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NEW TERAS INITIATIVE: Probing Lake Temagami’s Water-Quality History With Paleolimnology

By Murray Richardson and Tim Richardson

In 2018, the TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS) program hopes to undertake a new study to understand how ecological and water-quality conditions have changed over the past century in response to human impacts such as cottage development, acid rain, and, most recently, climate change.

While the ongoing water-quality monitoring

activities by TERAS are important for documenting contemporary ecological changes that occur in the Lake, they are somewhat limited by the relatively short length of the currently-available historical record. Thankfully there is a well-tested method for reconstructing past water-quality conditions in lakes. This technique, known as *paleolimnology*, involves collecting and analyzing sediments that have accumulated year after year on the Lake bottom, and form a convenient, chronological archive of its environmental history.

By carefully lowering a weighted, plastic tube to the bottom of the Lake and letting it sink into the sediments, a core sample of mud can be pulled up to the surface (held intact by suction) and transported carefully back to shore. The column of sediments is sliced into thin sections for subsequent lab analysis. Layers near the top of the core represent the most recently-accumulated sediments and contain numerous types of algae and other aquatic organisms that reflect contemporary water-quality conditions. Moving downwards into the deeper, well-preserved

layers of the core is like environmental time travel and allows scientists to reconstruct past water-quality conditions of the Lake.

Paleolimnology is now widely used by scientists around the world to help understand the extent to which humans are currently altering lakes compared to past, pristine conditions – prior to the industrial revolution when the atmosphere was relatively pollution-free. These studies are revealing rapid changes in lake conditions in recent years that are most commonly interpreted as resulting from the impacts of landscape disturbances such as shoreline development, forest harvesting, wildfires, and climate change. For Lake Temagami, the goal is to gain a better understanding of any past or current trends in lake-water quality due to human impacts.

Although annual nutrient testing by the TLA has not revealed any cause for concern in relation to phosphorous levels, there is anecdotal evidence of decreasing water clarity, increasing growth of filamentous algae on shorelines and

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President’s Letter

Dear TLA Members:

As I write this, the days are getting perceptibly longer, which has me thinking about the change in seasons and the upcoming summer in Temagami. July and August are really not that far off, and one of my favorite things to do is figure out how to maximize my time on the Lake.

With all that said, there’s been a lot happening with the TLA since close up in the fall. During the past summer, the Temagami Municipal Council formed the “Lake Temagami Access Point Plan” (LTAPP). One of our directors, Allan Eustis, has been attending the related meetings as the TLA representative, and he has an important article in this issue. The committee has made recommendations regarding the Mine Landing, which will have an impact on how people enter and exit the Lake.

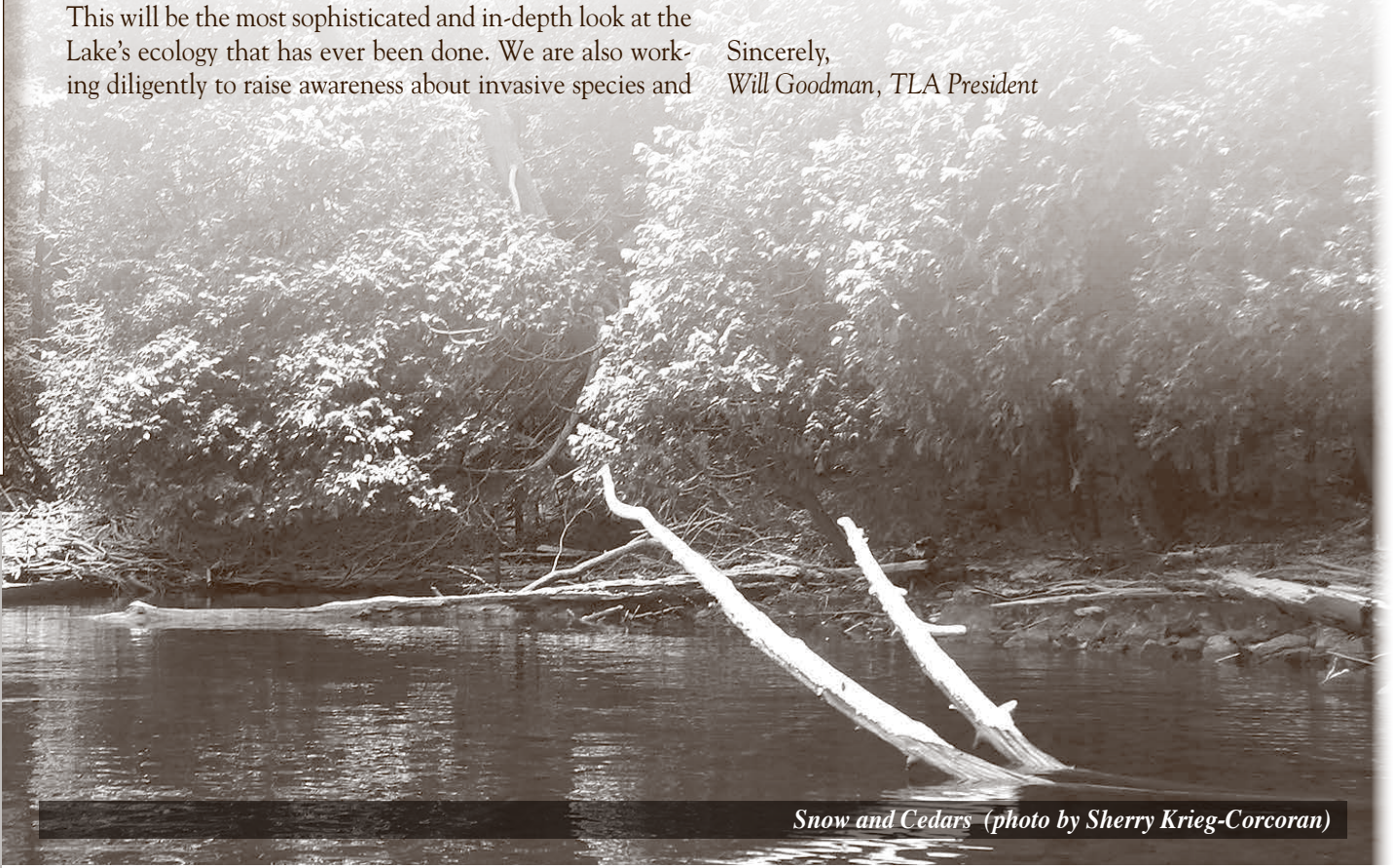
On the environmental front, TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS) is looking at a new project to take core samples from the Lake bottom to learn more about human impacts on the local environment. This will be the most sophisticated and in-depth look at the Lake’s ecology that has ever been done. We are also working diligently to raise awareness about invasive species and

their threats to Lake Temagami. Amelia Brooker has taken the lead on this and is researching solutions. Proposals are being made to have local, boat-washing stations in order to prevent significant problems from the spread of invasive species. Similar efforts are occurring around Ontario.

On the horizon is, perhaps, the biggest issue to affect all of us – that is the re-opening of the “Official Plan” for Lake Temagami. It is scheduled for 2018, and we encourage input from all of you so that we can speak as one voice. Furthermore, there are Municipal elections this year and we will be interviewing the candidates to understand their positions on the plan and development issues around the Lake. It will be critical that all members who are legally entitled to vote, cast their ballots. Our voices need to be heard!

Finally, we are in need of volunteers for a variety of activities during the summer. I have been somewhat guilty about doing outreach in this regard. Please let me or any of the other Directors know if you would like to be involved, and we will be happy to direct you to an existing committee or to even start a new one.

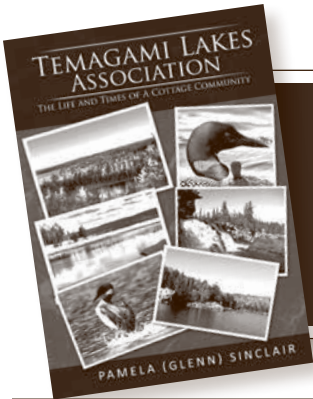
Sincerely,
Will Goodman, TLA President



Snow and Cedars (photo by Sherry Krieg-Corcoran)

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SKYLINE RESERVE

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

The two reserves would be the following:

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

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



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

ROAD ACCESS

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

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rocks, and significant declines in the crayfish population. Currently, it is not clear what factors are driving these changes. If you have made similar or other anecdotal observations of environmental changes in Lake Temagami, please e-mail them to the TLA to help support and direct future scientific activities by TERAS.

In addition to continuing the important and evolving annual, water-quality-monitoring program, TERAS will undertake sediment coring on the ice-free Lake later this year, with the help of volunteers. Analysis of the sediment core will require

the paid services of a paleolimnology research laboratory at CARLETON UNIVERSITY. We encourage members of all areas of the Lake who are interested in the long-term health of Lake Temagami to contribute to TERAS in support of these efforts. As explained in the recent TLA annual membership letter, donations are tax deductible. Once community interest, ideas, and resources grow, TERAS will undertake other scientific studies and ongoing environmental stewardship of this very special Lake.

