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MAPPING THE FOOTPRINT

of Wildfires and Clear Cutting

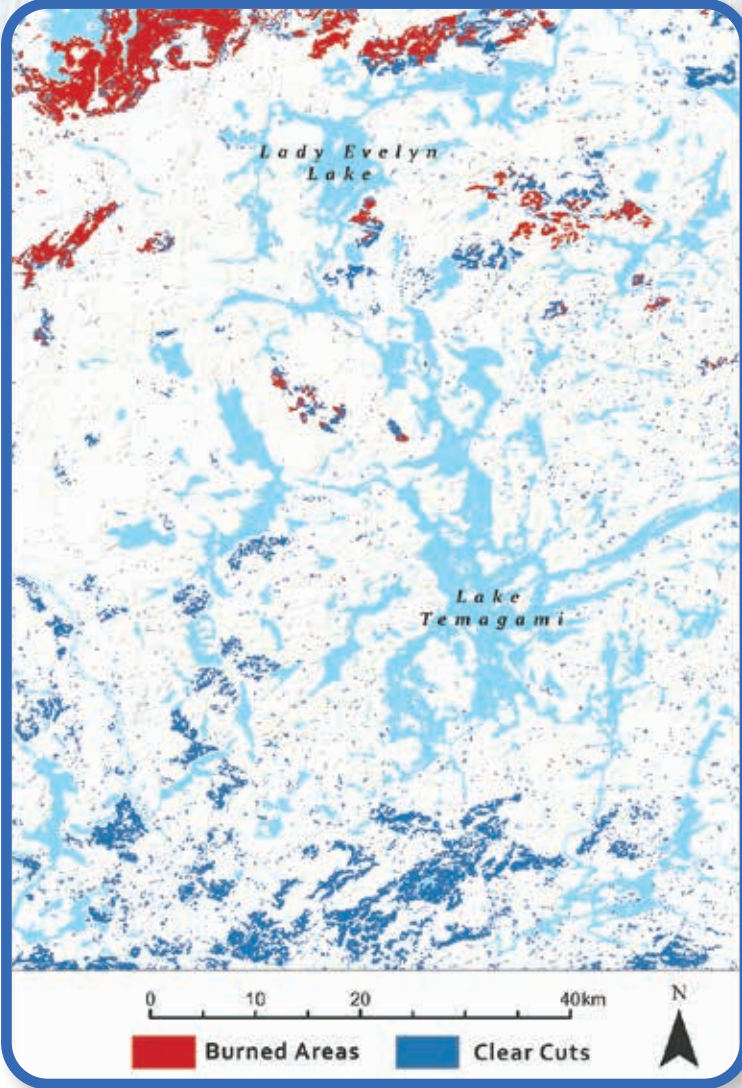
in Temagami Region Forests

Since 1985

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Canada’s forests are subject to frequent natural and human-caused disturbances. Forest disturbances are any events that result in tree mortality or the widespread removal of canopy. Forest disturbances can cause long-term changes in ecosystems by affecting forest vegetation composition, nutrient cycles, carbon storage, water quality, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity. Two of the most prominent types of forest disturbance in Canada, including those in the Temagami region, are clear cutting and wildfires. These disturbances

occur over large areas, often in places that are difficult or expensive to access, which makes forest disturbance monitoring “on the ground” difficult and costly. Instead, satellite imagery is now widely used to monitor forest disturbances. These spaceborne observations are particularly valuable because they provide systematic imaging of the Earth and associated human impacts across large areas and over long periods of time (decades). Satellites from the Landsat program, which are launched every 5-15 years to replace ageing infrastructure (including the ninth one on September 27, 2021), are the most common ones used for observing forest vegetation thanks to the mission’s long operational lifespan. Since the launch of the first Landsat satellite in the 1970s, the Temagami region forests have been imaged thousands of times! Recently, new computer-intensive methods have been developed that can leverage this abundance of imagery to track year-to-year changes in forest cover over very large areas. Among the most sophisticated



This map shows cumulative forest disturbances caused by wildfires and clear cutting in the Temagami region for the period 1985 to present. It was produced by analyzing the entire Landsat satellite imagery archive for this region since 1985. This work was conducted by Nicholas Pontone, a student in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa. (map submission by Murray Richardson)

methods is the Continuous Change Detection and Classification (CCDC) algorithm. CCDC uses a large number of images to identify seasonal patterns in forest dynamics, long-term trends, and forest disturbances

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Under Pressure

I hope everyone who was willing and able enjoyed Temagami’s sublime pleasures this summer. For me, it was great to drink lake water again after a two-year absence. Interestingly, although the pandemic may have limited visits from south of the border, it is apparent from speaking with multiple sources that human pressure on the Lake ecosystem has increased overall.

Many local lodges and houseboat operators have been booked solid the last two summers, as have many local outfitters and guides. There was plenty of boat launching and other activity at the landings every time I visited in August and September. On top of this, seasonal residents stayed longer in Temagami than in years past. Some are not seasonal anymore, as the Lake Temagami permanent-resident population has increased substantially.

This is a great opportunity for the municipal economy and the financial health of the Town. But all of us who appreciate living or spending time on Lake Temagami need to be conscious of not “loving the lake to death”. It is disturbing to hear of visitors throwing laundry detergent pods in the Lake at Sand Point to supposedly repel leaches. It’s also alarming to see algal blooms occur over several years in the Northeast Arm – likely related to faulty septic systems. Sooner or later, there is going to be an invasive-species incursion that is inadvertently spread by a boat. It’s already happened – if you believe that *Homo sapiens* are the ultimate invasive species.

The following are three actions that we as a Lake community can take to address these concerns:

- In the past, the TLA has employed youth – both at our Headquarters Building and out in the field. I would like to see us revive this summer youth

program in 2022. Staffing a boat-wash station (see below), campsite maintenance, and public education could be part of the job description. Theoretically, this is simple – although liability and logistical issues need to be worked through.

