

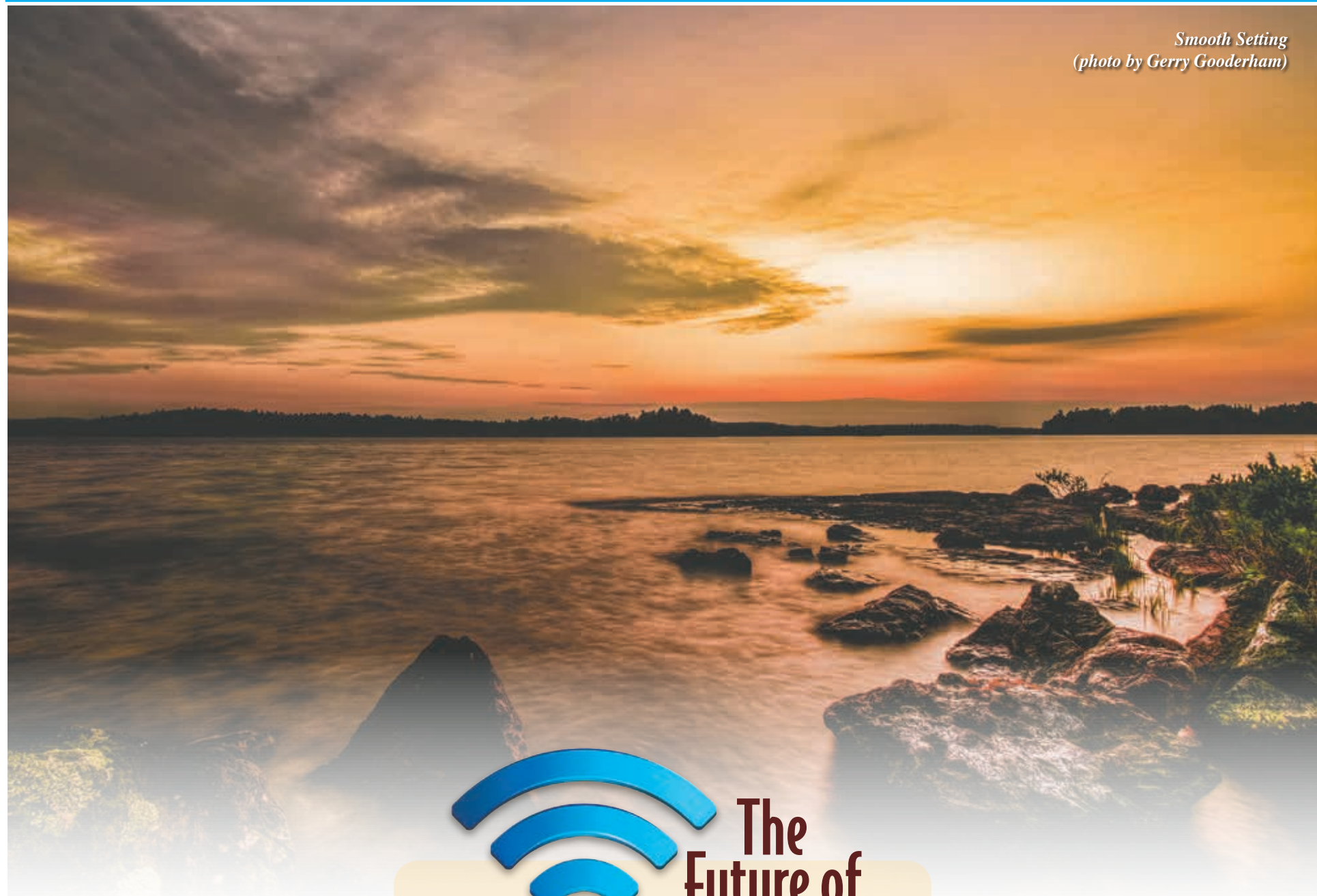


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The Future of BROADBAND on Lake Temagami

By Terry Males

The Council for the Municipality of Temagami recognizes the need for improved internet service throughout its jurisdiction. To this end, it partnered with Temagami First Nation (TFN) in 2019 to commission Amadeo Bernardi Consulting to complete a regional study and report of the current broadband infrastructure, the services it makes available, the gaps within it, and the broadband needs of the people living within the area. The Report (*The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami and the Temagami First Nation Broadband Assessment*) made the following recommendations (distributed by Mayor Dan O'Mara on December 6, 2019, and posted on the TLA website on December 13, 2019):



LOADING...

- Discuss local distribution with Ontera/Bell.
- Take the lead on any future funding applications, but attempt to broaden participation with neighbouring communities.
- Expand to include other communities.
- Seek service-provider partners.
- Review wireless (radio frequency) options to optimize coverage in the Lake community areas.
- Consider creating a regional ISP [internet service provider] or partnering.
- Secure a resource to monitor regulatory and service providers.

The Temagami Council (represented by Dan O'Mara) and the TFN have pursued these recommendations in the months following the Report's release. The Report represented an important step in preparing for funding opportunities that will be opened by the Canadian and Ontario governments in the coming months.

One very clear message made by Mr. Bernardi was that the Municipality of Temagami and the

TFN would greatly increase the likelihood of securing Federal and Provincial government funding for broadband improvements by working with a regional group. He also recommended that the Temagami Municipal Council work with the organization NEOnet Inc.

(North Eastern Ontario Communications Network Inc.) to set up a conference and invite interested municipalities, internet-service-provider representatives, and government delegates to come together to discuss needs and opportunities. "NEOnet Inc. is a regional, non-profit organization with a mandate ... to facilitate telecommunication service and infrastructure development in northeastern Ontario" (www.neonet.on.ca/about-us/history).

Clearly, the broadband aspirations of the Municipality and TFN fit NEOnet's mandate. Based on Mr. Bernardi's recommendation, Dan O'Mara worked with NEOnet to set up a conference in the neighbouring town of New Liskeard on February 6, 2020. The conference was recorded and can be accessed at the following URL: www.neonet.on.ca/projects/broadband. It was hosted by Paul Ouimette, Director of Operations at NEOnet. Mr. Ouimette began the conference by introducing the Canadian government's position on broadband services. A 2017 ruling by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) deemed the internet an essential service for all residents of Canada. As an essential service, the Government of Canada stated in 2019 that it will work with partners to achieve universal 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload speeds for all Canadians, and will improve access to the latest, mobile,

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President's Letter - Summer 2020

Dear Fellow TLA Members:

As I write this letter, my iCal reminds me that today (April 15) is tax day in the US. Like so many other dates on the calendar, this "red letter" date has been moved due to the ongoing pandemic. Life in the age of COVID-19 means remaining flexible, maintaining a positive attitude in the face of disruption and difficulty, and looking forward to better times as we develop therapies (and, ultimately, a vaccine) to address the virus. Greater gratitude for personal health and a deep appreciation for those serving on the front lines (and in essential economic services) seem to be the attitudes best suited to this crisis.

At this moment, governments at all levels are urging citizens to stay at home – which does NOT mean being at their summer or vacation residences. Rural communities such as Temagami, with limited health and safety infrastructure, fear having those limited services overwhelmed. Full-time residents rationally fear stealth infection of a novel virus (that is highly contagious) from visitors who show no symptoms and, therefore, cannot gauge their risk to spread infection.

Currently, there is speculation that the Canada/US boarder may remain closed to all but essential trade and travel through June. The government has been instructing marinas not to launch boats other than for permanent residents and front-line workers. Some public boat launches are being restricted or blocked. There are also (unverified) reports that people coming north have been stopped on the highway by the Ontario Provincial Police and, without a Northern Ontario address on their licence, have been turned back.

By the time this edition of the *Temagami Times* arrives, you will likely have received much more information from the TLA that will make this letter seem dated. Rest assured – you will find much news and information in this edition of the *Times* that is still timely and relevant.

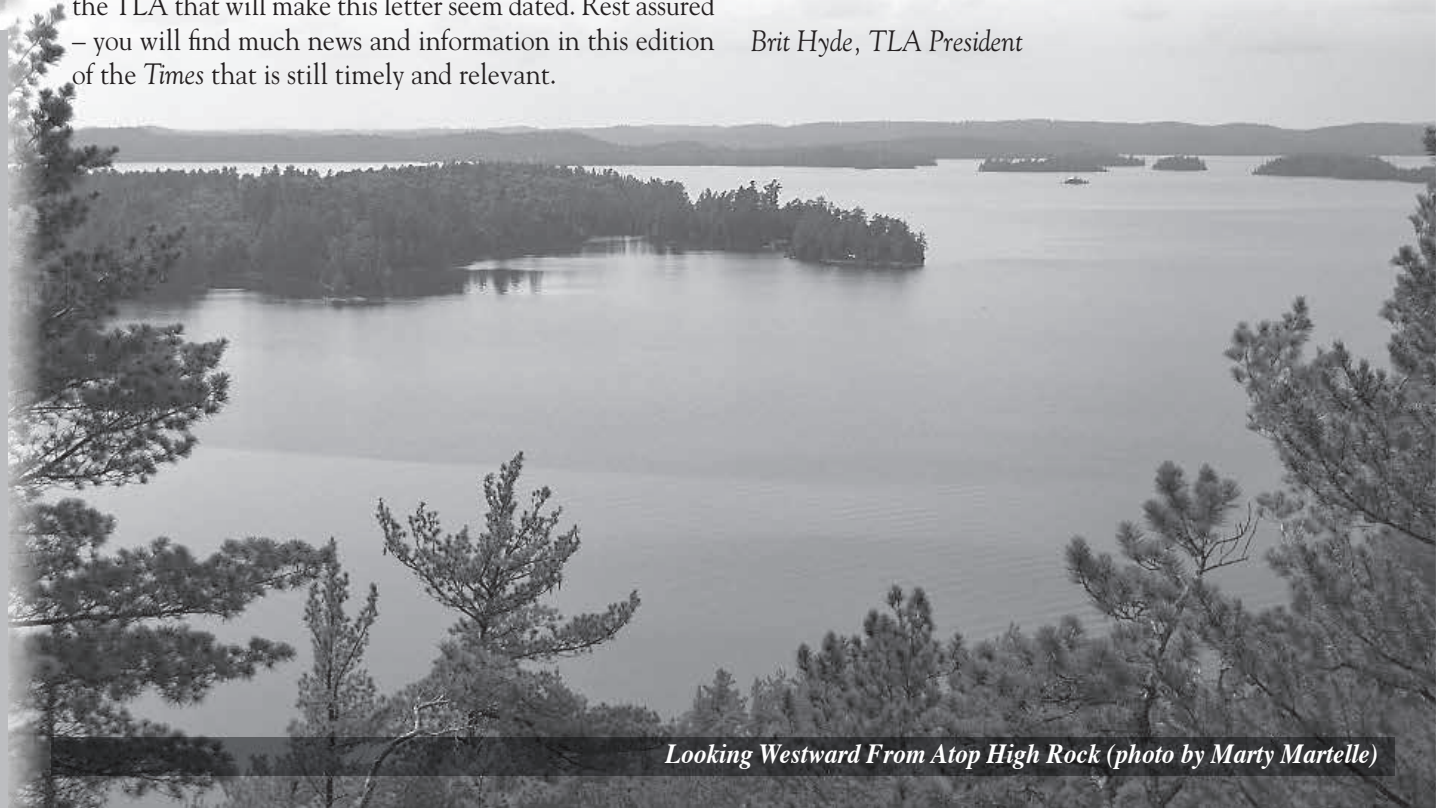
Your TLA Board has been busy considering and planning around how this interruption might affect our organization. In what ways can we be more cost efficient to keep our Association strong? How can we better partner with our advertisers and other Temagami stakeholders as we fully realize we're all in this together? How (and where) might we hold an AGM in the era of social distancing? As I write, we don't have all the answers, but we're working through these issues.

The core mission of your TLA, as recognized in last year's member survey, remains promotion and protection of the Tenets for Temagami. We also offer a host of other member services and communications (such as this newspaper), are actively engaged with other stakeholders in and around the Lake, and remain focused on developments that affect the environment and future for Temagami. All of these are long-term efforts and require a long-term perspective, commitment, and planning horizon. It's only through your continued membership and support of our Association that all of this is possible.

This is my last letter in the *Temagami Times* as Board President. While you occasionally see my name, you see less frequently the names of other Board and Committee members (past and present) who have volunteered their time every bit as much (if not more) on your behalf. A huge THANK YOU to all of them! Linda Bangay, our Administrative Coordinator for the last year, and our long-time Editor of the *Times*, is part of the glue that holds our association together. Much gratitude is extended to Linda for her rapid on-boarding last year as Administrative Coordinator, and for the work she does for our members every day.

Until we meet again, stay healthy and watch for leadership, news, and other information updates from your TLA.

Brit Hyde, TLA President



Looking Westward From Atop High Rock (photo by Marty Martelle)

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.

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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.

The Future of Broadband on Lake Temagami

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wireless services where Canadians live and work, and along highways and major roadways.

The Government of Canada aims to achieve this “50/10 connectivity” for 90% of Canadians by 2021, 95% of Canadians by 2026, and the remaining 5% by 2030. The Municipality of Temagami, the TFN, and any

regional consortium they may join will probably not fit within the 2021 deadline; but, in all likelihood, they will be eligible for funding to help them achieve affordable, reliable, broadband within the 2026 timeframe.