“Lake Temagami Access Point Plan” Committee Recommendations Update

By Allan C. Eustis, TLA Board Member

Recent History:

As reported in the fall edition of the *Temagami Times*, in July 2017, the Temagami Municipal Council formed the Ad Hoc “Lake Temagami Access Point Plan” (LTAPP) Committee to review the 2007 “Temagami Access Point Project Plan” and, where appropriate, to provide recommendations for updates to the full Council in early February 2018. As a TLA Board member, I participated in monthly public meetings of the LTAPP. Chaired by Town Councillor, Ron Prefasi, additional stakeholder representatives on the committee included Mayor Hunter (ex officio), Councillor Dan O’Mara, as well as representatives for local contractors, commercial operators, and the LAKE TEMAGAMI PERMANENT RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION (LaTemPRA). The Committee also sought input from the TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION, MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY (MNRF), youth camps, visitors, and other community individuals. Pertinent access point issues for the Ad Hoc Committee to review included: dockage at the Manitou, Access Point, and contractor landings; contractor material storage; garbage and recycling locations; vehicle parking; user fees; road signage; and, buildings – including the status of the TLA Building lease.

Last fall, TLA Executive Secretary, Peter Healy, received a 5-year renewal of the current “Land Use Permit” (LUP) for the TLA Building from the MNRF. At a minimum, the TLA Board viewed the extension beyond 2018 as necessary for several practical reasons, including insurance liability. In addition, in the most recent membership survey, over 50% of TLA members who responded felt very strongly about a physical presence for the TLA on the Lake, and 40% felt somewhat strongly. Less than 5% felt that a presence was not important. The Board signed the LUP renewal from the MNRF (which will be valid until 2023).

LTAPP Recommendations and Public Comments:

In January 2018, Councillor Prefasi compiled (and subsequently delivered in early February), 69 LTAPP recommendations and an executive summary to the Municipal Council. The LTAPP report included input from an internet survey on the “Temagami Lake Access Point Plan Group” Facebook page (<http://bit.ly/2BPx0SI>), and over 40 public comments which helped inform several recommendations. Given the fall 2017 renewal of the TLA’s “Land Use Permit”, the report “set aside the consideration of constructing a joint building with the Temagami Lakes Association.” Councillor Prefasi “recommended for future possibility” that the Municipality pursue funding and keep reserves for “a multi-purpose building with meeting spaces, washrooms, and parking-personnel office space” at the Access Point.

With further validation from public comments, the LTAPP Committee recommended



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that the Municipality: develop “fair and equitable” parking fees at the landings for contractors, Lake residents, and visitors; “enhance the Municipality’s ability to enforce parking”; “carve out additional parking lots and/or expand lots to meet present and future demands”; and, “aggressively pursue cell service and internet service for the Access Point for convenience and safety issues.” Public comments included in the Appendix to the LTAPP report also urged consideration of plans for boat-launching fees and boat-washing facilities. The complete LTAPP recommendations, charter, and various work products will be posted on the TLA website.

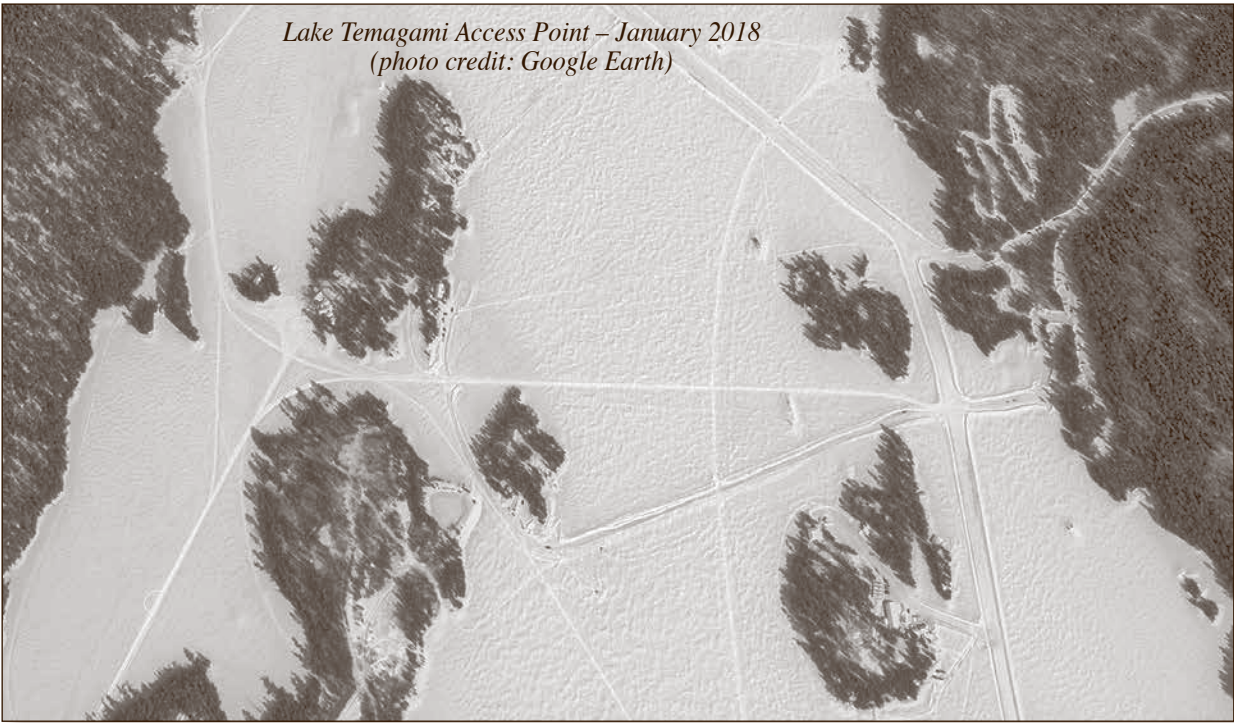
Next Steps:

Once the recommendations were submitted in February, the LTAPP Ad Hoc Committee disbanded. In the coming months, the Municipal Council can vote to act favorably on none, some, or all of the LTAPP recommendations. At the final meeting of the Committee in late January, representatives of the MNRF attended at the behest

of Councillor Prefasi. They received a list of written questions to research, including why the TLA was granted an extension of its current LUP. The MNRF agreed to report back to Council at the Municipality’s March 2018 meeting.

The TLA Board will closely monitor subsequent developments to the recommendation report. Since the consequences of updates to the 2007 “Access Point Project Plan” directly affect TLA members, and indeed all Lake residents, the LTAPP Committee recommended that the Council establish a new Ad Hoc Committee to

guide the implementation of adopted recommendations, encourage further public comments, and to ensure outreach to all stakeholders on future changes at the Lake Temagami Access Point. The TLA Board will provide updates in the summer issue of the *Temagami Times*, as well as at the AGM in July.



Lake Temagami Access Point – January 2018
(photo credit: Google Earth)

TLA Business

WANTED:

Candidates for the TLA Board of Directors 2018

The Lake community needs good women and men who care about Lake Temagami to join the Board of Directors of the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA).

Qualifications Include:

- ✓ membership in the TLA;
- ✓ a desire to get involved in the activities of the Lake community; and,
- ✓ some time to put back into the organization we share.

Commitment: This is a three-year commitment, and includes one meeting per month (usually via telephone) and any committee work with which you can provide assistance.

Process: Each year, three (3) seats on the TLA Board of Directors come open for election. A sitting Director may run for re-election for only one (1) additional, full, three-year term. Nominations close on May 1 of each year. The election, if required, is completed by secret ballots that are mailed to voting TLA members, and the results are announced at the “Annual General Meeting” in July.

For Further Information: Contact Peter Healy at tla@onlink.net to discuss either the process or the commitment.

TLA Headquarters Building “OFFICE MANAGERS” Summer 2018

The TLA has summer employment opportunities for students in 2018. These positions pay **\$13.15/hour**.

We require **two office managers / radio operators**.

Ideal qualifications for these positions include:

- Junior or Senior high-school student who is planning to return 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;
- ability to learn to use various data-processing software when required; and,
- able to travel to the TLA Headquarters Building and be available for at least three (3) days-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.

Are Flashing Channel Marker Lights Too Bright?

By Peter Healy

Like me, do you find that flashing channel marker lights are so bright that at some angles they blind you, and for nearby properties they take away any opportunity for night-sky viewing?

These lights, as well as all red and green channel markers on the Lake, are maintained by a contract tendered and issued by the Municipality. Over the past two years, many of these lights have been replaced as older ones failed. The replacement lights must meet CANADIAN COAST GUARD standards. Unfortunately for some, the older incandescent lights are no longer available. Today’s replacement lights are LEDs, which are more efficient and use less energy to operate. All of this works to reduce the frequency of battery replacement and maintenance expenses. There are apparently no other options for this.

Unfortunately, like many things in life, progress comes with unforeseen costs.

Property Patrol Reports

By Peter Healy and Dan O’Mara

Fall 2017:

Property checks for TLA members were started in late October by Peter Healy and continued through mid-November by Dan O’Mara. As you likely heard, we had great weather throughout the fall season. While water levels were low (but in the normal range for this time of year) and the days short, we managed to access all 137 properties but one (which was due to the low water level in a bay).

Only a few minor issues were found (e.g., an open window, small trees that had fallen down). No break-ins were discovered during this round of cottage patrols. Unless I’ve contacted you already, all is well in your part of paradise. If you have not requested winter checks and wish us to visit your island during this time, please contact me as soon as possible.

January 2018:

The winter of 2018 began with an early freeze-up, and folks were able to move back and forth from the mainland to other areas of the Lake before Christmas.

Having the proper conditions to do the property checks was tricky this year. There was lots of ice, but during the first part of January, we faced very cold temperatures. Then there was a warming and melting interval, followed by a fast freeze and a huge snow storm. Property checks, however, began on January 13 and were completed on January 27.