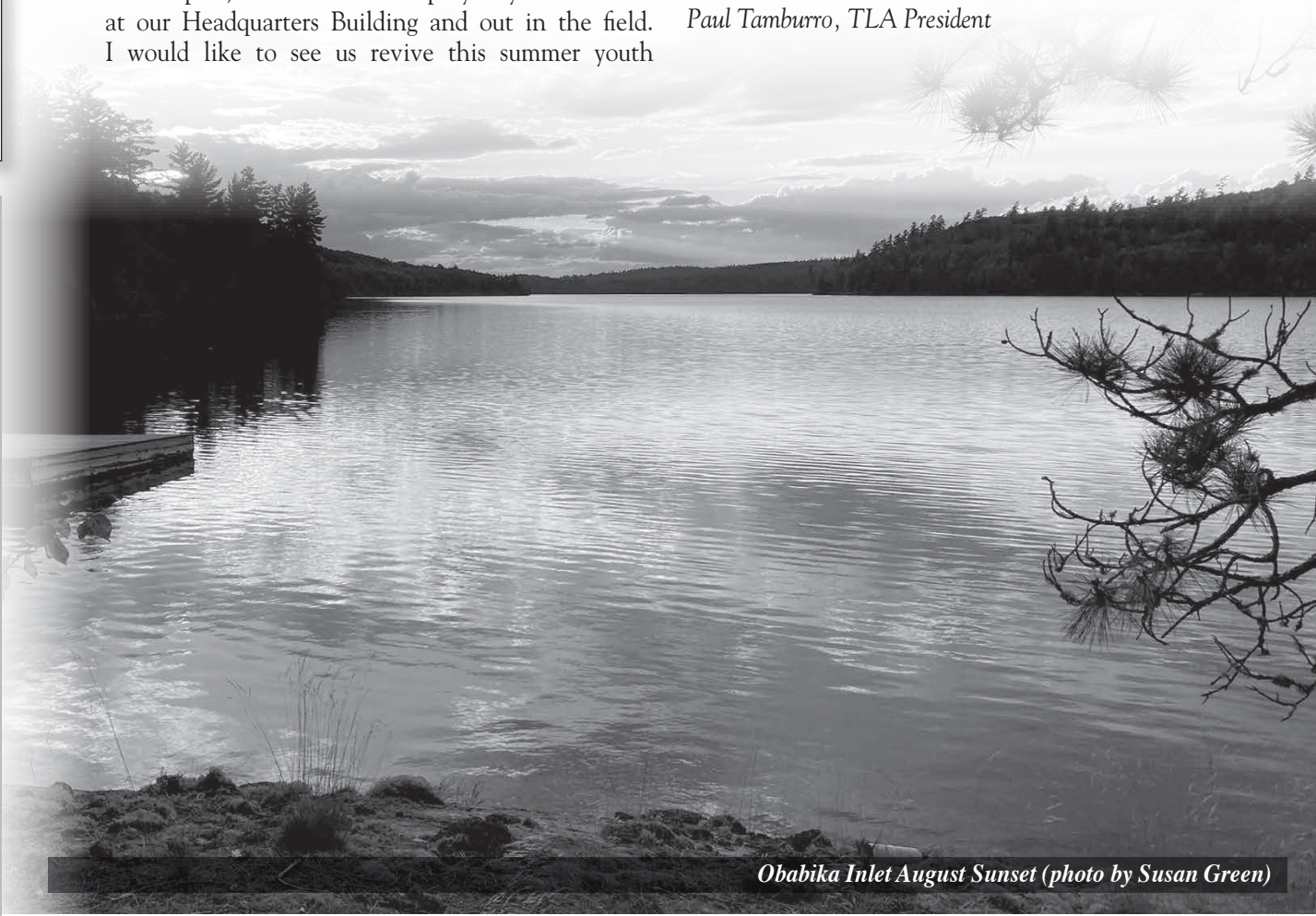
- Secondly, the Municipality is creating an Economic Development Corporation. The Corporation’s first project (with First Nation input) is expected to be management of the Access Road landings. A boat-wash station, improved parking, limiting storm water run-off, and washrooms are all important, logical upgrades for the access points. Lake Temagami is unique in so many ways, including the current ability for almost anyone to launch a boat or canoe, park indefinitely, and enjoy great camping – all at no out-of-pocket cost. Surely there is an opportunity here for economic development. I am also pleased to say that at least four TLA members have applied for positions on the first Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- The final initiative is the most complicated and most important of the three – that is, a suggested Lake Temagami Management Plan. To truly achieve its full potential, a comprehensive management plan will be a very ambitious and complex project. We look forward to meeting with the Temagami Anishnabai people, hearing their opinions about this initiative, and learning from their expertise and experience.

In the meantime, though, the pressure is on. It’s time we all get moving and work together.

Paul Tamburro, TLA President

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Obabika Inlet August Sunset (photo by Susan Green)

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. Shingwood 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.

# Mapping the Footprint of Wildfires and Clear Cutting in Temagami Region Forests Since 1985

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based on changes in electromagnetic reflection over time.

The area mapped in our study represents only a portion of Temagami’s forests – the whole of which is defined by the Temagami Management Unit (TMU). The borders of the TMU span from just past the southern tip of Lake Temagami, to Elk Lake in the north, Lake Timiskaming in the east, and the Sudbury Forest to the west. The TMU is a transition between two distinct bioregions – the Boreal Forest Region and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Lowlands. This means that Temagami is home to a wide variety of plant and animal species that are native to both its bordering regions. The most common tree species in Temagami are jack pine, black spruce, and red pine. Additionally, Temagami is home to most of the old-growth red- and white-pine stands in the province of Ontario.

The purpose of our project was to use the CCDC algorithm to detect and characterize wildfire and forest-harvesting impacts in the Temagami region between 1985 and 2021. Our preliminary results show that approximately 585 km<sup>2</sup> (square kilometers) of the mapped area was disturbed during the historical observation period (i.e., 10.5% of study area). Out of the total disturbed areas, 408 km<sup>2</sup> (7.3% of study area) of forest were lost as a result of timber harvesting, and 179 km<sup>2</sup> (3.2% of study area) were burned in wildfires. A single wildfire in 2018 accounted for more than half of the burned area (100 km<sup>2</sup>). This wildfire was identified as a portion of North Bay 72 and was one of several fires that occurred in a cluster near Lady Evelyn Lake. While the map here is showing the cumulative footprints of wildfire and forest-harvesting disturbances, we are currently working on a more-detailed analysis which will allow us to identify impacts from mining, road construction, and housing developments, as well as the stages of forest regeneration in previously-burned or harvested areas. The analysis will also be used to generate similar maps from any time period over the Landsat mission record since 1985. Through mapping and public communications such as this, we hope that our research will help improve the broader understanding of long-term forest dynamics and disturbances in the Temagami region.

For more information about this project, please send an e-mail to [NicholasPontone@cmail.carleton.ca](mailto:NicholasPontone@cmail.carleton.ca).



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# Our Canadian Icon Needs Our Help

Port Rowan, ON (August 23, 2021)

The Canadian Lakes Loon Survey (CLLS) 40-Year Report has been released, and the results are telling scientists that the Common Loon, *Gavia immer*, is experiencing mysterious declines in the number of chicks surviving to adulthood.

Thousands of volunteer “citizen scientists” have been watching loons on lakes across Canada and submitting their observations since 1981. The massive amount of information that has been collected has contributed to loon and lake conservation and increased public awareness of the importance of loons and healthy lakes. Researchers with Birds Canada have also used the data to identify that in the past three decades, there has been a significant decrease in the number of Common Loon babies raised to independence (referred to as “Common Loon productivity”) across most of southern Canada.

“This result is monumentally important because these declines have been formally documented in only one other study focused on a single county in northern Wisconsin,” said Dr. Doug Tozer, Director of Waterbirds and Wetlands for Birds Canada. “Without the dedication of the volunteers providing reliable, carefully-collected data, the world would have no idea the Common Loon is in trouble in such a wide area!”



Loon Chicks  
(photo by Tim Tofflemire)



A Loon Lands on Still Water  
(photo by Tim Tofflemire)

Loon Family  
(photo by Tim Tofflemire)

The drop in Common Loon productivity raises alarm bells regarding the species and the health of our lakes. Scientists from throughout North America are not sure why it is happening. Massive amounts of CLLS data, in the biggest study of its kind to date, allowed researchers to test the influence of more than a dozen different factors. These included acid rain, fish mercury contamination, shoreline development, boating activity, predation from Bald Eagles, competition from Double-crested Cormorants, and weather variables. After ruling out many possible causes, a working theory, dubbed the “acid-mercury-climate” hypothesis, is being explored. Further research is underway to test whether the complex interplay between damage from acid rain, mercury

pollution, and ongoing climate heating may be at least partly to blame for the decline in loon productivity.

Volunteers will be needed to continue this work to find the cause and determine conservation actions that will halt the decline and provide a positive future for our iconic Common Loon and our lakes. Other ways to help include minimizing boat wakes, using non-lead fishing tackle, disposing of fishing lines properly, reducing your carbon footprint, and allowing native wetland plants to provide shelter for chicks and fish habitat to feed loons. To find out more about the survey, tips to help loons, and how to get involved, visit [www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/canadian-lakes-loon-survey](http://www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/canadian-lakes-loon-survey).

“Let’s face it: without the haunting cry of a loon from a distant lake, the northern woods would just feel wrong,” says Tozer.