In order to achieve its goals, the Government of Canada established a number of funding sources. Specifically, in 2019, the CRTC announced a \$750 million broadband fund to be apportioned over five years. The first round opened in June of 2019, while the second round opened in November of 2019 and closed on March 27, 2020. The CTRC is looking for groups to work together with public and private partners. The 2019 Federal Budget also announced the “Universal Broadband Initiative” that will provide up to \$1 billion over 10 years to support broadband projects across Canada. It is being designed to meet the unique needs of rural and remote communities and is expected to be launched in the spring of 2020. When the Government of Canada launched its “High-Speed Access for All: Canada’s Connectivity Strategy” in 2019, it identified up to \$6 billion toward achieving its goal of “50/10 connectivity” for all.

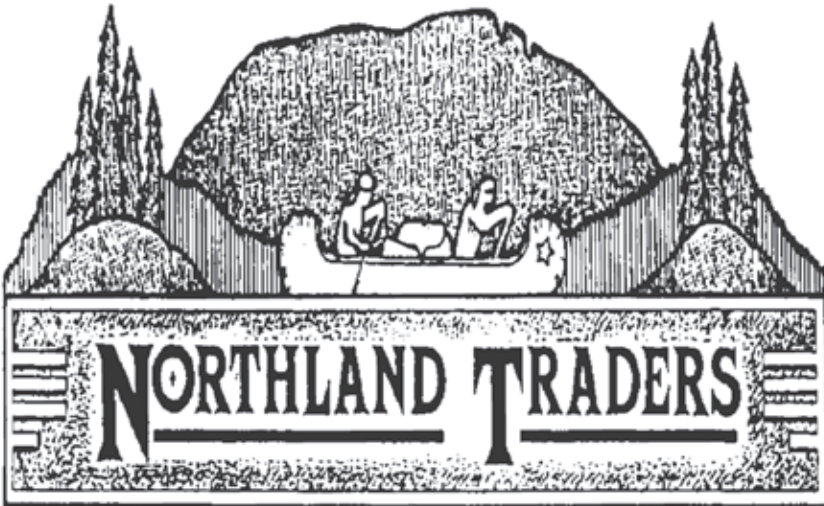
In its 2019 budget, the Province announced the “Up to Speed: Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action Plan”, which is set to begin between 2020 and 2021. The Plan commits a \$315-million investment over five years for the expansion and improvement of broadband and cellular services for rural and remote communities.

Given the Canadian government’s commitment to achieve “50/10 connectivity” and Ontario’s intention to improve broadband and cellular service in rural and remote communities, the Municipality of Temagami and its partners should be able to achieve this benchmark by the 2026 deadline (and, hopefully, sooner rather than later). The key element of success will be readiness to apply for funding rounds. February’s broadband conference with NEOnet was a good beginning. NEOnet has offered to lead a steering committee comprised of representatives from northeastern Ontario municipalities to help them prepare for all future funding opportunities. NEOnet will provide the regional partnership with a comprehensive needs analysis, their expertise, and the expertise of Blue Sky Net (which has developed relevant GIS mapping capabilities). NEOnet will determine where the broadband gaps are located and recommend the best technology to fill these gaps – all information which is required for funding applications. NEOnet will also work with this committee in the preparation of funding applications and subsequent request-for-proposals development. The Municipality of Temagami, along with other Northeastern Ontario communities, has joined the steering committee set up by NEOnet, to begin preparing for the next round of funding.

Adequate broadband is essential for all Canadians to participate in the economic, educational, healthcare, and social opportunities provided by the internet revolution. Federal and provincial governments recognize this need and are responding with the funding necessary to provide broadband service to all Canadians. Smaller



communities in Canada, such as Temagami, will need to come together to make applications for these scarce broadband resources. Governments will always receive more applications for funding than there are resources available. Nevertheless, the Municipality of Temagami has prepared itself well to take advantage of funding opportunities as they arise, and will make every effort possible to bring reliable and affordable broadband services to all who live, work, and play within its boundaries, as soon as possible. At the same time, given the sudden onslaught of the pandemic that is facing all levels of government in 2020, the timeline for implementation of the “50/10” Mbps connectivity goal will likely be altered.



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(This) Dummy's Guide to Temagami Planning

By Paul Tamburro

There is always a plan, or two, or ten, cooking in Temagami. For this article, I will focus on two plans under development by the Municipality: the new Official Plan (OP) and the Strategic Plan (SP). These plans have huge, long-term implications for Temagami. The new Official Plan is reviewing policies that were essential to the Lake Temagami neighbourhood agreeing to amalgamation with the Municipality over two decades ago, and the Strategic Plan points the way to an improved economy in Temagami via an embrace of tourism and building on the region's reputation as a renowned wilderness destination.

The Official Plan is provincially mandated, and is a policy document that sets out the community's vision and guides development within the Municipality's boundaries. The OP provides direction for land use, provision of Municipal services, and regulatory by-laws to control the development of land. These policies are necessary to promote orderly growth and compatibility among land uses. An additional document, the Zoning By-Law, is required for the day-to-day administration of the OP. The OP and the Zoning By-Law are separate documents, but they work together and complement each other.

In 2018, Temagami had two options: either perform a five-year review of the current Official Plan or undertake a comprehensive review and create a new OP that will be next reviewed in ten years. Council opted to create a new OP, and specified the items to be reviewed (see Figure 1).

The new OP is currently under development by the Municipality's hired planners, MHBC. Temagami Municipal Treasurer and Administrator, Craig Davidson, expected the preliminary plan to be available for public input as early as July; however, all issues requiring public comment are on hold until the Municipality can again hold open meetings. Mr. Davidson stated there would be at least four opportunities for public input before the plan is submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for final approval. He encouraged residents to monitor the Municipal website and subscribe to communicate@temagami.ca for updates.

Irrespective of the new Official Plan, this past winter, Council proposed two amendments to the current Official Plan. The purpose of these amendments is to loosen restrictions on home occupation and home industry, and to allow for the construction of secondary housing units on properties. These amendments are designed to apply throughout Temagami, including the village, Lake Temagami, and all backcountry neighbourhoods.

The Temagami Lakes Association (TLA) received considerable member input, and after much deliberation, objected to the proposed amendments. The reasons for the objection were twofold. First, the stated intent of the secondary-unit amendment is *increasing availability of affordable housing and housing for older persons via development of second units*. The majority of our communicants believe that this policy is not well suited for the Lake Temagami neighbourhood with its limited infrastructure and difficult access to emergency services. The second concern relates to timing, and specifically why the amendments are being considered separately, rather than as part of the new OP. The TLA specified that should the Municipality of Temagami wish to

proceed with the amendments for Temagami's village neighbourhoods, we have no objection; otherwise, we ask Council to consider our concerns. Temagami First Nation also submitted a letter regarding the proposed amendments. Details of their concerns are not available, but must be considered. Presumably, a Council decision is forthcoming.

I have mixed feelings about the amendments, even though I wrote the letter of objection on behalf of the TLA. I believe there are valid arguments for second units on Lake Temagami that could accommodate some families' needs. Gerry Gooderham, a long-time resident and contractor on the Lake, would like to see well-written, enforceable laws regulating secondary units and a provision for proper septic systems. He has built and renovated many cabins on Lake Temagami and has seen many incidents where legalizing secondary units would enable existing structures to comply with the law. All things considered, this reporter believes the amendment issues should be addressed as part of the new OP and Zoning By-Law rather than as amendments to the existing OP.

The second plan commissioned by Council, and under development by Commerce Management Group, is the Temagami Strategic Plan. The SP is primarily an economic plan designed to provide a structured approach for achieving the long-term goals of the com-

Some of the highlights include beautification of the Highway-11 corridor through the village, and redevelopment of the Sherman Mine site (which is privately owned), as well as other properties in Town. Improving infrastructure and quality of life are stressed. An emphasis on tourism and environmental stewardship is present throughout the plan; but, other industries are also recognized, including "value-added, low-risk forestry", mining exploration, and elder care (see Figure 2).

A call for community pride and the need for collaboration on multiple levels is recommended. To manage implementation of the plan, an economic-development organization is envisioned. It is recommended that membership in the organization be broadly community based, encourage First Nations participation, and leverage the talents of the seasonal-resident pool.

According to Mr. Davidson, the goal is, "for all planning to move in the same direction for the most efficient use of ratepayer dollars." The Official Plan and Strategic Plan intersect in that a stable planning environment is a key ingredient to economic development.

Mr. Davidson says, "Taxes are the ratepayer's investment in the community." This makes good sense to me, but locating my fellow rate-paying "investors" is not as easy as one would think, as it can be tricky to determine who lives where (and when) in Temagami.

Temagami has 806 full-time residents. The urban areas of Temagami North and South have around 600 full-time residents, while Marten River accounts for approximately 90 and Lake Temagami for 55.

Looking at the data from the viewpoint of households, there are 1346 rate-paying households in

the community. Census numbers reveal that 375 of these are permanent dwellings; therefore, 971 are seasonal dwellings. There are roughly 723 seasonal properties on Lake Temagami and 27 permanent dwellings. Thus, there are another 248 seasonal dwellings in the Municipality.

My rough calculations suggest Temagami has at least 2,000 seasonal residents. Seasonal or permanent, all residents are invested. The SP, in particular, can provide a new path to economic prosperity for the Town

and its people.

The Official Plan is all about how we make use of land in Temagami, while the Strategic Plan emphasizes sustainability and recognizes Temagami's beauty and natural attributes as the fuel for its economy. Surely there is ample opportunity in the two plans for all residents to collaborate for the common good.

Clear as mud? Feel free to contact me at: patamburro@gmail.com.

FIGURE 1: Terms of Reference for New Official Plan

1. Site Plan Control
2. Wind, Solar, and Geothermal Policies
3. Second Unit Policy
4. Mainland Development Policy
5. Economic Readiness Policy
6. Archaeological and Heritage Culture Policy
7. Private Roads Policy
8. Part A "Tenets for Temagami"
9. Water Quality Safeguards
10. Necessity of Temagami Neighbourhood Policies Mimicking Each Other
11. Make OP More User Friendly and Update Planning Tools

FIGURE 2: Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives

1. Supporting the economic growth and competitiveness of Temagami and area businesses through the efficient provision of municipal services and through an equitable and transparent tax levy.
2. Validating Temagami as a leader in resource-based, nature tourism.
3. Establishing Temagami as a centre for environmental stewardship for any new or expanded opportunities.
4. Achieving controlled economic diversification without compromise to the core elements of the existing economic structure.

munity. My reporting of the SP has been reviewed by Mayor O'Mara and Mr. Davidson, but the plan is preliminary and has not been debated or approved by Council. Over 60 residents, including yours truly and other TLA members, offered comments that informed the strategic planners.

The consultants believe there may be some small-scale, value-added opportunities, but evidence suggests that large-scale development in the resource-extraction sector will be challenging. The Municipality of Temagami should instead consider a re-branding that fully embraces the huge economic potential within the tourism sector and focuses less on its mining and forestry heritage. Temagami has a world-renowned reputation for canoeing and pristine nature tourism. The Municipality should move towards becoming a dedicated tourism destination and support centre for eco-tourism. The consultants emphasize that community leadership is necessary to reduce the polarization that exists within the communities that make up Temagami. Concerted efforts will be required to engage those that feel resentment to others, including seasonal and permanent residents.

An implementation approach has been put forward, along with timelines.



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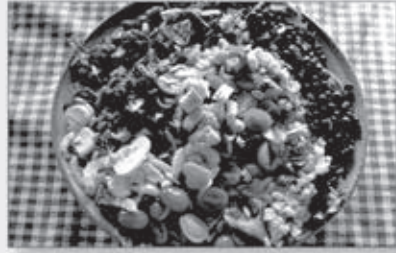
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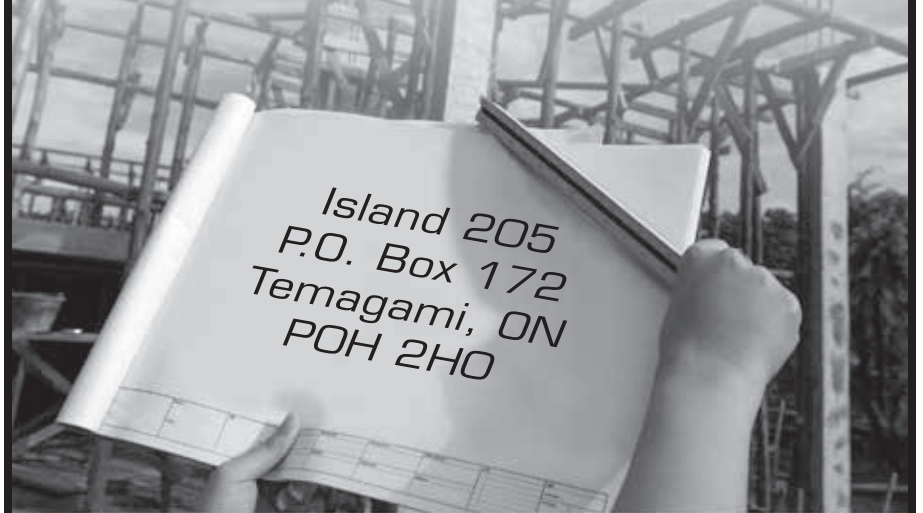


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REMEMBERING

David Brayton ("Chip") Kittredge, Jr.

