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*The Blues*  
(photo by Gerry Gooderham)

## LAKE TEMAGAMI CAMPS Request Assistance from Community

By Allan Eustis

On December 23, 2020, representatives of Lake Temagami’s overnight youth camps, all of which were mandated to be closed by the provincial pandemic order, made a group presentation to the Temagami Municipal Council. Speaking on behalf of Camp Wanapitei, Jackie Hodgins – a camp Board member and shareholder – explained that several camps which operate on Lake Temagami have been denied insurance claims under their infectious-disease coverage related to COVID-19.

Meanwhile, 148 camps across Canada received compensation under this same insurance for infectious-disease outbreaks. Other than the local camps (i.e., Camp Temagami, Camp Wabikon, Camp Wa-

napitei, Canadian Adventure Camp, Keewaydin, Northwaters and Langskib), it appears as though only one other camp (in Alberta, Canada) was denied coverage on its COVID-19 claim.

Hodgins said that the camps have a letter from Dr. Glenn Corneil, the Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit, which states that

individuals with COVID-19 were travelling within the 25-mile (40-km) radius of the camps, as stipulated by the insurance – but, the insurers have not acknowledged it as proof of the camps’ claims due to an inability to validate these movements prior to May 1, 2020.

The local camps plan to appeal the insurance claim denial. They

do hope, however, that the Temagami community can assist in the provision of personal COVID information as detailed below through a Facebook message by Gill Thompson, Director of Camp Wanapitei. Any information received will be kept confidential. Please note that the camps must file their appeals as soon as possible.

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### Facebook Message:

**TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED:** As many of you know, all youth summer camps on Lake Temagami and throughout Ontario were not able to operate in 2020 after being mandated closed by provincial order. This was the right decision to protect the health and safety of the community, but the financial impact of the closure will be felt for many years to come and could prove to be near fatal to some camps. We filed an insurance claim under our policy covering infectious-disease outbreaks (thinking that a global pandemic would meet the criteria). Most camp claims across Canada were honoured by insurers. However, all Lake Temagami camp claims were denied, as we could not prove that COVID was present in the area surrounding Lake Temagami before May 1, 2020 (the end of our policy coverage). We are asking the community for help as the camps pursue an appeal. If you yourself had an experience with COVID or COVID-like symptoms while in the Temagami region before May 1, 2020, or know of anyone who did, we would be grateful if you could contact us at [gill@wanapitei.net](mailto:gill@wanapitei.net). Information provided will not be shared with the general public. Any help received would be greatly appreciated.

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## President's Letter – Winter 2021: Optimism and Hope Are Not the Same

“Optimism and hope are not the same. Optimism is the belief that the world is changing for the better; hope is the belief that, together we can make the world better. Optimism is a passive virtue, hope an active one. It needs no courage to be an optimist, but it takes great courage and effort to hope.” This quote from an interview with Jonathan Sacks, the late Chief Rabbi of London, has stuck with me.

With these words in mind, I am *optimistic* that the world is changing for the better in 2021. The COVID pandemic will be better managed and treated in months to come. I can report receiving my two vaccine jabs with no side effects other than a little shoulder pain. Eight thousand other people have already been vaccinated at my hospital alone, with many more to follow. I hope you have received yours or will soon. I don't pretend to be the world's vaccine expert, but feel free to contact me if you want a quick, simple, medical explanation of how the vaccines work and why they should be safe. God willing, public health and political relations will improve, the borders will open with appropriate precautions, and migratory creatures like myself can return to Temagami again (just like the ducks and loons).

When it comes to Temagami, I am *hopeful* that the community, Lake, and experience we love will progress in a positive direction. This hope requires great effort, if not great courage. Your TLA Board of Directors and many members are working hard, and this letter is a “shout out” for even more activism.

Your TLA Board is moving forward with an initiative we have named “One Temagami”. The mission is simple: listening, learning, and collaborating with all Lake Temagami residents and stakeholders who are actively stewarding the health of the Lake and its environs. The optimist might say, “Temagami has been great for ‘x’ generations of my family ... Let's not change a thing.” On the other hand, as much as we owe our predecessors for their efforts (just read the remembrances in this issue), I believe that change is inevitable. Likewise, I am hopeful our initiatives will help guide Lake Temagami's health and ensure its beauty for years and generations to come.

Building on our virtual Annual General Meeting experience, we plan to experiment with other, more focused, virtual meetings. First up on the agenda is a virtual meeting with Lake Temagami houseboat operators. The intent of this event is for it to be interactive and a learning experience for all involved. Other potential future topics are Temagami forest management, First Nations, and the Municipal Official Plan. Expect details to follow on the initial and future meetings.

For those of you who haven't participated in a “Zoom” or similar meeting, give it a shot; you will be pleasantly surprised how easily and well it works.

Municipal Council meetings are another great Zoom venue. More often than not, TLA members are attending Council meetings, and our presence is noted (and Council members have voiced appreciation). The Municipal calendar and agendas are posted on the town's website (at [www.temagami.ca](http://www.temagami.ca)) under the “Municipal Government” tab.

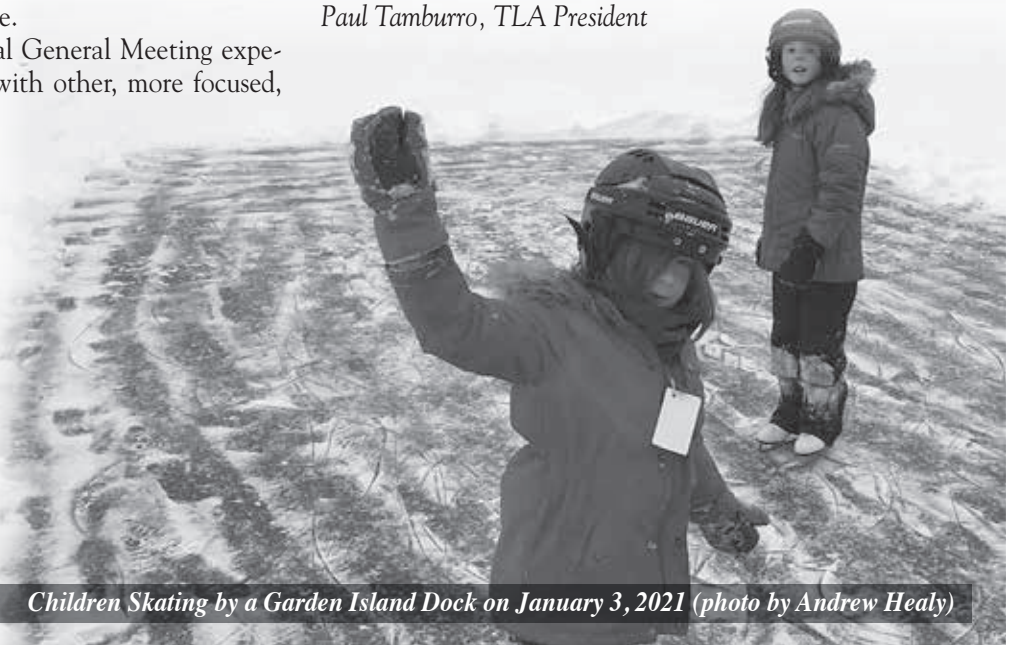
So, virtual meetings aren't your thing, but you want to get your hands dirty: Lake Temagami permanent resident and Keewaydin Maintenance Director, Dave Wilfong, can use your help. Sponsored by the Temagami Backcountry Working Group members and others, he is building the world's largest wood-canvas canoe, with plans to permanently display it in front of the Temagami Train Station. This functioning work of art will illustrate Temagami's rich canoeing history and canoeing's importance to the community and economy. Hands and dollars are very welcome for this project, with more information to follow.

Did you know that Jim Dow has assumed responsibility of our navigation/shoal map for over 35 years? Thank him the next time you see him for all the propellers he has saved! Also, two of our TLA members, Murray and Tim Richardson, are out there by themselves, braving howling winds and waves, and doing rigorous water-sampling for TERAS. They need all our support.

There are plenty of other (mostly volunteer) organizations doing great work on shoestring budgets that need our help and support, as well. Some personal recommendations are: Friends of Temagami ([www.friendsoftemagami.org](http://www.friendsoftemagami.org)); my personal pet project, the Temagami Backcountry Working Group (e-mail [patamburro@gmail.com](mailto:patamburro@gmail.com) for more information); the Temagami Community Foundation (<https://temagamicommunityfoundation.com>); and, Living Temagami ([www.livingtemagami.ca](http://www.livingtemagami.ca)).

I look forward to seeing you out there and am hoping for a happy, healthy, and prosperous future.

Paul Tamburro, TLA President



Children Skating by a Garden Island Dock on January 3, 2021 (photo by Andrew Healy)

### SKYLINE RESERVE

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

The two reserves would be the following:

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

## TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



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

### ROAD ACCESS

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

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

New ski-doo trails accessing Lake Temagami/Cross Lake are to be no wider than ten feet and for winter ski-doo use only. Proposals for these access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake are to be reviewed and sites inspected by the new governing body prior to construction.

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



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## R E M E M B E R I N G

*Robb Warren Hindson, C.A.*

(February 5, 1960 – November 2, 2019)

Robb was the much-beloved and admired son of Mary Christine Hindson and Donald C. Hindson, and is survived by his sister, Donna Leslie, brother-in-law, Mark Opzoomer, aunts, uncles, and many cousins.

Robb was a graduate of Markham District High School, obtained his HBA from the University of Western Ontario, and received his C.A. designation under the tutelage of Clarkson Gordon. Shortly thereafter, he joined the firm of Jones Gable (now Leede Jones Gable Inc.) where he remained for over 30 years as its Chief Financial Officer. During this time, he earned the respect and admiration, and enjoyed the camaraderie, of his partners, business associates, and staff. As a proud and committed partner, he continued to offer advice and opinions from his bedside.

What drew him away from work, was the call of the north – his passion for skiing, snowmobiling, boating, cottaging, and nature in all its forms. His dedication to nature and preserving the shoreline of Muskoka lakes in their natural habitat was evidenced by his presidency for several years of the Lake Rosseau North Association and through his role as Treasurer of the Muskoka Lakes Association. He was, for many years, a member of the National Yacht Club (where he enjoyed sailing), the Muskoka Lakes Golf and Country Club, and Craighleith Ski Club – where he was a regular with his Dad or Mother on Saturday mornings and with



*Robb in Late 2019*  
(photo submission by Donna Opzoomer)



*Robb in His Boat on Lake Temagami*  
(photo submission by Donna Opzoomer)

his ski buddies the remainder of the week-end. In spring and fall, his favourite activity was transplanting trees at his Grey County farm, his property on Lake Rosseau, and his treasured island in Temagami. In Toronto, he was actively involved, and proud to serve for many years, as Treasurer for The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Canada.

