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Out on a Limb (photo by Heather Reid)

Since its inception, this publication has served as a valuable resource to keep association members up to date on news that is relevant to the Lake Temagami community. It has also functioned as a means to communicate with the people of Temagami First Nation, citizens of the Town of Temagami, other permanent and seasonal Lake residents, and visitors to the region.

The *Temagami Times* was founded in 1971 by Don and Annie Fenn of Island 661, who were long-time members of the TLA. The first issue was printed in the winter of that year and was only four pages in length (including advertisements). The front-page image was of the Board of Directors, and the headline proclaimed, "It's Your Newspaper."

The need for the publication was aptly explained by Ron Johnstone, who said, "It was obvious at the last GM that we as an Association had not been doing a good job of keeping the membership informed."

The Fenns were Editors for the first ten years of the *Temagami Times*. Pamela Glenn Sinclair then took over the editorial reins in 1981, followed by Jeanne Under-



wood. Executive Secretary, Tim Gooderham, wrote a number of "What's Happening?" newsletters from 1992 to 1994, when there was no Editor. Subsequently, Carol Cochrane and Claire Rannie served as the next two Editors. Executive Secretary, Peter Healy, was the de facto Editor from 2005 to 2006, followed by Vince Hovanec for a year. Elaine Gunnell then assumed responsibility for the position until 2014. Most recently, Linda Bangay has fulfilled the editorial duties of the Times from 2015 to present. A number of significant events in the Temagami area have been highlighted over the past 50 years through the Times. Although this is certainly not an exhaustive list, some of the topics in our publication have included: local history; mining and forestry operations; water-quality monitoring; the deleterious effects of sulphur-dioxide emissions from the Sudbury "super stack"; the proposed development of Maple Mountain; land-claim negotiations; Temagami Region Studies Institute (TRSI) and Committee on Land Use and Environment (CLUE) activities; protection of old-growth forests; the Temagami Wilderness Society blockade of

the Red Squirrel Road; agreement on the "Tenets for Temagami" by the TLA, Township of Temagami, and Lake Temagami Permanent Residents' Association (LaTemPRA); the skyline reserve and waterway park; houseboats; official plans, zoning by-laws, Municipal elections, and taxes; fisheries; summer camps; VHF radio service; boating safety; property protection; invasive species; Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS); forest-fire management; the "Keep Temagami Beautiful" initiative; emergency preparedness; and, water levels.

Although some of the Editors have received compensation over the years, contributing authors write articles for the *Times* on a voluntary basis. Likewise, those who provide images, such as photos, also do so without receiving remuneration. To cover the expenses associated with the production of the newspaper, advertising space has been sold to businesses and other service providers – most of which are located in the Temagami area.

The value of this publication to members was re-

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cently indicated through their responses to a 2019 survey. When asked to rank (in order of importance) eight services provided by the TLA, respondents positioned "Publication and Distribution of the *Temagami Times*" in third place – after "Zoning Review/Oversight and Engagement with the Town's Planning Committee" and "Water-Quality Testing", respectively.

It is hoped that the annual tradition of publishing the *Temagami Times* in the Winter, Summer, and Fall will continue for many years to come. This publication truly is the "voice" of our Association.

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President's Letter

Dear Fellow TLA Members:

Since our last edition of the *Temagami Times*, a number of decisions have been made in Temagami. The TLA has been monitoring developments, and in some cases, providing input to Municipal Council or its hired consultants. We expect to have substantial and detailed information to report about the following topics in the next few issues: strategic planning for Temagami; the attempt to bring broadband access to the Municipality; the future of mining in Temagami; and, a proposed Encroachment By-Law. While many seasonal residents may not spend much time thinking about Temagami in the winter, your Board and committees remain actively engaged.

The Municipal Council has commissioned a long-range Strategic Plan for Temagami. A draft report is to be delivered to Council by February, and the results will be made public after it is finalized and presented to Council. Your TLA, and many other groups in and around Temagami, provided input to this process, and we look forward to reading the consultant's plan. Some of the findings may well impact the direction and content of the new Official Plan that Municipal Council is planning to rewrite in 2020. Look for more information on planning issues in future issues of the *Times*.

Municipal Council has also engaged a consultant to find ways to bring broadband access to Temagami. Broadband is seen as an important service to attract new business and residents to the Municipality. As this letter is being written, Council has received a report, and is contemplating how and whether to apply for a grant from the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission

(CRTC) fund (https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/internet/internet.htm).

The application deadline is March 27. Beyond the CRTC fund, other sources of universal broadband funding are expected to become available in 2020.

In this edition of the *Times*, you'll find information about a proposal to bring cannabis retail to Temagami. Ontario's roll-out of retail cannabis licences may have started slowly, but the Province intends to pick up the pace of granting licenses for retail stores. By the time many seasonal readers return to the Lake, "The Temagami Cannabis Company" hopes to be open for business in downtown Temagami.

Within our organization, we continue to review how we do things and how we can be more efficient, while representing our members' priorities. You may remember that we surveyed our membership last summer. Results are provided in this edition of the *Times*. The survey confirmed members' focus on promoting the Tenets, protecting our natural environment, and maintaining good relationships between seasonal and full-time residents.

As a new and consequential decade dawns, I would be remiss if I didn't urge our readers to renew their memberships in support of, and engagement with, your TLA. Our organization has, and will, continue to play a vital role in the life of the community and protection of the "Temagami Experience". This year's focus on a new Official Plan (OP) for the Municipality will be pivotal, as the OP will guide development and the future character of our Lake community. We look forward to bringing you more information, and representing members' interests, as this process unfolds.

Brit Hyde, TLA President

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI

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.

SKYLINE RESERVE

tained and new ones are to be installed to prevent new public access roads to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.

Footprints (photo by Gerry Gooderham)

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.

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.



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-

MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

There should be no mainland development on Lake Temagami and Cross Lake with the exception of those potential lots immediately adjacent to the Township of Temagami that are able to be serviced by the Township's central sewage treatment facility. All other future development will occur on islands, the number and location to be determined by the revised official plan which will be sensitive to current ecological standards.