(April 20, 1956 – March 13, 2020)

David B. Kittredge, Jr. moved with amazing grace from this world to the next on March 13, 2020 following a life full of love, fun, fulfilling travel, and adventure. Dave (a.k.a. "Chip" – a family childhood name) was born in New York City on April 20, 1956 to Barbara (Peugeot) and David B. Kittredge, Sr. Dave and his three sisters were raised in Lake Bluff, IL and then New Canaan, CT.

Dave is survived by: his wife, Anne Marie – Shutesbury, MA; stepson, Gilbert E. Loud III (Jessica) – Williamsburg, MA; granddaughter, Abigail Lillian – Williamsburg; sisters Martha K. Bonti (Rick), Jennifer K. Wastrom (Rick), and Emily T. Kittredge; and, an extraordinarily-close extended family, including two aunts, numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dave was passionate, tireless, and dedicated to maintaining the closest of relationships with family, colleagues, and friends.

Dave earned professional degrees from the University of Vermont (Forestry) and Yale University (M.S. Forest Science / Silviculture and Doctor of Philosophy). He retired in 2017 from his faculty position at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Department of Environmental Conservation. Here he enjoyed 30 years of service with a three-part appointment: (1) professor of undergraduate courses and mentor of more than 20 graduate students; (2) research designer and implementer – with a focus on forest-owner attitudes and behaviors, and forest policy; and, (3) Massachusetts Extension Forester, who designed and applied outreach activities for timber harvesters, practicing foresters, conservation experts, and private landowners. For more than 20 years, Dave also enjoyed a part-time appointment as the Forest Policy Analyst at the Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA. Dave authored / co-authored about 70 refereed research publications, 40 editorially-reviewed publications, four peer-reviewed book chapters, 15 invited publications in proceedings, 20 extension publications, and 20 research grants. Dave received 30 honors and awards during his career, including the recent 2019 Charles H. W. Foster Award for Exemplary Academic Leadership in Land Conservation.

During Dave's professional career, he was elected or appointed as: Chair of the Massachusetts Forester Licensing Board; Chair of the New England Society of American Foresters; Chair of the Yankee Division Society



Fishing Near Home on Tully Lake in Orange, MA – July 2016 (photo submission by Anne Marie Kittredge)

of American Foresters; President, Vice-President, and Board Member of the Temagami Lakes Association; Editor and Editorial Board Member of various scientific journals; Board Member of the Petersham Curling Club; and, Member of The Shutesbury Open Space Planning Committee.

While Dave's professional career brought him to various countries around the world, Dave's favorite place to be was Lake Temagami, Ontario, Canada where his family continues to enjoy family vacations as they have for more than a century. Continuing another family tradition that began with his grandfather and great uncle more than 100 years ago, Dave attended and worked for Keewaydin Temagami – the world's oldest canoe-tripping camp (founded in 1893 and located on Devil's Island in Lake Temagami).

Contributions may be made in Dave/Chip's memory to one of his favorite charities (a canoe camp, land trust, or music hall) or another of your choosing:

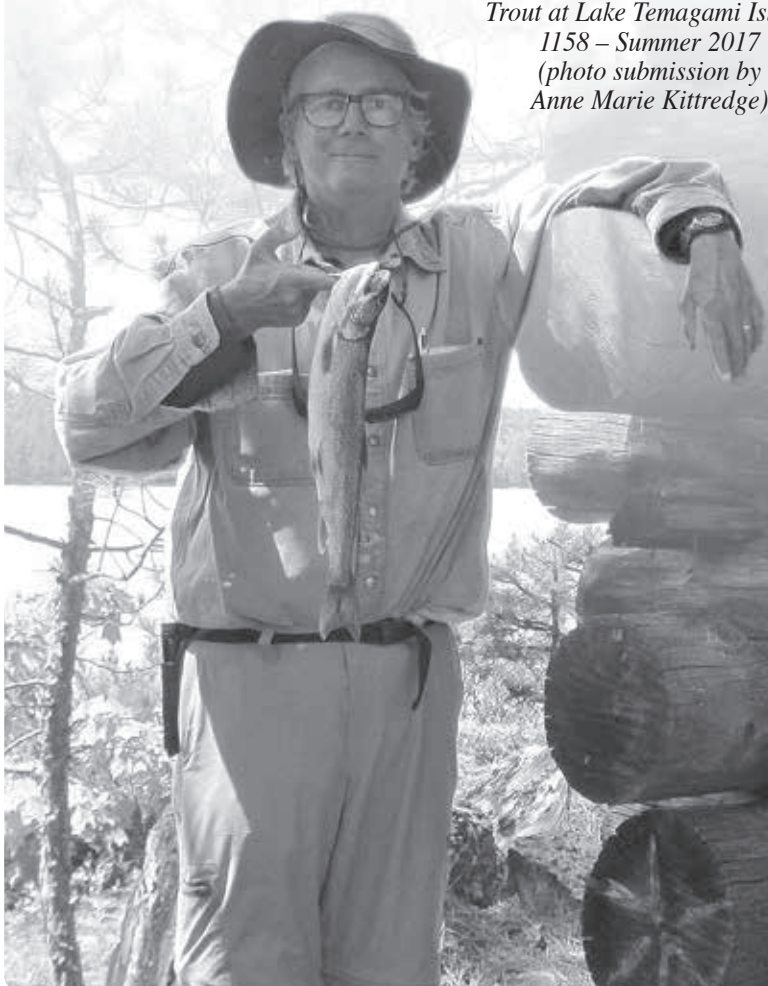
- Keewaydin Temagami: <https://keewaydin.org/keewaydin-foundation/give>
- East Quabbin Land Trust: PO Box 5, Hardwick, MA 01037 or <https://eqlt.org>
- 1794 Meeting House: PO Box 8, 26 South Main Street, New Salem, MA 01355 or <https://1794meetinghouse.org/product/donate>

Dave specifically requested that no formal services be scheduled following his passing from this splendid life to the next. Dave hopes that his friends, colleagues, and relatives will honor his request by spending time individually or in small groups enjoying, watching, or participating in one of his favorite activities: canoeing, curling, reading, biking, hiking, skiing, birding, fly-tying, fishing, live music, travel, and/or mountain climbing. Whenever you are on the ice, trails, rivers, lakes, roads, music venues, or wandering the forests of this world, Dave's one true hope is that you will think and speak of him often – as articulated by H. S. Holland in the following quote that was brought to his attention by his Aunt Nancy:



Chip Kittredge on the Dock at Lake Temagami Island 1158 – Summer 1959 (photo submission by Anne Marie Kittredge)

Chip Kittredge With a Small Lake Trout at Lake Temagami Island 1158 – Summer 2017 (photo submission by Anne Marie Kittredge)



"Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before. How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!"

As we are all aware, the Temagami area has an extensive mining history, but currently appears to be relatively quiet in terms of mining activity. Most of us will recall the staking rush in 1997 when the land caution was lifted and the Harris Government opened the area to staking. Mining companies were (quite literally) hiring high-school athletes to quickly move through the bush and stake the area.

At this time, the TLA Board worked closely with a number of government ministries during the Temagami Land Use Planning (TLUP) and Official Plan (OP) efforts. The MNDM (Ministry of Northern Development and Mines – now the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development, and Mines) supported the following customizations of some mining regulations, to adapt activities and reduce the impact of exploration and mining in the Temagami area:

- (a) Mineral rights could not be claimed on (or, more correctly, under) islands.
- (b) Staking activities needed to have minimal visible impact on the Lake. Clearing brush to enable visibility between blazed trees, and tree blazing along the edge of the Lake to identify claim lines, were limited so that shorelines were not compromised.
- (c) Survey claim lines (typically 4' baselines cut along the north-south and east-west lines of claims – when advancing claims for more formal exploration/development work) were constrained for Temagami, as follows:
 - These lines could not be cleared to the edge of the Lake.
 - Trees with a diameter of more than 4" could not be removed from along a survey line.
- (d) Mining activities were to be restricted to the off season, and mine development was to be set back from the Lake to preserve the skyline.

When the province subsequently revamped the mining regulations for the remainder of Ontario, protection of privately-owned property from staking was extended to many other areas of the province.

Although a great deal of staking was done (along with subsequent and ongoing exploration work), so far, no new mines have appeared to enter production. Part of this may be attributable to economic factors and the “mine-ability” of some sites under exploration. These generally take many years or decades to make it to production – some fading quickly once they do, and a few hitting significantly larger deposits as they progress and expand beyond their initial project expectations.

Temagami has a long list of historical mining sites, and a number of mining patents and mining leases remain active in the area. The Sherman Mine and Copperfields Mine are the most significant projects.

The MNDM records indicate that Sherman Mine exploration activities began circa 1904 to 1905, with Dofasco taking the site into production in 1968 and continuing to the closure of the mine in 1990. Sherman was an open-pit, iron mine, with about 87 million tonnes of ore mined. Its closure was based on a broader decision by Dofasco (in tandem with the closure of the Adams Mine in Kirkland Lake). Although Sherman may be closed, it is certainly not yet mined out. Temagami Gold Inc. currently has the rights to the Sherman Mine property, along with their O'Connor, Kanichee, and Leckie Properties. Kanichee was a copper/nickel mine active from the 1930s to an open-pit phase in the 1970s.

The Temagami Mine / Copperfields Mine on Temagami Island is shown in MNDM exploration records that date back to ~ 1951, following discovery of a strong magnetic anomaly in the Temagami area by Dr. Norman Keevil when testing his magnetometer survey equipment. At the time, he was contracted to Dominion Gulf, which decided it wasn't interested in the site. This allowed him to depart and explore the area further with his own company. Dr. Keevil, a University of Toronto Geophysics Professor, moved on to industry in the mid-1940s, and was one of the pioneers in using magnetometer surveys for mining exploration. Ore bodies were identified on/under Temagami Island, and development began in 1954, running through to its closure in 1972. For the first decade, ore was mined and stored until winter ice was thick enough, and was then trucked up the NE Arm to Temagami. In 1964, the Lake Temagami Access Road (“The Mine Road”) was constructed to enable ore to be barged to shore and hauled away to be milled. While Copperfields Mine is now on the Province's “Abandoned Mines” list, mining patents and mining leases remain active on the property, and the potential undoubtedly remains for a developer to again take it into production. Today's Teck Corporation was purchased by Norman Keevil in the early 1960's and grew along with the Copperfields Mine. Norman Keevil was president and CEO from 1963 through 1981. Three generations of the Keevil family have steered Teck – with Norman Keevil III currently sitting

Mining In the Temagami Area

By Rob Corcoran

as Vice-Chair of the Board.

In addition to some of the extensive base-metal concentrations found in the area (with iron and copper standing out due to historical operations), gold, silver, cobalt, and molybdenum exist and have been mined to some extent. The Sherman Mine site has been sampled for gold concentrations, with an average grading of about 0.094 ounces per tonne projected for the areas sampled.

After being “unpegged” in 1972, gold prices rose from \$35 USD to over \$200 USD per

ounce within a few years and peaked at about \$850 USD per ounce in 1980. Higher pricing enabled old gold mines to be brought back online, and piles of waste rock were literally hauled away and milled. The Sherman Mine tailings may contain as much as 5.8 million ounces of gold – a sizeable quantity, by most mining standards, and of particular interest given the current gold price of ~ \$1,700 USD per ounce.

The potential to remove the tailings from the Sherman Mine (ideally using Ontario Northland Railway tracks to transport them to Kirkland Lake for milling) could be beneficial from multiple viewpoints – including revenue for Temagami Gold, and providing local employment to extract tailings and load them for transport. A side-benefit would be the potential elimination of the tailings, which represent a significant environmental concern for the area.

Ontario mining regulations have been upgraded over the years. In 2011, private land in Southern Ontario was removed from staking, and Northern Ontario property-owners were able to apply for exemptions. The Province also added long-overdue requirements for consultation with First Nations who are associated with lands that are staked, protection from staking for areas of Aboriginal cultural significance, and provisions for revenue sharing with the First Nations. Recent agreements, for example, commit Ontario to sharing: 45% of government revenues from forestry stumpage; 40% of the annual mining tax and royalties from mines that are active when the agreements are signed; and, 45% from future mines in the areas covered by the agreements. This is certainly a significant step forward.

In 2018, conventional mining-claim staking, which had previously required corner posts and blazed/brushed trails between posts, was replaced by “map-based staking” – with claims now “staked” from a computer. The traditional quarter-mile-square mining claim (about 500 paces in the pre-GPS era), has been revised with map-based staking. Each 1:50,000 scale map is now broken down into a dozen blocks, each of which are divided into 400 cells. These cells are about 460 x 460 metres in size.

In *Map 1*, the highlighted grid cells represent active mining claims. Shaded cells (predating the grid, so they retain their original shape) represent active mining patents and mining leases. Areas which appear clear are not currently staked.

In *Maps 2 and 3* (Lake Temagami, Sturgeon River, and Chiniguchi Waterway areas), historical exploration diamond-drilling sites are depicted by dark dots. These indicate where solid core samples are extracted from depth (using drill bits composed of industrial diamonds) and brought to the surface for examination. Abandoned mines are shown by the dots which contain tool images.

