, spiny waterflea (or another invasive species in the wild), please contact the toll-free “Invading Species Hotline” at 1-800-563-7711, or report a sighting online at www.invadingspecies.com/report.

The deleterious impacts experienced by Lake Nipissing have shown that detailed monitoring of the progression of Lake Temagami's spiny waterflea populations (with respect to numbers and distribution) is a worthy undertaking – as is monitoring the variations in all potentially-affected levels of the food chain. We should

The following links will provide further information on this topic:

http://lnsbr.nipissingu.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2013/11/BythotrephesFilionFeb17_2011.pdf

www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/stopais/pdf/ais/spinyflea.pdf

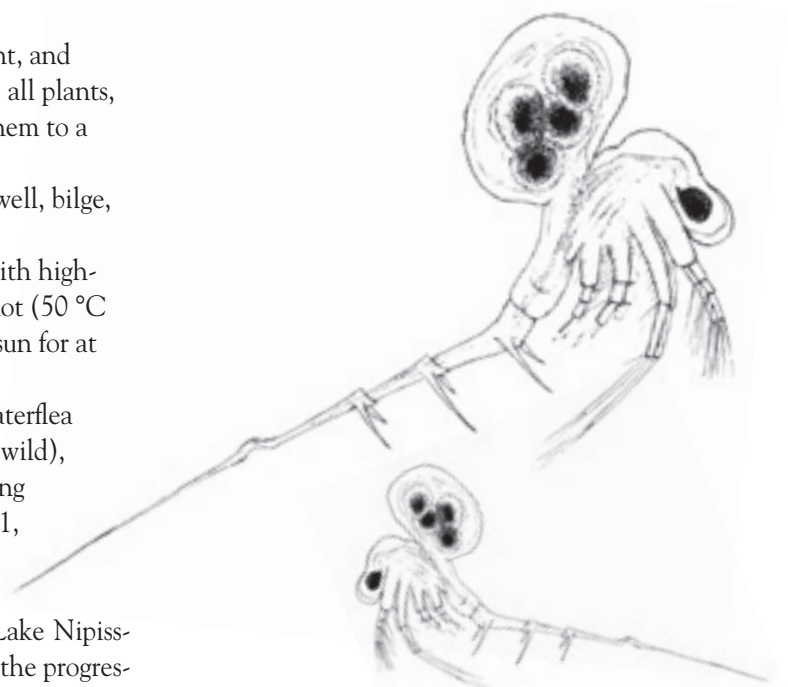
www.invadingspecies.com/invaders/invertebrates/spiny-and-fishhook-waterflea

www.nugget.ca/2010/06/28/fleas-invade-nipissing

www.nugget.ca/2011/07/12/spiny-water-flea-campaign-in-works

www.stopaquatic hitchhikers.org/hitchhikers/crustaceans-spiny-water-flea

www.temagamistewardship.ca/Temagami_Stewardship/Temagami_Fisheries_files/Walleye_catch_limits_reduced_Dec12_2012.pdf



TLA Business

TLA Headquarters Services 2017

We anticipate another busy summer at the TLA headquarters building and will again offer high-speed, wireless, internet service for members using either our desktop or their own personal computers. We will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

- Temagami Lakes Association: *The Life and Times of a Cottage Community* book
- place mats with the TLA shoal map motif
- TLA ball caps
- shoal maps, wall maps, and canoe-tripping maps
- Temagami old-growth posters
- a wall-sized historical map of the Temagami Islands
- Temagami-related books, and other local publications
- environmentally-friendly soap products
- water-testing kits

Summer 2017 Member Services:

- We are open for service as of **Saturday July 1 (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)**.
- "Welcome Back BBQ": **Saturday July 15 (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)**
- TLA "Annual General Meeting" and lunch at **CAMP WABUN (Saturday July 29)**
- radio services – including emergency fire coordination – 7 days-a-week (**July 1 to September 2**)
- drinking-water testing (drop-off dates: **Wednesday July 19 and 26, as well as August 2 and 9**)
- postal services (incoming and outgoing) at 1:30 p.m. on week-days
- household-battery disposal program
- lending library, high-speed internet, WiFi, desktop computers, fax machine, pay phone, and meeting room
- copies of the *Temagami Times* and *TLA Directory*
- *Temagami Island Old Growth Trails* map

TLA Committee Members Needed

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

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

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

2017 "ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING" OF THE TLA

Saturday July 29th
at **CAMP WABUN**
Coffee: 9:30 a.m.
Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
Complimentary Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

TLA Headquarters Building "OFFICE MANAGERS" Summer 2017

The TLA has summer employment opportunities for students in 2017. These positions pay **\$12.00/hour**.

We require two office managers / radio operators. Ideal qualifications for these positions include:

- Junior or Senior high-school student who is returning to school in the Fall;
- outgoing personality, energetic, and a good speaking voice;
- neat appearance and pleasing manner;
- computer skills related to word processing, e-mailing, and internet research, and the ability to learn to use various data-processing software when required; and,
- able to travel to the TLA Headquarters Building and be available for approximately 25 hours-a-week, from the July 1st week-end to the Labour Day week-end.

For further information, or to send a letter of interest (with resumé), please contact Peter Healy, Executive Secretary, at: tla@onlink.net.

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 wish to share your reasons for coming here? Is there something really special about Temagami that you want to protect?

The possibilities are almost endless, as is the "talent pool" within our membership. Please send your articles to: tla@onlink.net.

The editor can help with the formatting and editing details. Also, remember that photos – high resolution and original in size – really add to a story.

TLA SUPPORTS THE "Canadian Lakes Loon Survey"



Adult Loons With Chick (photo by Trisha Pendrith)

The TLA wants a Coordinator for the "Lake Temagami Loon Survey" (part of the "Canadian Lakes Loon Survey" of BIRD STUDIES CANADA).

Survey participants have worked since 1981 to track the reproductive success of the Common Loon by monitoring chick hatching and survival. Contributors dedicate at least three dates to the process by visiting their respective lakes once in June (to see if loon pairs are on territory), once in

July (to see if chicks hatch), and once in August (to see if chicks survive long enough to fledge). They also work as stewards within their communities by sharing knowledge of better boating, fishing, and shoreline practices. These actions protect and support loons, as well as many other aquatic species that share our waterways.

Please contact the TLA for details about the Coordinator position at tla@onlink.net or 705-237-8927.

Three Directors acclaimed to the TLA Board

TLA Directors, **Chip Kittredge (Island 1155)** and **Peter Whyte (Island 388)**, were nominated and acclaimed to serve additional three-year terms on the TLA Board of Directors at the conclusion of the nomination period (May 1, 2017).

Nominated (and acclaimed) to the Board for the first time was **Margaret Langfitt (Island 1090)**. She will serve a three-year term beginning on September 1, 2017.

We thank all three members for volunteering to assist the Lake community in this manner. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors in coming years, why not discuss this with a current Board member or Peter Healy during the upcoming summer.

TLA Business

TERAS Call for Directors

By Tim Richardson

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

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

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

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

TERAS Facts

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

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

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

911 Numbers

By Peter Healy

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

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

Do you know yours?

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

Keep Up to Date with TLA and Temagami News

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

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

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

New Mailing Address for the TLA

The TLA now has a new mailing address. All items that would previously have been sent to our post-office box should now be addressed to:
Temagami Lakes Association: 1720 Lake Temagami Access Road, Temagami, ON POH 2H0



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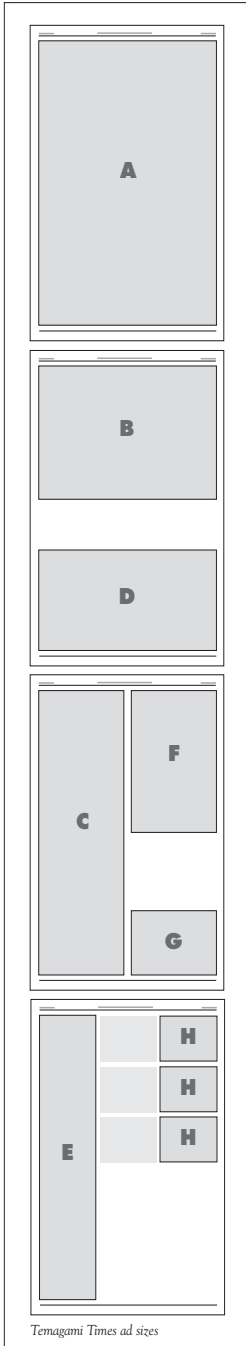
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 - Inside Front or Back Cover.....\$275.00
- Copy is enclosed.....
 A directory Ad booked with Ads in all three Times editions receives a 10% discount
 Please bill me for all 4 Ads at one time
 Payment of \$_____ is enclosed
 Please bill me later at the following address:

Please provide high resolution (min. 200 dpi @ 100%) pdf, tiff or jpeg files (Note: Word documents are not acceptable) to: tla@onlink.net or on CD by snail mail to the below address. If you require artwork we can provide it for you at an additional cost (min. \$20.00 charge). Please call for a quote.