His family would like to extend their thanks to Drs. Doherty, Nolan, Lau, and the respective teams at Sunnybrook Hospital, who enabled him to regain his health for a few months so that he could enjoy his friends, family, cottaging, boating, and visiting his island in Temagami. They would also like to thank Drs. McLachlin, Prebble, and Plume, and the nurses at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and Campbell House who kept him comfortable in his last weeks – as well as the countless friends and relatives whose visits both at home and in hospital inspired him to fight on until cancer finally took its toll.

A private family service has been held, and a Celebration of Robb's life will occur at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Muskoka Conservancy, 47 Quebec Street, Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 1P8 or to the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, 459 Hume Street, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 1W9.

*Cindy Sappington*

By John Sappington

September is a time of sadness and farewell on the Lake despite the glorious climax of red maples and golden birch. Cold rain is the norm while closing, but inevitably the morning of departure is warm and sunny. So it was in 2019 when Cindy Sappington left the dock to head south, apologizing to her bewildered pets and promising to return. Another endless summer had ended all too soon. No one could have predicted that she would never again savor the sweet tang of Temagami air.

She was, after all, compulsively fit and a devotee of healthy eating. But on a hot day in July 2020, she suffered a catastrophic stroke. In minutes she was reduced from a clever, bright, creative, and comedic woman to an invalid. Much of her physical capacity and mental acuity was erased – especially her forte of quipping. Yet the personality and grit remained. Impossibly, she began to rally.

Cindy was destined to find Temagami. Her father, born in 1906, traveled from Glencoe to our Lake in the 1930s. Thereafter, he dreamed of returning for a lifetime. Likewise, Cindy's vision was to spend summers on an island where pets could run free. Her first glimpse was in summer 1998 when she was a guest on Chimo Island. By the third day of the visit, she had caught a fever: Temagami fever. The fantasy became a reality when a beautiful property came available. Summer 1999 allowed a mere 17-day visit, huddled in a shack with blankets wrapped around the dogs.

Only a year later she proudly invited her father, age 94, to revisit the site of his youthful dreams and marvel at the renovated cottage. With help from her excellent builder, she continued to transform the



*Cindy and Her Dogs on High Rock*  
(photo submitted by John Sappington)



*Cindy and Her Dogs in the Temagami Forest*  
(photo submitted by John Sappington)

island. Eventually she added a one-room studio where the foolishly-discarded junk of other cottagers was plucked from the dumpster, combined, and reassembled into whimsical, prize-winning art. The dump also proved to be a source of rusted and shabby treasures that eBay buyers sought eagerly.

Cindy was known by her compassion for animals. She served as a Humane Society president in Georgia and contributed generously to animal-welfare organizations. She could not resist adopting unwanted orphans that others rejected because of age or disability. Many of her adoptees silently wore the scars of neglect and mistreatment; but given a few months with their angel of rescue, they blossomed into trusting, affectionate, mischievous family members. To the pets, the island was the equivalent of Epcot. The cats conducted their own brand of "catch and release" – catching frogs, bats, mice, and snakes outdoors, and then releasing them inside the cabin. One cat caught small bass by standing in the shallows and spearing fish with her paw. Two others begged for evening canoe rides to uninhabited islets. So revered was Cindy, that all the pets had to cram into the canoe's bow where she sat. The resulting distribution of weight caused the aft end to rise. More than one accidental baptism resulted from animals trying to balance on the gunwales to get a better look at a passing beaver.

Cindy's family cheered her progress in hospital rehabilitation, and for a while it appeared that she would make it home and regain a life of sorts. Then the second stroke hit with devastating finality. Merciful death followed. It arrived all too soon on a sunny morning in September 2020.

REMEMBERING

Theodore Alvin "Ted" Hyde, Island 1076

(1922 – 2021)

By Allan Eustis

In June of 1933, at the age of thirteen, my maternal uncle, Ted Hyde, first docked at "Sunset Island" on Lake Temagami with his older sister, two brothers, and parents, Charlie and Maebell Hyde of Buffalo, New York.

Over the five succeeding decades, Ted would open camp on Island 1076 nearly every summer, except during the years of World War II when he served as a Sergeant in the 8th Army Air Force, 89th Troop Carrier Squadron. Ted was a crew chief with a C-47 transport aircraft team that assisted with airborne assaults on Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany. He flew in the relief of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. Ted loved to share the story of spending "Victory in Europe" (VE) Day on May 8, 1945 by celebrating in Paris. "Not a bad place to celebrate triumph over the Third Reich," said Ted of experiencing one of the greatest celebrations of the 20th century.

Ted's summers on Lake Temagami before the war and after were fueled by his love of the outdoors – fishing, swimming, sailing, and canoeing.



Ted as a Teenager in the 1930s (photo submitted by Allan Eustis)

To this day, his catch of a 12-pound fish off the floating dock holds as the family record. In 1947, Ted married a childhood friend, the former Mary Louise Sutton, at St. Joseph's New Cathedral on Delaware Avenue in Buffalo. They were first introduced as elementary school classmates at Public School #56 and were married for 60 years. Mary died in 2007.

Ted and Mary took their children, Anne, D'Arcy, and Pamela, to Sunset Island on Lake Temagami from an early age. In turn, their daughters, Kimberly and Samantha, have introduced Ted's great grandchildren, Sydney, Halley, Ethan, Katharine, and Teddy, to 21st-century Sunset Island summers. My guess is that a fifth Hyde generation will follow.

Despite his success in the business world while working his way up in the Mentholatum Corporation to Executive Vice-President for Do-



Theodore Alvin "Ted" Hyde (photo submitted by Allan Eustis)

mestic Sales, Ted played life in low key. His favorite food was a peanut butter sandwich (no jelly). In the summer twilight on Lake Temagami, Ted and Mary most enjoyed listening to vinyl jazz records of Erol Gardner, Oscar Peterson, and Count Basie spun on a Victrola turntable that was powered with electricity from a noisy generator attached to the old outhouse. They probably hummed along while nursing an after-dinner nightcap.

Ted could fix anything on the island and often did with duct tape. Antique furniture and ancient kitchen appliances were re-purposed until they collapsed when the rust took over. Vintage Sears ice boxes became boathouse paint lockers. The island still possesses a 1935 porcelain, Coleman, gasoline, combination oven/stove which now sedately serves as a summer liquor cabinet on the porch. How, in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s,

the gas fumes never blew up the kitchen in Charlie's Chophouse, we will never know.

Ted was an early supporter of the TLA and paid yearly dues for over forty years. He died in January, one month shy of his 99th birthday, but outlived his sister and two brothers. We will sorely miss Ted, who devotedly ferried his mother, Maebell, to mass at Bear Island every summer Sunday – first as a teenager in 1933 and then on into her sunset years. I think that if Ted could offer his earthly family and many friends solace from the other side, he would smile and sing, in the words of the Count Basie song, "That's It, That's All".

Happy fishing, Ted. Catch another one for all of us ... And, thanks for the memories.



Sergeant Ted Hyde, WW II Crew Chief, C-47 Skytrain Military Transport (photo submitted by Allan Eustis)



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## R E M E M B E R I N G

*Niki Plumstead*

(November 14, 1934 – August 30, 2020)

By Peggy Plumstead-McLeod, Bryan Plumstead, and David Plumstead

Margaret Nicoll Cleary was born in Ottawa, Ontario, on November 14, 1934. She passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, in North Bay, Ontario, on August 30, 2020, at 85 years-of-age.

On August 27, 1955, Niki married the love of her life, Bill Plumstead. And so began her introduction to Lake Temagami, and the place she would come to love forever. At Niki's insistence, Bill purchased Island 658 with money they received for wedding gifts.

They honeymooned on their new island by driving straight up to Temagami after their Ottawa wedding. An uncle loaned them a small wooden boat with a 10-horsepower motor to use for their honeymoon, and it arrived at the Temagami train station the day after their wedding. They loaded all their lumber supplies and camping gear into the boat, and off they went – starting out on the hours-long boat trip down the Northeast Arm that would take them to their new island at the entrance to Island Bay. At one point they passed the Aubrey Cosens, and it's huge wake swamped their heavily-laden boat ... All their supplies were soaked, and they began their honeymoon by first having to dry out sleeping gear and all of their belongings!

Bill made a fire pit overlooking the bay on the point that first night, and cleared a spot to set up their tent. Niki's first meal was baked beans over the fire. The flames got too close to the clay bean pot; the pot broke, with beans and all falling into the fire!

After a few days of rain, Bill took his bride to Camp Chimo, where they rented a cabin and enjoyed delicious meals in the dining room. Our parents met Bill and Nancy Gooderham and Barbara Laronde that first summer (1955). In later summers, boat rides to Camp Chimo would become a highlight for us – getting gas, our mail, Mum's favourite Jersey Milk chocolate bars, and Macintosh toffee.

When we were children, our family also began getting summer groceries at Bear Island, and there we met the McKenzie family. Vicki babysat for us on the rare occasions that our parents would go out for dinner at one of the lodges!

Every summer of our childhood was spent at our cottage at the entrance to Island Bay. My parents built the cottage by hand, starting with the outhouse that first honeymoon summer. Then each summer afterward, they made additions – the tool shed, the small main cottage, then more bedrooms, or docks, or the boathouse ... until years later, the cottage was our well-loved summer home, becoming all our parents dreamed it could be. We had summers of great fun with other nearby cottagers, and my mother met her life-long best friend, Joan Moes, on Lake Temagami.

Our mother had a great and lasting respect for everything about the



*Niki Enjoying Afternoon Sun on the Cottage Deck (photo submission by Peggy Plumstead-McLeod)*

Lake. She taught us to respect the water, love the trees, and protect the few simple wildflowers that grew near the path.

When Peggy was in grade seven, Bryan in grade ten, and David in grade four, our parents announced that we would be spending an entire winter, spring, and summer at the cottage. Our mother was delighted for this extended time on the lake to experience each season in succession. The adventures that came with being island bound during spring break-up that year have become lasting memories for us all. That winter, David and Peggy attended school on Bear Island, and numerous introductions to local Anishinaabe families began – which became many of our mother's fondest friendships.