TEMAGAMI 2020: Infrastructure, Internet and Planning

Diane Johnston, Speaker Reporter

TEMAGAMI – Planning and infrastructure are expected to take leading roles in Temagami in 2020.

Recommendations from a strategic planning exercise will be coming to council early in the new year, said Mayor Dan O'Mara. They'll provide "an agenda to work from," he said in an interview in late December.

"We're pretty excited about it." The strategic plan will also help as the review of Temagami's official plan – which outlines the specifics of development in the municipality – begins this year, he said. It will be a "very long" and "very detailed" process.

Meanwhile, the municipality has also engaged an engineering firm to work on a waste management plan.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Turning to infrastructure, the mayor said the municipality is considering applying for funding to upgrade the water treatment system and water tower in Temagami South.

O'Mara said it had originally planned to seek help to install an ultraviolet disinfection system at the Temagami North sewage lagoon to address concerns over concentrations of E. coli bacteria in effluent discharged into Net Lake.

But given funding criteria, he said the municipality can apply for only one system and, at this point, it appears the work required in Temagami South will be more costly.

Depending on government programs, he said council may consider applying for funding for the Temagami North lagoon upgrade in 2021.

Or, he said the municipality may ultimately have to finance it on its own.

In 2019, he said covered drainage was installed in formerly open roadside ditches in Temagami North in areas deemed to pose the greatest safety hazard.

He said more work is planned for the future in the third phase of the Spruce Drive reconstruction project.

INTERNET

Digital communications – or the lack thereof – will remain a priority in the coming year.

In 2019, Temagami and Temagami First Nation (TFN) commissioned a study of high-speed broadband availability in the area.

It found significant gaps across the communities' jurisdictions.

"We're trying to recruit people to our area and internet is key," said O'Mara. From Temagami's perspective, he said improved service would give seasonal residents on the lake the opportunity to consider a permanent move.

The report made a number of recommendations.

They included discussions with Ontera, part of Bell Aliant, on upgrades to the existing telephone system; a review of wireless options to optimize coverage on the lake; a look at other service providers as potential partners; and consideration of creating or partnering in a regional internet service provider.

It also recommended working with other communities to create a bigger base for regional service improvements.

Expanding participation is key, O'Mara said.

Temagami proponents have been advised that federal regulators are more likely to respond to a handful of funding applications for big projects rather than dozens of small ones, he said.

"We've got to get interested players, and we've got to get Bell, and we've got to get the communities to come together," he said.

He hopes to organize a meeting early in the new year, probably in the Temiskaming Shores area, of rural communities that are also in need of improved service.

"If we don't do it, no one's going to do it," he said.

INITIATIVES

O'Mara is hopeful that a new forest management group will receive approval early in the year to move ahead in the Temagami forest.

Its board would be a blended model, involving TFN, Temagami, other municipalities in the region, and industry.

He said there has been some mining exploration interest in Temagami, and the municipality wants to encourage that activity.

It's trying "to be a little bit more open" to resource use, be it forestry or mining, provided it's done "in a balanced way," he said.

He said Temagami is also working with TFN on a plan for the Lake Temagami access point. At this time, he said the municipality leases the property from the province under a "very basic agreement."

He said the municipality wants a more detailed agreement, with the possibility of taking over its ownership in the future.

On the tourism and recreation front, he said the municipality is considering erecting a pavilion on the waterfront. The venue could be used, for example, for live concerts.

Meanwhile, he said a group of Lake Temagami residents has proposed a new tourist attraction – building the world's largest canoe.

He said it would be erected in a downtown location, where it would serve as a roadside attraction encouraging tourists to stop for photos.

But he said it would also be seaworthy, and would take to the water for special events. One of Temagami's signature events, the Country Christmas, may also be moving.

O'Mara said the popular holiday event, which includes an illuminated forest trail, is outgrowing its location at Peacock Woodcraft.

He said the municipality is looking for a larger venue, and considering Caribou Mountain and the fire tower.

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On November 21, 2019, Temagami First Nation unveiled our new award-winning, multi-use facility, Minowaabandangamiing Maawanjihidiwining – which

translates to the Lakeview Gathering Place. This state-of-the-art, highperformance building will be a place where the community comes together for celebration, while housing our Government, Administration, and the Lands and Resources staff. In addition to a Gathering Hall and commercial kitchen, there is a library that boasts an amazingly-scenic view and serene atmosphere and is equipped with public computers and Wi-Fi. In time, the Bear Island Police wing of the building will be completed, and they will also be located within the Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining.

The land on which the building sits is historically a place where the Teme-Augama Anishnabai greeted, and celebrated with, some of the first visitors from the settler population. Eventually, the Lakeview House was

established, and it hosted many square dances for the summer folk from the Lake, residents of the Town of Temagami, as well as the people of Bear Island. The Lands and Forestry Building was also lo-

LAKEVIEW GATHERING PLACE

By Heidi Jobson, TFN Communications Officer, Temagami First Nation



The Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held on November 21, 2019. Pictured in front from left to right are: Jean Philippe Larocque, Virginia Paul, Ruth Elder, Anthony Rota, Chief Arnold Paul, and Councillor Jamie Friday. Behind them are: Jamie Koistinen, Tom Mathias, Darlene Bowen, John Turner, Wayne Potts, Alice Moore, Jamie Saville, Dan O'Mara, Anne-Marie Leroy, and Michael Paul. (photo by Heidi Jobson, Temagami First Nation)

cated on this point, and over time, was transformed into the Band Office. The Lakeview House then became the Community Recreation Centre. It was incredibly important for us to carry on that legacy of this land. We look forward to hosting our own community celebrations here, as well as opening up our Gathering Hall as a rental space for organizations and individuals to hold their own events. Since the ribbon-cutting unveiling

> (and over the holiday season), we have already had the pleasure of gathering the whole community here. Currently, we are gearing up for our Winter Carnival, which is scheduled for February 15, 2020. Our 1st Annual Round Dance will be held on February 29, 2020, and we expect a wonderful turnout of friends, family, and neighbours as the ice road will make it even more convenient for visitors to join us.