Dan O’Mara reported that it was quiet on the Lake for the most part, and that he did not encounter anything noteworthy. He had some help from his neighbour, Pete Denne, who completed patrols in the North Arm. His son, Dan Jr., came along when completing the Northwest Arm. On the South Arm trip, he was able to coordinate with the O.P.P., and two officers rode along with him. They checked some other sites, while Dan checked TLA properties in the area.

No significant issues were reported during these rounds – other than a few smaller trees that had fallen down and some open boathouse doors (which upon further investigation had been left that way from contractors who were storing supplies for future jobs).

We will check your property next in late March, as conditions permit.

The TLA has an opening for the part-time position of “EXECUTIVE SECRETARY”.

A full job description can be found on page 9 of this issue of the *Temagami Times*.

TERAS Donations 2018

We would like to remind you about TERAS (Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship) – the charitable, Canadian, conservation organization that operates in the Temagami region. It is dedicated to identifying, researching, and educating people about current environmental challenges pertaining to Lake Temagami. Registration with the CANADA REVENUE AGENCY in the Spring of 2016 has allowed this group to be funded by tax-deductible donations from both Canadian and American supporters.

TERAS was envisioned as a response to increasing awareness and concern about climate change and, more specifically, its effect on Lake Temagami. To this end, it was created by the efforts of informed cottagers, scientists, and researchers on our Lake who understand the importance of collecting accurate environmental data over years and decades.

Donations and estate bequests to TERAS now qualify for charitable tax receipts. Canadian residents may make donations through their TLA “Membership Renewal Forms”, by sending cheques made out to “TERAS” to the TLA address, or online at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/temagami-environmental-research-and-stewardship.

Residents of the United States who wish to make financial contributions to TERAS should contact the TLA at tla@onlink.net for further details.

We acknowledge and would also like to extend our gratitude to anyone who has provided financial assistance for TERAS to date.

TLA Committee Members Needed in 2018

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:

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

To get involved and contribute to your association, contact us at: tla@onlink.net or 705-237-8927.

..... TLA Business

TERAS Call for Directors

By Tim Richardson

In the brief time in which it’s been in existence, TERAS 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 more Directors to join our ranks. 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.

We have taken over and expanded the water-quality research project which the TLA has sponsored over the past several 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.



Snowy Shoreline (photo by Sherry Krieg-Corcoran)

911 Numbers

By Peter Healy

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

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

New Mailing Address for the TLA

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

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

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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.

Invasive Species: Billboard Initiative

By Amelia Brooker

This summer, the TLA undertook several initiatives to promote awareness about invasive species. These activities included writing articles on this topic for the *Temagami Times*, collecting water samples for “Ontario’s Invasive Species Awareness Program”, intercepting Lake users at the boat launches and handing out flyers, speaking to local businesses, displaying awareness posters, and participating in conversations at the Temagami Community Market. The most interesting project, however, was the billboard initiative.

In May 2017, the TLA applied for a grant offered by the FEDERATION OF ONTARIO COTTAGERS’ ASSOCIATIONS (FOCA). In the application, the TLA requested funds to build a billboard to promote awareness about invasive species that would be erected at a location on the Lake Temagami Access Road. Because this is an important step toward slowing the spread of invasive species, we were relieved to have been approved for the majority of the funding needed to complete the project.

In the off-season, I live in an area where invasive species are a huge problem. In the Eastern Townships of Quebec, Eurasian water-milfoil (an aquatic plant native to Europe, Asia, and North Africa) has taken over many lakes. I have had the opportunity to volunteer for the EVER-BLUE MASSAWIPPI organization and have been shown the effects of “invasive spe-

cies take-over”. Ecosystems have trouble adjusting to invasive species, and when (and if) they finally do, they are no longer what they used to be. In response (albeit, too late), these Quebec lakes have been provided with educational signage and boat washing stations, and other activities have begun to help slow the spread of invasive species.

In this province, some travellers may have already noticed that the ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS has signage regarding invasive species at the intersection of Highways 11 and 64. These signs are an important first step while we wait for boat washing stations to be constructed. Currently, people are placing all sorts of unwashed vessels and gear into unprotected lakes. Most don’t realize how hazardous this can be to the integrity of Lake Temagami and its surrounding water bodies. The sign that we have created with FOCA’s help will surely help users to become more aware of the impact that they might have on the Lake.

The summer of 2018 will be fabulous, and we plan to continue being active in promoting awareness about invasive species. Canoe-tripping camps and TLA members have expressed an interest in providing some assistance. Are you interested in helping out, or do you have ideas on how to improve the initiative? In addition, where would you like to see the sign situated on the Access Road?

We would like your input into these decision-making processes. Please e-mail Amelia Brooker at amiebrooker@hotmail.com if you have any suggestions.

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Where Have All the Bats Gone?

By Susan H. Shane

During the late 1960s and throughout the 1970s, my Mom and I would float offshore from a beaver lodge at dusk, watching the tree-eaters work and slap their tails. As we drifted in our canoe, the air was filled with dozens of bats gobbling up mosquitoes and other insects. The bats were so abundant that it wasn't unusual for their wings to brush my hair as they chased prey around my head. It has been a couple of decades since I saw bats in those numbers on Lake Temagami, and I've wondered what became of them.

Most people have heard of white-nose syndrome (WNS) which has been killing bats in Canada since 2010 and in the U.S. since 2006. WNS is caused by a fungus which grows on bats' noses, ears, and wings while they are hibernating in groups in caves, mines, and wells (overwintering refuges called "hibernacula"). The fungus can remain viable for years in bat caves and on spelunkers' gear. WNS kills bats through a complicated set of effects which causes them to wake during winter months, use up their energy reserves, and starve. WNS is carried from bat to bat (and by humans) when they move from contaminated to non-contaminated hibernacula. WNS has been called the "most-devastating epizootic (wildlife epidemic) disease of mammals in history" by some scientists.

Four Ontario bat species were listed as "endangered" in 2014 due to WNS: *Myotis lucifugus* (little brown bat); *Myotis septentrionalis* (Northern long-eared bat); *Myotis leibii* (Eastern small-footed bat); and, *Perimyotis subfla-*

vus (tri-coloured bat). Although no one knows exactly how many bats of each species lived in Ontario before and after the advent of WNS, counts from hibernacula show that populations have declined 75-94%, depending on the species. Other threats to bats include human destruction of hibernacula, summer maternity roosts (females have one young/year and roost in groups during spring and summer), and feeding areas, as well as direct killing by humans and by wind turbines. All of these threats are now more significant, because so few bats have survived WNS.

Bats provide a vital service in the form of pest control. The value of their services is estimated to be \$100 million to \$1.6 billion in Ontario alone. Also, with fewer bats around, increased numbers of mosquitoes will contribute to a greater incidence of mosquito-borne diseases.

Is there any hope for bats? WNS is moving westward and northward in North America, and preventing its spread offers the greatest hope of protecting unaffected bats. Also, a very small proportion of Ontario bats that

have already been affected by WNS seem to be genetically protected from contracting the disease.

The ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO (ECO) published a report entitled, *Biodiversity Under Pressure: Wildlife Declines in Ontario* (2016) in which the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY (MNFR) is chastised for being too slow to define recovery strategies that might help to save bats in the province. Further, the ECO is pushing the MNRF to begin "broad-scale biodiversity monitoring", because "what gets measured gets managed".

Sources:
Animal Diversity Web, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Museum of Zoology website (2014)
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Moose at Risk

By Susan H. Shane

A typical Temagami t-shirt has either a bear or moose on it. Alarminglly, moose populations are declining throughout North America, and Ontario is no exception. When the number of moose in Ontario declined to about 80,000 in the 1980s, hunting was restricted, and moose abundance rose to about 115,000 by the early 2000s. As of 2015, there were about 92,300 moose in the province – a 20% drop. Near Cochrane and Thunder Bay, moose numbers declined 60% and 50%, respectively, over the last decade.

While there are likely multiple causes for the decline in moose populations, a central issue seems to be climate change. Moose are highly cold-adapted, and a warming climate brings heat stress and increased numbers of parasites that can kill moose. An example can be found in New Hampshire where 41% of moose deaths in 2002 to 2005 were attributable to parasites – particularly ticks – which

thrive under warmer conditions. Moose do best in a mosaic of habitats. First Nation elders have said that the longer a forest goes without burning, the fewer moose there will be in it. Thus, fire suppression could also be a factor contributing to lower moose numbers.

The main action that the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY (MNRF) is taking to boost moose numbers at this time is to limit hunting. Thanks to a huge public outcry, though, the MNRF discarded a potential plan to increase the hunting of wolves and coyotes in Ontario. Decades of research have shown that reducing top predators causes massive ecological disruption and does not reliably increase prey populations over time. The 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO report (see the accompanying article on bats) criticizes the MNRF for its short-sighted, uninformed, approach to moose management, as well.

Source:
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO (2016)



Bull Moose (photo by Larry Tooze)

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Gooderham Photography

Readers of the *Temagami Times* will have noticed that the front pages of several recent issues have been enhanced with wonderful photographs from a talented local photographer – Gerry Gooderham. Gerry has been kind enough to offer these wonderful images to the publication free of charge, so it’s fitting that we take the opportunity to learn more about the man and his work.

About Gerry:

Gerald Richard Gooderham (Gerry) was born in 1953 in North Bay, Ontario. He spent every summer of his youth on Lake Temagami, but lived in Oakville during the winter. He has now made Temagami his permanent home for over 40 years, and this has become a main focus of his photography work.