Late one summer, circa 1975, as our family was leaving the cottage to return to the city, my parents noticed "Zufelt's" lodge for sale. Jokingly, all the way down the Mine Road and throughout the long drive back to the city, we listened as our parents fantasized about buying the lodge and all the new adventures that would await our family. As dreams became reality, they did, in fact, buy that lodge, and Loon Lodge was born. Thus began many new chapters in my mother's life. She was just mastering her new role as cook, housekeeper, and host for Loon Lodge, when Dick Grant knocked on our door and asked her to run for Temagami Municipal Council. And so began decades of municipal work for Temagami that our mother laboured so tirelessly for and loved so well. Our mother also played a key

role in the establishment of Whispering Pines Cemetery, where she rests in peace today.

Our mother's funeral service was held at her graveside at Whispering Pines, during the first week of September 2020. Our family was uplifted by the beauty of that place. Our father described for us the way the wind comes over the ridge, with the Lake just beyond, and the stand of birch trees that our mother loved. These elements of the Whispering Pines property had been pointed out to our father, by our mother, many years ago. Throughout our mother's service, we experienced every kind of

weather: blue skies with happy, white clouds and warm sunshine, and grey skies with ominous light, howling winds, and a torrential downpour! As these weather patterns shifted and changed, we each knew our mother was right there, reminding us of the vast and ever-changing beauty in life.

When the torrential downpour with howling wind did not let up, Bryan announced that he was certain our mother was saying to us, "Enough now dears. It is time for you to go and begin your Happy Hour!" ... just as though we were all back on our beloved cottage dock, basking in the afternoon summer sun.

Happy Hour, Happy Life, indeed.



*Niki and Bill Eating Dinner in the Cottage Dining Room (photo submission by Peggy Plumstead-McLeod)*

## Ontario Crown Land Disposition Overview

By Terry Males



This is an overview of Ontario's Crown land-use planning as it relates to Cottage Lot Development on Crown land. A guide to the disposition process can be found at the following link: [www.ontario.ca/page/guide-cottage-lot-development-crown-land](http://www.ontario.ca/page/guide-cottage-lot-development-crown-land).

Seventy-seven percent of the Province of Ontario is made up of Crown lands, and includes shore lands and the beds of most lakes and rivers. These Crown lands are managed under the Public Lands Act and by the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY (MNRF). The many resources found on Crown land are managed for the benefit of nearby communities and the province. Crown land-use policy provides

direction on the types of activities that can occur on Crown land and employs various land-use designations, such as protected areas, enhanced-management areas, and general-use areas. The Province of Ontario provides a very good resource – *the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas* – which identifies the land-use designations found in the Lake Temagami area. The Atlas link is: <https://geohub.lio.gov.on.ca/datasets/c71add613b-94c6bbdad9228d322b161>.

Crown land-use planning processes can range from land-use amendments that make minor changes to the policies for small parcels of Crown land, to comprehensive planning for large areas re: parks, mines, or forestry. Other provincial ministries play a significant role in the management of Crown land and water – for example, the MINISTRY OF ENERGY, NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES (MNDM), MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (MOECC), MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (MMAH), MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION ONTARIO (MTO), MINISTRY OF HERITAGE, SPORT, TOURISM AND CULTURE INDUSTRIES

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(MHSTC), AND ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (OMAFRA) are just a few.

Ontario Crown land is no longer actively marketed, rented, and/or sold for private recreational or residential use by the Ministry. Rather, land (excluding provincial parks and conservation reserves) is made available through an application process to northern communities and municipalities and sold at market value to support local, economic development.

Every Crown-land-related decision takes into account factors involving a number of ministries, with respect to socio-economic benefits, environmental and ecological impacts, and local, regional, and national relevance. The province also acknowledges the importance of Crown land in the economic-development objectives of Aboriginal communities.

The MNRF will consider the disposition of Crown land for cottage lots only within municipal boundaries. It will not dispose of Crown land on naturally-reproducing, Lake-Trout lakes. In the MNRF District of North Bay, no Crown land is available for development on naturally-reproducing, Lake-Trout lakes (e.g., Lake Temagami). There is no expectation that this will change.

In 2014, the Temagami Municipal Council of the time made a request to the MNRF to look at three "warm-water" lakes (Olive, Brophy, and Marian Lakes) as possible alternative sites for cottage development. Yet, no council since then has engaged the MNRF in further discussions about possible development on them.

Any amendment to Crown land-use policy direction will be considered only if a demonstrated need for the amendment is proven by showing a lack of alternative development sites and a high demand for cottage lots in the area. The amendment process, however, is rigorous and involves analysis, documentation, and public consultation.



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# Rehabilitation of Temagami Copperfields and Golden Rose Mines

By Doug McKenzie, Acting Resource Development Advisor,  
Temagami First Nation (TFN)

## BACKGROUND:

The Ontario MINISTRY OF ENERGY, NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES (MNDM) has a program to rehabilitate old mine sites in Ontario. These sites have environmental issues, and the lands have reverted back to the Crown. Most of these old mines operated when environmental impacts were less of concern and before "Closure Plans" were required.

The MNDM has criteria based on environmental impacts for prioritizing these sites to begin rehabilitation. This year, the MNDM decided to initiate work at Temagami Copperfields and Golden Rose Mines. The duty to confer with First Nations requires the MNDM to notify and consult when this rehabilitation work is being contemplated. The TFN Lands and Resources Office received an e-mail from an MNDM project manager informing us that the project was beginning in early November 2020.

## COPPERFIELDS MINE:

The Copperfields Mine was a former copper producer located on Temagami Island, which operated until the early 1970s. The site was formally closed by the operator in the early 1990s. There are three sites of tailings depositions on the island.

The MNDM project manager informed our office that they contracted the services of an environmental firm to conduct baseline studies, which involves drilling and installing water-monitoring wells.

On the afternoon of November 5, 2020, Meghan Pilon and I visited the Temagami Copperfields site and met the environmental scientist from DST Consulting Engineers Inc. We viewed the work that they were undertaking and learned how TFN could be involved. Meghan made arrangements to attend the site again the next day, and we also discussed the plans for the Golden Rose location.

## GOLDEN ROSE MINE:

The Golden Rose Mine operated in the 1940s and then reopened in 1982 for a brief period of time. The Crown holds the mineral rights.

On November 13, 2020, Victoria Winsor (TFN's GIS Lands Technician), Randy Becker (the TFN Mining Exploration Business Operator), and I attended the Golden Rose Mine at Emerald Lake [south of Obabika Lake]. MNDM Project Manager, Rob Purdon, met us at the gate to the site, which is locked to control access. He informed us of the project status and overall plans for both the Temagami Copperfields and Golden Rose Mine sites.

We then toured the Golden Rose site, and Mr. Purdon pointed out some of the significant environmental issues that will have to be mitigated. Victoria took water samples as we were touring and confirmed what Mr. Purdon was telling us. It was good to have Randy there, as well, as he asked questions that only someone involved in mining exploration and looking for employment would know to inquire about.

## OVERVIEW:

Rob Purdon advised us that this was the first phase of the project to help the MNDM develop a plan for guiding the rehabilitation of these sites. We stressed that TFN should be involved in the development of the final rehabilitation plan, and that we have the capacity to be involved in ongoing monitoring. The TFN Lands and Resources Office will be ensuring that we participate in the process going forward to protect TFN and TAA interests.



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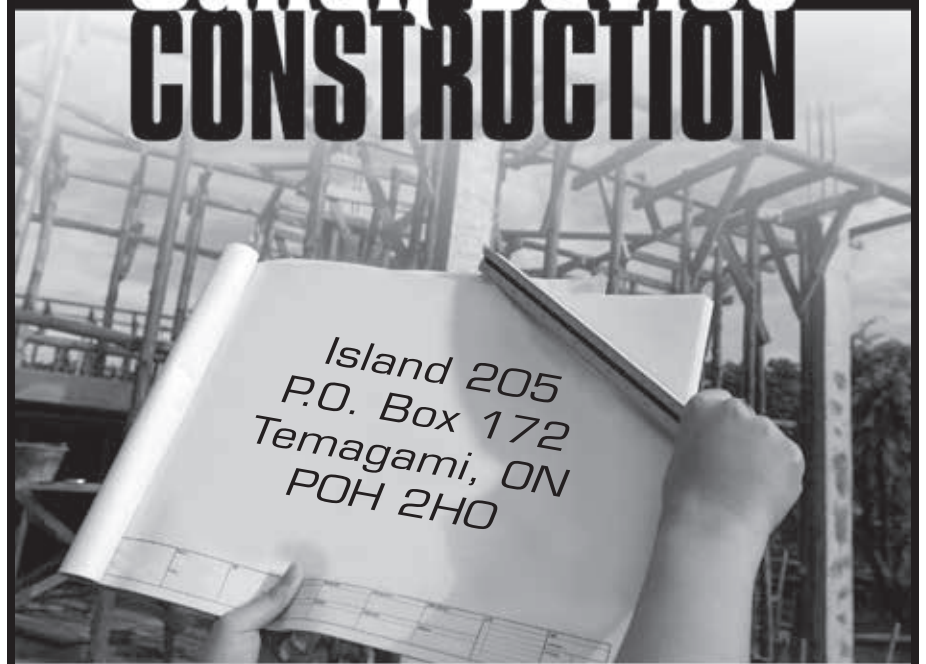
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## REMEMBERING

*Henry Szczesny Schutta*

(1928 – 2020)

*By Caroline Schutta*

Henry Szczesny Schutta, M.D., (born September 15, 1928 in Gdansk, Poland) died December 28, 2020 due to complications following hip surgery in Oak Park, Illinois. A renowned academic neurologist who served as Chairman of the Departments of Neurology at SUNY-Downstate and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he trained hundreds of neurology residents – many who regarded him as their professional father.

Dr. Schutta survived the ravages of World War II, including the death of his father, as well as other relatives (several of whom were priests), in the Stutthof Concentration Camp. Toward the end of the war, he was put into forced labor digging anti-tank trenches for the retreating German Army.

As a displaced person after the war, he ended up in a refugee camp where he completed the equivalent of a GED. He remained in Germany and graduated from Bonn University in 1949 after studying medicine and philosophy. It is there that he met his wife, Henryka, a chemistry student. She had participated in the Polish resistance and was arrested and tortured, but avoided execution – and spent the rest of the war in a labor camp until she was liberated by General Patton's army in 1945.