> We are excited that Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining, the *Lakeview Gathering Place*, will be a hub of activity for our people, and will provide opportunities for growth and development and a place where we all can continue to celebrate community for generations to come. Meegwetch to all who have helped in bringing this endeavour to fruition.

An aerial view of Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining – the Lakeview Gathering Place – was taken on October 11, 2019 with a drone camera, just prior to completion. (photo by Jamie Koistinen)



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Many gatherings of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai were held at the physical location where this new building currently sits. Bear Island has long been a gathering place for the Teme-Augama Anishnabai and neighbours. Some of the historical transitions on the point include, the Forestry Building becoming the Band Office and the era of entrepreneur, John Turner Sr with the Lakeview House, the Lakeview House transforming to the TFN Rec Centre, which hosted many a square dance, community meetings and celebrations for the people from the Bear Island community, along with the summer residents from the Lake as well as the Town of Temagami.

It is with this history in mind that we introduce Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining, the Lakeview Gathering Place. This state of the art facility will be a place where the community comes together for celebration, while housing our Government, the Administration and Lands & Resources staff. Since the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and over the holiday season we had the pleasure of gathering the whole community here and make great use of the space. Looking forward, we are excited that Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining, the Lakeview Gathering Place will be a hub of activity for our peoples; the building will be sure to provide opportunities for growth, development and a place where we all can continue to celebrate community for generations to come. Currently we are gearing up for our Winter Carnival scheduled for February 15, 2020 and of course our 1st Annual Round Dance on February 29, 2020, in which we expect a wonderful turn out of friends, family and neighbors with the Ice Road making it even more convenient for visitors to join us.

It took an entire community and team to get the Lakeview Gathering Place built, from the architects, engineers, contractors, sharing offices/displacing staff, and the patience and support of our neighbours. We all safely shared the road, parking, the landings and there was that much more traffic on the lake. We'd like to say Chi-Meegwetch and express our sincerest appreciation to all the individuals and organizations who assisted Temagami First Nation to bring Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining, the Lakeview Gathering Place to fruition.

Jamie Koistinen Temagami FIrst Nation, Capital Projects Manager



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TLA Member Survey Responses 2019

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ANKING IN ORDER)F IMPORTANCE:	ANSWER CHOICES:
1	Promotion/Protection of the Tenets for Temagami
2	Environmental Protection Advocacy (e.g., loon count, invasive species, water quality)
3	Maintaining or improving relationships with full-time residents
4	Property monitoring during the off-season
5	Daily information sharing by radio, and other administrative services
6	Welcome-Back BBQ (beginning of Summer)
7	Mid-Season Social Event (not currently provided, but being considered)
specific services	E list below, please rank in order of importance, the s the TLA provides its membership. a most important and 8 being the least important)
OF IMPORTANCE:	ANSWER CHOICES:
1	Zoning review/oversight and engagement with Town's Planning Committee
2	Water-Quality Testing (now through affiliation with TERAS)
3	Publication and Distribution of the <i>Temagami Times</i> (3 x per year)
4	Other environmental issues (loon count, campsite maintenance, monitoring, etc.)
5	Publicity campaign to protect Lake Temagami from invasive plant or animal species
6	Summer HQ Building Services (store, Internet, mail, etc.)
7	Summer Radio Services
8	Publication of the Membership Directory (annually)
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RANKING / % OF Respondents:	ANSWER CHOICES:
	I feel strongly that the TLA needs a building/HQ, and I like the
1 (52%)	current location. The TLA should stay put.
1 (52%) 2 (22%)	current location. The TLA should stay put. A building or HQ is somewhat important, but the current location is not that important or even ideal.
· · ·	A building or HQ is somewhat important, but the current location

RANKING / % OF Respondents:	ANSWER CHOICES:		
1 (47%)	Lake Temagami may lose its unique character if there's too much island development, so I think development/zoning restrictions should remain as they are. I prefer no change.		
2 (26%)	To accommodate economic growth in the Town of Temagami, the development of mainland, within a small radius off the Town Centre, should be reconsidered. I'd support careful expansion that will benefit the Town economically - but that's the limit of changes I'd like to see.		
3 (10%)	Protecting the Lake as articulated in the Tenets is important, but so is development. I think island building restrictions may have been too stringent.		
4 (8%)	I don't worry too much about island development as long as there's no development on the mainland.		
5 (6%)	Times change and so should restrictions on development. I think there should be more well-planned island development, as it's important for Temagami's economic future.		
Other (3%)	various responses		
Q5. How strongly do you support the Tenets for Temagami? Drag the indicator to respond. If you need to review the Tenets before answering, please visit: <u>https://tla-temagami.org/tla-business/tenets</u> . Respondents indicated an 85% strength of support for the Tenets.			
	portance of the Temagami Lakes Association and feel Ily effective and represents my interests well. <i>w)</i>		
Respondents indicat Lakes Association.	ed an 80% belief in the importance of the Temagami		
Q7. Would you be willing (now or in the near future) to serve on a Committee or the Board of Directors of the TLA?			
Q8. If you'd be willing to help your TLA on a Committee or Board (now or in the future), please share your contact information below. We'll follow up with you. Thank you !			
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	idents Only: Please rate the responses below regarding d (or hope to spend) in Temagami.		
RANKING / % OF Respondents:	ANSWER CHOICES:		
1 (46%)	I go to Temagami to escape - and other than some social interaction with neighbours, I am largely uninvolved with the Lake community.		

5 (7%)

TLA can and should consider becoming more of a "virtual" organization and abandon a physical presence for a HQ.



3 (12%)	I am well integrated into the Lake community and Town, engage in regular interactions, and consider myself active in my core Lake neighbourhood and beyond.
Other (12%)	various responses
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When in Temagami, I look forward to interacting with the Lake community, but don't spend much time interacting in Town

or outside of my Lake neighbourhood (camps and marinas

2 (30%)

A casual conversation with Robin Potts and Linda Mathias on the dock at Camp Wabun, while we were watching the Wabun girls' section heading for James Bay prepare for departure, caused me to look more closely at the participants and inspired me to write what appears below.