With the geology in the Temagami area, mining exploration will certainly be continuing long into the future, and we will undoubtedly see new mining projects approach production in the future. The area which appears to have the most significant mining potential is located west of Lake Temagami – its eastern tip is at Bear Island, and it stretches southwest toward Lake Wanapitei (Wahnapiatae). The “Temagami Anomaly” (as it has been named) is an ore body which is potentially related to the Sudbury basin and is located one to two km below the surface. The size of the anomaly (58 km x 19 km) and its potential mineral value likely rivals that of the Sudbury area. Much of the anomaly is now covered with active claims or mining leases, with significant activity in the higher-intensity sections to the west of Lake Temagami.

The Temagami / Copperfields Mine is located at the eastern end of the anomaly. Teck Corporation held the core portions – across Sheppard, Afton, and Scholes Townships – until 2013, when they appear to have been transferred via an option agreement to Canadian Continental Exploration Corp.

With the wealth of resources that we have in the Temagami area – from our natural features, lakes, rivers, trees, and wildlife, to protected and harvestable woodlands, and underlying mineral resources – striking and maintaining an effective balance will remain essential.

All who live in, and enjoy, the Temagami region recognize what a gem this area is – something which has been preserved through the millennia (with credit to many stakeholder groups). Temagami’s forestry companies, for example, have maintained the Skyline Reserve, and also set aside the White Bear Forest. The First Nation land cation from 1972 to 1996 also preserved an area which could well have been aggressively developed during the 1970s and 1980s.

We can expect to see increasing mining activity in the Temagami area in the coming decades. This may fill some of the economic gaps experienced by the community, but also poses potential risks to the area’s natural features, wildlife, and waters. Project success and viability in the region must carefully consider compatibility with the sur-

rounding areas, a minimization of environmental impact, and thorough consideration for all stakeholder groups, in addition to any project’s core business objectives.

We benefit from having the landmark TLUP and OP (created in the late 1990s), and must carefully manage and evolve these as we move forward. The onus will, once again, be on Temagami to find a way to address new challenges, while preserving the key values of an area which we can all agree is unique to the world.

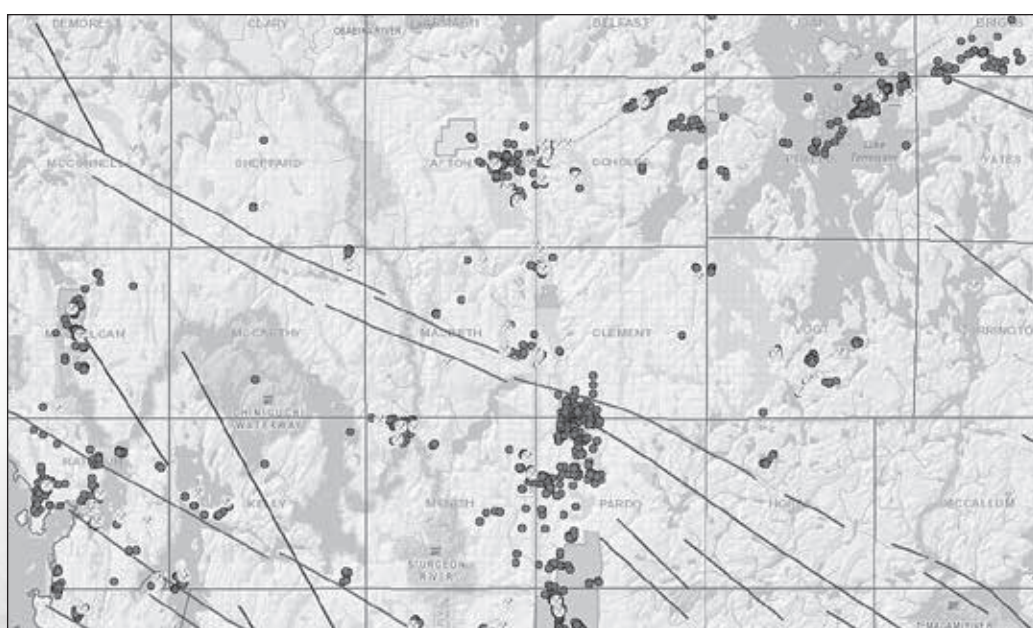
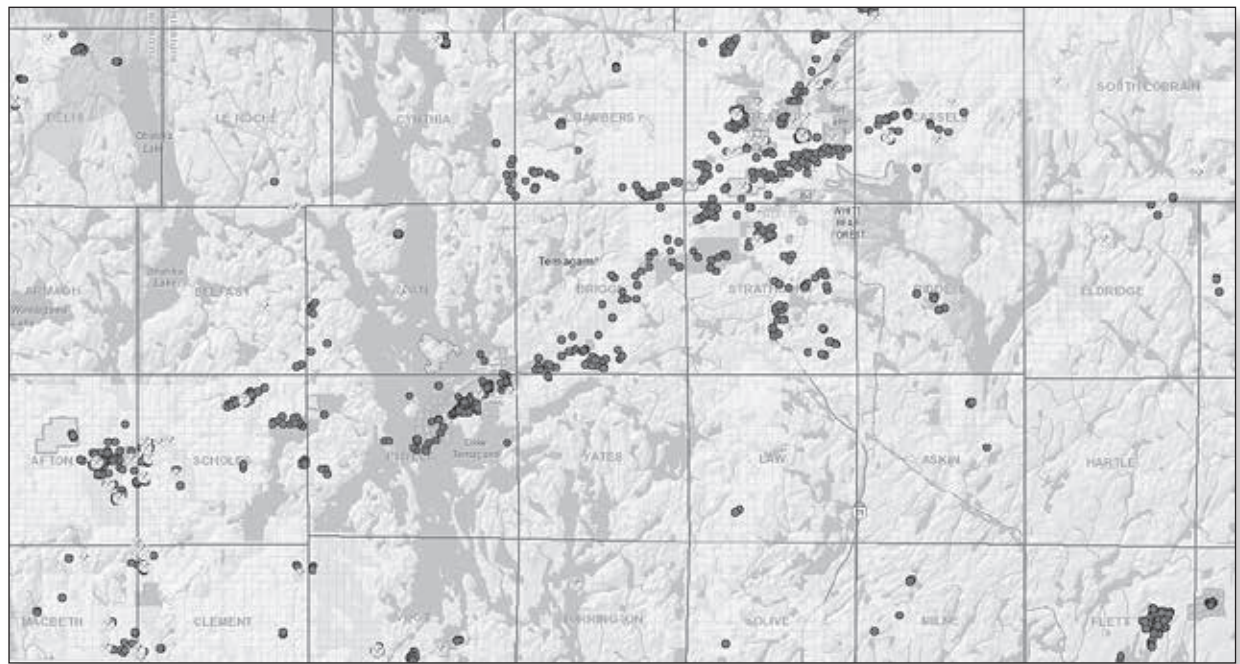
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 Temagami Gold, Inc.

Temagami Area Mining Maps



MAP 1:
 The grid cells represent mining claims, while the shaded cells represent active mining patents and leases. Clear areas are not currently staked. (map was generated using data from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development, and Mines “Mining Lands Administration System”)

MAP 2:
 Historical Exploration Diamond-Drilling Sites (Dark Dots) and Abandoned Mines (Dots With Tool Images) – Lake Temagami Area (map was generated using data from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development, and Mines “Mining Lands Administration System”)



MAP 3:
 Historical Exploration Diamond-Drilling Sites (Dark Dots) and Abandoned Mines (Dots With Tool Images) – Lake Temagami, Sturgeon River, and Chiniguchi Waterway Areas (map was generated using data from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development, and Mines “Mining Lands Administration System”)



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R E M E M B E R I N G

Ted Tichinoff

(1955 - 2019)

Ted Tichinoff – lover of life, adventurer, optimist, and consummate risk taker – died while playing tennis at Lake Temagami on July 1, 2019.

A voracious reader, Ted was curious and passionate about the world around him. He and his partner of 34 years, Elodie (nee Rowe), travelled the world – often in the company of great friends with whom they shared a desire to learn and explore.

Born in Timmins in 1955, Ted had a true Northern spirit: independent, resilient, and deeply connected to the environment around him.

After completing a BA at the University of Western Ontario and law degree at the University of Toronto, his family and love for the outdoors drew him back to Timmins. There, he joined, and eventually became head partner of, Evans, Bragagnolo & Sullivan LLP – one of the oldest law firms in Timmins (with a branch office in Haleybury) – so that he could be closer to his cottage.

Ted was a brilliant trial lawyer and a relentlessly hard worker. He believed in his colleagues and clients and delighted in giving back to his community. He served on the boards of many clubs and charities, including as President of the Temagami Lakes Association. His accomplishments are too many to name.

Ted first saw Lake Temagami while on a canoe trip in the 1980s, and knew he was home. To him, with its clear water and rugged shoreline, it was the most beautiful lake he had ever seen. He often braved the dark, bad weather and broken ice to reach a place that rejuvenated and inspired him.

Ted's enthusiasm for summer projects (which stretched on for years) was legendary, as was his ever-increasing fleet of boats of all



*Accomplished Trial Lawyer
(photo submission by Elodie Tichinoff)*

ages and sizes. Each morning he spent on the Lake brought him a fresh sense of reverence for this magical place, and there were many canoe rides and boat trips undertaken on his quests to find the next rise in the land, at the edge of the horizon. Geography, history, and the environment of Temagami were topics of great research and discussion. The stars in the night sky over the Lake could always guide him home.

Ted leaves behind his beloved wife, Elodie, and three children – Alexandra, Joel, and Samuel. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Roman, Francis, and Linda, and is predeceased by his parents, Harry and Nena Tichinoff. His older brother, Dan, passed away in February 2020.

This spring, the many wildflowers, lovingly tended, will come up again. He knew all of their names and watched each day for the most minute of changes on his morning prowls around the island with his dog. The spring flowers were his favourite – they marked a fresh season on the Lake and all of the pleasures, adventures, and friends that came with summer on Temagami.

Though his departure was sudden and unexpected, the knowledge that Ted was somewhere that brought him joy and where many memories were made, brings his family great peace. He will be missed.



*Temagami Ted
(photo submission by Elodie Tichinoff)*



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Twelve Years of Fisheries Monitoring on Temagami: What We've Learned From the Lake and the Community

By Preston Lennox, Ph.D., Fisheries Population Specialist,
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Q: Tell us about the fisheries work that has been completed in the Temagami area.

A: In 2008, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) began a long-term fisheries program, known as broad-scale monitoring, which was designed to monitor the current and changing state of fisheries across Ontario's inland lakes. The information collected through the program includes fishery, angling, contaminant, water-quality, and invasive-species data. The data is used to evaluate the health of fish populations and inform management decisions for Fisheries Management Zones.

In the last 12 years, Lake Temagami has been surveyed three times, including a survey this past summer (2019). We have gathered feedback from recreational users, the community, and members of Temagami First Nation (TFN). The data shows that fish population trends remain steady.

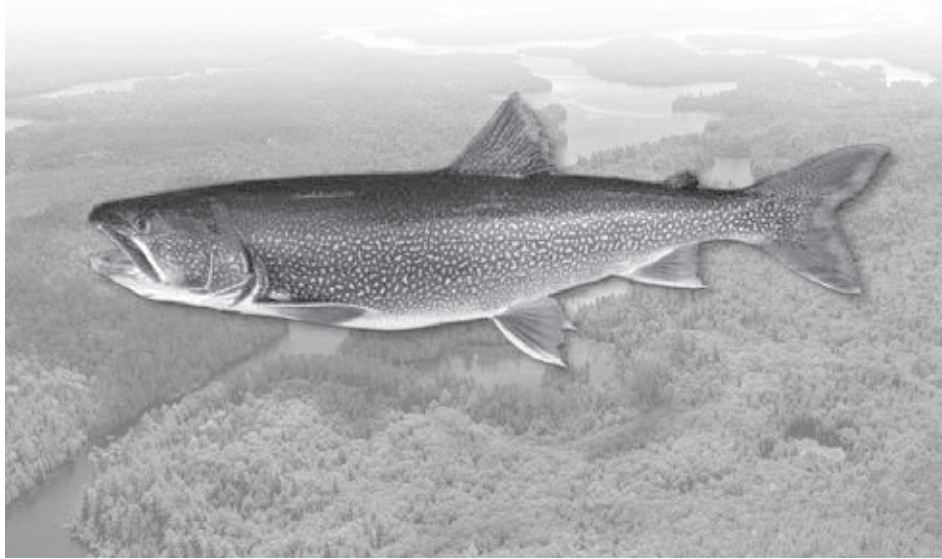
In 2019, we improved the survey to better gather information on Lake Trout and Walleye – two species sought by anglers. Temagami's multiple basins – including the Northwest, Northeast, North, South, and Southwest Arms, and the Hub – required a survey that could capture the variation of the Lake's fish populations across its unique shape. We have been able to improve the quality of data for Temagami, and this would not have been possible without the valued input from the Temagami community. It takes an entire network of partners to keep a lake healthy, and Temagami is a perfect example of successful collaboration. In continuing with the spirit of collaboration, the 2019 survey was especially enjoyable for MNR staff who had the opportunity to work alongside members of TFN on Bear Island.

Q: What has the MNR found out with this data collection?