Source: Birds Canada, 2021  
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N.B., Birds Canada ([www.birdscanada.org](http://www.birdscanada.org)) is the country’s leading national charitable organization dedicated to bird science and conservation. In addition to leading 35+ wildlife research and monitoring programs, including the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey, Birds Canada provides information and engagement opportunities for bird enthusiasts of all ages and knowledge levels. Funding for analysis of Canadian Lakes Loon Survey data was received from the Long Point Waterfowl and Wetlands Research Program of Birds Canada, Acadia University, The Bluffs Hunting Club, John and Pat Mccutcheon Charitable Foundation, Mitacs, SC Johnson, and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

## Just Released...

AN ECO-THRILLER IN TEMAGAMI

# WALLEYE

A dark secret lurks beneath the placid lake waters...

Dot com millionaire Jack Alexander lives a life of privilege. At fifty years old, he spends his days traveling, managing a charitable NGO and fishing at his beloved cabin in Northern Ontario.


But his latest expedition on stunning Lake Temagami reels in a bigger catch than he bargained for...

By happenstance, when Jack and his fishing partner raise a deep water trap, they discover a grisly surprise... Instead of trout, a pair of naked corpses are in the wire mesh, entwined like lovers. After filing a police report, Jack discovers the slain couple is only a grim harbinger of things to come.

A string of brutal murders plagues the quiet lake town. Each death is more shocking than the last, and Jack is convinced that whoever's behind it is sending a message. The last thing local police want is a civilian stepping on their toes but they need his help and he is reluctantly drawn into the hunt.

Locked in a deadly game of cat and mouse, Jack races against time to stop the killer from striking again. If he fails, the next body pulled from the murky depths may well be his own...

Fans of John Sandford and Scott Mariani will love this sensational debut thriller that starts out with its foot on your throat and never lets up until the very last page.

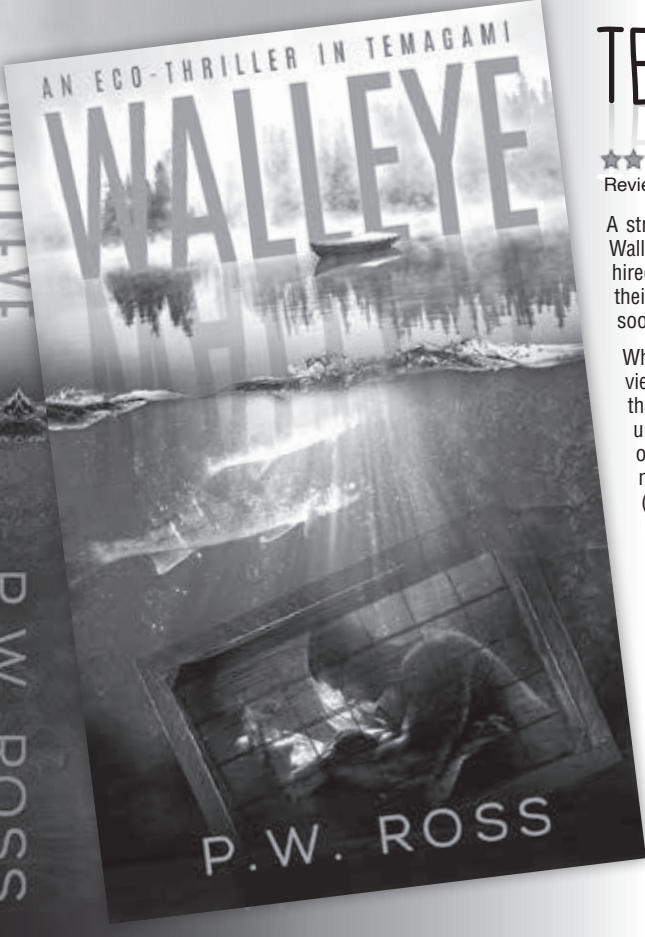


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# WALLEYE

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## TERROR IN TEMAGAMI!

★★★★★ **Walleye** - a review by Rosemary Kenny  
Reviewed in the United States on June 4, 2021

A strange title (it's a type of fish), for a most unusual crime novel, Walleye by P.W. Ross tells of two young lovers enjoying a tryst on a hired craft. They've been stalked by a murderous sadist, who ends their post-coital bliss, then dumps them in a deep watery grave. How soon are they found? Who are the victims? Was it a random killing?

When more, macabre killings occur, panic intensifies, (as many view fear the damage done to the town's reputation will be like that of Amity in the book/film Jaws, frightening off tourists). An unproductive local meeting sees the Mayor, police and other officials accused of being partly to blame, as there's seemingly no rhyme or reason to the slayings. How do Jack, Will and Pony, (Jack's Indigenous girlfriend) work out the killer's identity, the reasoning behind his actions and where he's likely to strike next? Can they stop him in time?

PW Ross expertly ratchets up the tension with each consecutive killing, showing in totally riveting scenes, the different layers of Temagami life and reactions to the gruesome trail of death, as the reign of terror decimates their town's income.

Walleye is a clever psychological thriller with an unpredictable, yet all too possible storyline that keeps you guessing right up to the end. Want to know how a lone reporter gets to the scoop of a lifetime? And how the town gets closure on its impending demise? Get Walleye by PW Ross...satisfaction is guaranteed!


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# Invasive Species Awareness and Monitoring Program for Lakes Education Ontario (IsampleON)

This summer, the Invasive Species Centre (ISC) and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) were pleased to launch a new program called "IsampleON". This program uses the help of volunteer "citizen scientists" to monitor for, and prevent, aquatic invasive-species introductions in Ontario's inland lakes.

The program is funded through a grant from the MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND PARKS (MECP). IsampleON is targeted at waterbodies on the Canadian Shield that are at risk for the invasion of spiny water flea or invasive mussels. The program includes outreach, education, and volunteer water-sampling, with analysis occurring at the ISC lab in Sault Ste. Marie.

Twenty-five, potentially-at-risk lakes were selected from FOCA's membership to participate in IsampleON based on the fact that their water chemistries, locations, and existing pathways (e.g., public boat launches) pose threats for invasive species introduction. Volunteers were provided with sampling kits, including plankton haul-nets, sample bottles, and related equipment. Additional educational resources, including signage, will help to inform these lake communities about the impact of invasives and what individuals can do to prevent their spread.

The program will contribute both to local knowledge and a broader understanding and awareness of aquatic invasives through provincial data repositories, such as EDDmapS – the Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System used across the US and Canada to digitally map documented invasive species and pest distribution (see <https://www.eddmaps.org>).

For over 20 years, FOCA has been educating and advising Ontario's waterfront

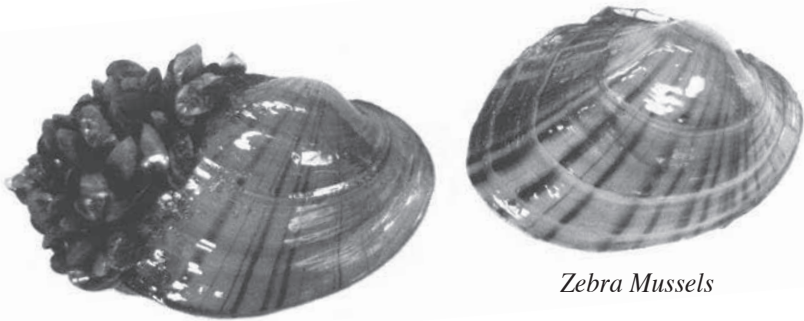
property-owners about the risks associated with invasive species in, and around, Ontario's lakes. FOCA remains very concerned about the potential impacts of introduced species and the effect they can have on our quality of life in Ontario. We have already seen the impacts from many existing and looming invasive species introductions, including forest pests (e.g., the Emerald Ash Borer) and aquatic invasives (e.g., the Round Goby). These invaders have proven that they can alter the environment, damage our economy, and negatively impact our communities.