Gerry’s grandfather, Gordon Stewart Gooderham, was the first in the family to come to Lake Temagami in 1901. In 1926, he started a tourist fishing camp, Camp Chimo, on Island 665. It was these summers working as a lad that drew Gerry back permanently years later. In 1972, he moved north to Lake Temagami and began to make his way in the construction business while pursuing his love of photography.

Photography:

In early 2000, photography became a serious part of his life. Gerry started with several courses at CANADORE COLLEGE. After a few years he gained a better understanding of the digital process (Photoshop) and digital cameras. Film was still important in his life, and for two years he went back to the basics in the darkroom. In 2008, Gerry enrolled in the NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF PHOTOGRAPHY, and two years later he graduated with honours. His education was ongoing as he took up with other photographers in a small group. However, it was in meeting a renowned local photographer, James Forsythe, that Gerry’s advanced learning became hands on. His education continues to this day through seminars, workshops, and travel. Along the way, Gerry has gained an extensive working knowledge of photography with both digital (Canon a50, Nikon 4500, d70, d100, d300, and D810) and film cameras (Konica, Nikon f-80, and Nikon f-100).

Gerry’s appreciation for the northern landscape began early in life, and the ever-changing elements of land, water, ice, clouds, and sun continue to be the main subjects of his work. While the land is always a focus, Gerry is also passionate about the people that make up the living history of Lake Temagami. His additional areas of interest include the architectural features of bridges and buildings encountered while travelling. A shared aspect of his work is the interplay of light, angles, and shapes, and the limitless imaginative possibilities when you relax, look closer, and re-focus.

Photography is known as a life-long journey, and Gerry’s path continues to lead him into new spaces just waiting to be uncovered by the lens.

“I am a photographer, I see light, angles and shapes. Landscape is my canvas, LIGHT IS my paint, my camera is my brush ... Imagination limitless! RELAX Look closer, move in, and refocus.” (Gerry Gooderham)

About His Work:

Most of Gerry’s work is done in a small home studio. His work includes portraits, model portfolios, custom assignments, and commissioned pieces. Recently, he has worked on several projects:

- *“The Temagami Elders Portrait Project”*: Working with the support of the TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, he compiled a collection of images of the elders that make up the local First Nation community, the seasonal and permanent residents of the Lake, and the those living in and around the Town of Temagami.
- *Architectural Works*: His main focus includes bridges, unique buildings, and textures.
- *Landscapes*: artistic interpretations of the natural world
- *Portraits*: families, events, corporate photos, and headshots
- *“The Goddess Project”*: working with models to portray different goddesses of world religions
- *Education*: providing hands-on instruction, as well as several workshops (light room, portraiture, and landscape photography)

Accomplishments:

- 2016: funding for the “Temagami Elders Portrait Project” – Phase 4
- 2015: Ottawa HOP documentary
- 2015: “Oh, So Good”
- 2014: funding for the “Temagami Elders Portrait Project” – Phase 3
- 2014: documentary about portraiture and photography through the Cogeco network
- 2013: exhibition at “Art on Main”; becomes full-time member of the collective
- 2013: exhibitions at Camp Wabun and Bear Island on Lake Temagami
- 2012: funding for the “Temagami Elders Portrait Project” – Phase 2
- 2012: exhibitions in Temagami and on Bear Island
- 2011: exhibitions in North Bay and Temagami
- 2010: the “Temagami Elders Portrait Project” exhibition
- 2009: “Giesler Project” begins
- 2009: funding for the “Temagami Elders Portrait Project” – Phase 1

Gerry may be contacted by: standard mail at Gooderham Photography, Group Box 22, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0; phone at 705-237-8904; or, e-mail at grg@ontera.net. You can also see his work through this Photoshelter link: <http://gooderham.photoshelter.com>.



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Temagami Lakes Association “Executive Secretary” Job Opportunity 2018



The TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA) has a job opportunity for the part-time position of “Executive Secretary”. This is a critical position in the TLA and requires a significant commitment. The ideal candidate will be someone who can spend a considerable amount of time on Lake Temagami (especially from June through September) and knows her/his way around the different arms of the Lake. An understanding and respect of the role that the TLA plays in the broader community (particularly with respect to the “Tenets for Temagami”) is also necessary.

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

Position Overview: The role of the TLA’s “Executive Secretary” is pivotal to the success of the organization. It requires a dedication to Lake Temagami and the “Temagami Experience”. It also requires a high level of organizational skill, political acumen, and superior communication talent to represent the TLA’s needs to its members and within the Temagami community at large. The “Executive Secretary” must also effectively represent the interests of the TLA to non-members, other associations, and the local Municipal Council. Through excellent administrative, business, and leadership

skills, the “Executive Secretary” effectively supports the Association’s Board of Directors and other volunteers, enabling the organization to thrive and grow, and to achieve what it otherwise could not.

Note that TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS) – an associated, but separate, organization that focusses on environmental monitoring, research, and education – may occasionally second the “Executive Secretary” to complete some of its record keeping, CANADA REVENUE AGENCY filings, and other tasks, as required.

With an anticipated starting date in the Spring of 2018, and reporting to the TLA President and Treasurer, key areas of responsibility for this position include the following:

Administration of Day-to-Day Business of the Association:

1. complete banking transactions
2. provide mailings to members (and others)
3. administer accounts receivable and payable, complete bookkeeping tasks, assist with the TLA’s annual budget preparation, and maintain monthly income statements
4. prepare information for the financial consultant’s preparation of year-end balance sheets and income statements, in a timely manner
5. oversee yearly general and liability insurance policies and reporting on same to the Board Executive
6. supervise the day-to-day activities of, and provide mentorship to, seasonal employees
7. complete website updates and/or provide direction to the webmaster
8. engage in dialogue (written and verbal) with TLA members, in a respectful manner
9. manage annual water-quality testing and reporting
10. provide continuity of tradition and protocol for the TLA as an institution from year to year, with a changing Board of Directors

Board of Directors:

1. take minutes and provide handouts at Board meetings
2. assist with the transition of new Board members, changing portfolios, and new Executive members of the Board
3. prepare for, and implement, the TLA “Annual General Meeting”
4. update the Board on relevant, local political issues
5. advise the Board on municipal issues
6. participate in, and/or advise, sub-committees, as requested

Temagami Times Newspaper and Annual TLA Membership “Directory”:

1. co-ordinate scheduling and information flow between the “Communications” sub-committee of the Board, article authors, advertisers, and the *Temagami Times* Editor
2. contribute newspaper articles and make recommendations for other content
3. provide assistance for the timely preparation of each newspaper issue
4. update the TLA membership “Directory” on an annual basis

Fundraising Activities and Other Official TLA-Sanctioned Events:

1. provide leadership to the Board and sub-committee members for the successful implementation of TLA-sanctioned events
2. support event chairperson(s) in the co-ordination of volunteers and seasonal employees for the successful completion of each event
3. assist sub-committee members, as required

Membership and Advertising:

1. nurture relationships with existing members and advertisers for recurrent donations, memberships, and ad placements
2. seek additional memberships on an ongoing basis
3. sell and negotiate advertising for the *Temagami Times* and annual TLA membership “Directory”
4. make recommendations to Board on related matters

APPLICATIONS:

Interested candidates should submit the following application materials as soon as possible: cover letter describing relevant experience and interest in the position; a current resumé; and, a list of three references (with contact information). For further information, or to submit an application package, please contact Will Goodman, TLA President, at: willg1961@gmail.com.

“Lake Temagami Watch Program” Needs Your Support

By Dan O’Mara

Part of the success of any “Cottage Watch” program is its visibility and the commitment of the people living in the area to be involved. Our “Lake Temagami Watch Program” has been active for a number of years and has assisted in helping keep our area safer and better equipped to deal with crimes. The increased visibility of the program sends a real message that there are not just a few people on the Lake that are part of the program, but that it has the numbers needed to carry out the program’s objectives.

To ensure that this message is out there, the “Lake Temagami Watch Program” is requesting that you consider supporting the program by purchasing and displaying a “Lake Watch” sign. This can be permanently installed year-round on your property in an area that is visible, or as some people have done, displayed off-season when you are away. This sign (as shown in the accompanying photo) is 8” x 12” and costs \$25.00. Posting this shows that you are a “Lake Temagami Watch Program” member, have taken precautions to protect your property, are keeping your eyes and ears open for suspicious activity, and will not hesitate to contact the O.P.P. if there is a concern.

The “Lake Watch” sign is becoming well-recognized, and as more of us are involved, the program will grow even stronger and help to reduce crime in our area. Although crime statistics have not been completely eliminated, we are identifying issues more quickly, and police are then becoming involved earlier in the process (which, in turn, assists in getting these issues resolved). We continue to work with the police and have a strong commitment from them – including an

increased police presence on the Lake year-round. We are also aware of some of their new and ongoing initiatives which are being used to help prevent and solve crimes.

This year, the TLA and O.P.P. joined forces to do property checks throughout Lake Temagami. Combining efforts is making it possible to ensure that more properties are being inspected and more areas are being visited. Police presence on the Lake, at the access point, and on the Lake Temagami Access Road has been quite apparent this fall and winter, and such efforts go a long way to reducing crime on Lake Temagami.

The “Lake Temagami Watch Program” has a vision of “keeping the Lake crime free” and is very supportive of the O.P.P. involvement. Crime statistics for the fall and for the winter (so far) are lower than in past years; but, Lake Watch Coordinator, Dan O’Mara, says this can change at any time and wants everyone to assist by getting involved with the program (e.g., by displaying a sign or making a donation). To meet our goals, everyone must be part of this process.