Henry and Henryka immigrated to Australia where Henry graduated with honors from medical school at the University of Sydney in 1955, and served his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney. During this period, he was mentored by Sir Ian Douglas Miller, a neurosurgeon. Dr. Schutta served as Miller's assistant, and they travelled together throughout southeast Asia where Dr. Miller performed complex surgery on patients. His interest in neurology confirmed, Dr. Schutta completed training as Registrar / Senior Registrar at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (Queen Square) in London, England.

Upon completion of his neurology training, he accepted a faculty position at the University of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Hospital in 1962. Here he became one of the first investigators to use electron microscopy to describe the pathology of bilirubin encephalopathy in a rodent model, and described the pathology of other neuromuscular and encephalopathic diseases in humans. Schutta was appointed professor and chairman of the Department of Neurology at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY in 1973. After seven years, he assumed the same position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1980 to 1995.

During his career in the United States he developed a stellar reputation as an expert diagnostician who had an encyclopedic knowledge of neurological diseases and neuroanatomy, and an ability to make accurate diagnoses simply by hearing his residents present cases. Despite



*Walking on the Logging Road  
(photo submission by  
Caroline Schutta)*

the emergence of imaging techniques, such as CT and MRI, Dr. Schutta used physical examination to isolate neurological lesions – impressing his colleagues and trainees and leading one to marvel that, “He can see through cement.”

Doug Dulli, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Neurology at U.W.-Madison said, “Dr. Schutta was a consummate clinician whose approach, principles, and aphorisms have been echoed through over 100 of his previous residents. His mark on our neurology department is indeed indelible. Among all the great attributes of Dr. Schutta, his greatest were in the realm of teaching and leadership.”

His interests included clotting disorders that affect the nervous system, including cerebral venous thrombosis. He published extensively on this subject and developed a passion for reading and writing about the history of neurology and neurosciences. He derived great joy by reading original texts in Latin. He would travel to medical libraries throughout Europe to study descriptions of diseases written by famous physicians from the 14th to 19th centuries. His final paper, published less than a year ago, is still in press. Dr. Schutta was also interested in philosophy and the humanities – music, religion, history, art, and the human experience. Dr. Schutta remained an avid reader his entire life and was driven by his intense curiosity to learn.

After he retired from the University of Wisconsin in 2000, he and Henryka moved to Arizona to live out his western dream. He learned to ride a horse and went on round-ups with cowboys on a cattle ranch. After Henryka died in 2002, Dr. Schutta moved back to Philadelphia, renewed his medical license, and started practicing and precepting neurology residents at the Einstein Medical Center, and at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey.

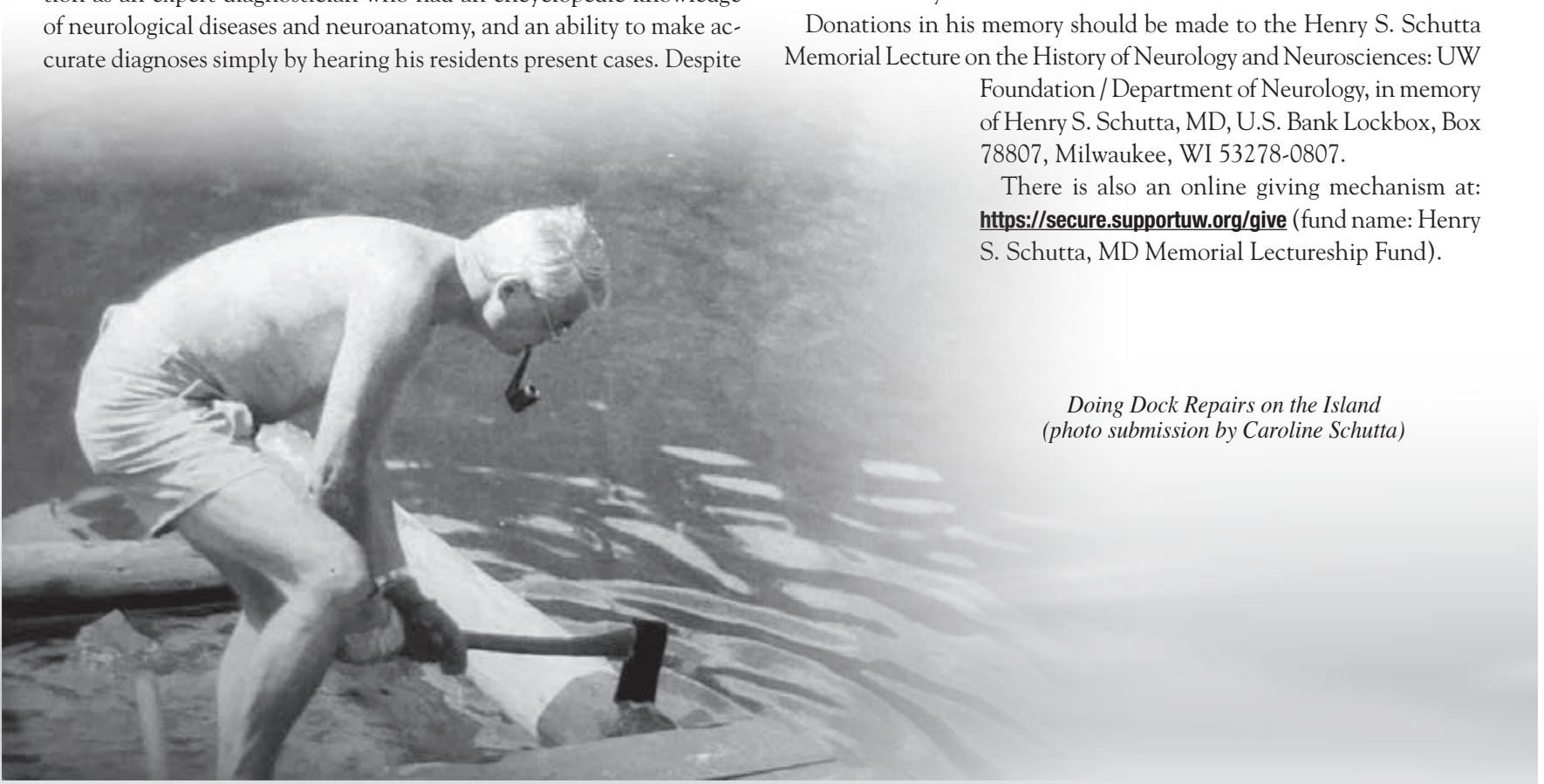
He and his beloved family vacationed every summer in northern Ontario on an island he and Henryka purchased in 1973. The remote wilderness reminded him of Poland, and he relished in canoeing, hiking, and the simplicity of life without electricity or telephone.

Dr. David Kaufman, chair of Neurology and Ophthalmology at Michigan State University, and a Schutta resident related, “I know how precious it was for me to be able to walk alongside such a giant.”

Dr. Schutta is survived by: his brother and sister, Stanislaw Szutta (of Sopot, Poland) and Nina Szutta (of Sydney, Australia); children, Katharine Schutta (Bohdan Gorczynski), Mark Schutta (Eunkyung Kauh), and Caroline Schutta; and, grandchildren, Benjamin Schutta and Ola Gorczynska.

Donations in his memory should be made to the Henry S. Schutta Memorial Lecture on the History of Neurology and Neurosciences: UW Foundation / Department of Neurology, in memory of Henry S. Schutta, MD, U.S. Bank Lockbox, Box 78807, Milwaukee, WI 53278-0807.

There is also an online giving mechanism at: <https://secure.supportuw.org/give> (fund name: Henry S. Schutta, MD Memorial Lectureship Fund).



*Doing Dock Repairs on the Island  
(photo submission by Caroline Schutta)*

# A New Beginning in Management for the Temagami Forest

By Robin Koistinen, Lands and Resources Director, Temagami First Nation

The local people of the Temagami area have worked together to develop the Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC). On December 14, 2020, after several years of discussion, John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), approved its creation.

## Background:

The Temagami Management Unit (TMU) is the only management unit in Ontario that has been continuously managed by the Crown since the Crown Forest Sustainability Act was passed in 1994. All other management units in the province were transitioned to Sustainable Forestry Licences (SFLs) that are held by entities, such as communal corporations and companies, and not the MNRF. Over the last 25 years, numerous attempts were made by interested parties to change or modernize the governance structure for the Temagami Management Unit to include First Nations, municipalities, and industry in a more meaningful manner.

On January 14, 2013, Ed Tear informed Temagami First Nation (TFN) that the MNRF had concluded that amalgamating the Temagami Management Unit with the Nipissing Management Unit was the best alternative based on an

internal review by the MNRF. The Ministry determined that due to its restructuring, it would no longer have the human-resources capacity to manage the TMU. At the time, Mr. Tear also advised that the Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act, 2011 allowed for the establishment of Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMCs) as new models of forest tenure.

In February 2013, former TFN Chief Roxane Ayotte wrote, "We were not consulted prior to this decision or during this review of alternatives, and we have not been provided with the internal review report. Please provide the internal review report to us and the opportunity to provide input into the alternatives considered. The MNRF decision to amalgamate these units is a strategic-level decision which diminishes Temagami First Nation's ability to affect forest-sustainability decisions and impacts our constitutionally-protected rights.

The agreement and work plan provided appear to assume that the Nipissing and Temagami Forest Management Units will be amalgamated, and does not provide TFN with any meaningful consultation on the Crown's decision to amalgamate or not. We are willing to look at alternative ways of managing the Temagami Management Unit – including an enhanced role for the TFN – through an agreement for the joint exercise of authority or through a TFN entity holding an Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence."

Following this initial engagement between the MNRF, Temagami First Nation, Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA), and the Municipality of Temagami, Chief Ayotte, TAA Chief John McKenzie, and Mayor John Hodgson wrote to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to advise of their interest in exploring a Local Forest Management Corporation for the TMU.

"We (the TFN, TAA, and Municipality) recognize that the people and the forests of the Temagami area are intimately connected. The forests of Temagami provide environmental services, as well as significant social and economic benefits for the Temagami region, the province of Ontario, Canada, and the world. We are ready and willing to assume responsibility for the shared stewardship of the Temagami area in light of growing environmental, economic, and social challenges. We believe that an LFMC may be the best alternative to allow us to assume these responsibilities locally. We believe it is in the best interests of all concerned, including the Crown, as represented by Ontario to:

- localize control of forest management to maintain environmental sustainability, while supporting the social and economic health of the people of the Temagami region;
- ensure governance mechanisms that provide effective management of the Temagami Management Unit and shared decision making;
- recognize, respect, and help to resolve TFN/TAA's Aboriginal and treaty rights by working together;
- direct forest resources to the economic and social development of the people of the Temagami area, and have the support of provincial and federal governments in promoting diversified, local economies;
- have government investments directed towards local control of forest management;
- promote a strong working relationship with the MNRF and other government departments, federal and provincial, including scientific and management support;
- ensure the best end-use and highest-value forest products are produced from forested lands."