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WANTED: Your Favourite Temagami Photos!

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

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

BE BEAR WISE

As Hibernation Comes to an End



American Black Bear [*Ursus Americanus*] (photo credit: Ontario Parks)

April 5, 2017 (New Liskeard, ON)

The Temiskaming Detachment of the ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE (O.P.P.) reminds the public to take precautions in preventing black bears from visiting your neighbourhood. With the mild winter coming to an end, black bears are coming out of hibernation, and human-bear interactions are likely to happen.

Rick Stronks, the Chief Naturalist at Algonquin Provincial Park, shares some interesting facts about these seasonal, deep sleepers:

1. Black bears are masters of adaptation.

Hibernation is their way of surviving a long winter when there's little food available.

2. Black bears have few predators.

In fact, the biggest threat to their survival is starvation. Bears are shy animals. Even when they're awake, they try to avoid humans – and they're asleep for half the year, hidden away in their dens.

3. Black bears are a little larger than most humans.

Females weigh, on average, between 100 and 150 kg, while males weigh between 150 and 180 kg. If food supplies are good, female bears double their size over the summer, in preparation for hibernation.

4. Bears are solitary animals.

The only time males and females get together is in June (when they mate). Through a survival adaptation called “delayed implantation”, an embryo doesn't implant in the female's uterus until the fall – and then only if the female has gained enough body fat to see her through the winter months when she is hibernating.

5. Bears give birth before emerging from hibernation.

In October or November, the female looks for a spot

Black Bear Facts

to hibernate – usually under a tree stump or log, which she lines with grass, twigs, and leaves. In January, she gives birth to one or two cubs, on average. The cubs nurse while their mother continues to doze periodically, and when they all emerge in April or May, the cubs have grown to weigh around five pounds each. The cubs stay with their mother all summer, and hibernate with her over the winter. The following spring, she pushes them out of the den to be on their own.

6. Bears lose half their body fat while hibernating.

When bears hibernate, their body temperatures drop from 38°C to 33°C, and their heart rates decrease from 50 beats a minute to 10. They don't eat, drink, urinate, or defecate. Hibernating bears lose at least half of their body fat; but, amazingly, they don't lose any muscle mass or much calcium from their bones.

7. Bears rarely turn down a snack (even if it's in a tent or cooler).

Like most animals, bears are continually looking for food, and will spend up to eight hours a day foraging. They're vegetarians, for the most part, and feed primarily on berries and nuts. Although black bears are poor hunters, they will catch fish during spawning season.

Here are some ways to reduce the possibility of being visited by bears on, or around, your property:

- Place garbage in waste containers that have tight-fitting, locking lids.
- Store garbage indoors until it will be removed for disposal.
- Wash garbage containers frequently, and use disinfectant to reduce odors.
- Fill bird feeders only during the winter months, when bears are hibernating.
- Keep your picnic tables and barbecue grills clean, and remove grease catchers after each use.
- Keep pet food indoors.

If you encounter a bear:

- Provide the bear with an escape route. Do not try to trap it or play with it. It is a wild animal.
- If you come close to a bear, back away slowly and hold your hands or jacket over your head so that you appear as big as possible.
- If you find a treed bear, leave it alone.

These are a few tips to help keep you safe while living in an area that is inhabited by bears. THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY also operates a toll-free “Bear Wise” reporting line (1-866-514-2327) 24 hours-a-day from April 1 to November 30. This provides the public with information, and best practices for removing bear attractants from your property.

Remember, a bear that enters a populated area isn't necessarily a threat; however, call 911 or your local police department if the animal poses an immediate risk to public safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour.


For further information on any policing issue, please contact PC Jennifer Smith, Community Safety Officer – TEMISKAMING O.P.P., by phone at 705-647-8400. You can also visit the O.P.P. website (www.opp.ca), or access regional Twitter feeds at @OPP_NER or @PPO_Nordest. In addition, you may contact your local detachment of the O.P.P. through the toll-free line at: 1-888-310-1122.

If they're able to ambush a fawn or moose calf in the spring, they'll do that as well.

CAMPING SAFETY:


- ✓ It's important for campers to keep their campsites clean and free of scents that attract wildlife. When bears are drawn to these areas, it's because they're looking for food. If they find it, they'll be back. Bears have excellent long-term memories – especially when it comes to where they've found food in the past.
- ✓ If you have a vehicle, pack all your food in containers, and keep them in your trunk. This includes anything with a smell; so, also pack up toiletries and the clothing you were wearing while cooking. In the backcountry, hang your food at least four metres above the ground, on a branch that is three metres from the trunk.
- ✓ Take garbage to the dump regularly.
- ✓ Don't dump your dish water on your site. Waste water should be dumped down a vault privy.
- ✓ Don't forget to wipe off your picnic table and/or barbecue.

Source: Ontario Parks website (www.ontarioparks.com/parksblog/bears-hibernation)





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Clean, Drain, and Dry!

By Amelia Brooker

To keep Lake Temagami clean and pristine, we must all do our part to ensure that our water vessels are cleaned, drained, and dried.

Ontario's "Invading Species Awareness Program" suggests the following methods to prevent the spread of invasive species:

GOOD	BETTER	BEST
CLEAN, DRAIN	CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY	CLEAN, DRAIN, DISINFECT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clean off all visible mud, vegetation, and other debris. ✓ Pull and store the Drain plug, lower your outboard to drain standing water, and drain live wells before leaving the launch. 	<p>In addition to cleaning and draining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Dry your boat and equipment in hot or sunny weather for 2 to 7 days before transporting them to another body of water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use a pressure washer (250 psi) to spray off your boat and trailer OR rinse off your boat and trailer with hot water (greater than 50°C). ✓ To prevent the spread of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), rinse live wells with a 10% household bleach / water solution (i.e., 100 ml bleach to 1 L water). Rinse well with water to remove any chlorine residue.

Helpful Tips:

- Be sure to CLEAN and DRAIN your boat each time you are leaving a waterbody.
- Rinse off anchors and drift socks after each use.
- Inspect and clean your trolling motor, as it can easily collect invasive animals and plant debris in shallow water.
- Remember that it is illegal to dump your bait-bucket contents into any waterbody in Ontario.
- If using live bait, buy locally.

It is our responsibility to be aware of invasive species. We must accept the fact that invasive species are a real threat to Lake Temagami. We must also make it our duty to use preventive measures to protect the Lake, and encourage all visitors to do the same.

Source:

Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program website (www.invadingspecies.com)



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Build a Canoe; Preserve a Tradition

By Vince Hovanec

While there are some symbols that immediately resonate with Canadians – hockey, Tim Hortons, or even the CBC’s “The Vinyl Cafe,” for example – there’s no denying the primacy of the birch-bark canoe, which has arguably played a significant role in our country’s history. The birch-bark canoe might be said to even define who we are, what we have done, and where we live.

This has also been true for the TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION (TFN) and is why the band has sought to preserve the birch-bark canoe tradition, particularly among young people in the Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA) communities. The TFN, with funding help from the ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION and the TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, designed a six-week, canoe-building project for TAA youth. During the summer of 2016, birch-bark canoe building was a cultural revitalization and a preservation component of the TFN’s n’Daki-Menan “Stewardship Project”.

Not only was the project an all-around success, it also was the focus of the recently-released, 60-minute documentary called *Makwa Jiimaan: Deep Water, Deep Roots*. Directed by Native American filmmaker, Derrick Lamere, and produced by Robin Potts and John Zinser, *Makwa Jiimaan* tells the story of how building a traditional birch-bark canoe on n’Daki-Menan (homeland) helped the young builders reconnect with the land, the water, and their people.

They learned the holistic, experiential aspect of building a birch-bark canoe that fosters a culture of

self-reliance, responsibility, teamwork, and ownership. Canoe building also cultivates ingenuity, through a balance of design, the physical building of the canoe, problem-solving, and creativity. Building birch-bark canoes is for the heart, mind, and body, and strengthens cultural identity, social development, and leadership through youth involvement and community engagement.