A: We've seen the average age and size of Walleye increase, which are both good signs for the fishery. Similarly, the Lake Trout population is comparable to our estimates from 2009, but the population structure is now marginally older and larger. It featured the oldest Lake Trout ever captured in the broad-scale monitoring program, at 33 years-of-age.

Q: Can you tell us about MNR monitoring collaborations?

A: The monitoring survey on Lake Temagami in 2019 is an example of how collaboration between the MNR and communities of Ontario is critical to conserving our natural resources. As a monitoring program, we want to ensure that the data we collect is useful and can confidently inform everyone's interests in conserving and protecting their resources.



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REMEMBERING

Marcello (Cello) Bernardo

(1941 - 2019)

By Margaret, Mari-Beth, Megan, and Matthew

On Saturday, February 29, 2020 family and friends gathered in Toronto to celebrate the life of Marcello (Cello) Bernardo. From his humble beginnings in a small village in Northern Italy to his new Canadian life in Huntsville, Toronto, and Temagami, Cello is remembered as a loving and devoted son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather, and a trusted colleague and dedicated friend.

Margaret and Cello (affectionately known as M & M) were introduced to, and fell in love with, the wonders of Temagami in 1981. As owners and Directors of Camp Wabikon on Island 234, together with their three children they have welcomed countless campers and their families from around the world to Temagami and Camp Wabikon for the past 40 summers.

Always ready to greet visitors with a friendly wave, a happy smile, and a warm hug, the Bernardo family also endeavors to extend this hospitality to Lake and community neighbours and residents. Perhaps you have a memory of seeing Cello's grin from behind a boat wheel at the Mine Landing, or as he waved when you passed by Camp Wabikon's main dock? Perhaps you were lucky enough to hear his trumpet ring out across Lake Temagami on the final night of camp, as campers and staff watched the "burning W" and reminisced on yet another magical camp session spent together?

Cello shared his boundless love and



*Marcello (Cello) Bernardo
(photo submission by Camp Wabikon)*

appreciation for the nature of Temagami through the mediums of art (sketching and woodburning), music, and storytelling. Wabikon's rich history was a keen interest of Cello's, which he tirelessly researched in the years he and Margaret spent maintaining the property in their care. This could not have been done without the dedicated assistance of site managers Jerry and Louise Burrows (1985 to 2006) and Joe and Penny St. Germain (2007 to present). Cello spent years listening, gathering, and sorting through knowledge shared with him about Wabikon and its place in Temagami's history – timelines which he carefully recreated and shared in his book, *A Sketch of Camp Wabikon* (published in 2016).

Margaret and Cello were also extremely proud to extend the use of Camp Wabikon's site to partner organizations Bassin' For Kids and Sunrise Youth Group – which, in turn, foster goodwill and generosity within their own programs and communities. Cello's kind and generous spirit will be kept alive and well as these strong relationships are maintained in his honour.

Cello's absence is deeply felt throughout Wabikon's extended Family. We invite you to view his memorial page at www.wabikon.com/in-memory, and share a memory if you so choose. He will be missed, but never forgotten. He leaves behind a legacy of love and caring which will be fostered by Margaret, Mari-Beth, Megan, and Matthew, as we continue to spend summers together with our friends in Temagami.

*Cello's Book, A Sketch of Camp Wabikon – Published in 2016
(photo submission by Camp Wabikon)*



*Cello Smiling From the Wabikon Barge
(photo submission by Camp Wabikon)*



*Margaret & Marcello – a.k.a. M & M
(photo submission by Camp Wabikon)*



TLA Business



TLA Headquarters Building Services Update (April 2020)

At the time that this is being written (late April), there are a great number of unknowns regarding the services that can be offered at the Temagami Lakes Association Headquarters Building in the Summer of 2020 due to ongoing pandemic restrictions and staffing constraints.

Typically, the TLA HQ building is open daily throughout July and August, and offers a number of amenities (e.g., VHF marine-radio communication, WiFi, postal services) to members, as well as items for sale. It is too early in the season, however, to confirm the extent to which these will be available in 2020.

The following services are being reviewed, but details (including dates) will not be finalized until later in the Spring.

- Opening of the HQ Building:
timeframe – to be announced
- TLA “Annual General Meeting”:
date and format – to be announced

Many changes may occur between now and the Summer of 2020. The Temagami Lakes Association will keep you updated with respect to the Headquarters Building services and other issues, as soon as relevant information is available.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bangay (TLA Administrative Coordinator) at 705-237-8927 or tla@onlink.net.

TLA Headquarters Building “SUMMER STAFF” for 2020

The Temagami Lakes Association (TLA) requires part-time, summer, staff members in 2020. Ideal qualifications and attributes include the following:

- friendly and courteous when assisting TLA members;
- comfortable in 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 several 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: tla@onlink.net.

Call for Writers

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.

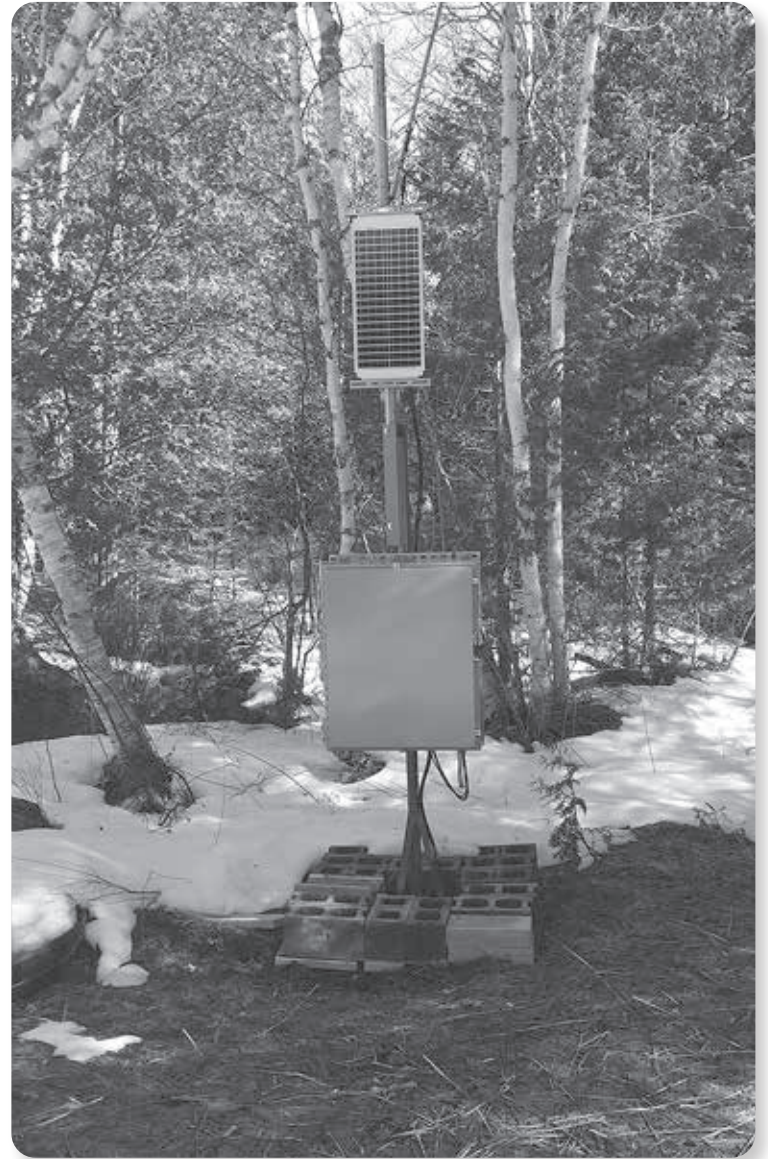
The editor can help with the formatting and editing details. Also, remember that photos – high resolution and original in size – really add to a story.

Ontario Power Generation Water-Level Monitoring Equipment

In an effort to refine its management of water levels on Lake Temagami going forward, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) made a request to install water-level monitoring equipment on the TLA property to supplement what has been in place in the Town of Temagami (near the O.P.P. station) for many decades. The purpose of this apparatus is to acquire data (every few hours), which will permit more accurate monitoring of the water levels on the Lake.

The equipment (see image) consists of a solar panel, a battery, and small computer. This is connected to a probe in the water, which has a pressure transmitter. The probe is smaller in size than a man’s wallet and sits on the lake bottom. There is also a staff gauge (similar to a steel yardstick), which lies flat against the end of the TLA’s fixed dock and provides a visual indication of the water level.

The OPG is proposing temporary installation of the monitoring apparatus for the next few months. If the TLA location proves favourable, the equipment could then be bolted more permanently into the bedrock, and a 2’ x 2’ cement block would be put in place to house the computer.



OPG Water-Level Monitoring Equipment Consisting of a Solar Panel, Battery, and Small Computer – Spring 2020 (photo by Peter Healy)

Lake Temagami Water Levels 2020

Date	Water Level (m>sea level)	Flow (m ³ /s)	Summer Operating Range (m>sea level)		Trend up/down
			Min. (m)	Max. (m)	
January 1	293.68	no data	293.00	294.00	-
January 31	293.52	no data	293.00	294.00	down
February 14	293.36	no data	293.00	294.00	down
March 2	293.27	no data	293.00	294.00	down
April 1	293.17	22.1	293.00	294.00	down
April 8	293.25	27.1	293.00	294.00	up
April 15	293.34	2.0	293.00	294.00	up
April 22	293.39	5.0	293.00	294.00	up
April 29	293.43	13.0	293.00	294.00	up
May 6	293.70	19.9	293.00	294.00	up
May 12	293.76	10.3	293.00	294.00	up

LEGEND

Date: date on which measurements were recorded

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

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

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

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

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.

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;
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Cottage 911 Numbers

By Peter Healy

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

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

DO YOU KNOW YOURS?

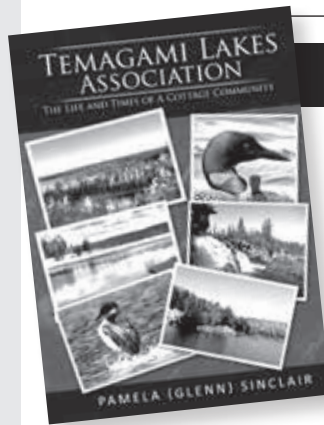
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REMEMBERING

Vincent J. Hovanec

(1936 - 2019)

By Andrea Wankewycz

Vincent J. Hovanec, 83, of Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away on Thursday, November 21, 2019 in Naples, Florida. Formerly of Washington D.C., he had been a resident of Bonita Springs for 19 years.

Vince spent his summers on Lake Temagami in Canada for the past 20 years with Ms. Gloria Allen, who he met on Bear Island at a square dance during the late 1950s when both were still in college. Vince was a counsellor at Camp Keewaydin, while Ms. Allen was vacationing at her parents' residence on the Lake.

Vince earned his bachelor's degree (in History) from Dartmouth College in 1958 and soon entered the U.S. Army for a number of years. Vince then spent the 1960s working as a journalist for newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal* and the *St. Petersburg Times*. While working at the *St. Petersburg Times*, Vince was one of the investigative journalists on the team that won the Pulitzer Prize (for Public Service) in 1964.

Vince then joined the Foreign Service and worked in the United States Information Agency and the U.S. State Department. As a Foreign Service Officer, he spent the next 26 years in seven countries on three continents (Africa, Europe, and South/Latin America). He used to say that journalism opened doors to ideas, people, and problems and that the Foreign Service allowed him to explore nations, languages, cultures, and histories. After his retirement from the Foreign Service, Vince entered the corporate world, working in communications with Sprint Global One.



Vince Hovanec in His Senior Year at Dartmouth College – 1958
(photo submission by Mandy Metzger)

Vince was a life-long tennis player and a great lover of the sport. He was a member of the Bonita Bay Tennis Club (Florida) and the Royal Temagami Tennis Club (Canada), where he served as Treasurer. Vince would often tell his children that tennis was a sport that could easily be played anywhere in the world and for the rest of your life. He continued to play several days a week up until his very last day. His love of tennis and his rackets live on with his daughter and son-in-law, who will miss their tennis games together.

Vince was an active member of the Temagami Lakes Association (TLA) for many years. He served on the Board of Directors from 2003 to 2009 and was President of the Board from 2006 to 2008.

Vince also loved sailing, biking, traveling, reading, and walking his dogs, Sandy and Shelley. He was a great conversationalist and enjoyed learning, listening, and discussing current events, history, politics, and cultures.

He is survived by his three children: daughter, Amanda Metzger, of Columbia, MD; son, Christopher (Shannon) Hovanec, of Blaine, MN; and, daughter, Andrea (Taras) Wankewycz, of Singapore. He was both a wonderful father and a great friend to his children, and is very much missed by them. He was preceded in death by his brother, Roger Noe, of Los Angeles, CA, and his companion Gloria Allen (on November 16, 2019).

Funeral services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA in 2020.



Vince and Gloria in Shanghai with Son-in-Law, Taras – December 2010
(photo submission by Andrea Wankewycz)



Vince Enjoying a Cocktail Cruise
(photo submission by Andrea Wankewycz)



Vince and Gloria in Singapore – 2010
(photo submission by Andrea Wankewycz)

REMEMBERING

Gloria Seaman Allen

(1938 - 2019)

By The Allen Children

Gloria Seaman Allen, who spent 78 summers on Lake Temagami, passed away on November 16, 2019, in Naples, Florida.