The Temagami region in northern Ontario has been known since the 1880s as one of the most beautiful areas in North America. Adventurers and tourists were attracted to the scenic beauty of Lake Temagami and its surroundings, and to promises of great fishing. As the railroad extended northward, advertisements extolled the beauty of the area and steamboats appeared on the Lake – which made all of the arms accessible. Some early campers decided to build cottages and return to the Lake year after year.

Bear Island, located at the intersection of the five arms of Lake Temagami, is the traditional community of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA). Early tourists on the Lake frequently went to the Hudson's Bay Company store located there to hire TAA guides for their fishing and canoeing trips. One of the guides in the early 1900s was Tom Potts. In addition to leading trips in the local area, he led several canoe voyages from Lake Temagami to James and Hudson Bays. Philip Potts also gained a reputation as a fine

guide in the Temagami region. Both men were kind, patient, and resourceful – ideal qualifications for guides.

Because of the interlocking network of streams, rivers, and lakes, the region became known for its canoeing opportunities, and summer camps for children were established. Today there are seven. One of the earliest of these was Keewaydin, which was established on Devil's Island before 1900. Two of the oldest camps, Keewaydin and Wabun, play an important role in the story to follow. They were established as camps for boys, and the majority of the campers came from the United States. Any sisters of these campers who wished to try their hand at living in the bush went to Camp Cayuga, which had a small program directed by Henry and Marjorie Woodman. After Henry passed away, Camp Cayuga closed and there were few available alternatives for girls.

In 1977, the men who were directing Camp Wabun decided to try a small program for campers' sisters, staff daughters, and any other girls who wished to join. In a few years, the program was deemed a success and included girls with Keewaydin connections. Years later, Keewaydin followed suit, and both camps now have strong, but separate, programs for boys and girls.

Kylie Burns, the daughter of Robin Potts (one of Wabun's early female campers) and Dan Burns, grew up in the area, attended school on Bear Island, and graduated from Widdifield Secondary School in North Bay. In 2010, she followed in her mother's footsteps by enrolling at Wabun as a camper and travelling in the Temagami region to Mountain and Wolf Lakes. In the summer of 2011, her section ran the whitewater of the Dumoine River in Quebec, and the following summer, she was a member of a group that travelled for six weeks on the Attawapiskat River and its tributaries in northwestern Ontario. At age 16, Kylie applied for an assistant staff position, but no openings were available. Her mother had returned to Wabun as a camp cook, so Kylie elected to work with her for the next three summers.

In 2016, Kylie was invited by long-time camper and staff member, Jo Moore, to join the staff of the girls' six-week trip to James Bay on the Pipestone and Attawapiskat Rivers. In 2017, she and Jo led another six-week trip on the Asheweig and Winisk Rivers to Hudson Bay. After the 2016 camp season, Kylie went on a canoe trip with a number of Bear Island residents. The vessel in which they travelled was a 19-foot, birchbark canoe that was built by community youth.

When not canoeing with Wabun, Kylie is studying at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC. She graduated from the Adventure Guide Diploma Program and is now earning her Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies. There she upgraded her skills in safe wilderness travel, became certified in swiftwater rescue, canoeing, and international rafting, and has gained much knowledge of geography, weather, flora and fauna, and leadership. Kylie stated that her Wabun

Two Who Have Followed the WAYS OF THEIR ANCESTORS

By Walter "Nibby" Hinchman, Wabun Director Emeritus

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Kylie Burns and Demi Mathias – June 27, 2018 (photo by Dave Thompson)

ed the STORS experience allowed her to meet the physical and mental challenges of wilderness travel as a member of a small group, and acquire skills that have carried over into other phases of her life. In her free time, Kylie enjoys whitewater kayaking on glacial rivers in BC or rock climbing in Squamish with friends.

Demi Mathias, daughter of Tom and Sheri Mathias, decided that she wanted to try her hand at canoe tripping, and at age 14, she enrolled at Keewaydin (where her father had been a camper and staff member). She was a camper for five summers – first travelling in the Temagami area, and eventually to the western and eastern sides of Hudson Bay. As a member of the girls' long-trip section, she journeyed to the area at the border of Quebec and Labrador. After rising through the Keewaydin camper ranks, Demi was hired as a staff member on girls' trips, and she has travelled with groups on the Severn, Hayes, and Gods Rivers. She has been as far north as York Factory on Hudson Bay. Demi made excellent progress in her canoeing skills and was awarded the prestigious Gunn Award given by Keewaydin to the most proficient canoeist at season-end festivities. Demi is the second female to have received this award.

Like Kiley, Demi attended school on Bear Island and

later graduated from St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Catholic Secondary School in North Bay. Demi then attended the University of Ottawa and earned an Honours Bachelor's degree in 2017, with a concentration in Aboriginal Studies. Most recently, she enrolled at Trent University. Demi hopes to earn a Master's degree and Doctorate, with an emphasis on the role of the canoe as a symbol of cultural resurgence and revitalization among Aboriginal people. Her future goal is to become a university-level professor in the area of Indigenous Studies. One of her goals is to perfect her ability to speak Ojibway – the language of her community.

In August of 2017, Demi participated in sharing circles with other youth in her community and conversed with some birchbark canoe builders about their experiences and how the canoe has shaped their lives. She did not return to Keewaydin in 2018, but instead worked with a group of young people on Bear Island to build another birchbark canoe, which they used for a trip on the Missinaibi River.

Demi credits her Keewaydin experience with saving her from floundering as a young person. There she learned to appreciate the natural world and the relationships that exist between the people, the land, the water, and the canoe. At Keewaydin, she also learned to become a strong female in a largely male-dominated setting.

Kylie and Demi are distant cousins. The two guides mentioned in the opening paragraphs are related to both girls – Tom Potts is a shared great-great grandfather and Philip Potts is a shared great-grandfather. Both girls made courageous individual decisions some years ago to move from the familiar environment of Bear Island and lifelong friendships, to the male-directed-and-structured programs of two summer camps which are populated primarily by children from the United States. They have proven to be capable of this adjustment and have been equal to the physical, emotional, and mental challenges that the camps have presented. Kylie and Demi have experienced, in a very real way, the culture of their ancestors, by living close to the earth and learning to rely on the resources of a relatively-small group of companions in remote environments for safety and survival. Each young woman, in her own way, has learned a great deal about herself, and each speaks genuinely of the assistance her respective camp provided as she moved through ado-

lescence.