The n’Daki-Menan “Stewardship Project” Coordinator, Robin Potts, sought out filmmaker Lamere (a Colville/Chippewa Cree from Washington state) to document the project, and veteran canoe-builder and educator Zinser (assisted by brother, Isa Zinser, in 2016), who had built a canoe on the Lake in 2012, to work with the young people to build the 19-foot craft from scratch.

“There were many reasons to build a birch-bark canoe,” Potts explained. “In the past, it was integral to sustain our ancestor’s way of life on the land and water for hunting, gathering, fishing, trade, and trapping. Today, the birch-bark canoe is a tangible, cultural production symbolizing a rich metaphor for carrying Teme-Augama Anishnabai into the future on our own terms.”

As for the novice builders (aged 15-20) who participated in the TFN’s summer work-experience program, it was an opportunity to “get back out on the land and waters, to learn about the environment, and to take part in stewardship activities with others in the local area.” Zinser commented, “They were up to the task in a phenomenal way.”

While Lamere followed every step through the lens of his video camera (generating a terabyte of digital images), the novice builders learned how to make a crooked knife (used to prepare spruce root, canoe ribs, and sheathing), and then how to harvest birch bark, spruce-tree gum, spruce root, cedar, and ash. The canoe was, of course, built in a traditional manner, us-

ing pegs (not nails), spruce-root bindings, and natural spruce gum rather than glue.

Along the way, the building project attracted Bear Island community members, young and old, who also helped in the material harvesting and the construction of the canoe. To add another cultural dimension to the experience, Lucille McKenzie, a retired teacher and Bear Islander, explained and demonstrated the basic elements of Anishinaabemowin – the language of the Anishinaabe Nation.

Over the 2016-2017 winter, Lamere edited several hundred hours of video to create a 60-minute documentary. The first screening of the film was held in the community of Bear Island. Then it was shown on the road across Ontario (e.g., North Bay, Peterborough, Toronto, Temagami) and in the US Pacific Northwest (e.g., at Washington State University, Princeton University’s “Environmental Film Festival”, and in Portland, Oregon where Lamere now makes his home). Audiences in Canada and the US liked what they saw.

Some 300 DVDs (price: \$20) have been produced for sale this summer, and plans are under way to also make the documentary available via online streaming. Proceeds will go toward future birch-bark canoe building/restoration, paddle-making projects, and community engagement initiatives. For more information, e-mail Robin Potts at robin.potts@temagamifirstnation.ca, or call the band office at 705-237-8943.

While the *Makwa Jiimaan* story will undoubtedly spread throughout North America and beyond, the deep roots of the Deep Water people will help to preserve and perpetuate the birch-bark canoe tradition on the Lake they have long called home. As one Facebook post noted, “I’m proud to see our youth learning such important traditional skills.” Many others are too.



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- 2. KEEP "GOLDIE" IN THE FISH BOWL:** Do not release aquarium plants and pets at the cottage or anywhere else. Goldfish, for example, are an invasive species!
- 3. CLEAN YOUR GEAR:** Before heading home from the cottage, clean all of your gear. Ensure that all watercraft, trailers, bicycles, ATVs, and boot bottoms are free of plant material and seed-spreading mud.
- 4. GROOM YOUR PETS:** Brush your pets' coats to remove any seeds that might have been picked up.
- 5. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN:** Inspect your property and shoreline for any sign of inva-

sive species. To find out which ones are threatening your area, visit the "Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System" (EDDMapS) Ontario at: www.eddmaps.org/ontario.

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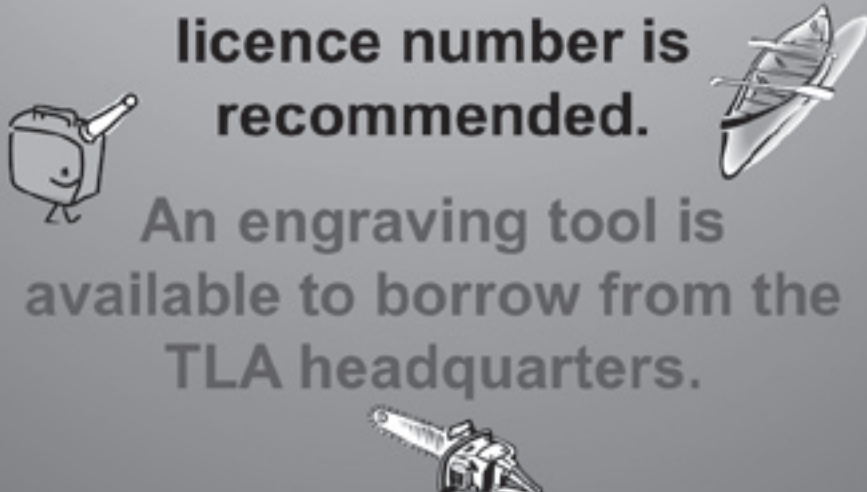
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Date	Water Level (m>sea level)	Flow (m³/s)	Summer Operating Range (m>sea level)		Trend up/down
			Min. (m)	Max. (m)	
March 30	292.24	29.4	293.60	294.00	-
April 6	293.25 (logs in at dam)	18.2	293.60	294.00	up
April 13	293.40	0.7	293.60	294.00	up
April 20	293.58	0.4	293.60	294.00	up
April 27	293.76	2.9	293.60	294.00	up
May 2	293.92	5.7	293.60	294.00	up

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

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TAFIP Update (April 2017)

By Ike Laba

“LING FLING” AND TAFIP DONATION:

Special thanks are extended to Dan O’Mara (for taking the lead) and to all the volunteers who participated in organizing and donating equipment, food supplies, and their cooking skills to make the “Ling Fling” a great success. Thanks must also go out to the organizers, donors, and event participants.

Due to the great efforts of the organizing group, the TEMAGAMI AREA FISH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (TAFIP) was the beneficiary of a donation of \$4,102.00 to enhance the fishery program within the Temagami area. Thank you all.

VOLUNTEERS:

The TAFIP had a great group of volunteers (30 +) in the 2016 season. These people worked diligently in all aspects of the program and through a variety of conditions (e.g., during poor weather, while wading in water, during feeding times). Due to the great response from volunteers, over one million Walleye fry and fingerlings were used to stock local lakes in 2016. Recently, the TAFIP had a general meeting where more members were recruited. It is great to have additional volunteers this season as there is an enormous amount of work to be completed throughout the program.

2016 OPERATING SEASON:

During the 2016 season, we stocked Walleye fry and fingerlings in Lake Temagami, Cassels Lake, and Net Lake. For the 2017 season, we have added Snake Island and Rabbit Lakes to our stocking program.

Due to the hot, dry season in 2016, we had water shortages at each of our rearing ponds. We managed to find an alternative water source for our Sherman pond, but had to remove the fingerlings a month earlier than anticipated from the Red Squirrel Road rearing pond. We will be looking at alternative water sources this year to ensure that we have a good water supply for all rearing ponds.



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2017 SEASON:

In addition to carrying out our regular program, we plan to complete further upgrades to two of our existing rearing ponds later this fall. The work will commence after the fingerlings are removed from the ponds, and the ponds are drained. This initiative will benefit the 2018 TAFIP season as it will be much easier to extract the fingerlings from the ponds in late August.

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The White Pine's Cousin, Jack

By Chip Kittredge, Island 1158



The Jack Pine (oil on canvas by Tom Thomson, National Gallery of Canada)

Temagami is known for its iconic pines. You see them in the logo of the Municipality. Some of the greatest old-growth white pine are said to be found in the Temagami region. White and red pines grow in wonderful mixtures along the shore and on most islands. They soar into the sky and tower above as you walk in the woods. It is no wonder that Temagami forests were a prized source of pine and were often logged beyond the reach of the skyline reserve. I'm always amazed and impressed when I walk among the pines on the shores of Temagami, and especially on the trails of Temagami Island! We have white pine in Massachusetts, but they're nothing compared to the ones of Temagami.

There is a lesser-known cousin of the majestic white and red pines that often goes unnoticed or unappreciated. I'm referring to the rugged jack pine. Jack pine is said to be the most common pine of the north. It is easy to see why. White pine grows best on rich soils and with access to moisture. Red pine can grow in those places, too, but it's also tolerant of drier soils. Jack pine can, however, handle almost anything nature has to offer – from pure sand that holds little moisture, to small crevices in bare rock, and even permafrost to the north. You'll find jack pine as far north as the Mackenzie River in the Northwest

Territories and spanning Canada as far east as Cape Breton in Nova Scotia. Jack extends much farther north than the other two pines. It can tolerate a much harsher climate. Jack pine is a real toughie – a survivor.