So, the request is simple. Please purchase a sign today for \$25.00 to show your support! If interested, e-mail Dan O’Mara at danomar@ontera.net or call 1-705-237-8460 and we will make sure that your sign is put up soon. Payment is possible through PayPal, or you can send a cheque to Dan at: Group Box 30, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0.

Also, if you are not on our “Lake Watch” e-mail update list, please send a message to get your name added. The “Lake Watch E-mail Group” provides important updates and reports on issues about which you



A “Lake Temagami Watch Program” Sign (photo credit: Dan O’Mara)

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should be concerned. The “Lake Temagami Watch Program” also has a private Facebook group, and, if interested, you can make a request to join.

If you have not yet done so, consider becoming more involved with the “Lake Temagami Watch Program”. Have a great off-season.



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The Predatory Nature of Cats

By Claire Muller

In Temagami there are cats!
Cats are basically wild animals. A small percentage can be fully domesticated, but the rest are simply miniature felines and cannot change. They can't help themselves – they are born killers, whether they eat their prey or not. “Kill if it moves.”
Here is a rough list of what they kill: earthworms, insects of all kinds, mice, voles, moles, shrews, young mink and foxes, squirrels, and amphibians (e.g., frogs, toads, salamanders, skinks, lizards).
Birds are hardest hit – especially these ground- and low-branch nesters: Gulls; Black and Mallard Ducks; Mergansers; Ruffed Grouse; Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers; Winter Wrens; Hermit, Gray-Cheeked, and Swainson's Thrushes; Veery and Ruby-Crowned Kinglets; Brown Creepers; Tennessee, Magnolia, Nashville, Yellow-Rumped, Black-Throated Green, Black-Throated Blue, Mourning, and Chestnut-Sided Warblers; Ovenbirds; Louisiana Waterthrushes; Kentucky Warblers; American Redstarts; Juncos; Song,



Vesper, and White-Throated Sparrows; and, many more.
The cats may eat their prey, bring them home, or leave them. We will never really know. Thus, free-running cats should be on leashes from the first of June until the end of July. (Feral cats should be caught and neutered. This is the policy in New York City, and it is working wonderfully.)
Yes, cats also have enemies – Golden Eagles, adult foxes, coyotes, wolves, fishers, bears, lynxes, and bobcats.
Bird populations have, however, declined seriously due to the activities of humans – and cats. Keep these statistics in mind if you have a cat at the cottage. Do the wildlife a favour and leash your little tiger, or leave it at home.
Editor's Note: In 2013, ENVIRONMENT CANADA scientist, Peter Blancher, estimated that 116 million birds are killed annually in Canada by feral cats and 80 million by their domestic counterparts. This represents 73% of the birds killed yearly in this country from human-related causes.



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TAFIP Update (January 2018)

By Ike Laba

The TEMAGAMI AREA FISH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (TAFIP) is very fortunate to have 40 volunteers who assist in smaller working groups with these aspects of the hatchery program:

- » egg collection
 - » hatchery operations
 - » fry removal and dispersal
 - » rearing-pond operations
 - » fingerling quality-control
 - » financial services
- » hatchery maintenance and repair
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In 2018, Walleye fingerlings will be extracted at the end of August. Then both ponds will be completely drained, contoured, and lined with clay to prevent leakage. These upgraded ponds will be ready for use in the spring of 2019.

Herridge and Angus Lakes:

Preliminary work has been done in conjunction with the residents of Angus and Herridge Lakes, the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY (MNR), and the TAFIP program to enhance the future of the Walleye program in these areas. Key issues include:

- Herridge Lake: The main spawning area is at Herridge Creek. The creek has been blocked by a beaver dam for years, which prevents Walleye from entering the creek to spawn. Also, there are possible shoal spawning areas on the lake that may require the flushing of silt accumulation.
- Angus Lake: From inspections, it is certain that all Walleye in this area spawn on shoals. These also require the flushing of silt that has accumulated over time.

Both lakes will be assessed to confirm their use as possible Walleye spawning sites early in 2018. Depending on the spring inspections and MNR approval, we hope to complete work on both Herridge and Angus Lakes after the spawn in 2018.

Special Thanks:

Many thanks are extended to groups and individuals who have supported the hatchery program financially as well as through the donation of various types of equipment. Due to the substantial income donated, we were able to upgrade much of the hatchery equipment, as follows:

- replacement of an old trailer to haul a large pump unit
- purchase of new 6” hoses to replace old leaking units
- purchase of 3” hoses for donated transfer pumps
- purchase of a mini pump for the start-up of the hatchery water system
- purchase of high-intensity flashlights for spawning Walleye observations

Donated equipment included: a large generator for emergency hatchery operations (anonymous donor); water pumps; and, equipment for use during egg collection (from Russ Manderstrum of Longshot Diamond Drilling).

Issues in 2017:

1. Weather was a significant issue for the hatchery program in 2017 due to the variations in water and air temperature. Erratic weather affects egg collection, eggs hatching into fry, and fingerling growth.
2. Algae was more abundant this year due to the very cool summer. This is being addressed with barley straw and chemicals.
3. Species, such as tadpoles and mud minnows, were competing for the same food as Walleye fry.
4. Predators such as mink, otters, herons, turtles, etc. are being deterred, when possible.
5. Oxygen is an issue and will be monitored and then maintained through aeration.
6. Our egg-collection quota from Lake Temagami has been an issue which we are working to correct for the 2018 season.

New Ponds:

We lost the use of the Roosevelt Rearing Ponds last year due to: residual Walleye eating their own; being unable to drain the ponds; the presence of invasive water weeds; and, poor access to the ponds. We are looking at a new site off Highway 11 which can be converted into two rearing ponds to replace the original one. This development will be costly and take approximately one to two years to complete (depending on funding).

Existing Rearing Ponds:

The Red Squirrel and Sherman Rearing Ponds will be upgraded in 2018 to ensure complete Walleye fingerling extraction. This will also ensure better survival during dispersal. The clay for lining the ponds was delivered to both pond sites in November 2017.

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Barry Turcotte, Public Works Superintendent, celebrated 30 years of service with the Municipality of Temagami in January 2018. He started working for the Township as an arena attendant and public works operator. He later became the Public Works Foreman and then Superintendent. Barry has taken many courses to enhance his skills over the years.



Barry was honoured at the Regular Council meeting on January 25th where Mayor Lorie Hunter, on behalf of the Municipality, presented him with a long service recognition award. Congratulations Barry!

AUDIO RECORDINGS

As mentioned in the fall edition, the Municipality is now audio recording all of its Regular Council and Committee of the Whole meetings. This has now been expanded to include some committee meetings, including all Committee of Adjustment and Planning Advisory Committee meetings. Due to internet limitations, we are not able to livestream the audio. We do, however, make it available through our website within a few days following the council meeting. To listen to a recording, please go to www.temagami.ca/audio, or click on the link on the home page.

MUNICIPAL AWARDS

You don't need to wait until June! Nominations for the 2018 Municipal Awards can be submitted any time from now until the end of June. If you know someone deserving of recognition as Citizen of the Year, for a Lifetime Achievement Award, or a posthumous award, please visit our website at www.temagami.ca/awards for details on how to nominate them. It can be an individual or a group, year-round or seasonal resident. Council chooses the recipients from nominations received.

It's a simple process, so why wait? Nominate now!

NEW STAFF

Early in 2017, Council decided to make some changes to staffing in the Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments. For the past few years, on a trial basis, the Municipality had been operating without a Public Works Foreman, but last year Council decided this position was needed. We are pleased that Kevin Abraham, one of our Equipment Operators, was promoted to fill the position. His promotion left an opening for a Public Works Equipment Operator and in September we were happy to have Eli Serbina join our permanent staff.



Eli had been working seasonally with the Municipality for the past two years and so had some practical knowledge of equipment and arena operations and has experience in working with the Municipality. Eli and his family have lived in town, for several years.

Another change was made with the intent to provide more consistency and stability in these two departments. Instead of hiring a seasonal equipment operator each summer and a part-time arena attendant each winter, Council decided to combine the two positions and hire one individual who would stay with us year-round. We are pleased to announce that in November we hired MJ Hoyle to fill this combined position.

MJ is new to the Municipality but not new to the area. He also has previous arena and public works experience.

The intent was to replace the vacant



position of Facility Manager / Recreation Coordinator with the non-management position of Recreation Coordinator / Facility Operator.

This position was not filled in 2017, so Council decided to revise the direction previously given regarding these positions and direct that the part time Arena Attendant / Public Works Equipment Operator position be designated as full time until September. Council also decided not to fill the position of Facility Operator/ Recreation Coordinator at that time, but to have a review done of the position during the early part of 2018.

We are also very glad to welcome Sandy Nadeau to our staff in the position of Accounts Payable / Accounts Receivable / Payroll Clerk. Sandy brings with her several years of municipal accounting experience. She started in January and has already proven herself to be an asset to our staff.



Sandy is from North Bay and is looking forward to moving to Temagami.

DOWNTOWN TEMAGAMI

We have had many inquiries about the status of the Busy Bee and Spooner building in downtown Temagami. The Municipality had taken ownership of them and had put them up for sale with a local real estate agent. We are pleased to say that they have been sold. We look forward to seeing some needed renovations happening and then a new commercial venture opening in the downtown core.