**eDNA Samples:**

IsampleON is also one of the first citizen-science programs in Ontario to use environmental DNA as a sampling parameter. DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) is a "building-block" hereditary material found in the cells of humans and almost all other organisms. Environmental DNA (eDNA) originates from cellular material shed by organisms, such as skin, excrement, and carcasses, that can be found in the environment (e.g., water samples) and monitored using new molecular methods to identify species, populations, or even individuals (see: [www.usgs.gov/special-top-ic/water-science-school/science/environmental-dna-edna](http://www.usgs.gov/special-top-ic/water-science-school/science/environmental-dna-edna)).

This exciting science has the potential to be important for the detection of invasive species. We hope this pilot project will lead to the use of this methodology as a support for citizen science and a way to inform decision makers in the future, as part of FOCA's priority work on behalf of healthy lands, lakes, and rivers.

Source: Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (2021)



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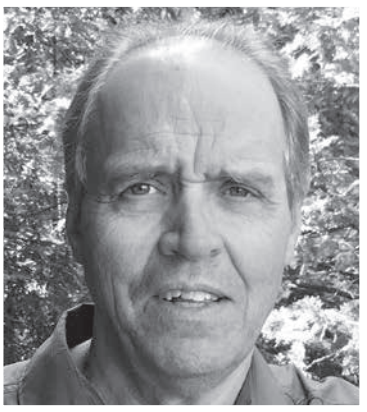
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TLA Board of Directors Update (Fall 2021)

**Allan Eustis (Island 1076)** ended his six-year term on August 31, 2021. He provided much expertise for the Board’s “Municipal Affairs” and “Communications” committees, and his knowledge and thoughtful approach were always greatly appreciated. Fortunately, Allan will continue on in his role of helping to oversee and maintain the TLA Facebook page. **Carol Lowery (Island 234)** and **Diane Green (Island 150)** were nominated to fill vacant Board seats and approved as Directors on October 6, 2021. Here are their biographies:

**CAROL (GLENN) LOWERY:**  
My great-grandfather came to Temagami in 1903 and leased Island 1003, which still remains in the family. My grandmother was a founding member of the TLA. My father, Jack Glenn, served as President of the TLA, and my sister, Pam Sinclair, wrote two books on the TLA history. I have served two terms as a Director and would be honoured to serve again. I attended York University and graduated in 1976 with a B.A. and a B.Ed. I began my teaching career in Toronto and in 1978 moved to Temagami to teach at Temagami Public School. I also taught at Cobalt Public School and Haileybury Public School and was Vice-Principal at the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre on Bear Island for eight years. I retired from teaching in 2012.  
I was elected to the Temagami Municipal Council in 2014 and served as a Councillor for four years. I held the Social Services portfolio and sat on the District Of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board, the Management Board of Au Château, and the Temagami Family Health Team. I am currently Chair of the Temagami Public Library, an Executive Member of the Community Schools Alliance, and a member of the Temagami Non-Profit Housing Board.  
I was also a member of the Temagami Historical Society executive and have a keen interest in the preservation of Temagami’s history – including the history of the TLA. As a year-round resident of Temagami, I am available to attend meetings and/or sit on municipal committees to ensure that the TLA’s voice is heard.  
I attend most Council meetings and keep up to date on municipal affairs. I understand the concerns of seasonal residents and the challenges faced by Council. Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, I support the “Tenets for Temagami” and the values they represent.

**DIANE GREEN:**  
I have been coming to Temagami since the early 1960s, and I obviously love the area and want to see it protected.  
I am a graduate of McGill University with a degree in Environmental Conservation. Early in my career, I worked for the Ontario government in the Ministries of Natural Resources and Environment. More recently, I’ve been in the health-care sector as a research analyst.  
I was at the Ontario government during the process known as “planning reform” – where the province downloaded most plan-review functions to local municipalities under a policy framework known as the “Provincial Policy Statements” (which attempt to summarize the legislative interests of different ministries with respect to plan review).  
I am also a long-time member of the Hamilton Naturalists’ Club, where I have been on the Board, and I enjoy birding, botany, and dragonfly and butterfly field trips. This year I signed up for the third Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas, with a 10-km square located around our cottage.



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2021 Arts Camp in Temagami

By Ronda Potts

Mary and Laura each give a satisfied sigh as they take their seats at the table with Mary’s sister, Caren (a volunteer), to debrief after day one of the 2021 Arts Camp. Four hours before, the Temagami Community Arena opened its doors and welcomed the area’s children for the first time since last summer’s virtual Arts Camp. These children, who have grown up playing and creating art together (some for as many as ten years), have finally been able to see each other again in person after COVID restrictions have kept them apart. The last of the children have boarded the bus home, but the air is still electric with excitement.

a vision for the older youth at the Camp who felt that they were perhaps growing out of their childhood summer tradition. “Why not mentor the older campers – and give them the opportunity to remain as leaders for years to come, and the chance to stay with the summer event which has brought them so much joy?”  
I have to admit, the idea seemed brilliant to me. Of course, there was the initial curiosity about how it would all unfold; but, Destiny, Caitlyn, Isabel, and Ella rose to the challenge with flying colours! It was obvious to all of us that they were enjoying themselves with the young campers. The natural ability and interest of these

young people to take the lead with younger children impressed us, and we knew that this, their inaugural year as leaders, was only just the beginning.  
The opening two days of Camp were spent encouraging the youth volunteers (Destiny, Caitlyn, Isabel, and Ella) in art projects. For the first time, they tried their hand at creating beautiful Pysanky eggs, (a Ukrainian tradition) and beautifully-beaded, designer sunglasses. Among the outstanding images of the Arts Camp, there was a lively photo taken by Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) student, Jess Bertrand, of the campers posing with Laura. All were sporting the fashionable, beaded sunglasses, which were accessorized with big, happy smiles!  
Before Camp leader and organizer, Laura Irving, initially led the children into some creative art activities,

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we were all given a bracelet with our names and introduced to some first-day, get-to-know-you Camp songs. The children moved smoothly from one event to another, after being brought safely through the Pysanky egg waxing and dying process. (Well, okay ... There was actually one egg that was broken, but that was pretty good since we expected a lot more casualties!)

The young campers stretched their experiences in arts and crafts to create many things. CSJ student, Danya Page, inspired the children in rock painting, while another session brought the campers through the process of sketching Temagami nature scenes. Making bracelets, tie-dye shirts, masks, and talking sticks, and (of course) the always popular photography, were just some of the amazing activities offered. The campers benefit from the guidance that Heather Reid and Kimberley Bricker bring each year in leading photography sessions, while Laura, Caren, Mary, and Ronda always enjoy encouraging the Camp's budding artists.

As with any event where children spend time learning and creating, time must be allotted to working off their energy. The children had the privilege of learning basketball skills and agility exercises from parent volunteer, Tom Hope.

One of the highlights of this yearly summer get-together – started 20 years ago by Betina Schuller and sponsored by the Temagami Community Foundation – has always been music. And again, for his 20th year as an Arts Camp guest volunteer, Wayne Potts did not disappoint.



Wayne Potts and the Arts Camp Spoon Band and Chorus (photo by Jess Bertrand)

The volunteers, students, youth leaders, and children, armed with spoons and shakers, joined Wayne as he strummed his guitar and sang old Arts Camp songs.

So, now it's Autumn, the students are back at school, and the Arts Camp team reflect on a great summer – ready to start planning in a few more months to do it all over again next year!