Typically, mature jack pine can grow to heights of 17 to 20 metres, or, in some exceptional situations, as tall as 30 metres. Red and white pine, by comparison, can reach 21 to 24 metres in height, with some trees reaching 45 metres! So, jack pine won't win the award for tall and majestic.

Jack pines live in some pretty tough places and won't reach the same ages as white and red. The oldest reported jack pine was east of Lake Nipigon in Ontario, with an impressive age of 230 years. In contrast, it is common for white pine to reach 200 years, and some have been as old as 450.

Jack has a clever strategy for reproducing itself. Like all conifers, its seeds are hidden within cones. When the scales of the cones separate and open, the seeds are free to be dispersed by the wind. Like all pines, jack pine seeds have little wings. Typically, though, they don't fly all that far (maybe twice the height of the tree). The interesting thing is not how far they are carried on the wind, but what makes the cones open in the first place. Jack has adapted to spread seed after a forest fire. The resins that hold the scales of the cone closed will melt at a temperature of 50 °C (122 °F), at which point the cones open and seeds disperse. Scholarly work on this subject reveals that northern jack pine depends on fire to open the cones, while those in the south of the natural range can have cones that open in the absence of fire. Within the full geographic distribution of jack pine, I don't know if Temagami is north or south (but probably south!); however, it is likely that most jack pine cones in this region need fire to open properly and release their seeds. It is a pretty neat natural adaptation.

How do you know if you have jack pine at your cottage? White pine needles are bundled together in little groups of five, while red and jack pines are in similar bundles of only two. Red pine needles are four to six inches in length, while those of Jack are only 0.75 to 1.5 inches. They are also twisted – similar to the overall form of the tree. You don't often see a straight Jack. They often have that stunted, leaning, "I've-had-a-tough-life" stature.

You may not know about jack pine around Temagami, but you may have heard of it due to its artistic fame. Canadian artist Tom Thomson painted *The Jack Pine* in 1917 based on a vista from Grand Lake in nearby Algonquin Park. The oil painting is considered an iconic representation of the country's landscape, and is one of Canada's most widely-recognized and reproduced artworks. It has been in the collection of the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa since 1918.

Look for the jack pine around Temagami in those rugged places that would be difficult for most trees to grow. Or, take a trip to Sandy Inlet, where Jack grows on the sandy shores. When you find Jack, appreciate that it contributes to the overall beauty of the "Temagami Experience" by adding trees to places that the other pines won't tolerate.

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2017 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Council passed the 2017 municipal budget in late April. This was later than originally anticipated, but there were a number of challenges to overcome. As always, there are limited resources to allocate to competing demands.

Challenges this year included a decrease in total assessment – largely due to a significant decrease in the assessed value of Provincial properties on which the Province makes Payments in Lieu of taxes – and a 5% decrease (\$44,800) in Provincial funding paid to the Municipality through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

Major capital expenditures this year include investment in some new equipment. A new grader and plow truck will replace the worn out ones in the public works fleet. The Temagami Fire Department will replace the 1990 pumper truck with a new, smaller truck that can be driven with a G licence. Other major projects include the refurbishing of the Temagami Tower, Lake Temagami Access Road repairs, a new financial system, water and wastewater projects, and landfill site acquisition. The tower refurbishment and water system projects are partially funding through Provincial grants.

The tax levy increase this year is 3.0%. This means an increase in the residential tax rate of 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The increase is partially offset by a slight decrease in the education taxes that are set by the Province and levied on behalf of the school boards. How this will impact individual tax bills will depend largely on your property assessment.

Your assessment may have gone up or down from last year, since the 2016 round of MPAC assessments will be reflected for the first time on your 2017 tax bill. Area rated charges (water, sewer, grinder, garbage collection) that are billed on the property tax bill to property owners on municipal services have also been increased as a result of increased costs to provide these services.

The detailed budget presentation is available on the municipal website www.temagami.ca in the April 18, 2017 Special Council Package. It includes sample tax bills that show the impact of the assessment and levy changes on selected properties from various neighbourhoods. Final tax bills are usually mailed out in July.

NEW FITNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT

The Municipality's Fitness Centre now sports a new multi-stack weight, strength training system. This new equipment supplements the existing large equipment: two treadmills, two elliptical machines, and one recumbent bike. There are also various other free weights and cardio equipment such as steps and stability balls available there.

The Centre is located in the Family Health Team building on O'Connor Drive. It was developed in 2013 through collaboration between the Municipality and the Temagami Family Health Team, with funding

from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport. Members have 24/7 access to the facility with programmed tokens. The centre is equipped with motion-sensored video surveillance for member and facility protection.

Membership fees over the past few years generated enough revenue to purchase the strength training system. Memberships can be purchased through the Family Health Team.

CHANGES TO PORTFOLIOS

The Municipality's Procedure By-law (the by-law that governs how Council business is conducted) requires that the appointments of members of Council to committees and boards, made at the beginning of the term, be reviewed after two years. The review is to determine if the appointments, including appointments to Standing Advisory Committees, commonly known as Council Portfolios, are working in the best interest of the Municipality and to change portfolios if there is cause to do so. As a result of a review, there were some changes and the portfolios are now as follows:

- General Government and Finance Advisory Committee – Ron Prefasi
- Public Works and Water Advisory Committee – Brian Koski
- Protection to Persons and Property Advisory Committee – Dan O'Mara
- Parks and Recreation Advisory and Service Committee – Ron Prefasi
- Economic Development Advisory Committee – John Harding
- Planning Advisory Committee – Debby Burrows
- Social Services Committee – Carol Lowery.

The Mayor remains appointed as an ex-officio member of all committees and local boards, except where legislation or the governing by-laws provide otherwise.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer on a committee, please contact the municipal office, or the Council Member for more details.

THANKS TO GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS

The beautiful municipal gardens surrounding the Welcome Centre, at the Train Station, under the Tower, and in front of the grocery store have, for many years, bloomed under the care of our dedicated Gardening Enthusiasts.

They cleverly planned each mix of annuals and perennials to present a continuous bloom from spring to fall. From preparing and planting each spring, to watering and weeding throughout the summer months, these volunteers have put a lot of work into providing these lovely displays of flowers and greenery.

Unfortunately, due to "conflicting commitments and health issues that make it too difficult to continue" Judy Gouin and Sally Middleton have decided to hand their trowels off to someone else.



We thank them very much for sharing their talents and their energies in this service to our community.

CELEBRATING CANADA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY



2017 is Canada's 150th Birthday and we will be joining in to make this birthday a special celebration. The Municipality of Temagami has traditionally celebrated Canada's birthday on July 1st with a family fun-filled day culminating in a spectacular fireworks show. This year we are planning to enhance the event to commemorate Canada's sesquicentennial.

An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to assist municipal staff in planning, organizing and running the 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

Please visit the municipality's website www.temagami.ca for more details, or look for flyers at local merchants. We hope that as many people as possible will join us on July 1st to celebrate!

SPOONER AND BUSY BEE FOR SALE

Two vacant properties, now owned by the Municipality, have been listed for sale with a local real estate agent. They are the former Busy Bee restaurant building, located on Highway 11 in downtown Temagami, and the Spooner Building next to it. The Spooner Building has three potential retail units on the lower floor and four potential apartments on the upper floor. Both of these buildings are currently vacant. For more information on the properties, including building condition and list prices, please contact the agent, Barry Graham at (705) 472-2980.

RETIREMENT WISHES

We extend our best wishes for a happy retirement to Shelly Rowland, who retired in April as CEO and Librarian of the Temagami Public Library. Shelly was with the library since 2003 and will be missed. We understand that she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, especially her grandchildren. The Temagami Public Library Board is in the process of filling the position.

TRIAL OF TELEPHONE DELEGATIONS

Would you like to make an unregistered presentation to Council, but are unable to attend a council meeting in person? Council has decided to hear delegations by telephone, on a trial basis until the end of June. During each regular meeting there are 15 minutes in total allowed for unregistered delegations, with a maximum of 5 minutes each. Priority is given to those persons who have not previously been heard as unregistered delegations. During

the trial period, those present at the meeting will be heard first then, if time allows, phone delegations will be heard.

To use this option, interested persons must phone the municipal office no earlier than the business day before the council meeting and no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the council meeting and speak with the Municipal Clerk or designate. The Clerk will take the person's name and contact information and ensure that he or she is aware of the rules for presentations.

If time allows, the Clerk will phone that person from the council chambers so Council can hear his or her presentation.

Please note that the delegation opportunity is not intended as a question and answer period. Also, presenters should not expect Council to make a decision on the matter at the time of their presentations. Council may, however, choose to discuss or refer the matter during the new business section of that council meeting.