In addition, the Province has recently announced some new funding for the revitalization of main streets in downtown areas of rural communities. Temagami will be granted over \$36,000. We are awaiting further details from the Province on how these funds may be used, but we are hopeful of the benefit that this program will be to enhance the vitality of our downtown.



DAYCARE IN TEMAGAMI

A high quality, fully subsidized daycare is now available in Temagami. It is located in the Temagami Public School building and is sponsored by the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB).

A little over a year ago, a presentation was made to Council about the need for before and after school and daycare programs in Temagami. Council was fully supportive of the idea, so Councillor Carol Lowery, our representative on the DNSSAB, followed up with the Board. They also were very supportive and set up a meeting with the District School Board Ontario North East to arrange to share space in the school building.

As the initiative progressed, it was fully promoted and supported by Temagami's Municipal Council.

Thanks to the cooperation of all partners, the idea became a reality. The grand opening was held on November 29, 2017. They offer a fully subsidized day care program, plus before and after school programming, and will also be open during the summer months.

NEW FINANCIAL SYSTEM

In 2018, the Municipality will be transitioning to a new financial system. Council chose to go with Vadim software. It is very commonly used by municipalities. We are looking forward to greater reporting capabilities and updated functionality. When we make the transition, some of our documents, including invoices and tax bills, will have a new look. We are very positive about this step forward and will have more information about it in the next edition.

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Due to revisions to Ontario's Municipal Election Act, the timetable for election events has changed for this and following elections.

The nomination period (the period during which those individuals who wish to run for office can file nomination papers) has been shortened. Nomination papers can be filed in the Municipal Clerk's office from May 1 until July 2, 2018, during regular business hours, and on July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day) between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.



Voting day will be Monday, October 22, 2018. As in previous years, the Municipality of Temagami will be using Vote by Mail. Voting kits will be mailed to those on the Voters List in early September. The Municipal Clerk will produce the Voters list by September 1, 2018. This list is based on the Preliminary List provided by MPAC.

If you are an eligible elector, please make sure that we have your correct mailing address on file. For more details on the election, please visit our Municipal website at www.temagami.ca/election2018.

ACCESS POINT PLAN REVIEW

As mentioned in the fall edition, Council created an Ad Hoc Committee to review the 2007 Lake Temagami Access Point Plan (LTAPP). This Committee was to make recommendations with a view to providing Council with a proposed time frame and proposed updates to the plan, for budgeting purposes and as the basis for the continued implementation of the LTAPP.

The LTAPP Committee has submitted a report with recommendations to Council, which is now available on our website at: www.temagami.ca/pagesmith/181.

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Fire Chief Urges Residents to Install Smoke Alarms and Practice Home Fire Escape Plans

In the wake of a fatal fire in Oshawa on Monday, January 8, 2018 that claimed the lives of 2 adults and 2 children, the Temagami fire department wants to remind the public to make sure that they have working smoke alarms on every storey of their home and outside all sleeping areas, and have practiced a home fire escape plan with everyone in their home.

"There were no working smoke alarms within the structure, which is very disappointing because that would have provided the occupants with early detection of the fire and given them opportunity to escape this is a preventable tragedy and it shouldn't have happened," said Fire Marshal investigator Richard Derstroff.

"Fire moves so fast that you may have less than 60 seconds to safely escape a fire, so early warning is crucial to survival," says Fire Chief Jim Sanderson. "Only working smoke alarms give you that early warning."

Just as important as having working smoke alarms is making sure everyone in your home knows exactly what to do to escape BEFORE a fire occurs. Practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your home.

"It is up to you to make sure these types of tragedies do not happen in Temagami," continued Chief Sanderson.

Simple smoke and carbon monoxide alarm tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home. For added protection, install a smoke alarm in every bedroom according to manufacturer's recommendations. Larger homes may require additional smoke alarms.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage. For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of your home according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly by pressing the test button. Change the batteries every year.

- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms wear out over time. Replace alarms according to manufacturer's recommendations.

Simple steps for home fire escape planning include:

- ⇒ Everyone should know two ways out of each room, if possible.
- ⇒ All exits must be unobstructed and easy to use.
- ⇒ If someone in your home has a disability, develop a home fire escape plan with your household that takes into account their unique needs. Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults and anyone who needs assistance to escape.
- ⇒ Choose a meeting place outside, such as a tree or a lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for.
- ⇒ Call the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or a neighbour's home.
- ⇒ Practice your home fire escape plan.
- ⇒ Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.

For people who live in apartment buildings and need assistance to escape:

- ♦ Make sure you tell the superintendent or landlord if you need assistance.
- ♦ Make sure your name is added to the persons who require assistance list in the fire safety plan, so the fire department knows which apartment you are in.
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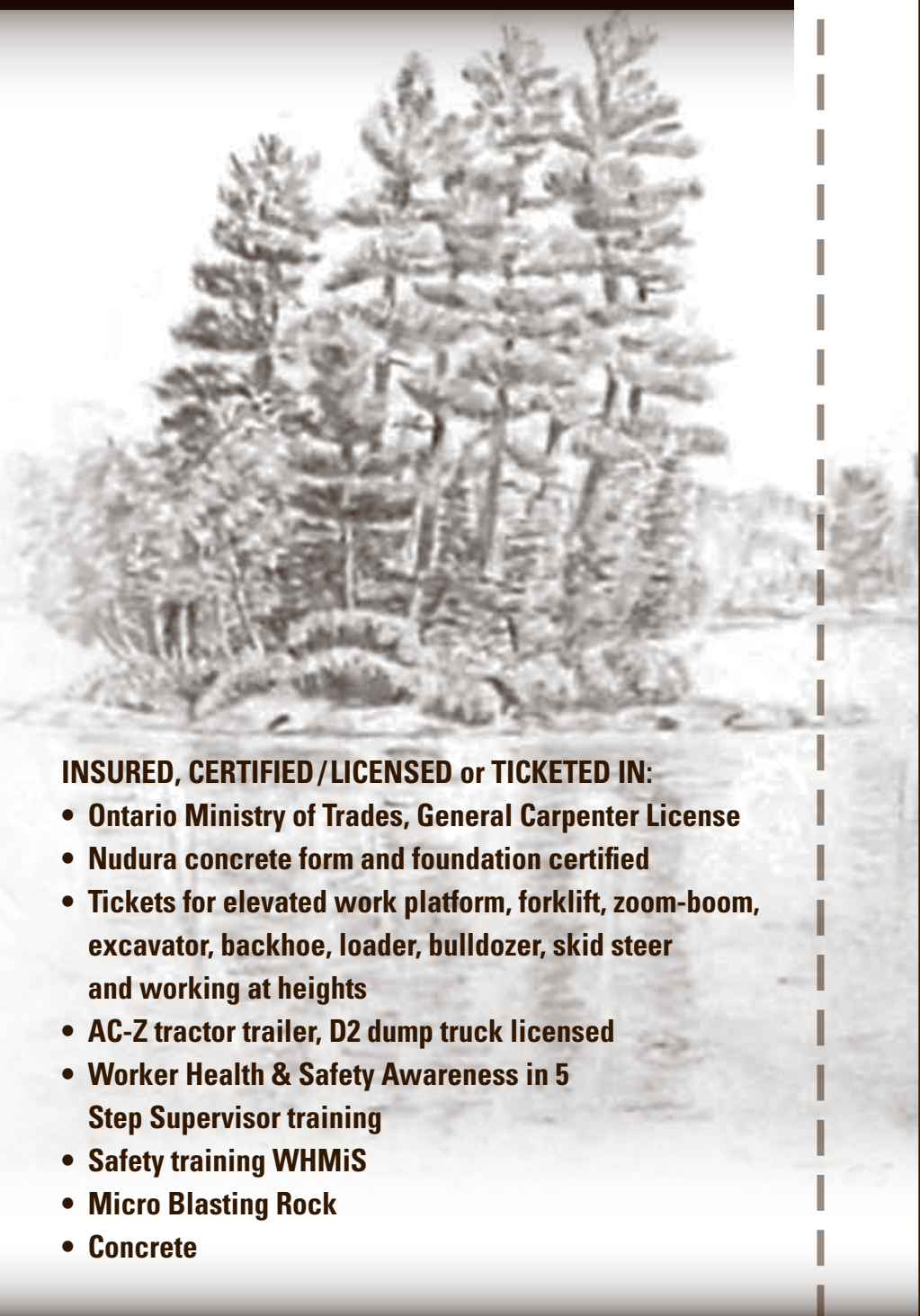
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From The Archives

The Good and the Bad; or, Confessions of an Archivist

July 31, 1976, the day of the Annual Meeting, saw the completion of my first year as chairman of the Archives Committee, and like most anniversaries, it is an occasion to pause and reflect on what has, or has not been done, as well as on what is, or is not significant in the Committee's work.

Considering the many and varied interests and activities of the TLA, not to mention its members as individuals, Archives, in the accepted hierarchy of values, has a tendency to be both last and least.

The future of the lake, its economy, the forces of encroachment upon its peace and quiet, the state of its fish population, the health of forest and water, the harmonious equilibrium of the environment—these are the issues that count. Who needs archives? The past is dead, it cannot be changed, so why make an effort to remember it?