Wabun and Keewaydin are proud of Kylie and Demi and are pleased that their programs have benefitted these fine, young women. I know that their immediate families and their shared ancestors (Tom Potts and Philip Potts) would also be proud of their achievements. I have no doubt that in their travels in Temagami and on their journeys to James and Hudson Bays, Demi and Kylie have, both literally and figuratively, followed the routes and stepped in the footprints of their ancestors. This is an experience that few of us in the complex, modern world in which we live can truly claim for ourselves.

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Temagami Council Votes to Allow **Cannabis Retail**

Town Council has voted to notify the Alcohol and

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OF TEMAGAMI has decided to "opt in" as it relates to can-

nabis retail in the Province. All owners and operators

of cannabis retail stores are subject to the provincial Cannabis Licence Act, 2018 and its regulations. Coun-

cil Resolution 19-361 (to opt in), passed unanimously

at the January 9, 2020 Council Meeting. Councillor Leudke noted there has not been any stated opposition as far back as the "straw poll" taken at the July 2019 Planning Meeting. At the September 26 Council meeting, the decision to opt in or opt out had been deferred.

By Brit Hyde

Barry Graham and Erik Fenkell (owner of Temagami Outfitting Co.) presented to Council their plan to open a retail shop to sell cannabis, cannabidiol (CBD) oil, and hemp products at the former Temagami Outfitting location (6 Lakeshore Drive). Randy Becker, CEO of Nimkie Mining Services Corp., is the third partner involved in the operation. Temagami Outfitting is moving to a new location on the waterfront in Temagami – the former Lady Evelyn Outfitting building. Temagami Outfitting and the proposed cannabis retail venture are not related, but are stand-alone operations.

The presenters, asserting they had done extensive research into all facets of the industry, told Council that the business concept would be good for the Municipality in the following ways:

- bring more people to Town to shop at this store and at other retailers
- provide six to eight full-time jobs (with a pledge to hire locally)
- provide a safe alternative to the cannabis and harder drugs, which are already available in Town on the "black market"
- · introduce the Town's senior population to nonpsychoactive CBD and the medicinal benefits of cannabis, such as pain relief, appetite stimulation, and mood enhancements
- foster, solidify, and strengthen relations between seasonal Lake residents and the Town

The store would be the only one of its kind within about 100 km. The owners have already submitted an application for an operator's licence, and a separate retail licence application will be submitted in early March. The retail store will feature an information library to educate visitors on the benefits, strains, and strengths, of individual species of flowers. Customers entering the retail section of the facility will require ID proving legal age (which is 19 in Ontario). The store will tentatively be named, "The Temagami Cannabis Company".

Muskoka Grown (MG) in Bracebridge, ON will be one of the suppliers of cannabis products to this new retailer, and will mentor store employees on consumer education, products to be offered, and the legal aspects of the industry. More information on MG can be found at: www.muskokagrown.com. Other suppliers will be involved, as well.

The objective is to launch the store in the near future. It is possible that the store could be open as early as this Spring to retail items such as CBD and hemp products. The determination on licencing for cannabis retail will require approval by the Province, which involves participation in a licencing lottery. The timing for granting such a licence is TBD.







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Qualifications Include:

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

Commitment: This is a three-year commitment and involves approximately 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, three-year term. Nominations close on May 1 of each year. The election, if required, is completed through confidential ballots that are sent to TLA voting members. The results are then announced at the "Annual General Meeting" in July.

For Further Information: Contact a TLA Board member or Linda Bangay, Administrative Coordinator, at **<u>tla@onlink.net</u>** to discuss either the process or the commitment.

TLA Headquarters Building "SUMMER STAFF" for 2020

The Temagami Lakes Association (TLA) requires **parttime, summer, staff members** in 2020. Ideal qualifications include the following:

Ideal qualifications include the following:

- friendly and courteous when assisting TLA members;
- comfortable with speaking over a VHF radio;
- computer skills related to word processing, e-mailing, and internet research;
- the ability to learn to use various data-processing software, when required;
- first aid and CPR; and,
- able to travel to the TLA Headquarters Building and be available for at least three (3) days-a-week, from Saturday June 27th to Saturday August 29th.

For further information, or to send a cover letter and resumé, please contact Linda Bangay, Administrative Coordinator, at: <u>tla@onlink.net</u>.

Property Patrol Report – January 2020

By Dan O'Mara

January 25, 2020

Property-patrol checks were started around January 12th, and 50% of them have been completed as of the date of this report.

Early on, the conditions as were quite good, and the Lake was actually fairly quiet. The weather was cool, but most places were accessible, as there was a crust on the snow. Conditions have changed recently, and there have been a number of days with very mild weather. This has caused a delay in completing the



remainder of the patrols, because there is now lots of slush on the Lake, and it was raining here this morning.

There was a winter storm with lots of snow and wind prior to freeze up. During this storm, the area experienced quite a bit of wet snow and wind, which caused power outages in the area. This storm also resulted in a number of trees being brought down across Lake Temagami. Luckily,



Merlot Helps With the Property Patrol. (photo by Dan O'Mara)

most of the trees that have fallen are small, bushy, balsams – but, some pine trees were down, as well. So far, the damage noticed is minimal; however, there were a few close calls or hanging trees that have been noted, and photos will be sent to the affected members.

It is hoped that all property patrols will be completed by the end of January.

A Beautiful Winter Day for Property Patrols (photo by Dan O'Mara)

A History of Temagami Times Editors

1971 to 1981	Don and Annie Fenn
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1994 to 1997	Carol Cochrane
1997 to 2005	Claire Rannie
2005 to 2006	Peter Healy (de-facto Editor)
2006 to 2007	Vince Hovanec
2007 to 2014	Elaine Gunnell
2015 to present	Linda Bangay



The *Temagami Times*, as it says on the masthead of this issue, is "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 Business

TERAS Donations 2020

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 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.