A special YouTube video of the 2021 Arts Camp is available on the TCF website at: <https://youtu.be/zi1z0lYcrlw>. It's really well done!



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# Green Shovels Collaborative and Invasive Phragmites

The Green Shovels Collaborative ([www.greenshovels.ca](http://www.greenshovels.ca)) was established in 2020 to combine expertise and networks that share a common interest in protecting the environment and economy from invasive species. The collaborative consists of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Invasive Species Centre, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre.

There are many aquatic and terrestrial invasive species of concern in Ontario, with a number (e.g., invasive Phragmites) straddling both categories and threatening our important shorelines. Working together, we will achieve greater results in a more efficient manner, which will result in long-term positive change on the landscape.

For over 20 years, FOCA has advised visitors and residents of waterfront communities to take steps to prevent the spread of invasive species in cottage country, and Green Shovels programming is our most current initiative. Through the Green Shovels Collaborative, FOCA has allocated resources in 2021 to support invasive Phragmites initiatives undertaken by over a dozen FOCA member-associations across southern and central Ontario.

In March 2021, FOCA called for, and received, several applications from member groups for Green Shovels grant-funding to address invasive Phragmites at their

waterfronts – through both education and eradication efforts. FOCA has worked with these member associations to develop and deliver educational materials, to connect them with experts to help identify invasive Phragmites at their lakes, and to provide the tools and resources needed to create control management-plans and undertake removal activities.

The Green Shovels Collaborative is a multi-year initiative and is looking to develop future opportunities for invasive Phragmites education and control efforts for years to come. We will continue to share best-management practices and educational tools to help lake communities and work toward greater lake health and awareness through invasive Phragmites eradication.

The Green Shovels Collaborative is also working on several innovative tools that will aid in the fight against the threat of other invasive species. Stay tuned for more exciting developments!

Visit FOCA's website (<https://foca.on.ca/phragmites>) for an educational brochure that can be downloaded, a link to watch the recording of our June 2021 webinar on the subject of Phragmites, and more details about the Green Shovels Collaborative.

Source: Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (2021)



# Living Temagami Update

By Laura Irvine  
and Stephanie Puddister



**Living Temagami Arts & Culture would like to welcome our new Artistic Director, Stephanie Puddister! Stephanie is a visual artist from St. John's, Newfoundland and recently graduated from the University of Manitoba with her Master of Fine Arts. Stephanie is so thrilled to be starting her career in Temagami.**

Living Temagami would also like to thank our previous Artistic Director, Chandel Gambles, who was with us for a year. Due to the many restrictions on community gathering this past year, Chandel was thoroughly engaged in finding ways to offer versatile community programming, through a virtual platform. She has now moved into a full-time position with the Canadian Association for the Performing Arts. We wish her well as she continues on her artistic journey.

The gallery/store was a busy spot this summer. We have original artwork on display and for sale from over 12 local artists. Our fall hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our online store should open this fall, as well.

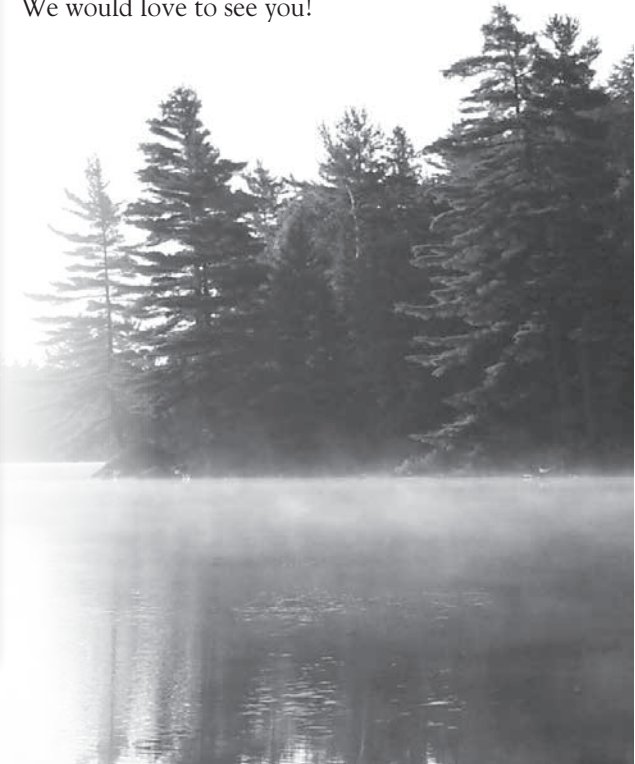
Our Temagami Community Market was a tremendous success this summer. Rain or shine, we always had our devoted vendors who are the backbone of the Community Market. The access to local culture, music, food, and crafts is always a community treasure. The Market team of Laura Irvine and Mark Beardmore were ably assisted this year by student volunteers, Ben and Ayden. We want to express our gratitude to this awesome team, as well as all


the vendors, musicians, and other community supporters. Chi Miigwetch to the Temagami Community Foundation – not only for bringing all the activity associated with their “Truck and Boat Lottery”, but for their generous grant support of the 2021 Community Market! Living Temagami strives to create inclusive and affordable community programming for everyone. This past year, we focused on youth, families, and seniors, and hosted special events, craft workshops, exercise routines, group support, peer support, family events, tours, and interactive exhibits. Through the assistance of our amazing funders at the community, municipal, provincial, and federal levels, we are able to design and offer programming that is financially accessible for all.



Annie Twain's impromptu vocal debut delighted us all at the Temagami Community Market.  
(photo by Laura Irvine)

Follow us on Facebook to keep informed of upcoming programming this year. Watch for the return of drive-in movie night, Hallowe'en crafts, the Remembrance Day beaded-poppy workshop, and Christmas crafts. We are also keeping our options open regarding a return of the Christmas Market this year. We held an event on September 30th for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We invited community members, including youth and their families, to roll up their sleeves and add their handprint impressions or signatures, as we begin the creation of our own community Truth and Reconciliation Flag. Once completed, this will be permanently displayed at the Train Station to represent our ongoing support of truth and reconciliation and in honour of residential school survivors. Each participant also received a “take-and-make”, beaded-jewelry craft kit. Join us in one or several of our community programs. Drop in and say “Hello” over the fall and winter. We would love to see you!





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ONE Temagami

By Tarik Muzaffar, TLA Director, Island 1119 (Rabbitnose)

The TLA has a long history of celebrating the unique characteristics of Lake Temagami, and for good reason. All those who have ever experienced the Lake know very well how special it is. Its many arms and bays, with trees and varying elevations of rocks, make views of the rugged shoreline breathtaking from any vantage point. The water is drinkable, and the fish are healthy.

The human population in and around the Lake goes back thousands of years. Up to about 1900, these inhabitants had very little impact on natural ecosystems. Today is a different matter. With a growing population and changes to lifestyles and needs, the impact by humans has added significant stress to the Lake and its surroundings. This fact is not unique to Temagami and is indeed a global challenge. However, community leaders can make a difference with the decisions they make.

“ONE Temagami” is a vision that the TLA will be using as a directional guide. It is a recognition of the need for collaboration among Our Temagami people (those who reside in First Nation communities, in Town, and on the Lake) to promote and practice stewardship of the unparalleled Nature of the Lake and surrounding lands, while ensuring that appropriate Economic drivers exist for a more sustainable future.

The first step is to re-engage community leaders to gain support for the ONE Temagami concept. Initial discussions led by the TLA Board have already started, and feedback has been positive; but this will take time. The next step will be to determine achievable, common goals. For ONE Temagami to be successful, it cannot be owned or controlled by any one group, including the TLA. ONE Temagami, by its very nature, is a cross-community effort.