Such somewhat gloomy and certainly sobering thoughts are lightened by the occasional ray of sustaining sunshine in the form of more positive notions. I remember, for example, reading years ago a sort of motto heading a commemorative history: "A people that does not honour its past is not worthy of its future," and there, surely, lies

hidden the practical justification of Archives. We cannot measure and evaluate what we propose to do to shape the future without knowing and understanding our past, which is, in part at least, preserved in our archives, whose materials range from the prosaic, but essential, such as minutes of meetings, to the more esoteric if not outright spectacular, such as rare books, maps, letters and photographs. Although such a collection of infinite variety is not considered appropriate to archives by the experts, as islanders we hate to throw away anything (after all, you never know how that rusty nail might come in handy one day) and the TLA Archives reflect that spirit. On the other hand, where do you draw the line? How many pictures of unknown fishermen holding up a bunch of pickerel by their gills do you want to keep? Is one lake trout better than another? Is the invoice of an advertiser in the TLA Directory for 1969 worth storing, filing, classifying? Decisions, decisions, decisions.

But all this is as child's play compared to the problem of keeping in touch with the members the Archives Committee seek to serve. Unlike most other organizations that proudly claim their very own archives, the TLA is the most diffuse, disconnected, separated, un-linked, spread-out, hither-and-yon, unsynchronized Association I have ever encountered. Where else do you find a group of people who, by definition, own two residences, more often than not hundreds of miles apart, in any one of which they may find themselves at any time during any twelve-month period? Where else do you find a relatively small organization whose members live and work spread out over the entire North American continent? Where else do you encounter

a common bond of interest linking such members in the shape of a big lake whose outstanding feature is that it offers privacy, peace, quiet, nature, wilderness, a chance to get away from it all (including Archives) and which is, as a result, almost completely devoid of any convenient means of communication more modern than the canoe? But if this is true of our TLA, how then, can members benefit from the work of Archives, or how can the work of Archives benefit from the advice, or assistance of members?

Is it any wonder that under these conditions the work of sorting, classifying, identifying, preserving and storing the aforementioned collection progresses slowly? The social and democratic process of frequent consultation, exchange of views, personal contact, even chance meetings, is decidedly hampered by this state of affairs. At least England is one big island, where the inhabitants can work together in some sort of unity to create a nation. We, the inhabitants of Lake Temagami, are spread out over hundreds of little islands, and, in truth, we are islands unto ourselves.

Does it matter? Probably not. Still, I have not yet solved the problem of identifying all those pictures we have. I am not omniscient,

unfortunately, and I never see any one who might help. . . . No, it ain't easy. . . . And then there are all those boxes upstairs in the TLA building. I don't even know what's in them. And I live 275 miles away from the place. Oh yes, and I am also supposed to earn a living, and look after my island and my family when I spend the summer at Temagami.

How satisfying it is, then, to look back on a year of one or two accomplishments! Here they are: several TLA Directors' meetings attended (that, at least, is a fairly simple thing to do); a fruitful conference attended in Toronto, organized by the Faculty of Library Science and the Toronto Archivists Group, on the subject of problems facing small archival collections, resulting in some very useful contacts; a beginning made in the exploration of possible ways to help preserve that now mostly spooky, but once glorious log hotel known as the Temagami Inn. Thanks to Bruce Hodgins, the urgent need to preserve this rare historical monument to a bygone age was put before the Board of Directors, who asked Archives to look into the matter. Doug Buck, with his customary energetic initiative, suggested ways of getting the investigation off the ground. As a result, on July 21, a meeting was held at the TLA building under the auspices of Archives, and attended by representatives of the Ontario Government's Ministry of Industry and Tourism, Ontario Northland, the Temagami Chamber of Commerce, TEMTOA, and several interested members of the TLA. At that meeting, above all, the magnitude of the project was clearly defined. Yet, rather than be discouraged, those present found themselves in agreement that something should

be done to save that building. Solutions to the problems involved are now under consideration. More of this at some future time.

And last but not least the first visual contribution of the Archives Committee to the Annual Meeting in the form of a display of rare books, maps, correspondence, and quite a few old pictures, to show members a small sample of the type of material we own. This successful venture would not have been possible without the generous and devoted support of Alf Cook (who contributed the display frames, as well as the most kindly interest in the welfare of Archives) and Carol Bangay, who was always ready to come to the TLA building to sort pictures and help stick it all together, not to mention transport the precious exhibit to Camp Wabun and return it later. They call that "cooperation" in Sesame Street.

Finally, Archives can take pride in having been of some assistance to Niki Plumstead who, as we all know, did such a first class job of editing the three issues of the Temagami Bulletin which appeared in July and August. Niki was able to use some of the materials in our collection. This marks the first time that the TLA archives were of service to others.

Most recently, Archives received from one of its members, Homer Grafton, yet another first rate collection of papers and pictures, recording the history of youth camps and more especially Wigwags. (I can hardly wait to delve into it, come spring.)

What of the future? Archives is an on-going affair. Slowly, little by little, the collection is taking shape. One day, I hope, members will

agree that it is very much worthwhile. Meantime, I will keep in touch and report on progress.

Peter Moes

Article in the Winter 1977 Temagami Times

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Temagami Public Library Update

By Quelia Cormier

I noticed as I was getting ready to close up the Library recently that our days seem to be getting longer. That is a sure sign that spring is on its way.

We have been really busy in the Library over the past few months. We hosted "Crafternoon" events on Thursdays after school. The children enjoyed coming to the Library and making different crafts to take home with them.

As always, the "Temagami Country Christmas" was a huge success. The lights just keep getting more spectacular every year. Carol Lowery and I enjoyed staffing the Library's display table and handing out colouring books and crayons to all of the children that took in this wonderful event. A huge thank you goes out to Peacock Woodcraft and the TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB for your hard work.

We have lots of new and exciting things at the Library that we were able to purchase through the "Improving Libraries Digital Services Grant". Some of these items include a Makerspace cart, Osmo coding kits, Ozobot robots, and a new LiteracyGO tablet.

Starting in March 2018, we will be hosting a TechSocial program for older adults. The North Eastern Ontario Communications Network Inc. (NEOnet) will be here at the Library to help older adults learn about smartphones, tablets, and apps. The program will include: monthly workshops; one-on-one sessions; and, an online forum. For more information, please contact the Library.

For news on upcoming programs at the Library, please follow us on Facebook, or look for our posters around town.

I am looking forward to all the hustle and bustle that arrives with spring and am also anticipating my second summer as CEO of the Temagami Public Library. But for now, the best way to avoid the cold is to stay indoors and read.

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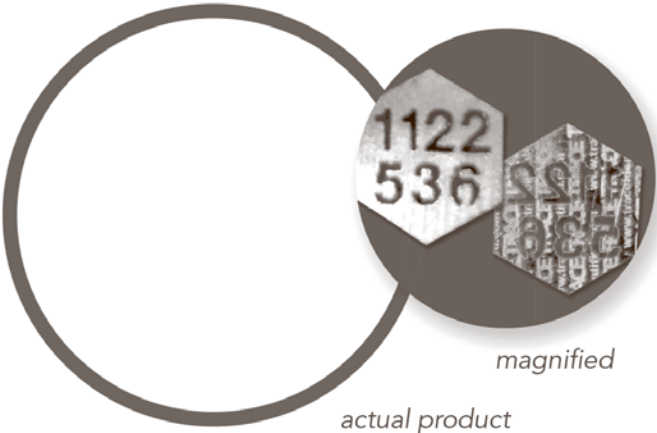
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Temagami Country Christmas 2018

By Ike Laba

The “Temagami Country Christmas” has been a special event in Temagami for the past four years and has attracted many people from throughout Northeastern Ontario. Due to the vision of Peter and Colleen (from Peacock Woodcraft), new and exotic features are added each year.

On December 1 and 2, 2017, several new elements were included and were highlights of the event (e.g., a waterfall, an Aboriginal woman kneeling at a pond and gathering water). Additional displays were presented for visitors who travelled the roadway from the Peacock Woodcraft property up to the Longshot Diamond Drilling building. As usual, Santa, the animal display (Donkey), cooking hot dogs over an open fire, a wagon ride, and crafts were a great hit with all of the children in attendance.

Thanks goes out to all the businesses who participated, and a special thanks is extended to the dedicated volunteers for their many hours of labour in making this event a success.

Peter and Colleen of Peacock Woodcraft and the TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB – original partners in hosting the “Temagami Country Christmas” event – appreciate all of the involvement from volunteers, businesses, the Municipality, and service clubs.

SUPPORTERS OF THIS EVENT INCLUDED:

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Local residents can assist police in investigations. All suspicious matters should be reported to them and include as much information as possible (e.g., physical descriptions of the persons involved, vehicle descriptions, licence plate numbers, island numbers, and any other pertinent details). It is also helpful to note the area where suspects were last seen and the direction in which they were heading.

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Cottagers’ associations encourage property owners to use Trace™ pens to assist police in locating stolen items through an associated database. A personal “Operation Identification” number allows police to easily locate marked items at pawn shops, and criminals consider them “damaged goods” as they are more difficult to dispose of. It is also a good idea to maintain a list of the serial numbers of all of your electronic devices, tools, generators, etc. and to keep this list in a secure area as these numbers can assist in investigations.

Remember to assure your own safety at all times. If an offence is committed, contact police immediately, and do not tamper with the crime scene as valuable evidence can be lost.

Winter Weather Safety:

The cold weather has arrived – so monitor the weather forecast and pay attention to the wind-chill warnings. Wind chill is not the actual temperature, but rather how wind and cold feel on exposed skin. As wind increases, heat is carried away from the body, thereby lowering the body temperature.