TEMAGAMI LAKES Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community (2011)

Available at the TLA building, the Annual General Meeting, and TLA events.

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TERAS Facts

TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS) - the 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.

Cottage 911 Numbers

By Peter Healy

DO YOU KNOW YOUR 911 NUMBER IF YOU **NEED TO USE IT IN AN EMERGENCY?**

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

TLA Board and Committee Members Needed in 2020

You can help to protect and enhance the "Temagami Experience" by joining the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION Board of Directors. Currently there is an opening for a TLA member to fill a three-year term.

We also have a number of vacancies on certain TLA Committees. These groups meet infrequently, but still do great things. Committees in the greatest need of assistance at this time are:

By-Laws / Nominations / Elections Communications / Membership / Member Events Seasonal Operations / Protection of Persons and Property

Please contact us at **tla@onlink.net** if you wish to get involved and contribute your time and expertise to the Association.



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.



SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Thank you to all business and private donors, volunteers, and kitchen staff that made this year's Seniors' Christmas Dinner a huge success on December 1, 2019. It was an event full of festivities and cheer, as 140 guests sat down to a lovely roast-beef dinner.

DIABETES CLOTHESLINE PROGRAM:

For the past seven years that we have been involved in the Diabetes Clothesline Program, the Temagami Lions Club (TLC) has raised funds to help support diabetes programs within our community ... and we have recycled 3,182 bags of clothing (much of which would have ended up in our landfill).

USED EYEGLASSES COLLECTION:

Did you know that the Lions collect used eyeglasses – which are then refurbished, sent to third-world countries, and distributed to people in need? To date we have received over 300 pairs of glasses. If you have a pair of glasses that you wish to donate, please drop them off at the Temagami Post Office or Temagami Library. For more information, contact Lion Bob Sykes at 705-569-4412.

TEMAGAMI COUNTRY CHRISTMAS 2019:

WOW – what an event that was! This year was our 6th year for the Temagami Country Christmas, which was held on December 6th and 7th at Peacock Woodcraft. For six amazing years, Peacock Woodcraft and the TLC have worked together to offer this one-of-akind Country Christmas experience, and the 2019 event was absolutely awesome! Thanks to our amazing volunteers (who put in many hours), the public-works staff (who kept the roads sanded and plowed), our new Facebook page, and word of mouth, an estimated 2,000 visitors attended this year. The "Lady of the Lake" was spectacular to see, and our Mayor and Council put together their own display for the community to enjoy (Yes - they did that themselves, and got a good chuckle from the others.). The light and snow, the outdoor bonfire, and all of the displays were amazing! It sure is a unique experience that people love to attend.



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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:

This was held at the Temagami Community Centre on December 8th. The fire department and the ambulance service served an awesome breakfast, while the Lions Club worked with Santa and provided Christmas gifts to the young children in attendance.

TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK:

The Food Bank is sponsored by the Lions Club. Heading into the winter months, it is in good shape and able to help those who need it. A heartfelt thank-you is extended to Reina Leudke and Heather Reid for their donations to the food bank, and for making and selling 2020 calendars. We really appreciate your hard work and contributions. We also wish to thank the following organizations for their generous donations to our food bank: Frog's Breath Foundation; Knights of Columbus; North Bay Real Estate Board; Chartrand's Independent Grocer (New Liskeard); and, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – for their food drive. We are grateful, as well, for other donations made by individuals (who have been thanked personally). These amazing contributions help to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. If you wish to make a donation, or require assistance, please contact Lion Paul Middleton at 705-569-2586.

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By Heather Reid

Checking Out the Photographer - Photo Setting: ISO 640, f/9, 1/160 sec (photo by Heather Reid)

There are four things I always keep in mind when photographing wildlife.

1. Be PREPARED. Before I leave the house, I check the weather conditions and adjust my camera settings accordingly. Of course this is only a general guide, because once I'm outside, conditions can change - but at least my camera settings are close to what I want them to be, so if an animal does come into view, I am not fiddling too much to get the shot. Take a few test shots, and make the necessary adjustments.

Dress according to the weather. I never leave home without my camera, because the day I do, I'll likely miss an opportunity to get that once-in-a-lifetime photo. Carry extra batteries, SD cards, another lens, and perhaps a tripod and even another camera. In winter, I also have hand and foot warmers in my camera bag. In summer, bring a waterproof bag to protect your camera from rain.

2. KNOW your equipment. If you shoot manually (as I do most of the time), you need to know how to access the setting controls on your camera quickly. Lighting conditions can change rapidly, and the animals you are photographing generally don't stand still for long – especially when you have a subject in flight or one that moves from sunlight into shade.

Think about what you want your picture to look like. Do you want only the animal to be in focus or the whole area? Set your aperture accordingly, and set your shutter speed. You should also know how responsive your lenses are. How quickly do they focus on your subject? How wide is the aperture? If you are planning on using a tripod, make sure you know how to use it properly.

Practice is the key!! Your pets (or your neighbour's pets) are excellent subjects to learn your equipment. Read your manuals. There is a wealth of information in them.

3. Be PATIENT. You won't always get the perfect shot. Expect disappointment at times, but use the mistakes you make as valuable learning tools. Next time, you may just get the perfect photograph.

Try taking pictures at different angles (higher or lower), and continue shooting. The animals may move into more interesting positions or into better light. They

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won't stay there forever, so you want to get as many good shots as you can without making them uncomfortable with your presence. Check your view-finder occasionally to ensure your shots are in focus and the composition is good. Make changes accordingly and quickly.

I use continuous shooting – so when I hold down my shutter, it continues to take pictures until I release it. As I am not a big fan of Photoshop, I always try to get the best picture I can with my camera.

4. **RESPECT** the wildlife. Don't be the overzealous photographer who runs up to an animal and starts shooting. All wildlife has a fight or flight instinct. If you approach too closely or quickly, they will do one or the other - so please keep a respectable distance.