MOECC ACTION PLAN

As explained in the Winter 2017 edition of the Temagami Times, the Municipality has published the draft action plan as submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC). This plan was prepared and submitted to the MOECC to address orders that had been issued for the Briggs and Strathy landfill sites and the Lake Temagami Access Point transfer station.

The draft plan contained some measures that had already been put in place, such as more frequent covering at the landfills, as well as some potential measures that may be required in the future, if the initial measures do not reduce the nuisance bear issues.

The MOECC reviewed the draft action plan and was sufficiently satisfied with the submission that they decided to revoke the orders. The draft plan is available with a covering letter of explanation on the municipal website and at the municipal office.

JUNE IS SENIORS' MONTH

The Municipality of Temagami has joined with the Province in proclaiming June as Seniors' Month. We encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORTS

Please take notice that the Ontario Clean Water Agency has prepared an 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 Drinking-Water Systems Regulation (O. Reg. 170/03), made under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002. The reports are available for viewing on our website at www.temagami.ca/blog and at the Municipal Office during normal business hours. You may get a copy at no charge upon request.

ANNUAL MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Don't forget to submit your nomination for our annual Municipal Awards program. Each year Council chooses the recipients of the Citizen of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Awards based on nominations received from the people of Temagami.

Nominations can be submitted electronically or in paper format, but must be received by June 26, 2017. More details are available on our website at www.temagami.ca/awards or from the Municipal Office. The awards will be presented at a council meeting in the summer.

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BE SAFE AND FIRE SMART!

Being fire smart is more than just being careful with campfires and other intentional combustion, such as barbecues and burn barrels (although those are important). Being fire smart is protecting your property as much as possible from the threat of any fire.

Precautionary measures can be as simple as:

- keeping your roof and gutters clear from dead leaves, needles and other debris that can be ignited by wind-blown firebrands. Other susceptible areas are underneath open decks used for storage. Consider enclosing these areas.
- keeping the first 3-to-5 feet around the base of the house and any out-buildings completely free of any fuel for a fire;
- removing dead and downed trees near your home or cottage;
- locating your woodpile a safe distance from your residence and other structures;
- making sure each season that your chimney is clean and clear before using your indoor fireplace or woodstove;
- installing a spark arrestor screen on your chimney;
- ensuring power lines are clear of tree limbs;
- using fire resistant or non-flammable materials in renovations and new building construction as much as possible; and

- keeping basic fire-smart tools such as shovels, rakes, garden hose/sprinkler (water pail) readily available in case a fire does start.

Being fire smart does NOT mean that you have to remove all the vegetation surrounding your residence. It's easy to understand why tall grasses or evergreen shrubs near the house are risky – when ignited, they could put hot flames directly against the siding and eaves. However, other materials can ignite when dry and should also be kept away from buildings.

Things such as leaves, pine needles, woodpiles, and organic landscaping mulch can host a smoldering fire long after the main fire has completely passed. In fact, a high percentage of homes lost to wildfire ignite well after the most intense portions of the wildfire have passed.

An array of information can be found on the internet. Using key search words "Ontario" & "FireSmart" will provide links to articles on FireSmart Landscaping and to the Home Owner's FireSmart manual.



Fire Safety Reminders

(for homes, cottages, cabins, motorhomes, houseboats, etc.)

- ⇒ Test smoke alarms at least monthly or each time you return to your seasonal home. Pack a new smoke alarm and extra smoke alarm batteries in case they need replacement.
- ⇒ Install and ensure working carbon monoxide alarms in your home or cottage, if it has a fuel-burning appliance.
- ⇒ Develop and practice a home fire escape plan to ensure everyone knows what to do if the Carbon monoxide or smoke alarm sounds.

See more at: <http://www.oafc.on.ca/spring-summer-fire-safety-tips>

BARBEQUE SAFELY

It's barbeque season. For some of us the barbeque season starts with the disappearance of snow from the backyard, while for others it's already in full swing. Regardless of when you started, here are some safety tips for barbequing:

- ✓ All barbeque grills must only be used outdoors — using grills indoors or in enclosed spaces is not only a fire hazard, but it exposes occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.
- ✓ Always position the grill well away from the house, from the tent, or from anything that can easily catch fire.
- ✓ Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.
- ✓ Never leave a lit grill unattended.
- ✓ Always use long-handled grilling utensils and heat resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure burns from heat and flames.
- ✓ Periodically remove grease build-up in catch trays to prevent it from igniting.
- ✓ Keep a garden hose nearby, connected and ready for use in case of a fire.
- ✓ For those using briquettes, douse hot coals with plenty of water before disposing of them. Never put them inside plastic, paper or wooden trash bins or containers.



The Shoreline Activity Area: Balancing the Environment with Development

By Karen Beauchamp, MCIP, RPP, CMO



Artist: Hugh McKenzie, Temagami

While we all agree that these goals are desirable, how do we go about achieving them? There are policies in the “Official Plan” and “Zoning By-law” that regulate what activities and construction can take place on private land in the shoreline area. These policies related to vegetative buffers, trails, viewing and ventilation corridors, and “Shoreline Activity Areas” (SAAs), and are summarized below.

VEGETATIVE BUFFERS:

It is a goal of the Municipality to preserve shorelines, and the area between the shoreline and any buildings (or the shoreline and the 15-m / 50' setback) – whichever is greater – in their natural states and as a vegetative buffer. This functions to screen the view of buildings and structures on the property from the water, and helps to mitigate the potential negative impact of property development on fish habitat, fish spawning areas, water quality, and other aquatic features.

The principle of development in the vegetative buffer is minimal disturbance of grass, shrubs, bushes, and trees, and rehabilitation of vegetation where it has been disturbed. Limited disturbances that are permitted include trails, viewing and ventilation corridors, shoreline structures, and the removal of trees for safety reasons.

TRAILS:

The “Official Plan” permits owners to have a pathway from the shoreline to the cottage that is to be no wider than 2 m (6.5'), constructed of permeable materials, and that meanders around trees that are larger than 10 cm (4") at a point that is 2 m (6.5') above the ground. The trail can be cleared of shrubs and branches that encroach onto the trail to a height of 3 m (9.8').

VIEWING AND VENTILATION CORRIDORS:

A “viewing and ventilation corridor” is a clearing between the shoreline and a private cottage to provide a view of the lake and ventilation to the cottage. The “Official Plan” requires that the corridor be no wider than 6 m (19.6'). It also allows for the removal of trees that are 10 cm (4") or less at a point that is 2 m (6.5') above the ground, and the trimming of the branches of larger trees to a height of 3 m (9.8'), but does not permit the removal of shrubs or grasses. It encourages the trail to be situated in the corridor, and the corridor to be on an angle rather than directly in front of the cottage. Ventilation clearing around buildings is restricted to 3 m (9.8').

SHORELINE ACTIVITY AREAS (SAAS):

The “Shoreline Activity Area” (SAA) is a portion of a shoreline frontage of a property that is located within 15 m (50') of the high-water mark. This is where accessory shoreline structures such as boathouses, docks, pump houses, saunas, gazebos, and decks are permitted, as well as access to the water for activities such as swimming and boating.

The “Official Plan” and “Zoning By-law” policies limit the size and location of shoreline structures. The SAA is calculated by multiplying the shoreline frontage by 15 m. On residential lots, the maximum area of all structures within this zone must be the lesser of 10% of the SAA or 100 m² (1076 ft²). So, whether you have a 0.4-ha (1-acre) island or a 4-ha (10-acre) island, the maximum coverage permitted is 100 m² (1076 ft²).

The MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI’s “Official Plan” sets out land-use goals for the Lake Temagami Neighbourhood as follows:

- Preserve the natural environment of Lake Temagami, while permitting some development.
- Sustainably conserve the wilderness and semi-wilderness values of the Neighbourhood.
- Maintain shoreline character and appearance, and minimize the visual impact of development.
- Protect riparian and littoral zones, and associated fish and wildlife habitats.
- Maintain high water-quality, and prevent phosphorous loading.
- Ensure that the character of existing development is reflected in new development.

The one exception to this rule is that if your property is 0.8 ha (2 acres) or greater, and you wish to have a dry-land boathouse, you can cover another 60 m² (645 ft²) of the SAA with structures.

If you were looking down at a property from an airplane, what buildings and structures are located between the shoreline and 15 m inland, and how much land area do they cover? The “Zoning By-law” explains that the calculation of lot coverage shall include all buildings above ground level, enclosed and unenclosed decks, porches, and platforms and buildings – including those with less than 10 m² (107 ft²) of ground-floor area. Even though you might not require a building permit for an 8' x 10' shed, or stairs to the lake, they are included in the SAA coverage calculation.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The Municipality implements the above policies through “Site Plan Control”, “Zoning By-law Amendments”, and “Minor Variances”, as well as “Building Permits”. If you are planning any construction on your property, it is a good idea to engage in early consultations with municipal planning and building department staff to ensure that your project meets the requirements of the “Official Plan” and “Zoning By-law”, as well as other applicable legislation.