The TFN, TAA, and Municipality reviewed the Forest Tenure options for the TMU and came to the conclusion that the best option was a LFMC. While the TFN and TAA had not endorsed the Crown Forest Sustainability Act nor the Forest Tenure Modernization Act, and had no meaningful role in their creation or administration, all three parties wanted to consider the merits of a LFMC.

This began seven years of work. Temagami First Nation was funded to look at alternatives for managing the Temagami Management Unit. In October 2013, a Temagami Advisory Team was formed with representatives from: Temagami First Nation (Doug McKenzie, Sr.); Teme-Augama Anishnabai (Robin Koistinen); Matachewan First Nation (Cathy Yandean); Timiskaming First Nation (Tara Dantouze); City of Temiskaming Shores (Carmen Kidd); Municipality of Temagami (John Kenrick); Town of Latchford (George Lefebvre); Township of James (Terry Fiset); Georgia Pacific (Sylvain Levesque); EACOM Timber Corporation

(Jennifer Tallman); Goulard Lumber (John McNutt); and, Alex Welch Logging (Alex Welch).

Throughout those seven years, the Advisory Team met as a whole and also divided up into various "Task Teams". The key undertaking during the first phase of the project was an assessment of the feasibility of maintaining the TMU as a stand-alone forest management unit under a modernized form of forest tenure. A total of five tenure scenarios were evaluated during this assessment: continued Crown management; amalgamation with a neighbouring forest; a conventional SFL; an enhanced SFL (ESFL); and, a Local Forest Management Corporation (LFMC).

In the Fall of 2020, after three reports, two Ontario governments, six Ministers, and a global pandemic, all Advisory Team representatives and their governing bodies supported the creation of the Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC) as the new governance and tenure model for the Temagami Management Unit.

## Looking Forward:

The Temagami Forest Management Corporation's proposed governance structure is as follows:

- ✓ Two seats are reserved for First Nations. One seat will be set aside for TFN/TAA, and the second is set aside for Matachewan First Nation and Timiskaming First Nation, on an alternating basis.
- ✓ One seat is reserved for the Municipality of Temagami.
- ✓ One community seat will be rotated among the municipalities of the Town of Latchford, the Township of James (Elk Lake), and the City of Temiskaming Shores.
- ✓ Two seats are reserved for the forest industry, and will be rotated among Georgia-Pacific (Englehart), EACOM (Elk Lake Sawmill), Goulard Lumber (Sturgeon Falls Sawmill), and Alex Welch Logging.
- ✓ In addition to these reserved seats, the Public Appointment Secretariat may also advertise for other candidates who may wish to apply and be considered at the Minister's discretion.

The Temagami Forest Management Corporation's (TFMC's) objectives are to:

- hold forest-resource licences and manage Crown forests in a manner necessary to provide for the sustainability of Crown forests (in accordance with the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994), and to promote the sustainability of Crown forests;
- provide for economic-development opportunities for Indigenous peoples;
- manage its affairs to become a self-sustaining business entity and to optimize the value from Crown forest resources, while recognizing the importance of economic development;
- market, sell, and enable access to a predictable and competitively-priced supply of Crown forest resources;
- carry out other objectives that may be prescribed by Regulation 2011, c. 10, s. 5;
- recognize and respect the Aboriginal and treaty rights of representative First Nations, including recent case law;
- promote the best end-use of forest products produced from forested lands through innovation and technology;
- promote a strong working relationship with the MNRF and other government departments, federal and provincial, including scientific and management support;
- increase government investments for enhancing the local sustainability of forest management.

The benefits of the TFMC include: providing an environment where the voices

of Indigenous, municipal, and forest-industry partners are heard and considered; the ability to advance the health, vitality, biodiversity, and sustainability of the TMU; a constructive means to resolve complex issues locally; shared accountability at a local level and partnership between First Nations, municipalities, and the forest industry; Crown stumpage retained in the local economy to support local corporate objectives; economic benefits to First Nations and municipalities (e.g., jobs, training, capacity building, local contracts, etc.); enhanced promotion and marketing of underutilized forest products; improved utilization of available harvests; the potential to reduce wood costs, in cooperation with the forest industry; and, development of broader community-outreach methods for strong, local, forestry awareness.

Now that the Temagami Forest Management Corporation has been established, the Advisory Team will continue to work with the MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY to seek appointments for the TFMC Board of Directors, develop the TFMC's first by-laws, and find an interim General Manager to assist the interim Board of Directors (until a more permanent Board has been nominated and appointed).

The fact that all parties were able to support a LFMC demonstrates that the Temagami Forest Management Corporation can be a new beginning for stewardship and co-existence for the people of n'Daki Menan. If we continue to work together, the TFMC can be a model for respectful co-existence, sustained life, and sustainable development.

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# TLA Business



## Temagami Official Plan Update – Winter 2021

By Brit Hyde

Of little surprise, the COVID pandemic has delayed the Municipal Council's progress on the new Official Plan for Temagami. As I write, the province of Ontario has issued its second emergency declaration, with a 28-day, stay-at-home order.

Work continued on two Official Plan (OP) amendments in 2020. The amendments began under the previous Municipal Council, and have been discussed at recent online Council meetings.

Municipal Council has been working with Commerce Management Group (CMG), a planning consultant, on issues concerning the OP. Our TLA-retained planner has a good working relationship with CMG and has had constructive conversations with their staff. As Council has sought public input, our planner has worked with CMG to incorporate some of the TLA's thinking and refine some of the language in the amendments. Council may, of course, choose not to agree with, or accept, CMG's proposed changes.

### Secondary-Dwelling Units Amendment:

After much discussion, the TLA understands that this amendment is supposed to largely target mainland and town properties. In the current OP, secondary dwellings (defined as having a kitchen and bathroom, but not including bunkies) are addressed separately for island properties. Only larger islands are eligible for second dwellings, as per current by-laws. At present, your TLA is closely monitoring any changes to this amendment.

### Home Occupations and Home Industries Amendment:

The TLA understands the motivation for improved economic development that underlies this amendment. We have long supported zoning that addresses different standards for the many unique neighbourhoods across the municipality, as specified in the current OP. This amendment would be applied uniformly across the entire municipality. As such, there were key issues on which the TLA focused, such as: maintaining a 15-metre setback from the shoreline; continuing protection against nuisances to neighbourhoods (e.g., noise, boat traffic); environmental safety; and, limiting the use of boathouses (which are naturally on the shoreline) for certain kinds of home industries. The TLA wants to differentiate boathouses that are used for storage and those that are active workshops, with our primary concern focusing on the health of the Lake.

### Next Steps:

As of this writing, our TLA planner (through CMG) has proposed to Council amendment wording with which we are comfortable. We are carefully watching the process' opportunities for community input and the good working relationship. The TFN has also been providing their feedback.

There may still be some discussion regarding limitations on boathouses and work yards, and your TLA "Planning and Municipal Affairs" Committee is attentive to any changes that will be presented to Council in the final version of these amendments.

If this subject or other Council matters interest you, e-mail the TLA at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net) (with "OP Update / Temagami Council Information" in the subject line). We will send reminders, with links to Temagami Municipal Council's Zoom meetings (open and welcome to the public) and information packages (including agendas). These are typically available a few days before the meetings, and details can be found at: [www.temagami.ca/municipalgovernment/councilminutes](http://www.temagami.ca/municipalgovernment/councilminutes).

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## Remembering Generous TLA Members

The Temagami Lakes Association would like to recognize the generosity of two kind and caring TLA members.

Robb Hindson (Island 944) passed away in November of 2019. He had been a member of the TLA for 20 years, and left a bequest to the Association for use in preserving the "Tenets for Temagami". His parents (Donald and Christine Hindson) and his sister and brother-in-law (Donna and Mark Opzoomer) are TLA members, as well.

In December of 2020, Dennis Goodman (Island 416) also passed away. A donation was made in his memory to both the TLA "Tenets" and water-quality (TERAS) funds by his family. Dennis was a member of the TLA for almost 50 years, and the extended Goodman Family (Laura-Beth, Greg and Tess, Kim and Scott Genzer, Jack Sr., Will and Victoria, Jack Jr. and Lisa, Jane and Peter Miller, and Doug and Lauren) are all TLA members, with properties in the SW Arm of the Lake.

We extend our thanks to the memories of both Robb and Dennis, and to their family members who honour their legacies while continuing on as active members of the TLA community.



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TLA Business

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## TOTAL PHOSPHORUS (TP):

TP concentrations are ideally used to interpret nutrient status, as phosphorus is the element that controls the growth of algae in most Ontario lakes. Increases in phosphorus may decrease water clarity by stimulating algal growth. In extreme cases, algal blooms will affect the aesthetics of the lake and may cause taste and odour problems in the water.

Many limnologists (scientists who study the physical, chemical, and biological properties of lakes, rivers, and streams) place lakes into three broad categories with respect to nutrient status. Lakes with less than 10 µg/L (micrograms per litre) of TP are considered “oligotrophic”. These are unproductive lakes that rarely experience nuisance algal blooms. Lakes with TP levels between 10 and 20 µg/L are termed “mesotrophic”, and have a moderate trophic (nutritional) status. These lakes show a broad range of characteristics – from being clear and unproductive, to being susceptible to moderate algal blooms at concentrations nearing 20 µg/L. Any lakes in which the TP is over 20 µg/L are classified as “eutrophic”, and may exhibit persistent, nuisance, algal blooms.