2021 Lake Temagami Shoal/Navigation Map

In May of 2021, the TLA revised and reprinted our Lake Temagami shoal/navigation map for the fifth time. Once again, Jim Dow organized this process – as he did in 1987, 1993, 2001, and 2008.

In 1987, Reg Sinclair (MNR) and Pamela Glenn Sinclair used a ripped, 1984 navigation chart to create a format that could be used for printing. The chart was converted to four massive film negatives (40" x 40") and then to two film negatives (the size of the current map).

The map was initially printed in black and white, with blue for the water portion. It was also reduced in size to 2' x 3', and was printed on both sides on plasticized, water- and tear-resistant paper. The map was improved in 1993 with the inclusion of colours – including red and green for the navigation buoys. Another print run with minor corrections was made in 2001.

Updates and printing in 2008 involved the addition of latitude and longitude – to make the map GPS-compatible. The film negatives were also digitized, so that it would be easier and less expensive to complete future printing runs.

In 2021, minor updates were made to the map. In addition, corrections were made to campsite locations using a detailed 2014 database (which included GPS coordinates) that was developed by former TLA summer staff member, Diana Van Vlymen.

The 2021 map is \$30.00 for TLA members and \$40.00 for non-members, and can be purchased at the HQ building and several local businesses. Please contact the TLA by e-mail or phone if you wish to purchase a map and have it shipped to your home.



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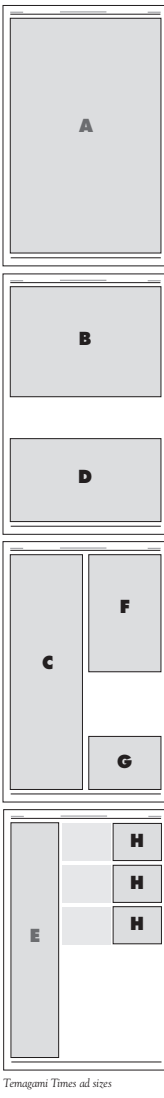
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TLA Summer Staff, Diana Van Vlymen and  
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TLA Auction at Camp Wabun in 2013  
(TLA Archives photo)



# The Temagami Lakes Association Celebrates 90 Years: 1931 to 2021



Herbert Admiring the Birchbark Canoe with Alec Paul on the Steps of Hudson’s Bay Post on Bear Island – Early 1950s (photo submission by Christina Schoenhardt)



Herbert Carson, His Wife (Frances), Daughter (Mary), and Son (Donald) in Front of the Cabin on Island 956 – Circa 1930 (photo submission by Nancy Smith)

## Herbert M. Carson

By Nancy (Keith) Smith, Island 956

Herbert M. Carson first came to Temagami from his home in Pennsylvania in the early 1900s. He came to canoe and fish, and the trip must have been a success, because after that summer (except for the war years), he came nearly every summer for the rest of his life. On that first canoe trip, he travelled with a copy of *The Book of Camping and Woodcraft* as his guide. The book is still in the family – the worse for wear. As he explained inside the front cover, “This book was water soaked when we were blown to shore on the north shore of Shiningwood Bay, Lake Temagami, August 21, 1908. H.M.C.”

Little did he realize at the time that the book would be passed down through the generations, and, more importantly, his love of Temagami would be in the blood of generations to come. In the 1920s, Herbert visited Camp Acouchiching (then a family camp), this time with his family, and soon after bought nearby Island 956 in the South Arm. The old cottage, built in 1927, still stands.

Over the years, Herbert came to know Alec Paul, the long-time chief of Bear Island. The accompanying photo is of Alec Paul on the steps of the old Hudson’s Bay building showing Herbert the birchbark canoe he had built. (Herbert loved carving and working with wood himself, and he was a long-time admirer of Alec Paul.)

Herbert’s daughter, Mary, met one of the guides working at Camp Acouchiching. He was young medical student named John Keith. Their great-grandchildren, two of them now living in India, still summer on Island 956.

We tell our story, not so much because it is unique, but because there are versions of it all around the Lake. As we are storing boats and thinking of the highlights of the summer past, we are already making plans for the summer to come. The pull of Temagami remains strong!

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Children Enjoying the TLA “Welcome Back BBQ” in 2008 (TLA Archives photo)

This is a sample schedule for the Belle of Temagami – a coal-burning, 100-foot long, 300-passenger steamer used by some TLA members and other vacationers to travel around Lake Temagami. The vessel was built for \$18,000 in the early 1900s and was one of 10 steamers operated by Temagami Steamboat and Hotel Company. Oderic Perron and Fred Marsh bought the Belle after the end of W.W. I and operated it through the Perron and Marsh Navigation Company until the mid-1930s. The Belle of Temagami was enjoyed by two generations of summer visitors, but ultimately began to age. As Ontario’s last steamer, she was dismantled in the mid-1940s and replaced in 1946 by the faster, diesel-powered Aubrey Cosens.

(reference: TLA – The Life and Times of a Cottage Community by Pamela Glenn Sinclair; image submission by Peter McGuire)



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# Welcoming New TLA Members in 2021

The quality of the “Temagami Experience” is preserved, in part, by the Temagami Lakes Association and its members (who provide support through their membership dues). Accordingly, the TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members and their spouses/families in 2021:

NAME	ISLAND #
Natalie and Christopher Ash	660
Matt Cameron	520
Théa Cameron	520
Paul Dalglish and Laura Mably	no island
Odette DeHamel	no island
Hew Elcock	942
Sandra Evans	956
Donelle and Ailie Fraser	992
Henry Hall	1067
John Hall	1067
Alec Hyde	1248
Sam Hyde	1248
Tim and Lisa Lance	102
Jon Lavery	663
Leepfrog Telecom Ltd. (George Chriss)	no island
Rob and Cheryl Lipic	315
Loon Lodge (Adam, Kayla, and Hannah Pugh)	184
Marianna and Doug McCoy	1113, 1107
Matthew and Lindsay Minns	150
Rob and Tanya Portengen	312
Alaina Radigan	988
Megan Radigan	988
Ken and Carol Richardson	961
Cedric Matchett-Short	988, 989, 990
Scott and Sacha Stevens	988
Karen Towner and Kerri Mitchell	1087
Wilfried Wibusch	707
Benjamin Wiles	25
Emily Wiles	25
Marcus Wiles	25



# New Waste Management Master Plan for the Municipality of Temagami

By Daniel Buckles

The Municipality of Temagami is developing a new “Waste Management Master Plan” and is considering significant changes to the Lake Temagami Access Road waste-collection site (at the Public Landing).

The Temagami Lakes Association hopes to develop and share an online survey with you in the near future. In the meantime, please tell us how you currently use this municipal service and what improvements you would like to see by sending your comments to the TLA e-mail at: [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net).



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- 4. CONTRIBUTION FOR VHF MARINE-RADIO SERVICES:**  
➤ minimum \$45.00/property requested for radio-service users ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. MERCHANDISE:** (available for pick-up at the TLA Headquarters Building)  
• 2021 Lake Temagami Shoal/Navigation Map: \$30.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
• Full-Colour Wall Map of Lake Temagami: \$25.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
• History Book (TLA: *The Life and Times of a Cottage Community*): \$30.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
• Cookbook (*Temagami Cooks*): \$20.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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# TAFIP Walleye Fry Rearing and Fingerling Extraction 2021

By Ike Laba, President, TAFIP

The Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) is very thankful for the support received from major contributors, including the Temagami Community Foundation, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Community Hatchery Program, and TC Energy. We have also received enormous support from our area businesses and lake associations, as well as local, out-of-town, and out-of-country individuals visiting our area.