For further information, you may e-mail me at karen@clearwaterplanning.ca, or contact me by phone at 705-569-3830.

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- Samples must be dropped off by 10:00am and will be delivered to the lab for you.
- Samples are tested for total coliforms and E.coli bacteria

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 TLA within 12 hours.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the results of your drinking water samples, please call the Timiskaming Health Unit in New Liskeard at 1-866-747-4305, and speak to a Public Health Inspector.

REMEMBER:

- Lake water may look, smell and taste clean, but any surface water is subject to contamination.
- Your 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 Community Market 2017

By Dianne Laronde, Manager

The Temagami Community Market is embarking on another summer of exciting new products handcrafted by many local and area vendors. There are also fresh vegetables, pies, and other delectable items (supplied by Brubacher Farms in New Liskeard), maple syrup, home-baked butter tarts, fresh-baked breads, and so much more!

Another attraction at the Market is the growing number of talented musicians who come out to entertain and have their music showcased in a very enjoyable environment. We are always interested in new vendors who would like to come to the Market – either for the entire summer or for one or two Saturdays. In addition, if you (or anyone you know) is musically gifted, the Market is a great place to share your talent.

As this year is the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation, we would like to invite everyone to come out to our Canada Day birthday celebrations and share some delicious homemade birthday cake provided by Debbie Roy. The Temagami Chamber of Commerce will also be hosting a pancake breakfast at the Market, and we look forward to having many patrons visit us to enjoy this great culinary fare.

The summer of 2017 will also be the Market's 9th year of operation, and again we anticipate seeing old friends and welcoming new faces. The Market has

always been a local event that draws patrons, vendors, and musicians from miles around, and has grown to become a popular tradition for Temagami.

The TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION is generously supporting our initiatives this year through the purchase of a 10' x 20' marquis tent. We extend our thanks and appreciation to them.

Also, the MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI has given the Market a grant to assist with remuneration to our first-class musicians. This contribution is in addition to land usage, insurance coverage, administration, public-works assistance, and parks and recreation support. We would also like to recognize the TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for their grant to help with advertising and operating expenses. Our heartfelt thanks!!

The Market is open on Saturdays from July 1, 2017 to September 2, 2017 – from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Train Station Parking Lot. We look forward to seeing all of our vendors and patrons again for another vibrant, exciting summer.

Be sure to join us on Saturday July 1st for Canada's 150th birthday, and enjoy some birthday cake!!



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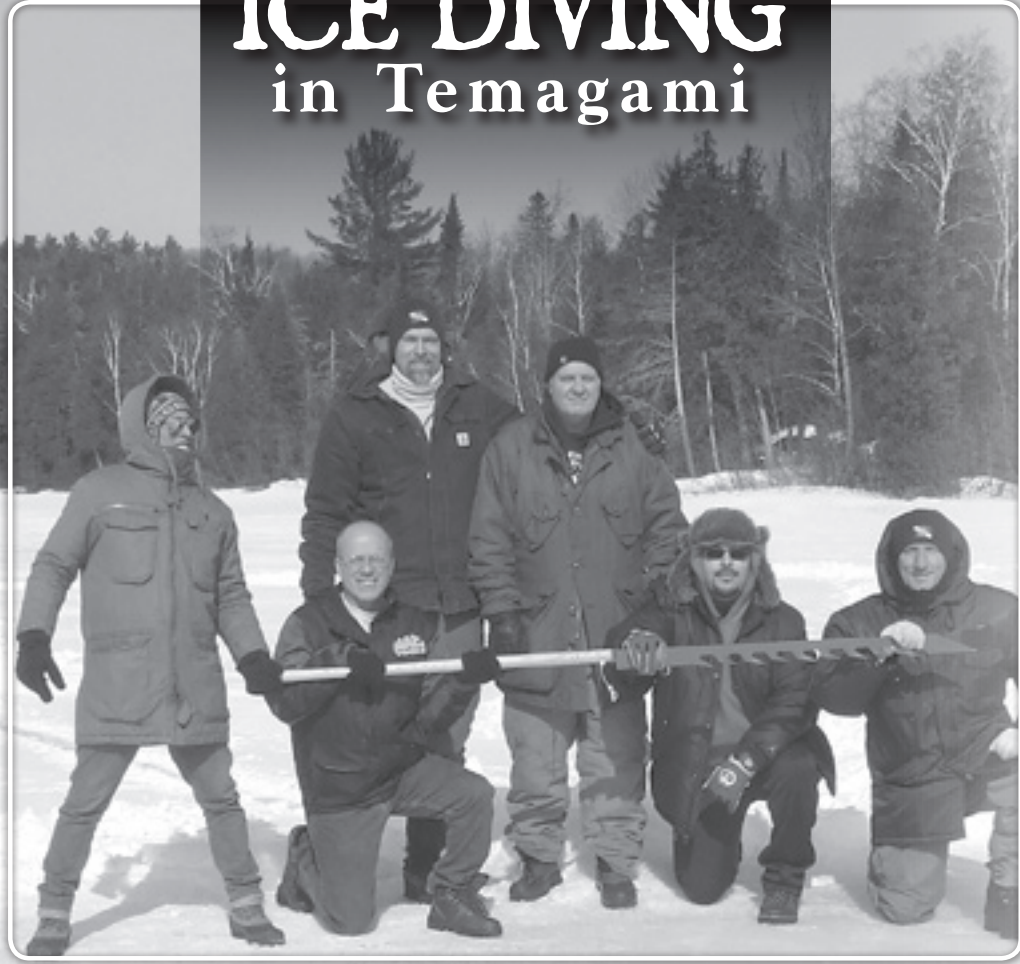


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ICE DIVING in Temagami



The First Group of Ice Divers (photo credit: Steve Simpson)

by Steve Simpson

From March 10th to 15th, during a very cold, deep freeze, two groups of intrepid SCUBA divers took the plunge into the water and under the ice for some ice-diving fun. They came all the way from Toronto and Minden in Ontario, and Grand Island and Delaware in the USA. Warm weather down south made ice conditions unsafe for ice diving, which resulted in other courses being cancelled – so, the ice-diving course already scheduled with UDT Diving of Temagami was expanded to accommodate some of the disappointed divers. Hurray for the north again!

UDT Diving recently opened for business after re-locating from the Toronto area. Steve Simpson, the

owner and head instructor, is one of the highest-rated instructors in Canada, and teaches most courses available from industry agencies such as SDI/TDI (SCUBA Diving International / Technical Diving International), PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors), NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors), and IANTD (International Association of Nitrox and Technical Divers). Steve, a retired army Special Forces officer, has a passion for teaching SCUBA diving. With 35 years of instructing – from basic open-water (beginner) to instructor courses – there’s not much that he can’t teach. Steve is new to the area, but his partner, Roxanne St. Germain, grew up on Lake Temagami and is happy to be back home.

Students arrived at the diving facility on the Friday night, where they completed paperwork and a brief course overview, followed by stories of ice diving and other adventures. Then it was off to bed, with some of the students staying at the accommodations provided on site at UDT.

Lectures began the next day, followed closely by learning, hands on, how to cut an entry hole in the ice. The UDT traditional chili lunch, prepared by Roxanne, was then enjoyed by all. Next up, gear configuration was taught, put into practice, and then double checked. Rope management and diver-tender signals training and drills rounded out the day. The evening was all about comradery and friendship, diving stories, and enjoying the old TV series from the 1960s, Sea Hunt (starring Lloyd Bridges).

In the morning, after re-opening the frozen hole, it was time for a final briefing for the divers, and under the ice they went! Each student had to complete two dives to receive a certification as an “Ice Diver”. The students had such a great time while completing the course and being in the beautiful Temagami area, that they have all signed up for more courses (and four of them have booked their family vacations here for this summer).

UDT Diving Inc. is located on Net Lake, just north of the town of Temagami. It is a full-service diving operation and offers air fills, nitrox and tri-mix gas blending, course and gear consulting, and a wide range of equipment for students and patrons. For more information, or to sign up for courses, please contact Steve at 705-569-4503, udt@rogers.com, or udtdiving.com. A “Basic Open-Water SCUBA” course will be scheduled soon. I hope to see you there!