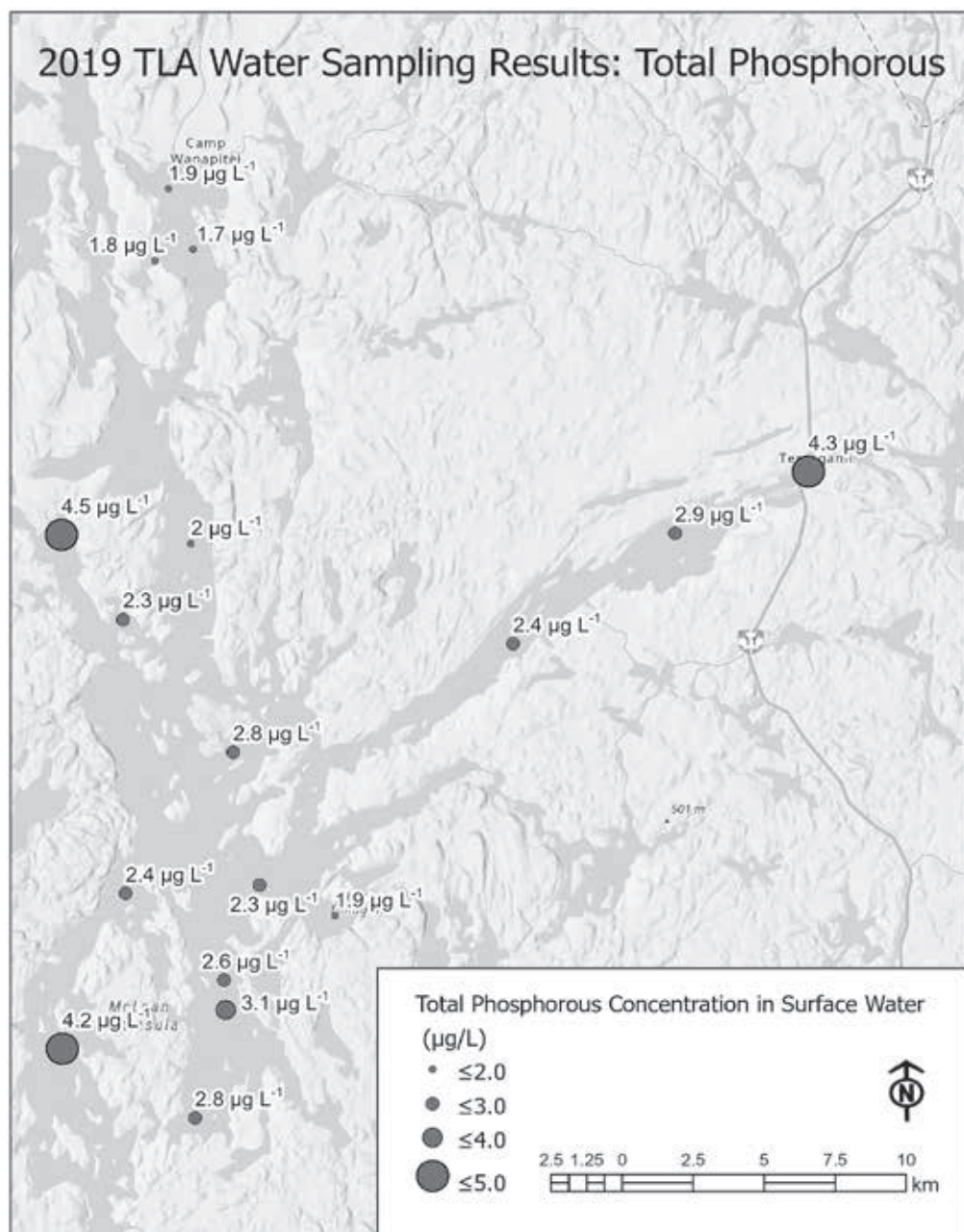
## WATER CLARITY AND SECCHI-DEPTH READINGS:

Water clarity is determined, in part, by taking measurements with a Secchi disk – a 20-cm (8-inch) disk with alternating black and white quadrants. It is lowered into the water of a lake until it can no longer be seen by the observer. This depth of disappearance, called the “Secchi depth”, measures the transparency of the water.

Algal growth (stimulated by increases in phosphorus) may decrease water clarity. This water characteristic cannot, however, be the sole factor in determining nutrient status in Ontario’s inland lakes. Light penetration in the lake can also be limited by dissolved organic carbon or by non-biological turbidity (cloudiness), which influences the colour of the lake. Water clarity can similarly be altered by invading species, such as zebra mussels. It is always best, therefore, to also use TP to evaluate the nutrient status of the lake. Yet, water-clarity readings using Secchi-disk data can be valuable to track changes in the lake that might be occurring (e.g., watershed disturbances) and would not be noticed by monitoring TP concentrations alone.

The Lake Partner Program (LPP) – a volunteer-based, water-quality monitoring program that is facilitated by the Dorset Environmental Science Centre (DESC) – collects both total phosphorus and Secchi-depth data. Results are posted each year on the LPP website at: [www.Ontario.ca/LakePartner](http://www.Ontario.ca/LakePartner). Since 2002, TP analyses have been conducted at the DESC laboratory. Current TP data based on existing DESC analytical methods are, however, approximately 10 x more precise than data collected before 2002.

Source: Dorset Environmental Science Centre website (2021)



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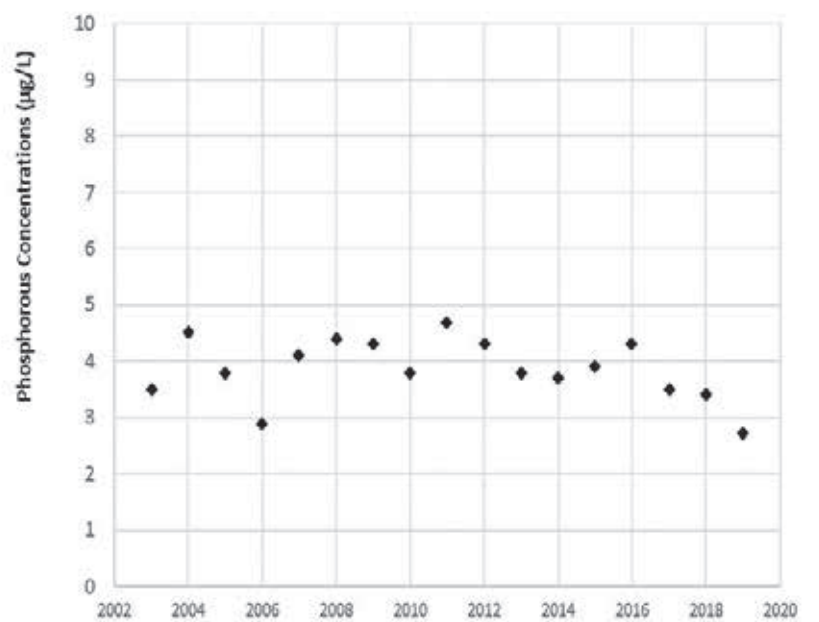
The *Temagami Times*, as it says on the masthead of this issue, is “The Voice of the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION”. As such, it is also the voice of its members. We all want to hear those voices in these pages.

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?

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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.

### Lake Temagami Historical Phosphorous Concentrations (2003-2019)



One of nature's most beautiful phenomena is the "ice blossom". Also called "ice ribbons" or "frost flowers", they are as elusive as they are beautiful. These rare ice formations can be found only under certain conditions. Frost crystals are actually called "hoar frost" and occur when the temperature drops dramatically, and any moisture in the air crystallizes and collects on the nearest below-freezing surfaces available.

To have hoar frost collect on the lake in this way is absolutely magical and does not occur very often. Typically, a temperature difference between the ice surface and the air of at least 15° C is required, although this can be reduced if the air is very humid. In these conditions, a layer of supersaturated water vapour occurs due

## Ice Blossoms

By Gerry Gooderham

to the "surface skim" releasing excess moisture. As this warmer, wet air meets the overlying cold air, it condenses and allows small crystals to form a nucleus (blossom) on the ice surface. In general, ice blossoms form only in relatively windless conditions. Then they can grow and spread, forming a dense concentration of frost blooms across the ice.

Ice blossoms are most commonly found on young or new ice in northern regions where the large temperature differences between the ice and air are suitable for growth. When the ice grows too thick, its upper surface cools down and frost flowers can no longer grow. As snow falls, they also disappear. This means that on lake surfaces, ice blossoms typically grow only in the first few days of new ice formation.

To see more photos of ice blossoms and other winter scenes, please follow me on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/gooderham.photography](http://www.instagram.com/gooderham.photography)) or Facebook ([www.facebook.com/gerry.gooderham](http://www.facebook.com/gerry.gooderham)).



Beautiful Examples of Ice Blossoms  
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## Discovering Happy Chickens: A Quest for Local Food Producers

Kay Chornook, Head Cook at Ojibway Family Lodge (Since 2012)



Ojibway Family Lodge Staff Display Delicious Meal Options  
(photo submitted by Tanya McCubbin)

Situated on a small island on Lake Temagami's North Arm, Ojibway Family Lodge staff must approach feeding our guests with creativity and adaptability. We live in the shadow of Devil's Mountain, where we work to serve healthy, heavenly meals. We also work hard at sourcing as many local ingredients as possible. Blueberries, Lake Trout, and the occasional moose may pass through our kitchen – though never in a sufficient quantities for meals that have between twenty and a hundred hungry diners throughout the summer. Our principal food supplier is Sysco Foods, augmented by Costco, but our relationship with local food sources grows each year.

Thornloe Cheese, on Highway 11 north of New Liskeard, crafts a large variety of cheeses (both grass-fed cow and goat) – from aged cheddars to their artisanal varieties. Almost all of our cheese products, including the curds for our famous fireside poutine, come from Thornloe. We have also been purchasing happy, free-range chickens and lamb from New Liskeard's Louise Grant for years. How do we know those chickens are happy? They don't get that big and plump, and taste that good, if they didn't live a good life. Having enjoyed mouth-watering, smoked-BBQ brisket prepared by our friend Nick at Camp Temagami last summer, we will follow his recommendation to Yves' Prime Cut Meats in New Liskeard, and plan to purchase more of our meat from this local butcher.

To the south are our sweet suppliers of maple syrup – Bella Hill in Powassan and

Sugarstone Farms in Trout Creek. While in the area, we stock up our Ojibway dock-side store with Bad Dog Glassworks products (beautiful, handmade, glass-beaded jewelry and colourful, wool socks) - food for the soul, if not the belly. The busy bees produce our honey at Board's Honey Farm in Restoule. When a vegetable emergency or a special need arises, we have often turned to Orchards Fresh Foods in North Bay, and they never fail us.