Use a longer zoom lens so you can still take good pictures and avoid stressing them. I typically use a 150 to 600 mm lens when shooting animals, so that I have the range I need to zoom in or out and still get a decent photo. (There are some really good point-and-shoot cameras on the market that have great zoom lenses if you aren't using a DSLR camera). I try to approach quietly and slowly, and stop often to allow the animals to get used to my presence and (hopefully) let them know that I am not a threat to them. Some wildlife, such as otters and weasels, are just naturally curious and will approach you. Don't panic, don't run, and never turn your back on any wild animal. Slowly back away if they are getting too close. They could just be letting you know that you are in their space and are encouraging you to leave. Read their body language. I can usually tell if they're becoming aggressive or nervous, as the fur on their backs is up or their ears are flat. That's definitely your cue to leave them alone. Remember these animals are wild and unpredictable. Their last encounter with a human may not have been a good one, so always remain alert and be cautious. Every second of their lives they are in survival mode. The last thing I want to do is stress an animal just to get a picture.

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TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Summer 2020 Activities For Children

Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) serves the three sectors of our community: Teme-Augama Anishnabai, permanent residents, and seasonal residents. The TCF believes the creation of opportunities for meaningful connection between individuals is central to cultivating a vibrant community. Connection leads to camaraderie, camaraderie builds common ground, and shared common ground roots relationships in respect, reciprocity, and responsibility. Communities can flourish when strangers recognize one another as neighbours. Projects supported by the TCF encourage respect for all members of the community, while celebrating the diversity within the community.

In the spirit of continuing to present opportunities to bring together young people from each community sector, the TCF will be offering two youth events this summer. Online registration for both events will open in early April through a link on our website <u>https://temagamicommunityfoundation.com</u>.



By Victoria Grant

Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough, ON (July 6 to 8, for youth aged 10 to 15):

In an effort to further the TCF's commitment to the "Truth and Reconciliation" process in Canada and the 94 "Calls to Action" by implementing action steps locally, a group of 18 youth and adults shared an amazing two-day venture to the Canadian Canoe Museum (CCM) in Peterborough last summer. For the last 20 years, the CCM has stewarded the world's largest collection of canoes, kayaks, and paddled watercraft. The 600+ watercraft and their stories have a pivotal role to play in understanding our past and our collective future. Many of the canoes and kayaks are of Indigenous origin, and are also cultural artifacts that have played significant roles in Canada's history.

Under the leadership and guidance of the skilled and committed staff of the CCM and five adult volunteers from our community, the youth stay overnight in the museum, travelled in a voyageur canoe on the Trent/Severn system, and made paddles and soap-stone carvings. The feedback about the trip was so positive that making this an annual event for the youth in our community was recommended.

This overnight trip is planned for three days in 2020, and will include a day at Petroglyphs Provincial Park. This is the largest known concentration of Indigenous rock carvings (petroglyphs) in Canada, and is known as "The Teaching Rocks".

Arts Camp on Bear Island (July 13 to 17, for youth aged 6 to 12):

The TCF Summer Arts Camp, in its 18th year, is planned for mid-July of 2020. We are excited to announce that with the support of Temagami First Nation, the camp will be held at the Lakeview Gathering Place – the new, multi-use facility on Bear Island. The addition of a sports component will round out our camp activities.

Participants will have many opportunities to draw upon their own experiences, inspire their imaginations, and interact and learn from one another – by presenting original songs, skits, and dances, and by creating drawings, paintings, photographs, and other artistic projects and products. Children will also have the opportunity to indulge in their love of sports, while enjoying the company of other kids, by possibly spending a very healthy amount of time outdoors.

This camp exists as a result of the generous contributions of effort and energy of friends and neighbours who volunteer their time, and through the generosity of our donors. Mary McTavish will return this year as Camp Director, and a committed group of volunteers are already planning for this year's camp. While we have an excellent group of volunteers, we are always looking for more, and encourage you to put your name forward at: **info@ temagamicommunityfoundation.com**.



Temagami visits the Canadian Canoe Museum – Participants Holding Paddles During the Paddle-Making Course (photo submission by Victoria Grant)



"Arts Camp" 2019 – Drama Group Led by Laura Irvine (photo submission by Victoria Grant)

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Temagami Comes to the City

By Richard Grant

Please make plans to join the TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (TCF) on April 23, 2020 for its 4th Biennial Gala and Fundraiser in Toronto. For those who are coming from out of town, we have made arrangements with two nearby hotels to offer special prices for accommodations. Find details on our website at <u>https://tema-gamicommunityfoundation.com</u> or by calling the office at 705-569-3737.

The TCF was launched in July 2001 and is in its 19th year of operation. The Foundation strives to make a visible and lasting difference in our community through a granting program that is balanced, flexible, creative, and responsive. It seeks to promote the well-being of all citizens of the Temagami area by supporting cultural, artistic, and educational activities, responsible stewardship of the natural heritage, sustainable economic development, and other charitable projects. Since its first year of operation, the funds granted annually have contributed nearly \$250,000 to various programs and projects within the Temagami area.

SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR GRANTS:

1. Endowment Fund: This is a permanent investment of "designated" and "undesignated" donations to the TCF which provides support to charitable organizations and activities in the Temagami community. *Designated Funds* are restricted to a particular purpose or project, while *Undesignated Funds* are unrestricted and may be used for any charitable purpose as described in the TCF objectives.

2. Flow-Through Funds: These funds must be spent within a year of receipt, and are comprised of: *charitable gifts for a specific purpose* – which are derived from various fundraising activities (e.g., two donors providing funds annually to specifically cover the cost of the "Arts Camp"); and, money raised through the TCF's *licenced lottery*.

If you want more information about how to contribute or participate, please contact the office. Debbie Morrow would be pleased to help you or put you in touch with someone who can.

A call for Grant Proposals was put out to the citizens of Temagami in early December 2019. The Grants Review Committee met in January 2020, and the successful applicants are being notified. This information will be posted on our website. Please watch for announcements calling for new grant proposals, which will be issued in February 2020 on the TCF Facebook page and website.