Instructor Steve Simpson Goes Under the Ice (photo credit: Steve Simpson)

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Activities 2017

By Lion Ike Laba

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If you are a civic-minded individual and would like to help the whole community, then please consider the TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB. Club members welcome you to attend a couple of meetings to learn about the benefits that we provide to the community. We would appreciate your interest and participation, and hope that you will consider joining our Club soon. For more information, contact any Lions member or call Ike Laba, President, at 705-569-3252.



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Return of the Peregrine

By Jim Norton

I love environmental success stories – partly because they are so rare, and partly because they show how a few people with strong convictions can make positive differences in the world. One example of this is Rachel Carson's work many years ago to expose the dangers of pesticides to birds, people, and the rest of the natural world. Her tireless efforts led to the banning of dangerous pesticides such as DDT that were putting many birds on the endangered species list because these chemicals were weakening the shells of their eggs.

So, I was overjoyed last summer to see Peregrine Falcons return for the first time in many decades to

the part of Lake Temagami near our family cottage. Peregrines were one of the bird species which were affected most negatively by the pesticides that Carson warned about, and it has taken a long time for them to recover and return to their former ranges.

I first noticed the return of the Peregrine indirectly from the abrupt decline in the sound of seagulls on the small, rocky islands around this part of the Lake. Gulls usually compete with loons as one of the most distinctive calls near our cottage. The mystery revealed itself a few days later as I noticed a Peregrine shoot like a rocket out of the sky to attack a gull in mid-air between our island and a neighbour's. The gull survived, but I knew it was lucky.

Peregrines are among the most agile of all bird species and can move as fast, or faster, than any other animal. They catch other birds on the wing by grabbing them in mid-air, or clubbing them with their claws and then retrieving their prey as they fall. I'm sure that the seagull nestlings – helpless little balls of feathers on small, rocky islands – were easy prey, and perhaps served as practice lessons for the newly-fledged Peregrines as they left their nests on a rocky cliff by the edge of the Lake.



Adult Peregrine Falcon in Flight (photo credit: Mike Baird)

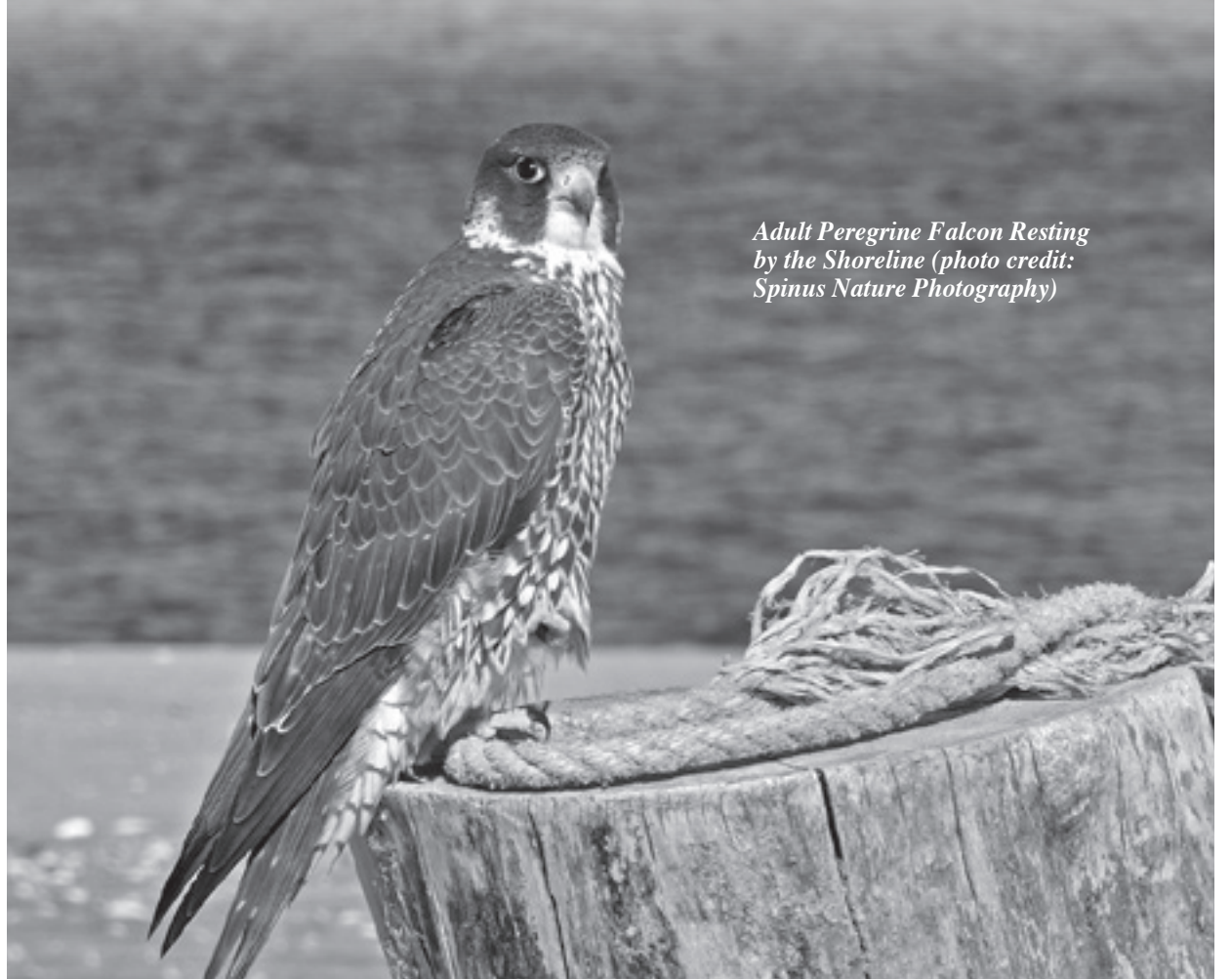
The return of the Peregrine reminds me of some other environmental success stories. Clean-air laws some years ago resulted in drastic reductions in toxic air pollution across the US and Canada. I remember as a child and young adult that there were warning signs to not eat too many fish from Lake Temagami because pollution travelling by air from the huge smelter in nearby Sudbury (and other sources) had become concentrated in various fish species. Fortunately, the fish are now healthier to eat, and the massive quantities of air pollution that were tolerated in the past would not be permitted

now.

Another example of an environmental success story is the international effort to protect the ozone layer above the Earth that screens out harmful, cancer-causing ultraviolet radiation. The use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) was depleting the ozone and producing holes in this layer, resulting in an increase in skin cancers. Thanks to international cooperation, however, CFCs are now banned and the ozone layer is slowly recovering.

Unfortunately, there are many other environmental challenges that will be more difficult to resolve. Perhaps the most important of these is climate change, which is likely already causing Lake Temagami to freeze later in the winter and break up earlier in the spring. Addressing climate change will take more international cooperation to bring about a significant shift away from the use of fossil fuels (oil, gas, and coal), and to replace these with clean and renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar. Improving energy efficiency is also key.

Hopefully, these environmental success stories will show the way for more progress to be made so that the values we hold dear on Lake Temagami, and other precious places on the planet, will be protected for present and future generations to enjoy.



Adult Peregrine Falcon Resting by the Shoreline (photo credit: Spinus Nature Photography)



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Late Winter Property Patrol Report

By Peter Healy

Our winter property patroller, Dan O'Mara, completed his visits to 127 properties from the last two weeks of March to April 7. It took a long time due to the variable conditions of melting and freezing on the ice surface. As a snowmobile is the mode of transportation for a patroller, adequate snow cover is needed on the Lake ice surface to lubricate the machine's plastic sliders so that they don't heat up and stop working.

Throughout the last week of patrolling, obvious signs of ice melt could be seen along the shorelines and shoals as the sun heated the rocks below. These observations seem to indicate an earlier-than-usual break-up of the ice cover.