2021 has been a challenging year due to the COVID issues, extreme spring weather, and very low water levels in the Cassells Lake / Net Creek spawning area. This year, 225,000 eggs were collected from Cassells Lake / Net Creek. Approximately 175,000 eggs hatched into fry – a 78% survival rate. Volunteers stocked fry into Cassells, Rabbit, Snake, and Net Lakes. 15,000 of the 175,000 fry were also stocked into the Sherman Rearing Pond to grow into fingerlings. Walleye fingerlings have a much greater survival rate compared to fry.

Also, 50,000 Walleye eggs were collected from Lake Temagami. With a hatching success rate of 70%, a total of 35,000 fry were deposited around the hub of the lake.

## Walleye Fingerling Extraction (Sherman Rearing Pond):

TAFIP volunteers had to work extremely hard to extract Walleye fingerlings from the Sherman Rearing Pond due to periods of heavy rain prior to fingerling removal. The extraction took a total of three weeks, with one week spent in lowering the water level beforehand using several pumps.

Test nets were set on July 22nd and checked on July 23rd. During that time, 12 fingerlings were collected and ranged in size from 7 cm (2.75”) up to 13 cm (5.12”). Due to their varied size, a decision was made to extract all of the Walleye fingerlings immediately to prevent cannibalism. We used a 40’ seine net to extract fingerlings – which was difficult due to a rough pond base, waist-deep water, and soft clay. We collected 1611 Walleye fingerlings, which were allocated to Rabbit and Cassells Lakes (919), Net Lake (660), and Snake Lake (32). The fingerlings collected were graded by size: two @13 cm; eight @ 10 cm; fifteen @ 8 cm; three @ 7 cm; and, 1583 @ 4 to 6 cm.



A view of the water depth in a rearing pond prior to extraction. It took five days with three pumps to remove enough water for fingerling extraction. (photo submission by Ike Laba)



Volunteers close the loop on a 40-foot seine net to corral the fingerlings. (photo submission by Ike Laba)

## TAFIP Work in 2021:

Special funding received from TC Energy allowed the purchase of a 20’ x 8’ steel container for the storage and security of our large equipment. Thanks to Russ Manderstrum, this container is being set up at Longshot Drilling for security.

Work will continue at the Red Squirrel and Sherman Rearing Ponds (e.g., placement of new dam stop-logs, repairs to pond leakage, pond contouring, improvements to access). The hatchery building and equipment require upgrades (e.g., eavestroughs, trap- and holding-net repairs, proper storage of hatchery equipment), as well.

The Walleye-enhancement program requires many hours of volunteer time year-round to make it a success. Many thanks are extended to the TAFIP volunteers. If you are interested in supporting us with a donation, you can mail a cheque to TAFIP, PO Box 88, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0, or send an e-transfer to [tafipmail@gmail.com](mailto:tafipmail@gmail.com).

The TAFIP is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency, and tax receipts will be issue for donations over \$25.00.

## HATCHERY CONTACTS:

If you have any questions or wish to get involved with the TAFIP, please contact one of the following members:

Ike Laba (President):	705-569-3252 or <a href="mailto:ikelaba@onlink.net">ikelaba@onlink.net</a>
Gerry Stroud (Vice-President):	705-569-2960
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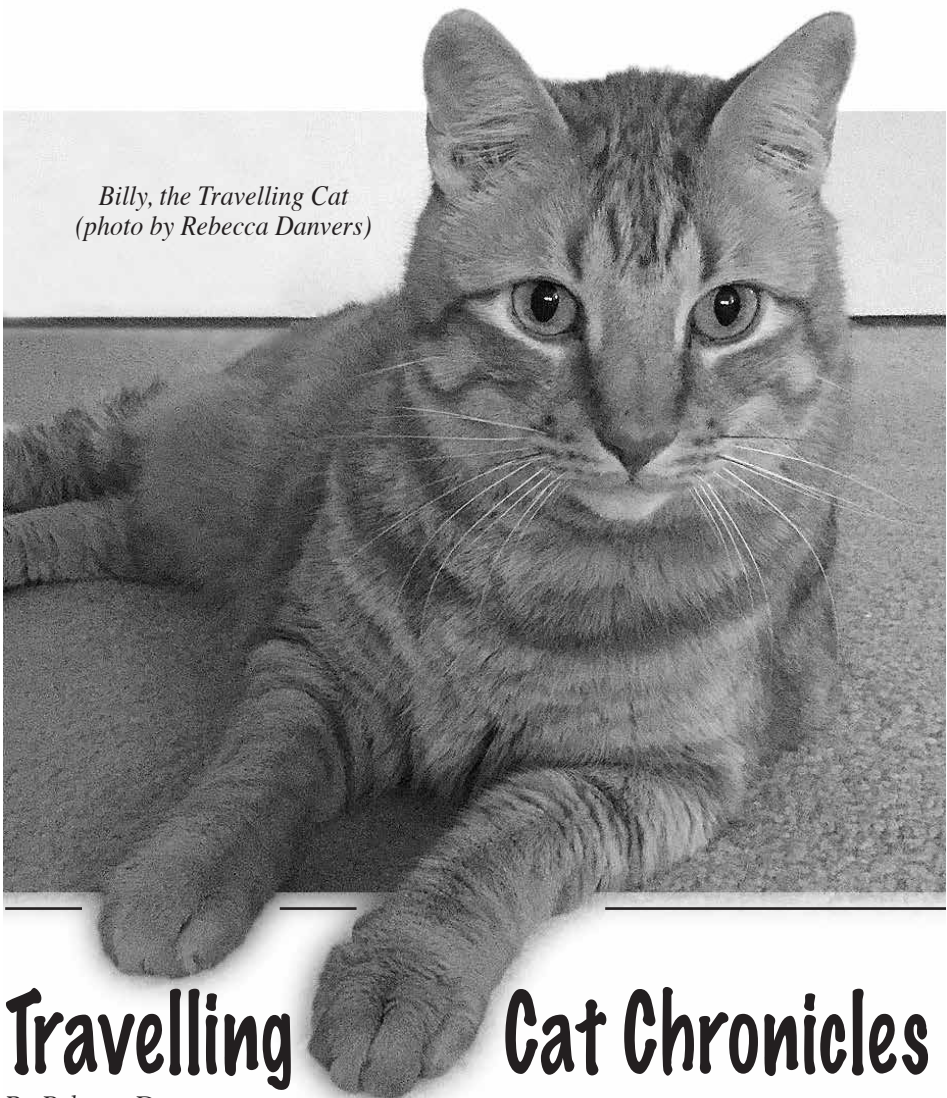
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Billy, the Travelling Cat  
(photo by Rebecca Danvers)

## Travelling Cat Chronicles

By Rebecca Danvers,  
Island 856

It's 6:00 a.m., and my husband and I are in our hotel room taking the mattress off the bed and lifting the box spring. We're trying to be quiet because we don't want to disturb other guests, and we don't want to startle our cat who is under the box spring. We pick up the reluctant cat and put him into his carrier. We reassemble the bed, more or less the way it was, and head out.

Our cat has come to the Lake with us for years. He likes his time at the Lake – the travelling, not so much. The trip between Temagami and our home in Fort Worth, Texas is 1,800 miles or 2,900 km (three days and two nights on the road). After every single night that we and our cat spend in a hotel while coming and going, in the morning, we have to disassemble and reassemble a bed to retrieve him, and then put him back into his carrier. Our cat loves being in Temagami, and we love both Temagami and our cat – so with us he comes.

When people ask me how our cat does on the trip, I say, "He's a good traveler." I don't add that he's not a good "stopper". Nights in hotels displease him.