Gloria, whose family has visited the area since 1907, loved the uncrowded natural beauty of Temagami (although she preferred the traditional “Timagami” spelling), as well as frequent boat and canoe trips to visit relatives and long-time friends on the Lake.

Originally from Cleveland, she spent her first few summers on Happy Isle (Island 977) before her father, Clarence (“Sam”) Seaman, built a log cabin on neighboring Whispering Pines (Island 976) in 1944. Her father was a prodigious outdoorsman, and he took Gloria on frequent camping trips to Lake Obabika, Gull Lake, and other nearby fishing spots. Their group often included: her mother, Frances; Gloria’s sister, Allyne; their cousins, Marilyn Nibecker (Corl) and Angie Nibecker (Robinson); and, their fishing guide, Tom Potts.

Gloria’s early Temagami memories included family excursions to High Rock and Wanapitei, dances at Camp Wabun, spending time with her great friend, Robin Campbell, marshmallow roasts with the Matchett family, and nightly card games under the bull moose mounted in the main cabin at Whispering Pines. When only 10 years-old, Gloria helped a local fire crew extinguish an incinerator fire on the island before it could spread to the cabins.

Gloria graduated from Smith College in 1960 and then moved to Boston to pursue a career in photography and interior design. She later obtained her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from George Washington University and served as the curator, and then director, of the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum in Washington, D.C. She published nu-



Young Gloria on the Dock at Whispering Pines (photo submission by the Allen Children)

merous magazine articles and four books on the decorative arts.

In 1965, she married Charles Allen, and they moved to Washington, D.C. in 1968. Despite having three children, five cats, and two dogs, she still managed to pack everyone into the family station wagon for the calming, 16-hour drive to Temagami every August. When back in the D.C. area, she frequently wore moccasins around the house to remind her of Temagami.

Gloria took advantage of the slower pace of cottage life to perfect her painting, photography, and cooking skills. She was well known for her homemade pizza, lasagna, and blueberry buckle. She and her husband also enjoyed regular bridge games with their Island

975 neighbors, Jack and Nora Walker. Gloria was a skilled powerboat operator and indulged her children’s frequent requests for waterskiing runs, as well as picnic trips to High Rock and Obabika Inlet. She gave her children significant autonomy to explore the Lake, and they learned many valuable lessons – albeit often the hard way – including boat repair, the risks of rock climbing and fireworks, and how to form a waterski pyramid ... almost.

After Charles Allen passed away in 1996, she bought the western side of Island 1024 (Minawa), which included a large log cabin with a spectacular view of summer sunsets. During her last 20 summers, Gloria enjoyed visiting the Lake with her partner, Vince Hovanec, whom she originally met during a square dance while he was a counsellor at Camp Keeywadin in the 1950s.

Gloria is survived by her sister Allyne (“Rusty”) Portmann, and her passion for Lake Temagami lives on with her three children (Ted Allen, Chris Allen, and Jen Bowen), their spouses (Carrie, Wendy, and Chris), and her six grandchildren (Charlie, Kelsey, Sam, William, Christopher, and Chandler).



Gloria and Her Family at Whispering Pines (photo submission by the Allen Children)



A Perfect Temagami Evening (photo submission by the Allen Children)

The Matriarchs of Temagami - Rusty (Allyne) Portmann, Lyn Corl, and Gloria Allen (photo submission by the Allen Children)



REMEMBERING

Grace Russell Tuckerman

(1926 - 2020)

By Russ and Lisa Tuckerman

Grace Russell Tuckerman, 93, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2020. She was born on September 28, 1926 and spent her final decade at Sunrise of Cohasset, MA enjoying music, therapy dogs, and a kindly support staff. So many of her summers, however, were spent (and memories made), on Lake Temagami.

Grace wasn't just a passive, seasonal cottager on Lake Temagami. For parts of nine decades, she was a whirlwind of energy on the Lake – from her early days as a teen at Camp Wabun in the late 1930s, until her last visit in 2014, when she watched several of her grandchildren paddle in for the campfire at season's end. She lived and loved all of what makes Temagami so special.

Grace first arrived on Garden Island (Island 981 – home to Camp Wabun) via the train from Boston to Montreal, to Toronto, and then Temagami. The final leg of the journey was usually on The Belle to Kakena Lodge or the Wabun dock. During those early summers, the eight founders of Camp Wabun were busy getting their dream under way. The women were not allowed on the camp side of the island, so the eight ladies (and their children) each occupied moldy, Egyptian-cotton, platform tents on the southeastern side of the island until respective cabins were built (e.g., the Russell cabin in 1947). In the summer of '48, a paddle and portage fishing-adventure into Spawning Lake led to a marriage proposal, and Grace Russell became Grace Russell Tuckerman that winter.

Entertainment and camaraderie were on Tuesday and Saturday nights at the Lakeview House, Bear Island – with Granny Turner and company, and Grace's father, Bill (often on the drums). The post-war '40s and the roaring '50s on the Lake were a time of square dances, fishing, and paddling. Locally-made-and-beaded moccasins were essential footwear for dancing or the bush! Grace's collection of moccasins, nearly a dozen pairs, were photographed and archived by John McKenzie at the powwow in the summer of 2009. It was special to see many friends on Bear Island recognize family piecework and beadwork from decades earlier.



*Canoeing in the 1990s
(photo submission by Lisa Tuckerman)*



*At Wabun Point in the Early 1950s
(photo submission by Lisa Tuckerman)*

The late 1950s and the 1960s brought children, and a shift from Garden Island to the shores of the original Camp Temagami in the South Arm. Grace's father, "Big Russ" (Bill Russell), was Trip Director at Camp Temagami, and Grace, with her mother (also Grace), raised three children – Melissa, Robin, and Russell on Deacon's Island (762) – then owned by Camp Temagami (and now by long-time Lake residents, Dick and Vicki Grant). Everyone spent time in the '60s with "The Chief" – Doug Gardner – until the close of Camp Temagami in 1972.

During this era, a favorite pastime was to "canoe surf" the wakes of the many large craft that made daily runs on the Lake. The Nyad, Aubrey Cosens, Ramona, Nanette, Chimo, Vedette, and Barbi were all beloved Lake boats, and were often recognized by their respective engine sounds. The camp kitchen and outfitting rooms were also spaces to visit and share stories and time with Lake friends.

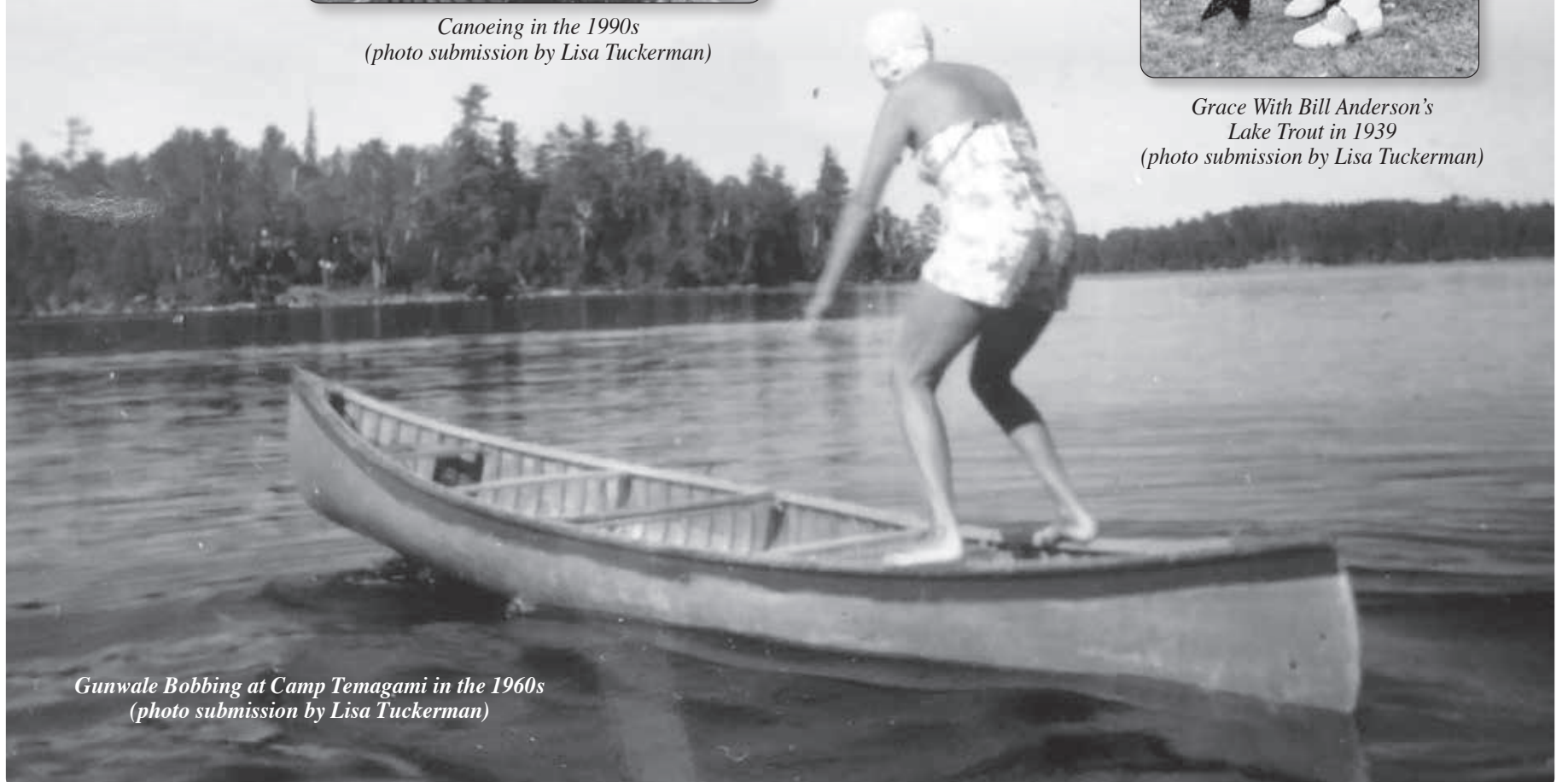
From 1972 on, Grace returned to her father's cabin on Garden Island, just east of the powwow grounds. From the small dock there, she cultivated and furthered lifelong friendships with many Lake residents, including Peter Norby, Tuuli Lowery, Vaughan and Elsie Petersen, Marjorie and Phyllis Brown, Rita O'Sullivan, Jerry Boulanger, Butch Turner, Mac and Susie McKenzie, the Grants, Marjorie Woodman, Ken Wizmer, Betsy Cleminshaw, Lyn Corl Brinkman, the Habercorns, the Twains, and Ida Moore. Any omissions from this list are accidental, as she had many varied friends over the years!

Two winter trips in the 1980s were filled with adventure, including a feast at the Bear Island School and a ski to the cottage for a winter picnic on the dock.

Mom's last visit to the Lake was filled with family, friends, and grandchildren, and a heavenly last swim in Temagami's clean, deep waters. Her generation was one of kind on Lake Temagami.



*Grace With Bill Anderson's
Lake Trout in 1939
(photo submission by Lisa Tuckerman)*



*Gunwale Bobbing at Camp Temagami in the 1960s
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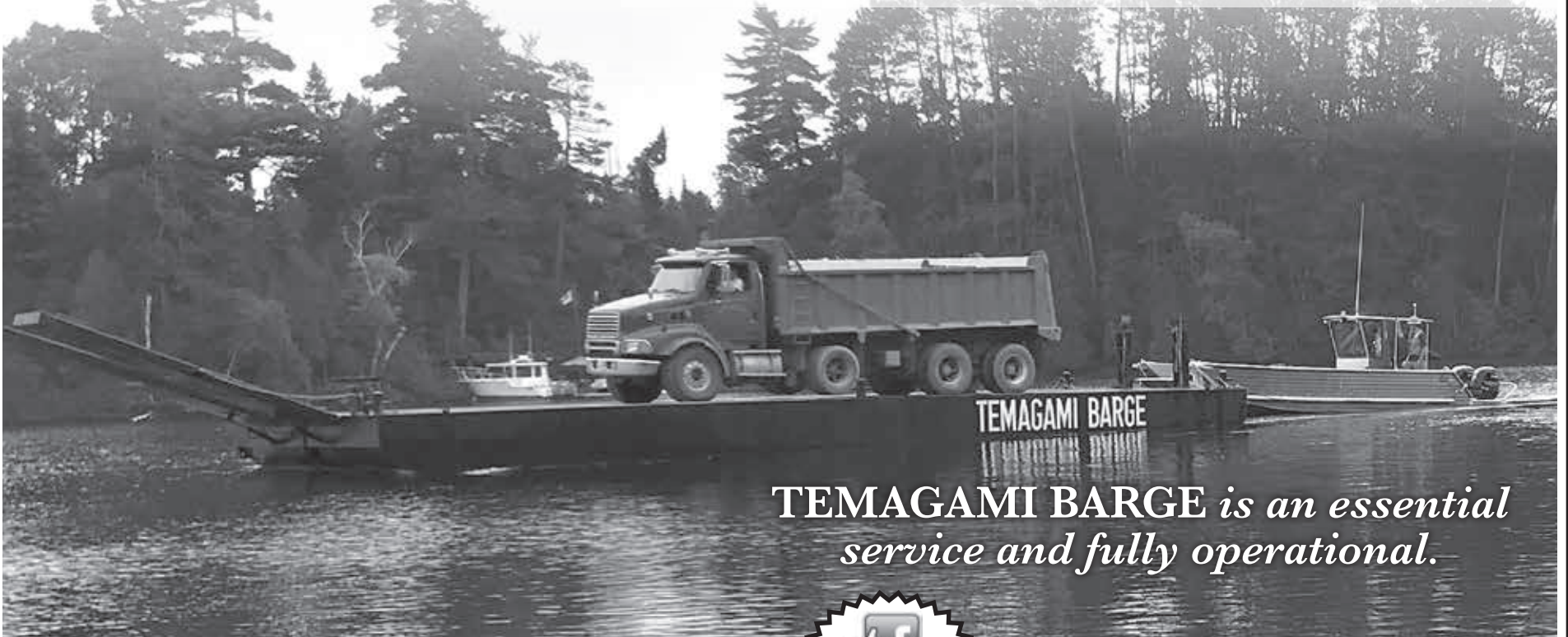
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INTRODUCTION TO NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY IN TEMAGAMI

*At the Core of the Milky Way
(photo by Gerry Gooderham)*

By Gerry Gooderham

In Temagami, you have one of the greatest night skies in the world right outside your cottage window. If you have a reasonably good camera, you can take advantage of this. When I go out for a photo shoot, I usually prepare that day and have my kit by the door and gear ready to roll.