Always plan ahead, and develop a cold-weather safety plan. Stay dry, wear many warm layers (including a wind-resistant, outer layer), and cover exposed skin as much as possible. Keeping active also allows you to generate body heat. Finally, watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.

Every year, many Canadians die in ice-related incidents. It is critical that ice quality and thickness are evaluated before you travel. Avoid slushy ice, fluctuating water levels, or ice that is on/near moving water. If ice has thawed and re-frozen, is layered, or is rotten from temperature changes, it isn’t safe. Other factors that weaken ice are the age of the ice and snow depth (which acts as an insulating blanket that prevents hardening or melts the ice beneath). Be familiar with your lake or bay, and check for pressure ridges caused by wind or currents. Measure clear, hard ice in several places before venturing out.

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Cottage Country Winter Safety

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Snowmobiling Safety:

Snowmobiling is a very popular activity in our province and knowing how to operate your machine safely is very important. The O.P.P. reminds snowmobilers to avoid crossing lakes if they can remain on land-based trails to get to their destinations. If you must travel on a lake, do so with caution.

Many fatalities involve snow machines breaking through the ice or driving into open water. When snowmobiling on ice, you put yourself and your passengers at risk. While travelling on frozen lakes and going off trails, please keep in mind the following:

SNOW-MACHINE SAFETY:

- ✓ Know weather conditions, and drive accordingly.
- ✓ Don't drink and drive.
- ✓ Ice conditions may vary from day to day, hour to hour, and location to location.
- ✓ At night, never travel alone, drive at a reduced speed, and avoid travelling faster than a headlight beam can illuminate the trail ahead.
- ✓ Watch out for obstacles such as rocks, stumps, docks, and fishing huts.
- ✓ Wear a buoyant snowmobile suit, and carry ice picks that are easy to access.

- ✓ Obey speed limits, and road and trail signs. Also, use caution at railway and road crossings.
- ✓ Tell someone your exact route and your expected time of return.
- ✓ Be prepared for the unexpected, and drive within your ability.
- ✓ Remain on the right-hand side of the trail.
- ✓ A rigid tow-bar must be used when towing a sled or similar device.



December 11, 2017

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Temagami Lakes Association:

The Temagami & District Chamber of Commerce would like to thank you for your donations to our Silent Auction for the 25th Annual Wild Game Dinner that was held in Temagami this year.

You personally helped to make this yearly event another success. The Chamber would not be able to have events such as this, without people like you, who generously donate of their time to prepare such tasty dishes for others to enjoy.

The proceeds from this event help assist the Chamber in promoting our local businesses and donate to other service groups.

We wish you and your family Happy Holidays and prosperity in 2018.

Regards,

The Board of Directors
Temagami & District Chamber of Commerce

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Ontario's snowmobile trail system is maintained by many snowmobile clubs. Trails are also patrolled by the O.P.P. and conservation officers. During the winter season, the Temiskaming O.P.P. Detachment (in conjunction with the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY), has dedicated, snow-vehicle patrol hours on area trails and waterways. Police will be enforcing the "Motorized Snow Vehicles Act", "Liquor Licence Act", "Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act", "Criminal Code of Canada", and other legislation.

Driving according to weather and ice conditions could save your life or the lives of others. Travel carefully, and arrive at your destination safely.

For further information on any policing issue, contact PC Jennifer Smith, Community Safety Officer – Temiskaming O.P.P., at 705-647-8400 or jennifersue.smith@opp.ca. You can also visit the O.P.P. website (www.opp.ca), access regional Twitter feeds at @OPP_NER or @PPO_NORDEST, or contact your local detachment through the toll-free, non-emergency number (1-888-310-1122).

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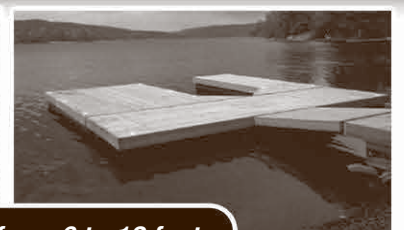
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2017 Temagami Community Market Update

By Dianne Laronde, Manager, Temagami Community Market

The Temagami Community Market (TCM) again ran a very successful market in 2017 with 30 vendors in attendance throughout the summer months. As in past years, there were many talented musicians to entertain visitors, as well as pony rides from BKS Stables, face painting, and a balloon artist – “Ken the Balloon Dude”.

A special “thank you” goes out to: the MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI – for sponsoring our musicians; CASSELS AND ADJOINING LAKES ASSOCIATION (CALA) – for a donation that was used for chairs; the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION – for donating a 10 x 20 marquis tent; Reina Leudke of Blooms ‘N Loons – for sponsoring pony rides from BKS Stables; and, Grants Home Hardware – for their kind sponsorship of “Ken the Balloon Dude”. Without support of this nature, we could not provide the TCM.

As summer approaches, we are once again preparing for another successful year and are always looking for more local vendors. If you are here for only a week or two, and have a product that you would like to showcase, the Temagami Community Market is the place to do so!

Be sure to drop by our Market for fresh veggies, blueberries (when in season), baking, native crafts, butter tarts, and many more interesting products that I’m sure you will enjoy. Thanks to all of the vendors who faithfully support the TCM, as well as our valuable patrons!! It’s always a pleasure to meet old and new friends and witness the friendship and comradery each year.

On a final note, the TCM is looking for behind-the-scenes support workers. If you can help in any way in 2018, please contact me at dianne-laronde@gmail.com or 705-569-3686. See you at the Market in July and August!!



Debby Roy cuts into the Canada Day 150th birthday cake that she created. (photo by Dianne Laronde)

Musician and Economic Development Officer for Temagami First Nation, John Shymko, thrilled the Temagami Community Market audience with his superb guitar styling and magical voice. (photo by Dianne Laronde)



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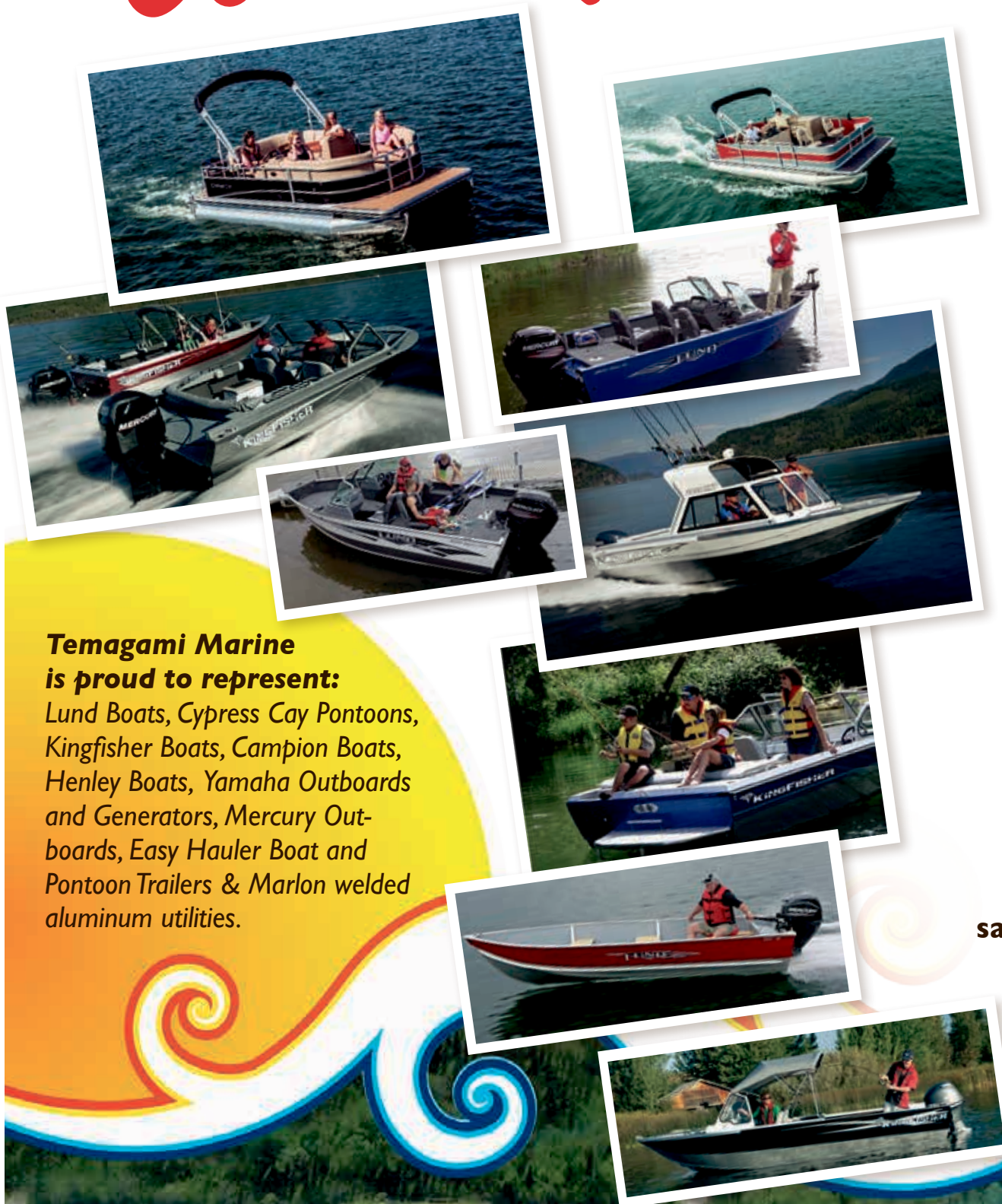


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