The Temagami Community Foundation Board of Directors wish to acknowledge our volunteers, donors, partners, and grantees for their support and participation in all of our endeavours. None of this would be possible without them!!!



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2020 Ice-Fishing Safety News Release

Ontario Conservation Officers Association (OCOA): January 24, 2020

Ice fishing is a popular pastime for many of Ontario's anglers, and the OCOA would like to remind everyone to put safety first.

"Ice conditions vary greatly from one end of the province to the other," says OCOA President, Sean Cronsberry. "In some parts of the province, the warm weather and rain this winter has delayed many waterbodies from creating safe ice conditions. While some areas in northern Ontario have had safe ice since early December, other areas in southern Ontario are still ice free. I strongly encourage anglers who are planning a fishing excursion to check the ice conditions often, plan ahead, and be prepared. By following some simple safety measures, it could save your life or the life of someone else."

ICE-SAFETY TIPS:

- \checkmark Check ice thickness and conditions frequently.
- ✓ Clear ice should have a minimum depth of: 10 cm (4") – for walking and ice fishing; 12 cm (5") – for one snowmobile or ATV; 20 to 30 cm (8 to 12") – for a car or small pick-up; and, 30 to 38 cm (12 to 15") – for a medium-sized truck. (source: Lifesaving Society)
- \checkmark Fish with a buddy.
- ✓ Be prepared for an emergency. Wear ice picks and/or a floater/survival suit, and have a whistle and cell phone on hand.

"Spending time outdoors in the winter with friends and family can be enjoyable," said Cronsberry, "But, if the ice is not safe, we suggest finding activities to enjoy on shore because making it home safe at the end of the day is paramount. We wish all Ontarians a happy and safe winter season."

Anglers are reminded to review the 2020 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, which is available online and at Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) offices.

Anyone who has information about a natural-

resources or public-safetyrelated offence is encouraged to call the MNRF violation reporting line at **1-877-847-7667**, contact their local Conservation Officer directly, or call Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**.

For more information about natural-resource regulations and enforcement, please visit the OCOA website at <u>www.ocoa.ca</u>, or contact your local Conser-

- ✓ Let someone know where you will be and when you plan to return. This should include where your vehicle will be parked, what route you plan to take, and any stops you plan to make.
- ✓ Stay off rivers and away from locks, where ice is less stable. Ice conditions in areas of moving water or spring-fed lakes can be unsafe at any time. Ensure that the ice is safe before venturing out.

vation Officer. Sean Cronsberry, President, Ontario Conservation Officers Association can be reached at: **<u>scronsberry@ocoa.ca</u>**.

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TAFIP Update - January 2020

By Ike Laba

The Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) had a very busy 2019 season as many major projects were successfully completed. Special thanks is extended to the many organizations and private donors who assist the Walleye-enhancement program in the Temagami area. Support has been received in a number of way (e.g., in-kind contributions, equipment donations, funds raised through

lakes associations, private donations, etc.). Please note that in 2019, Temagami First Nation, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), and the TAFIP worked as partners in the dispersal of Walleye fry within designated lakes in the Temagami area.

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

1. and 2. The Red Squirrel and Sherman Rearing Ponds were reconstructed and contoured in 2019, which will make it much easier to drain the ponds and extract the Walleye fingerlings in the future. Although the cost of these projects was high, we will benefit from these improvements for many years to come. Work to enhance Walleye production included the following:

- (i) Eliminating ponding and shallow areas, repairing leakage at the dam site, and proper contouring of the pond base will allow the extraction of greater numbers of high-quality, fingerling Walleye.
- (ii) Upgraded contouring was completed, which will reduce the number of volunteers and time required to extract fingerling Walleye for stocking by 2/3.
- 3. The Hatchery building has seen major improvements in 2019:
 - (i) Significant upgrades were made to the water-supply system, which includes a water-filtration system, the addition of two rearing jars, and the installation of a water-pressure tank system as a safety back-up.
 - (ii) The exterior of the building has been refurbished and painted.
- 4. Rearing-pond improvements during the 2019 season included:
 - (i) Floating areas were created to provide shade and cool spaces for the fry (which are sensitive to light).
 - (ii) Barley straw and controlled feeding were initiated to control algae and produce healthier fingerlings.
 - (iii) The ponds were monitored on a continuous basis with respect to oxygen, pH, algae growth, and clarity. Water levels were maintained by pumping aerated water from reserve-water ponds.
 - (iv) Walleye growth was monitored early in the season to prevent cannibalism. In 2020, we expect that extraction will begin in early July.

5. In 2019, we initiated the first cleaning in many years of the spawning shoal in Angus Lake. While only half of the shoal was cleaned due to pump issues, this will be completed in 2020. Other shoals may also be cleaned if approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Ling Fling:

This annual, TAFIP fundraiser is on Saturday, March 21, 2020 (2:00 p.m.) at the Lake Temagami Access Road landing.

Kids' Fishing Tournament:

The annual tournament will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the Temagami Municipal Dock. This event is open to all kids up to 13 years-of-age.

Website and TAFIP Facebook Page:

Please view our Facebook page (which was created in 2019) at: <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>TemagamiFishHatchery</u>. The website <u>www.tafip.org</u> is being developed.



OFAH Support:

Thanks is extended to the OFAH for their expert advice on hatchery operations, equipment support, and operating dollars.

Volunteers:

We appreciate the many active volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to improving the Walleye fisheries program in the Temagami area. Without the commitment of TAFIP volunteers, we would have no Walleye-improvement initiatives in our region.





Upgrades and Contouring of the Red Squirrel Rearing Pond (photo by Steve Morrison)



Hatched Walleye Fry (photo by Matt Burley)

HATCHERY CONTACTS:

For more information about TAFIP operations, please contact:

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2. Pay Attention to Peak Times:

Be aware of time-of-use pricing, which fluctuates throughout the day as demand for electricity fluctuates. In fact, time-of-use rates changed in Ontario on November 1, 2019. Plan your energy-intensive activities during mid-peak and off-peak times, when rates are lower. Official holidays, such as Family Day, are off-peak days – so you can stay cozy watching winter classics, baking cookies, and drinking hot chocolate all day long.

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