CAMERA: The best camera is a DSLR (digital, single-lens, reflex). I use a Nikon d810 Sigma 14mm f2.8 lens. Some of the more advanced point-and-shoots may also work. Use manual mode for more control, and learn the ins and outs of this important tool and all settings (e.g., multiple exposure, bracketing). Next, set your lens to infinity. Know how to set the f-stop, shutter speed, and ISO. A sturdy tripod and camera grip are also helpful. Experiment with your equipment before the shoot. Trying to figure out stuff in the dark at -20° C is no fun.

LOCATION: One of the most important things about night shooting is getting away from city lights. Thus, Temagami provides the perfect space. Scout out the best locations beforehand. I visualize my shoot ahead of time and pay attention to the foreground and/or background. I look for an interesting landscape feature (e.g., water with reflections of stars) or a human element (e.g., old barn).

WHEN AND WHAT TO SHOOT: A clear, chilly evening will provide a lovely vista. Download and print a simple star chart for reference, or refer to one of the many phone apps that can help you discover the night sky. The Milky Way is best found during summer hours. On cold, clear nights, look to the northern sky and use a slow exposure to capture the Auroras. The Moon also provides opportunities to play with settings and landscapes for dynamic images. Meteorites, shooting stars, planets, and satellites are exciting, as well.

PROGRAMS: Stellarium (Google Earth for stars: <https://stellarium.org>) offers fantastic, online astronomy software. Enter your proposed location (and the time you're going to be there), and the program takes you to that spot and simulates a 360-degree view of the star field and moon phase. The Photographer's Ephemeris (Google Earth of sunset/sunrise and moon set/rise: www.photoephemeris.com) shows how light will fall on the land – day or night. Aurora Borealis forecasts can be found at: <https://www.softservenews.com/members/aurora-alerts-north-america.html>.

CLOTHING AND PRECAUTIONS: Dress warmly in layered clothing. In winter, wear a hat, neck warmer or scarf, and boots. Reusable hand warmers inside your gloves or boots are also great when it's cold.

CAMERA CARE: Bring towels to dry equipment that may get covered in moisture. Maintaining camera gear in operational condition in extreme cold is also a concern. Keep your gear at a consistent temperature during a cold shooting session (e.g., avoid taking your camera in and out of your warm bag or vehicle, as much as possible).

CAMERA SETTINGS: If you do not have a remote trigger, set your camera to timer mode at 3 to 5 seconds. Start with these settings: 25-second exposure, f/2.8, and ISO 1600. If your lens doesn't open up to f/2.8, you can try 30 seconds at f/4 with ISO 1600. Shoot in a RAW photo format, which produces an unedited and uncompressed version of the image file to provide flexibility in post processing. Set your white balance to auto, and complete a test shot to make sure that whites look white, blacks look black, etc. With time-lapse photography, the white balance can change as the night goes on.

The more settings that you can get right for the camera in the field, the easier it is when you get home. The most important component of these settings is the 25-second exposure. An exposure longer than 25 seconds will show "star trails" with stationary objects in the night sky. Since you are limited to 15 to 25 seconds maximum shutter speed, you may wish to let in more light by increasing your ISO value. On a full-frame camera, you can increase the ISO to 4000 without seeing much noise (graininess).

POST PROCESSING: Most people don't realize that post processing is necessary to create great images. We're pushing the cameras to their limits – especially for night photography. This is not an area in which cameras were designed to operate at optimal levels. Therefore, the images are not going to be of the same quality we're used to getting without some processing. I use Lightroom CC (a Photoshop product) for noise reduction and post-processing. The highlights and shadows sliders are very useful for bringing out detail, as the unedited camera image may appear too dark. This will amplify the elements that you want to showcase in the final product. Lightroom CC is great, but there is also lots of free software available that will do the same task (e.g., GIMP: www.gimp.org).

EQUIPMENT:

- > DSLR camera (full frame or crop frame)
- > tripod and ball head
- > lenses: 10mm f2.8, 14mm f2.8, 24mm f3.5, zoom 28~200 f3.5~5.6
- > cleaning cloth, batteries, and small tool kit
- > camera cover (for rain and other moisture)
- > remote trigger and batteries
- > headlamp and batteries
- > sky map/atlas and/or Smartphone app
- > small camera bag and/or cooler for long shoots

Whether you are new to this or are experienced at night photography, there is always something to discover. Get your gear ready, and enjoy the night sky.

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As the camping season and warm weather approaches, many look forward to enjoying bonfires. You may be restocking firewood at your cottage or home, or just bringing some up to have a fire while enjoying the natural beauty that is Temagami. But, where does the wood come from?

Recently I sent photos to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regarding a suspected Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) that was found in the area. The CFIA agrees that it is likely an EAB. While within the region of Ontario regulated for the insect, this would be the most-northerly confirmed case. Currently we are on the lookout for more specimens to send to the lab, and will be spreading awareness regarding this highly-dangerous, invasive species.

The Temagami First Nation Lands and Resources Climate Change Team will be actively searching for signs of this invasive and harmful insect. All community members should familiarize themselves with the EAB and keep an eye out for this pest. If you come across one, document and report the sighting to the CFIA. If possible, collect a sample, and send it to a lab for testing.

APPEARANCE:

Adult EABs are narrow, metallic blue-green, 8.5 to 14 mm long, and 3.1 to 3.4 mm wide. Mature larva are 26 to 32 mm long and creamy white. The adults emerge from “D-shaped” exit holes in ash trees between May and late June.



Adult Emerald Ash Borer
(photo: Canadian Food Inspection Agency)

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR WOOD?

Prevent the Spread of the Emerald Ash Borer and Other Invasive Species

By Alexandra Clarke, B.Sc., Temagami First Nation Lands and Resources Climate Change Team

SIGNS OF INFESTATION:

- thinning or dying of ash tree crowns
- branches sprouting near the base of trees
- splitting of tree bark
- “D-shaped” exit holes in the bark
- tunnelling under the bark (“galleries”)
- increased woodpecker activity

WHY DOES THE EMERALD ASH BORER MATTER?

The EAB is a highly-destructive, invasive beetle that attacks ash trees, and can kill a perfectly healthy tree within three years. It has killed millions of trees in North America and is a major economic and environmental threat. There is a near 100% mortality rate for ash trees once infected. This decreases biodiversity, causes a loss of habitat and food for other species, and degrades the quality of timber. Treating an infected tree costs hundreds of dollars, and is, therefore, usually impractical.

The EAB is most commonly spread when people move infected wood (e.g., firewood, logs, branches, nursery stock, chips, other ash wood-products) from one region to another. Also, adults can fly up to 10 km (but typically do not travel this far). Prevention is key. It is cost effective, but requires education and that we be mindful of how we source firewood.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Do not use firewood from non-local sources. It could be a vector for invasive species.
- Inspect your firewood.
- If there are ash trees on your property, examine them for signs of EABs.
- Report suspected sightings, and collect samples, if possible.



D-Shaped Exit Hole of *Agrilus planipennis*
(photo: Canadian Food Inspection Agency)



Galleries Caused by EAB Larva – Just Under the Bark of an Ash Tree
(photo: Canadian Food Inspection Agency)

It may be tempting to purchase less expensive firewood from outside the community. You may think that you are being responsible and have checked it over properly – but, please buy it where you burn it to reduce the spread of invasive species. The ecological consequences of an EAB infestation, and the cost of treating and managing it in the future, are significant.

Invasive species are detrimental to the natural ecosystem and may affect us and our enjoyment of nature. We should all be aware of invasive species and practice methods to prevent their spread, such as: properly draining and cleaning boats / fishing gear; disposing of bait correctly; and, buying and burning only locally-sourced wood. These are all little things that we should be doing to protect the environment.



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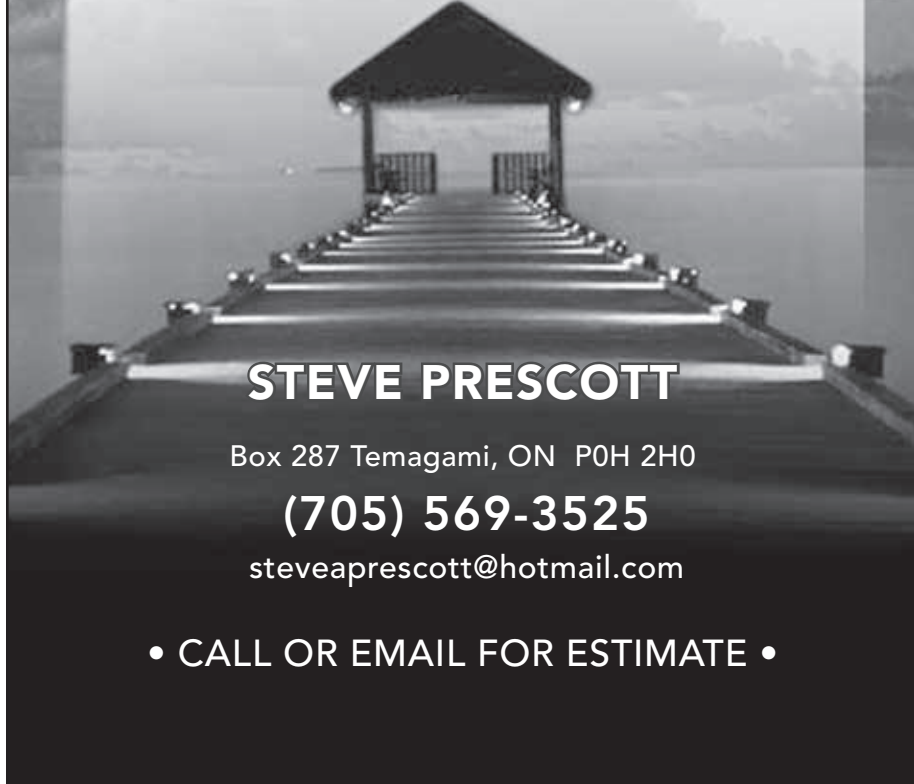
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Temagami Lions Club Spring Report 2020