Until this last year, we were ordering the best of Ontario fresh produce through our friend Reina Lee who runs the exquisite gallery, Blooms 'n Loons, on Island 212 in the hub of Lake Temagami. Reina has (sadly) discontinued selling fruits and vegetables, but she still has bedding plants, flowerpots, and fresh flower arrangements for sale (with perhaps the most beautiful lilies in the north), as well as the many local artists' creations that grace the walls of her boutique shop. Through Reina, we learned of Craig Haven for fresh-farm eggs and a local source of greens at the Brubacher Family's Garden Pleasures (both in the Liskeard area).

At Ojibway, we are looking with patience and optimism toward the summer of 2021 – that we will once again be able to open and receive guests. Hopefully, we can share our beautiful island with paddlers, swimmers, and photographers, and we will find a way to safely host a celebratory reunion of Lake and Town neighbours at one of our colourful and delicious theme dinners. Stay safe, stay home, and with luck, we will all be back in our kitchens on beautiful Lake Temagami this summer.



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## Loon Lodge Has NEW OWNERS

By Adam Pugh

What a crazy year 2020 was; but for the Pugh family, it was their most exciting year to date and the start of a new adventure! On September 1, 2020, Adam, Kayla, and their 5-year-old daughter, Hannah, purchased Loon Lodge from John and Jenny Moskwa. The Moskwa family was instrumental in making this transition a smooth one, taking Adam and Kayla under their wings to teach them many of the ins and outs of how this wonderful island community operates on beautiful Lake Temagami.

We feel so much warmth from the locals already. Everyone has been so kind, and that was a huge part of making Temagami feel like home right off the bat. The stories and the history you have all shared with us are all incredible. Some family's roots go back 100 years! It's funny when we hear families refer to themselves as new people on the Lake when they have been here for 30 years! The Lake is truly a special place. We have been to many lakes across Ontario; but no lake has a heartbeat like Temagami. Temagami has such a pulse, and gives a whole new meaning to "Lake Life".

Although Lake Temagami may be new to Kayla and Adam, the food and hospitality industry is nothing new to the Pughs. Adam's family owned a large campground in the Ottawa Valley called Cedar Cove Resort and the Lakeside Grill. Kayla has been a part of the family business for 10 years, while also working in the restaurant and food-service industry. "We are so excited to have a place to call our own, and have a chance to turn our dreams into a reality."

The first time Adam and Kayla set eyes on Temagami, it was love at first sight; but it was the fishing that sealed the deal. Lake Temagami is home to an incredible, world-class fishery, with fish literally at every corner. Prior to Temagami, Adam ran a business called Adam's Outfitting, where he specialized in guided fishing and ice-bungalow rentals. Adam's first trip to Temagami yielded massive Walleye and Lake Trout, and it became very clear that Lake Temagami was the perfect fit for the new home of Adam's Outfitting.

Adam and Kayla aren't changing much at Loon Lodge. The snack bar will be reopening on week-ends starting June 4, 2021 and will switch to full time from the end of June through to Labour Day. Many of the crowd favourites will be kept on the menu, with a handful of new options available, as well. Adam will continue to run the water



Hannah, Adam, and Kayla Pugh in Front of Loon Lodge  
(photo submitted by Adam Pugh)

taxi on Lake Temagami, along with his guided fishing trips. Water-taxi services will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day from ice out until November 1st every year. Please book your water taxis well in advance. Adam and Kayla will continue to rent seasonal dock slips and accommodations (although one-night rentals and single-room rentals will no longer be accommodated). You will also see a few more ice bungalows on the lake this winter, as ice fishing is our speciality!

Kayla and Adam look forward to settling into their new home and becoming active members of this community. Adam has an advanced degree in Fisheries and Wildlife and sat as the Director of Fisheries for 10 years with his previous lake association, alongside the MNRF, Environment Canada, and Watersheds Canada. This involved detailed creel and calcified-aging studies on fish populations, spawning-shoal development programs, stocking programs, and shoreline restoration and naturalization projects. The information generated from these studies and programs gave the association strategies for developing a management plan for White Lake. Adam is excited to get involved in these same types of programs on Lake Temagami.

Check out our website at [www.loonlodge.com](http://www.loonlodge.com), and don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Thank you all once again for the warm welcomes and words of encouragements. We are so excited to call Lake Temagami home! E-mail us at [fishing@loonlodge.com](mailto:fishing@loonlodge.com) or phone 705-237-8918.



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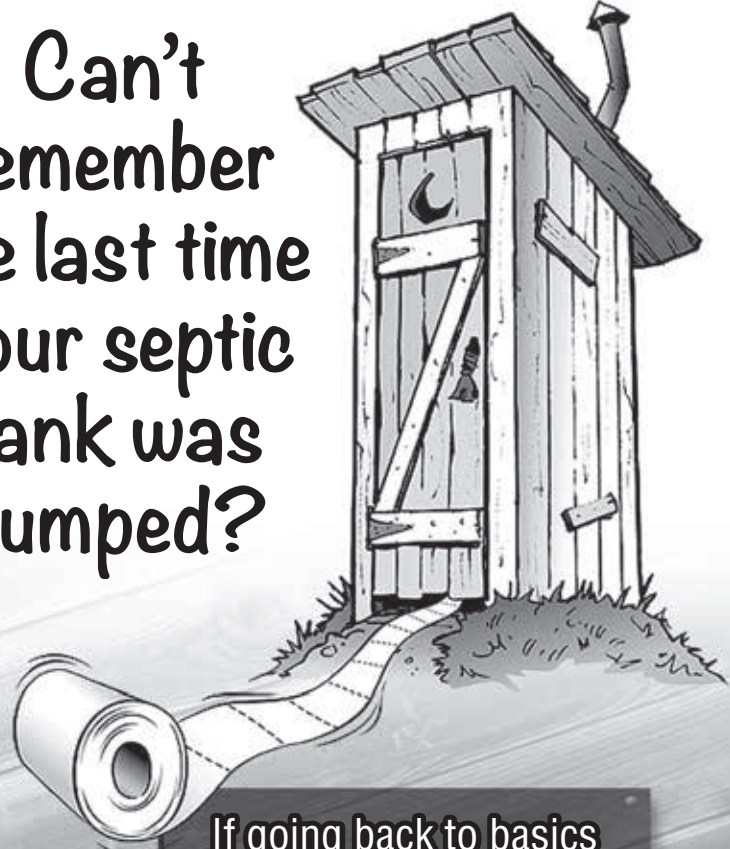
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## An Interview With J. Boyd Matchett (2019)

Submitted by John B.G. Matchett

My last year at University of Toronto Schools (UTS) was 1942, and of course the war was on since 1939. Everyone I knew (unless they were going into medicine) was counting on joining up. The navy, which was growing very quickly, needed more officers to man the number of ships that they were building. At the time, there were only 10,000 people in the Canadian Navy. They had a Board to review people that might be eligible to come in as probationary officers. Most of the people who applied were at university or were graduates, and ranged from 20 to 40 years of age. So there I was – just 18 years-old (but, I had some military training). UTS had a cadet corps. I was the colonel of that cadet corps during the time I was head boy. I was also involved in artillery as an extracurricular reserve with Arthur Huycke. His father was a Colonel, and Arthur and I would go down once a week to practice.

So, I went before the Board, and I was accepted as a midshipman until I turned 19, and then I would become a probationary sub-lieutenant. This was March of 1942. UTS had this wonderful high standard. We completed the full year's course by the time of the Easter break, and the final term quarter of classes was just review for exams. So they let me go early and gave me my senior matriculation without having to do the final exams. In March of 1942, I left school and started my naval training at the Exhibition grounds, in the old automotive building. There were a number of us there. They were all friends of mine, and because all had military training in the cadet corps, we were given a quick training.

Finally, on July 1, 1943, we went down to King's College, Dalhousie University, to take the three-month officers' intensive training course. I was allocated to a ship that happened to be in Halifax Harbour as a watch-keeping officer. I reported to the ship in mid-afternoon, and we set sail within an hour; they were waiting for me to come! It was an interesting ship – a Flower-Class Corvette, called the Kenagami. In those days, they were naming ships after Canadian towns that might have been involved in shipbuilding. Kenagami

was a lumber/mining town in Quebec. I had a very nice captain called Les Percy. The son of Louis Saint Laurent (the Prime Minister at that time) was also an officer on the ship.

Our job was to pick up convoys of merchant ships and escort them across the Atlantic. The majority came from the States, with some from Halifax and Sydney. These convoys were made up of about 120 to 160 ships, mostly carrying food and essentials for Great Britain. The ships would be lined up in three rows and could go only eight to twelve knots per hour. Accompanying the convoys would be six naval vessels – all Corvettes. Two would be in front going back and forth with their ASDIC [SONAR] anti-submarine sound sweeps, two were on each side of the convoy, and two were at the rear. There was one senior officer for the six ships who took directions from the British Navy Intelligence.

When I joined the navy in 1942, a lot of ships were being sunk by German U-boats. By the time I went to sea, the British had broken the German code, and they were able to communicate with the allied ships, telling us where to go to avoid the German U-boats. So we were lucky because we didn't see too much action. My ship quickly moved from the Atlantic coastal run to the mid-ocean run. We started from St. John's, Newfoundland, then picked up the convoy from below Newfoundland and took the ships across into the Irish Sea to drop them off in either Liverpool or Glasgow.

Then the naval ships would go into Londonderry, Northern Ireland, to be refitted for the return. I did that for a full year – back and forth, back and forth. The Flower-Class Corvette was the crudest British design. It was brutal in the winter. Most people would be sick for a day from the roughness of the sea and then get over it.

I wanted to take a speciality ASDIC course in anti-submarine warfare that was taught at a naval base in the Bay of Fundy. My captain recommended me right away. It was three months long and highly-intensive – the most important speciality course, as Canada's naval role was protecting convoys. To my great chagrin, I was nominated to teach the course after completing it. I had just turned 20 at the time. I wanted to go back into action, and I complained – but I was told that I was top of the class. Canada was building so many new ships that they needed new captains. When I joined, the Canadian Navy had 10,000 people, and two years later had grown to 100,000. So, they needed to train captains for the new ships coming into reserve. I taught a two-week, intensive course in anti-submarine warfare to these older men who were to become captains of the new ships. I taught for a full year.

Finally, in the beginning of July of 1944, I was allocated to go to sea again. I became the senior staff officer as the specialist in anti-submarine warfare to a commanding officer of a convoy-escort group. For the first time, they had enough trained people that our ship's officers could just concentrate on their specialized tasks and not have to be bothered by the normal running of the ship. There was my commanding officer, Maclarren, who had been a merchant seaman, myself, and the gunnery, signals, and navigation-specialist officers. That was the first time that they had the five specialists.