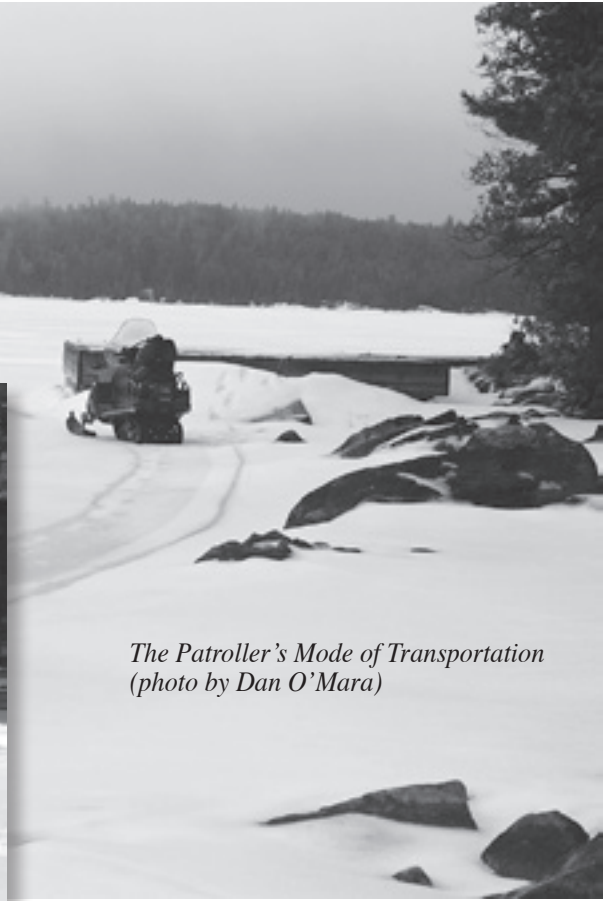
During this past winter, the ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE were also doing some inspections on the Lake using snowmobiles and aircraft.

Overall, no significant issues were found during the inspection period – other than a few snowmobile trails leading to some properties that were left behind by contractors, guests, or people delivering wood. A few window/door shutters were displaced, but this appeared to be a result of weather-related issues.

Little other activity was observed on the Lake, aside from some tracks along shorelines, which were probably left behind by hunters. It was an extremely quiet time of year.




Property Patrols on A Bright Sunny Day (photo by Dan O'Mara)



The Patroller's Mode of Transportation (photo by Dan O'Mara)




Spring Ice Conditions Were Encountered During Some Property Patrols (photo by Dan O'Mara)



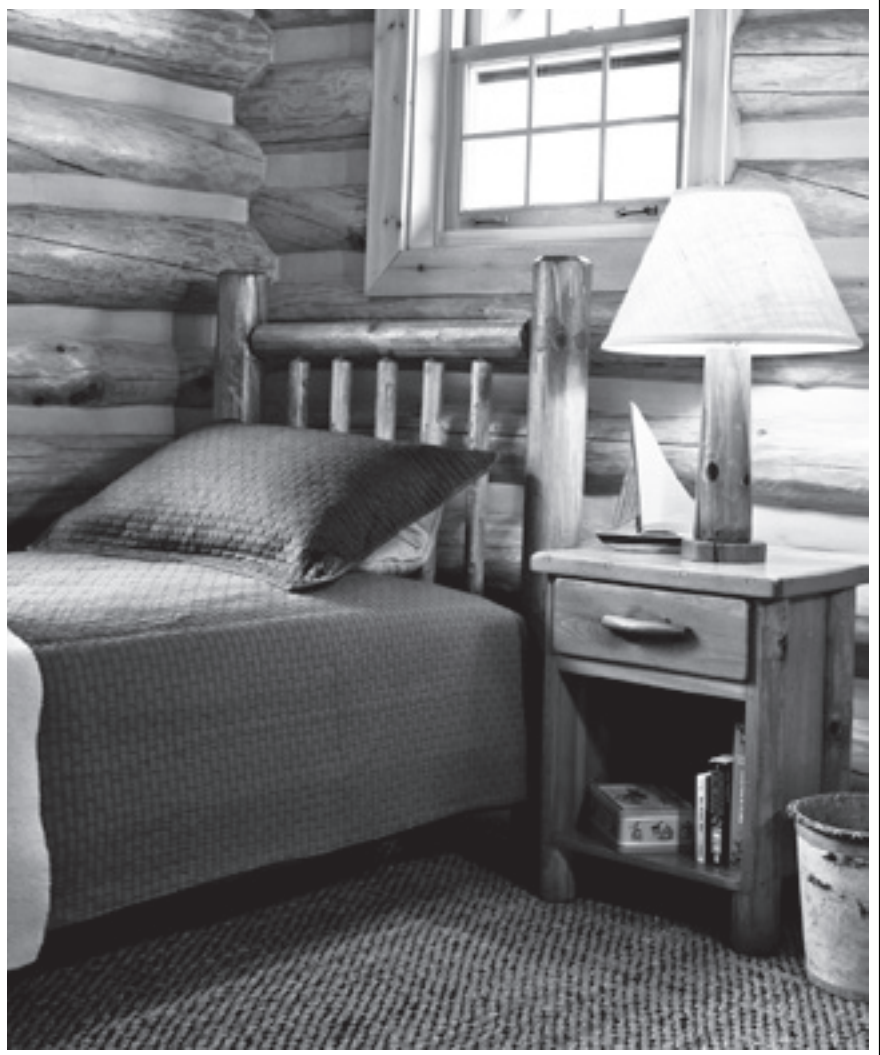

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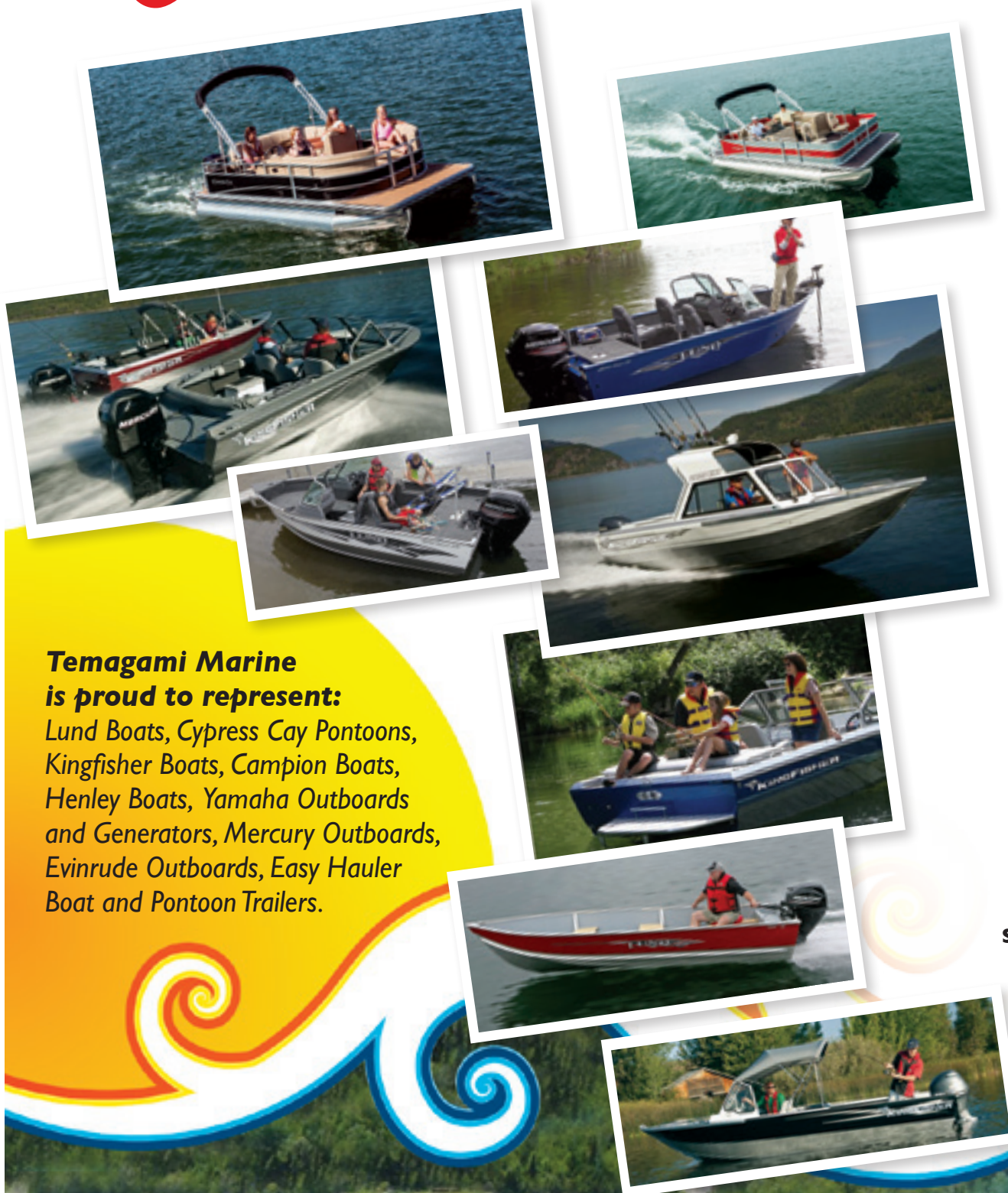


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