By Lion Lisa K Walker

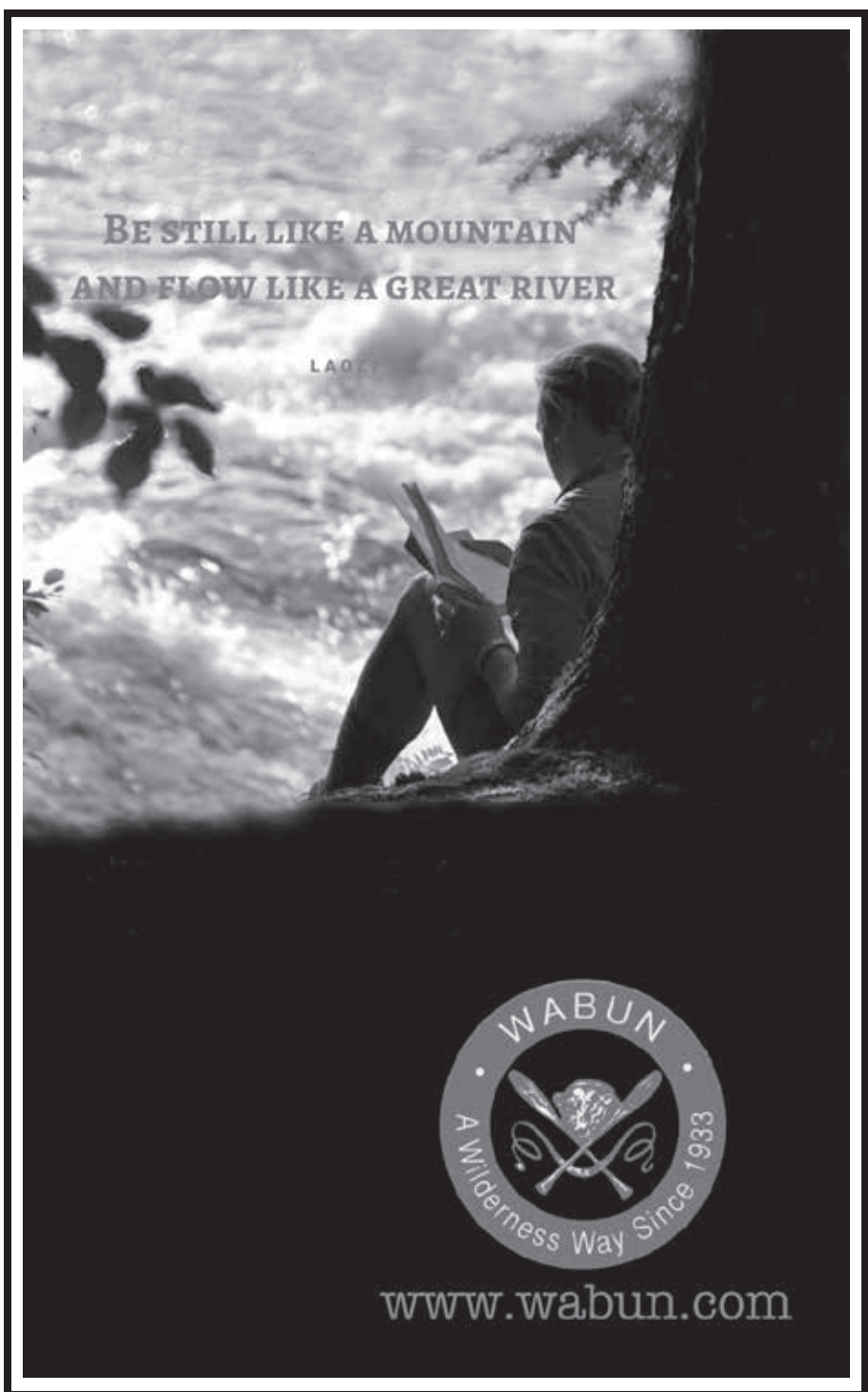
Because of the impacts of COVID-19, many Lions Club activities have been put on hold for now. We hope everyone is staying safe and staying at home.

The Temagami Food Bank remains open during the time of this pandemic; however, we are having to adjust how we operate in order to serve people safely. When someone calls for an appointment to shop at the Food Bank, there are two options available.

The first is to provide a list of food needs by telephone (or text). Paul Middleton will then try to fill your order, and will bag/box the items and deliver them to the entry door of the Welcome Centre (Library level) for you to receive ... while maintaining necessary social distancing. He will be wearing a medical face mask and will have hand sanitizer available. Door handles, etc. will have been wiped with disinfectant.

The second option is that we can provide voucher coupons for shopping at the local Our Daily Bread grocery store. People will then be able to shop themselves – when, and how, they wish.


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TAFIP Update - April 2020

By Ike Laba



Thanks to the enormous public support received during the 2019 season, the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) was able to update various segments of the Walleye-enhancement program. Improvements were made to the hatchery building and the Sherman and Red Squirrel Rearing Ponds, while equipment upgrades consisted of new water pumps and a generator. Many of these will enhance efficiency and increase the quality of the Walleye fry and fingerlings being stocked.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our operations will be greatly affected for most of the 2020 season. As of April 3, 2020, we cancelled all Walleye egg-collection activities for safety reasons, as many of our volunteers are elderly. Typically, collecting eggs at two sites, and preparing the hatchery for operation, requires up to five members at each location – working in close proximity to one other. Unfortunately, this cannot occur for the time being.

Although, we will not be collecting eggs this year, not all is lost as we do have many projects in the works for the 2020 season which will assist us in providing more efficient service in the future.

We would also like to thank the following groups and organizations for their support:

- Temagami Community Foundation – for their generous support in improving the Sherman Rearing Pond and in purchasing seine nets for easier extraction of Walleye fingerlings
- Temiskaming Anglers and Hunters Association – for their generous donation toward improving the Walleye fishery within the Temagami area
- the Temagami “Ling Fling” group – for a donation which will be used for upgrades to the Walleye fishery in Temagami (despite the event being cancelled in 2020 due to the coronavirus)
- Ontario Federation of Angler Hunters and Honda Canada Inc. – for supplying a Honda water-pump to the TAFIP through the Community Hatchery Program partnership (at no cost)
- various local business, lakes associations, private donors, and the Municipality of Temagami – for their in-kind support and monetary contributions

Request for Funding:

A request has been submitted to reconstruct the dam at the Sherman Water-Reserve Pond, which came very close to rupturing during the spring of 2019. In addition to the dam repair, dead wood will be extracted from the pond to prevent future damage to the dam structure. Removing the dead wood will also help to stabilize the pH of the water supply to the Sherman Rearing Pond, where Walleye fingerlings are grown.

Summary of Proposed Work Projects for 2020:

(dependent on the pandemic situation)

- ✓ upgrades to the Sherman and Red Squirrel Rearing Ponds, hatchery building, and Walleye spawning-grounds
- ✓ repairs to the Sherman Water-Reserve Pond
- ✓ updates to land-use permits and boundaries
- ✓ installing security
- ✓ ground stabilization of rearing and water-reserve ponds

Working Relationship:

In 2019, Temagami First Nation (TFN) and the TAFIP worked as partners in the dispersal of Walleye fry into designated lakes in the Temagami area. In 2020, plans were made to work as full partners in these areas: collecting Walleye eggs; hatchery operations; dispersal of fry and fingerlings; and, field operations at the rearing ponds. Although egg collection will not occur in 2020 due to restrictions from the pandemic, there are enough upgrading projects to keep us busy this season and benefit the program in the future.

Please, everyone play it safe with the coronavirus!

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Update from the Municipality of Temagami

By Suzie Fournier, Municipal Clerk

Communication:

Starting last year, we added communicate@temagami.ca to our Municipal e-mail listings and invited ratepayers to add themselves to our database. To date we have over 400 addresses in our database and will begin using this to send out notices of Public Meetings. With more contacts, this system could also become a reasonable method to send other fact-based messages – especially during emergency situations. If you have not already done so, please consider sending a message to this e-mail address, and ask to be included. Of course, you may unsubscribe from the service at any time.

Emergency Preparedness:

We have completed our compliance activities for 2019 as required by the Province of Ontario. One item that we will be working on in 2020 (as we attempt to become more prepared) is to develop an effective method to share Municipal messages with our residents in times of crisis. During any type of emergency situation, there is a flurry of information that is not always from official sources. While this type of communication may be intended to be helpful, more often than not, increased confusion is the result.

Assessment and Taxation:

The Province has announced that the reassessment that was to take place for the 2021 taxation year has been postponed. In 2021, your assessment will remain the same as it is this year. As well, if you were considering filing a "Request for Reconsideration" with MPAC for the 2020 taxation year, the deadline to do so has been extended to 16 days after the Provincial State of Emergency has ended.

If you participate in our preauthorized, tax-payment plan and find that you need to stop payment during this pandemic crisis, please contact us at communicate@temagami.ca, and we will put you on a payment holiday.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to add my perspective on the recent piece by Nibby Hinchman, “Two Who Have Followed the Ways of Their Ancestors”. I have had the privilege of paddling with Kylie Burns for several years in my time on the staff of Wabun’s Bay Trips (and I know Demi Mathias). I am in the unique position of having led with Kylie before, during, and near the culmination of her time in British Columbia at Thompson Rivers University, where she honed her whitewater skills. I can say truthfully that relying on her training there was invaluable to me as a leader – especially as we navigated a new route to Hudson Bay for Wabun in 2018.

But to a greater degree, I want to emphasize the way Kylie moves through the bush, reads the land and water, and lives within the northern spaces. There is a quality I can only try to describe here – one of knowing and of synchronicity of the individual and the world around her – that she carries everywhere. In finding campsites and scouting for trails, in navigating creeks, in paddling long days, this deep hum of connectivity lives in her and carried us forward in ways I sometimes could not understand. I remember a specific day while cruising the lower Ashweig River. We were in a particularly “uncampable” section of boreal spruce and moss forest that lines this rocky river after it falls off the Precambrian Shield of bedrock and enters the sandy lowlands, and we needed a place to stop for the night. We nodded to each other from our distant canoes, and turned our attention to scouting the land. No matter where I think a flat, dry, clear site may be, I have learned to follow Kylie as she noses her canoe into the tag alder and picks her way into the bush. Regularly, there would be a perfect place in the woods for our section to stay – indistinguishable

from the other parts of shore – and she would find it.

To travel in traditional ways in northern, Indigenous territory as a group of white Americans is indeed a privilege. It is not our place, nor is it our prerogative, to assume that we can give this life and experience back to Kylie and Demi who have grown up in the waters of Temagami and the rivers of the “Little North”. During my time in First Nations communities, I have had the paradigm-shifting opportunity to show curious, playful, and sometimes shy children who flock cautiously to our campsites about their own way of travel. While taking them out in canoes at sunset, and showing them our paddles and tumplines, I feel strongly that these things are not mine to teach, but to share. I am partaking in a craft and a life which is powerful and deep-rooted. Wabun and I are incredibly lucky to ride on the shoulders of those who shared canoe travel in the north with us, and traveling with Kylie and Demi brings this gratitude sharply into focus.

In many ways, of course Kylie and Demi are both leaders of their camps’ respective Long Trips. It could not really be any other way. We are made better, safer, wiser, and stronger as staff, leaders, and American-led organizations because of their capabilities and connection to the life we love so strongly. In short, I simply want to round out the portrait of these women who are so dear to me with this perspective: our programs are lucky to have benefited from these powerful young women.

Jo Moore



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Living Temagami – Arts & Culture

By Gerry Gooderham

Living Temagami – Arts & Culture (LTAC) is located in the Temagami Train Station at 6715 Highway 11 North. The organization continues to work “behind closed doors” as we plan for the community being able to again gather and enjoy each other’s company, accomplishments, and endeavours.

Renovations to the Train Station:

Through an Ontario Trillium Foundation “Capital Grant”, we have made much-needed repairs and upgrades to both the interior and exterior of the station. Exterior painting and electrical upgrades are noticeable as you drive by the Train Station. The ultimate “prize” occurred when we watched the replacement lentil pieces at the front and exterior peaks slip easily and perfectly into place (with Pharmasave Donnie’s assistance).

We now have an operating elevator inside to allow access to the upper gallery for those who cannot use the stairs. The interior spaces have fresh, new paint, as well as track lighting and new display hanging systems to better show off the artwork of our local artists.

A “Seed Grant” from the Ontario Trillium Foundation has enabled us to make a good start in archiving local historical records, including the digital formatting of some old reel-to-reel video, with the assistance of Drew Gauley. Once we can meet in the community again, we will arrange with the Library Board to make information available in periodic presentations. We are very grateful to the Trillium Foundation for funding this start-up work.

Things that must still be completed include exterior signage and paving of the parking lot. We will continue to work collaboratively with the Temagami and District Chamber of Commerce, Temagami Community Foundation, and the Municipality of Temagami on these remaining items. The Temagami Community Market shares this space each season, and now it seems certain that the “World’s Largest Wood-Canvas Canoe” will eventually find a home on this lot.

Art Gallery and Store:

We are looking to provide a forum to bring local and regional artists together in a nonpartisan environment. This will allow us all to benefit from unity and a cooperative community, and to share our work and promote ourselves. We welcome all local painters, potters, carvers, glass makers, jewelers, seamstresses, and photographers. As a sign of support and participation, we encourage you to send your contact information / interests / art ideas, etc. by e-mail to: livingtemagami@gmail.com.

Gallery:

We are also looking for artists to join the physical display gallery and become members. We hope to have opportunities for display, exhibitions, and an e-commerce store. We will also be providing workshops, learning demonstrations, events, exhibition presentations, and much more. Look for postings on local Facebook pages and our own page at: www.facebook.com/LivingTemagamiART.

Community Lifestyle and Wellness:

This is an area that offers us the opportunity to listen to the interests of people of all ages and stages in our community, and to connect with talent and opportunities as they present themselves to us. Related workshops, events, and presentations will be posted on local Facebook pages.

One initiative that we worked on for Bear Island and Temagami residents was to facilitate introductory martial arts sessions by Chino Jiu Jitsu New Liskeard. Due to social distancing, free, virtual lessons were offered for ages two and up.

Small Business Incubator:

Starting last fall, we began to offer guidance and support to people who were developing local, small-business initiatives or completing expansions to existing local businesses. For example, they might require business-mentoring assistance in areas such as testing a business idea, developing business plans, and applying for financial assistance. Currently, we are working on three initiatives and are excited about these opportunities coming to fruition.

Examples of Key Mission and Value Statements:

- *Community:* We are a community-driven organization committed to those who live, work, study, and play in the Temagami area. We provide safe, supportive, and inter-generational community space. There is only one rule here, but it is important: Treat others the way you wish to be treated ... with kindness, respect, and fairness.
- *Heritage and History:* We embrace and celebrate the connection to our history and heritage, as it influences what we do in the present.
- *Art and Culture:* The presence of all art forms is essential for a healthy, energetic, and just community.
- *Collaboration and Inclusion:* Our success is intertwined with that of our volunteers, artists, and artisans of all heritages. Our primary commitment is to support, elevate, and engage organizations and individuals in the Temagami and surrounding areas.

Members:

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