Maclarren was frightened of ASDIC. It was like my generation being frightened of computers. He had been a former merchant navy captain and ship's navigator, so he would rely on my expertise to a great extent. We did about five crossings in the last year of the war. It would take two weeks to take a convoy across, and

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# TAFIP Update (January 2021)

By Ike Laba

It's been quite a year for all of us associated with the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP). In 2020, we did not collect any Walleye eggs due to the COVID pandemic, as we were very concerned about the health and safety of our members. We did, however, manage to carry out major essential repairs on the Sherman Water-Reserve and Rearing Ponds, and minor repairs to the Red Squirrel Rearing Pond. We also completed many repairs within the hatchery facility. Here is a summary of the work we accomplished in 2020:



Sherman Water-Reserve Pond Site – Prior to Development  
(photo by Ike Laba)



Sherman Water-Reserve Pond – Completed in 2020  
(photo by Ike Laba)

- During the past two years, we had major breaches of the Sherman Water-Reserve dam. In 2020, we raised the dam, re-lined it with clay, and cleared a large volume of dead wood from the pond. To prevent blockage within the overflow area, we installed screening so that culverts would not be blocked with floating wood.
- Over the last few years, we had issues with draining the Sherman Rearing Pond for Walleye fingerling extraction. The pond was recontoured and re-lined with clay to help in extracting a maximum number of fingerlings.
- Two breaches of the Red Squirrel Rearing Pond required minor repairs.
- We carried out hatchery upgrades (e.g., exterior painting, upgrading the electrical security system, improving the emergency power-outage system used when eggs are in the hatchery jars, bringing the fry holding-bins up to standard).
- We cleaned Walleye spawning shoals on Net Lake and Angus Lake to enhance the populations within these lakes.
- The TAFIP Facebook page was improved on an ongoing basis to keep the public updated about our activities within the Temagami area. If you are interested in the Walleye enhancement work being done through the TAFIP, please check our page at: [www.facebook.com/TemagamiFishHatchery](https://www.facebook.com/TemagamiFishHatchery).


We also created more options for financial support of the TAFIP. Donors can mail their contributions to: Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program, PO Box 88, Temagami, Ontario P0H 2H0. Alternatively they can send e-transfers to: [tafipmail@gmail.com](mailto:tafipmail@gmail.com). Donations may be made in either Canadian or US funds. The TAFIP is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency and issues income-tax receipts for donations of \$25.00 or more.

For the past number of years, the support from private individuals, local businesses, lake associations, the OFAH and associated clubs, and the Municipality of Temagami has been excellent. We have also experienced much assistance in accomplishing upgrades to the program even during the epidemic. With all groups working together, we can make Temagami a “go-to” area for outdoor fishery experiences. Thanks is extended to everyone who has supported us.

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

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

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

### Snowmobiling Safety:

Snowmobiling is a very popular activity in our province, and knowing how to operate your machine safely is very important. The O.P.P. reminds snowmobilers to avoid crossing lakes if they can remain on land-based trails to get to their destinations. When snowmobiling on ice, you put yourself and your passengers at risk, as many fatalities involve snow machines breaking through the ice or driving into open water. If you must travel on a lake, do so with caution.

Travel carefully, and arrive at your destination safely by keeping the following in mind:

#### SNOW-MACHINE SAFETY:

- ✓ Know weather conditions, and drive accordingly.
- ✓ Don't drink / do drugs and then drive.
- ✓ Don't follow too closely. Leave some distance between each operator.
- ✓ Ice conditions may vary from day to day, hour to hour, and location to location.
- ✓ Never travel alone on ice.
- ✓ Avoid slushy ice, untracked ice, or ice near moving water.
- ✓ At night, never travel alone, drive at a reduced speed, and avoid travelling faster than your headlight beam can illuminate the trail ahead.
- ✓ Watch out for obstacles, such as rocks, stumps, docks, and fishing huts.

- ✓ Wear a buoyant snowmobile suit, and carry ice picks that are easy to access.
- ✓ Obey speed limits, and road and trail signs. Use caution at railway and road crossings.
- ✓ Always tell someone your exact route and your expected time of return.
- ✓ Remain on the right-hand side of the trail.
- ✓ A rigid tow-bar must be used when towing a sled or similar device.
- ✓ Be prepared for the unexpected.
- ✓ Drive within your ability.

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

For further information on any policing issue, please contact Provincial Constable Jennifer Smith, Community Safety / Media Relations Officer – TEMISKAMING O.P.P., by phone at **705-647-8400**. You can also visit the O.P.P. website ([www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca)), visit their Facebook page (Ontario Provincial Police – North East Region), access regional Twitter feeds (@OPP\_NER or @PPO\_Nordest), or contact your local O.P.P. detachment at **1-888-310-1122**.

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## Temagami Lions Club Winter 2021 Update



The Temagami Lions Club hopes everyone is healthy and following guidelines to stay safe from this pandemic.

As with almost every organization, the pandemic has affected the work that the Lions Club completed these past months, and we either cancelled or modified many Lions activities. For example, we cancelled our men's hockey tournament, delayed our fundraising lottery for North Bay's "Cancer Care Close to Home", and the "Temagami Country Christmas" was also cancelled.

"Breakfast with Santa" was done virtually, so we participated in this event. Our annual "Seniors' Christmas Dinner" was modified, and we sponsored the roast-beef dinner for seniors from Temagami Home Support. We were able to feed over 100 seniors thanks to the great work by Debbie Renaud and her wonderful staff and volunteers.

The Lions are hoping to hold a flea market this summer, if allowed under COVID regulations. We are still collecting used eyeglasses for the CNIB (which can be dropped off at the post office) and clothes for the Diabetes Clothesline Program.

That's all for now.

Yours in Lions, Brian Koski



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then after dropping the ships off, we would go into Londonderry on the Foyle River to refuel and rest up. The technology was changing so quickly that the British Navy had a building in Londonderry where they would simulate a nighttime attack on a convoy. My Captain and I would go each time for at least five hours to practice an attack and be brought up to date on the new technology.

Previously, if a ship made contact with a submarine, they would trace it by ASDIC and then drop down a depth charge – which would not explode until after we had passed over the submarine. They developed the new “hedgehog system”, where you would thrust the hedgehog depth charge ahead of you – so you didn’t have to go over the submarine and could get behind it. My role was to give instructions to Maclaren: to the starboard or to the port 10 degrees, etc. ... constantly keeping contact with the submarine. After the hedgehog exploded, we would veer off and wait for the submarine to surface. For a 20 year-old, this was pretty exciting. I didn’t realize it at the time because I was so wrapped up in it.

We made contact with a submarine about three months before the end of the war. I was directing the commander where to go. We did a “hedgehog”, and fortunately they came to the surface and surrendered. We didn’t have enough room for all the prisoners because our ship had been modified to carry only the five officers and the crew, so we allocated prisoners to other ships. None of the prisoners died. There was usually a Nazi on board each submarine. The prisoners that we took on board kept saying to us that we should be allies fighting the Russians. Their officer was on a different ship and couldn’t control what these men said. That was the one exciting bit of action I had. When I went back to sea in the last year of the war, the naval-escort ships on the mid-ocean run were either much-larger, hedgehog-equipped, Castle-Class Corvettes or much-larger Frigate Destroyers.

I was 21 years-old by the time the war was over. I came into Canada from Newfoundland on VE Day, went on a 90-day leave up to Temagami, and set off on a canoe trip. I then volunteered to fight the Japanese. It was a different type of warfare, as the Japanese didn’t have many submarines. They had more guns. I reported back to a ship that was being outfitted in Sydney, NS. I was named the anti-submarine officer of that ship, but I arrived on VJ Day – so things were all over, and the ship didn’t go.

It took three months to get out of the navy. When I retired, I was named an acting lieutenant commander. I had moved from being a midshipman initially to lieutenant commander over my three-and-a-half years of service.



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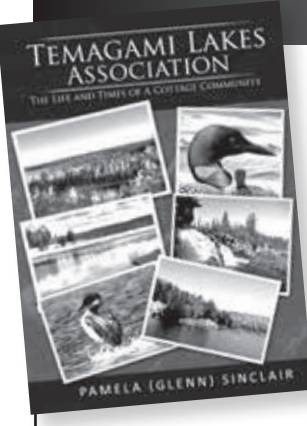


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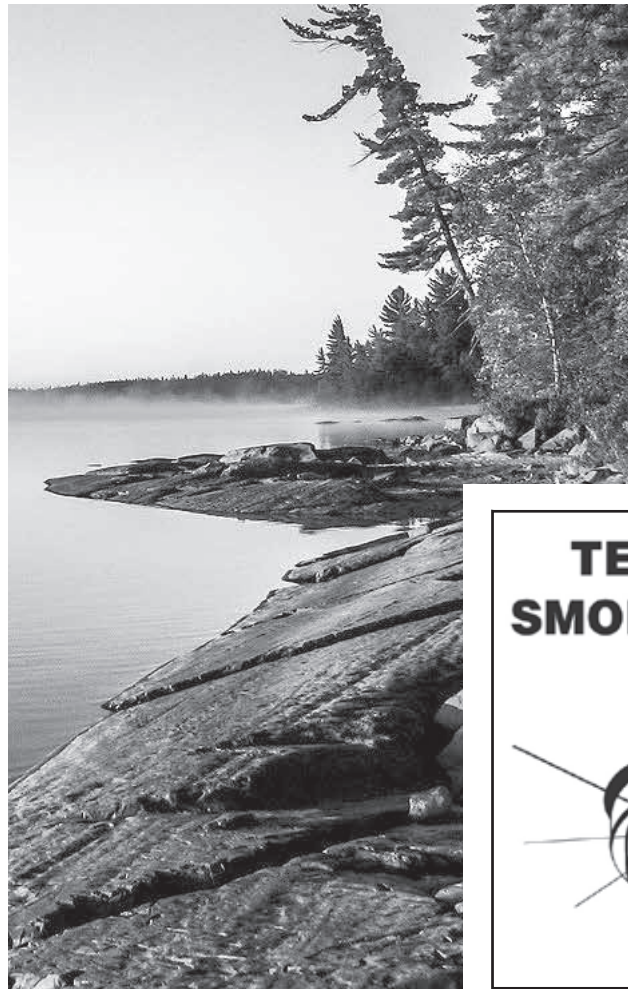
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