Many more hotels are becoming (or claim to be) pet friendly; but still, we often have few choices on our travel route. We've found that the fee for a cat to stay ranges between no additional charge and up to \$75.00 per night. One "pet-friendly" hotel allows dogs, but not cats.

We've learned to ask for a quiet room at the end of a hall – away from vending and ice machines, away from the lobby, and with no connecting rooms. King-size beds are hard to disassemble, so we avoid them. We learned that the hard way one morning when our cat was determined to stay under the center of a king bed, against the headboard. As we were trying to push the unwieldy box spring into place and get the mattress back on (with no solid frame underneath and on wheels), we heard a

loud knock on our door. It was the next room's occupant angrily (and rightly so) demanding to know why we were pounding on the wall. After lots of apologies and explaining, we quickly left ... the bed still askew.

On the road, our cat is content in his large, comfy carrier. The lull of the road, even the bumps and swerves, are okay. He manages to sleep and eat. He stretches out or curls up in the corner, and we seldom hear from him.

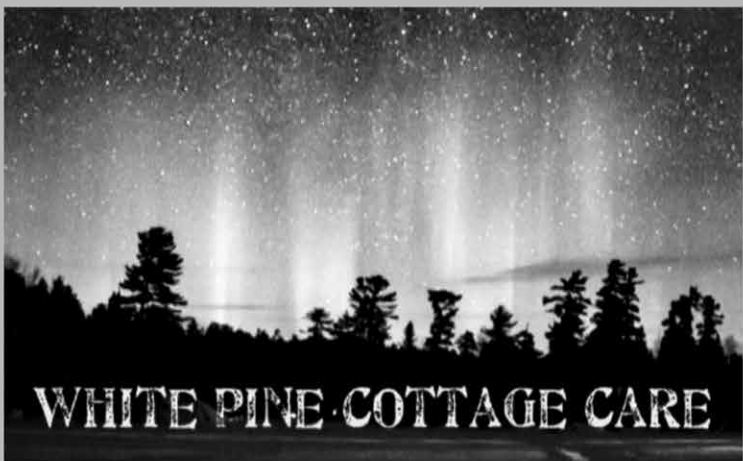
Like Jekyll and Hyde, however, a different personality emerges at night. Suspiciously, he prowls around sniffing at all the room's nooks and crannies. Every noise indicates potential harm. We understand. Cats don't like change, or strange places, or strange noises.

The three of us sleep for about three hours. Being nocturnal as most cats are, he's now ready for his nightly outing and announces his readiness by doing what he does at home – crying at the door to be clear of his intent to go out (while letting the other guests know he is being mistreated). Fearing we'll be asked to leave, we gather him up and try to calm and quiet him.

Not all cats are as vocal as ours. He has a wide range of "talk" that we pretend to understand. In this case, we do know what he's communicating: he wants to be somewhere else, he is stressed by the change in environment, and he wants attention. So, we give him attention.

At some point in the night, he finds a place where he feels comfortable and safe – usually under the bed and within the solid box frame the bed rests on. His other option is between the frame and the wall. And then, he is quiet. But when it's nearly time to get back on the road, he won't come out of his safe place, and we have to go after him.

So, at 6:00 a.m., it's time to take the bed apart and put him in his carrier for the next day. But it's okay, he's a good traveler.



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# How Do You Feel About Changes to VHF-Radio Weather Broadcasts?

by Debra Huron



On September 8, 2021, the federal government department responsible for VHF-radio weather broadcasts installed new broadcasting equipment just outside the Town of Temagami. The new broadcasts may not be to everyone’s liking, and your comments are welcome. Questions that arise for the author of this article include:

- How did the federal body responsible for VHF-radio weather forecasts define the needs of audiences served by the Temagami broadcast tower?
- Will canoeists and boaters in remote locations on Lake Temagami and in Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park/watershed be well served by the new broadcasts?
- Why are Temiskaming Shores (New Liskeard) and Lake Temagami lumped together as the same region when both bodies of water are large enough to generate very different weather conditions? Can the broadcast separate them to ensure more targeted and accurate forecasts for each place?
- Why is the urban area of North Bay included in the new VHF-radio weather forecast, when residents of that city have access to weather news via other means, especially the Internet?

## Here’s What You Need to Know:

According to technician, Warren Gash, who works for ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA in Kanata, Ontario, the September equipment upgrade replaced 20-year-old hardware that had run its course. He also provided the following information about the new service, which continues to operate at the familiar 162.400 MHz frequency.

- The broadcast area is defined as a 60-km radius from the Temagami broadcast tower.
- It now provides weather forecasts for three regions: West Nipissing / French River; North Bay / Powassan / Mattawa; and, Temiskaming Shores / Temagami. Each forecast covers a full seven days.
- Places such as Kirkland Lake and Englehart, which used to be part of the old broadcast area, are no longer included because they fall outside the 60-km radius.
- Broadcasts run in a continuous loop 24 hours-a-day and alternate between English (an electronic male voice) and French (an electronic female voice). Each language broadcast can take 10 to 15 minutes.
- Updates to the weather forecast are issued each day at 5:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 3:30 p.m. The new equipment is designed to load and broadcast each updated, text-to-voice weather forecast more quickly than the old system – generally within 30 minutes of staff issuing an update.
- The new system is capable of issuing weather emergency alerts, as well as other kinds of emergency alerts.

## Here’s How to Comment on the New VHF-Radio Weather Service:

The broadcast provides its listeners with 1-877-789-7733 as the only way to provide feedback. This connects you to the national phone system for ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA. If you’re lucky, you’ll eventually reach someone in Toronto who will write an e-mail on your behalf to the small team in Ottawa that operates the VHF-radio weather broadcasts for all of Canada. That team has less than 10 people.

Mr. Gash provided me with an e-mail address that welcomes comments from the public: [weatheradiome-teo-service@ec.gc.ca](mailto:weatheradiome-teo-service@ec.gc.ca). So, don’t be shy. Let Mr. Gash and his boss know what you think about the new VHF-radio weather broadcasts. He said that his team is “always adjusting, and we are willing to hear from the public.”

Please copy your feedback to the Temagami Lakes Association at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net). The TLA may compile ideas from within its membership for a more “institutional” submission to the federal government later this fall.





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- No person shall operate a power-driven vessel at a speed in excess of 10 km/h within 30 metres of the shore – unless the vessel is being operated for the purpose of towing a person on water skis or on any other sporting or recreational equipment and follows a course away from (perpendicular) to the shore.
- Vessels must carry properly-fitting lifejackets or personal flotation devices (PFDs) for every person on board.

The O.P.P. urges all PWC operators and passengers to use their safety equipment on every trip. Making use of all of these items will go a long way in keeping you and your family safe during your planned activities.

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 or by e-mail at [jennifer.smith@opp.ca](mailto:jennifer.smith@opp.ca). You can also visit the O.P.P. website ([www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca)) or their Facebook page (Ontario Provincial Police – North East Region), access regional Twitter feeds (@OPP\_NER or @PPO\_Nordest), or contact any O.P.P. detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

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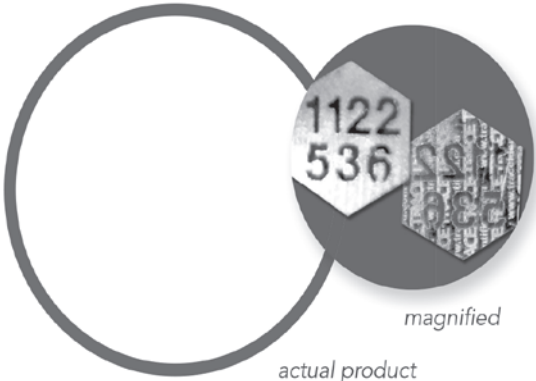
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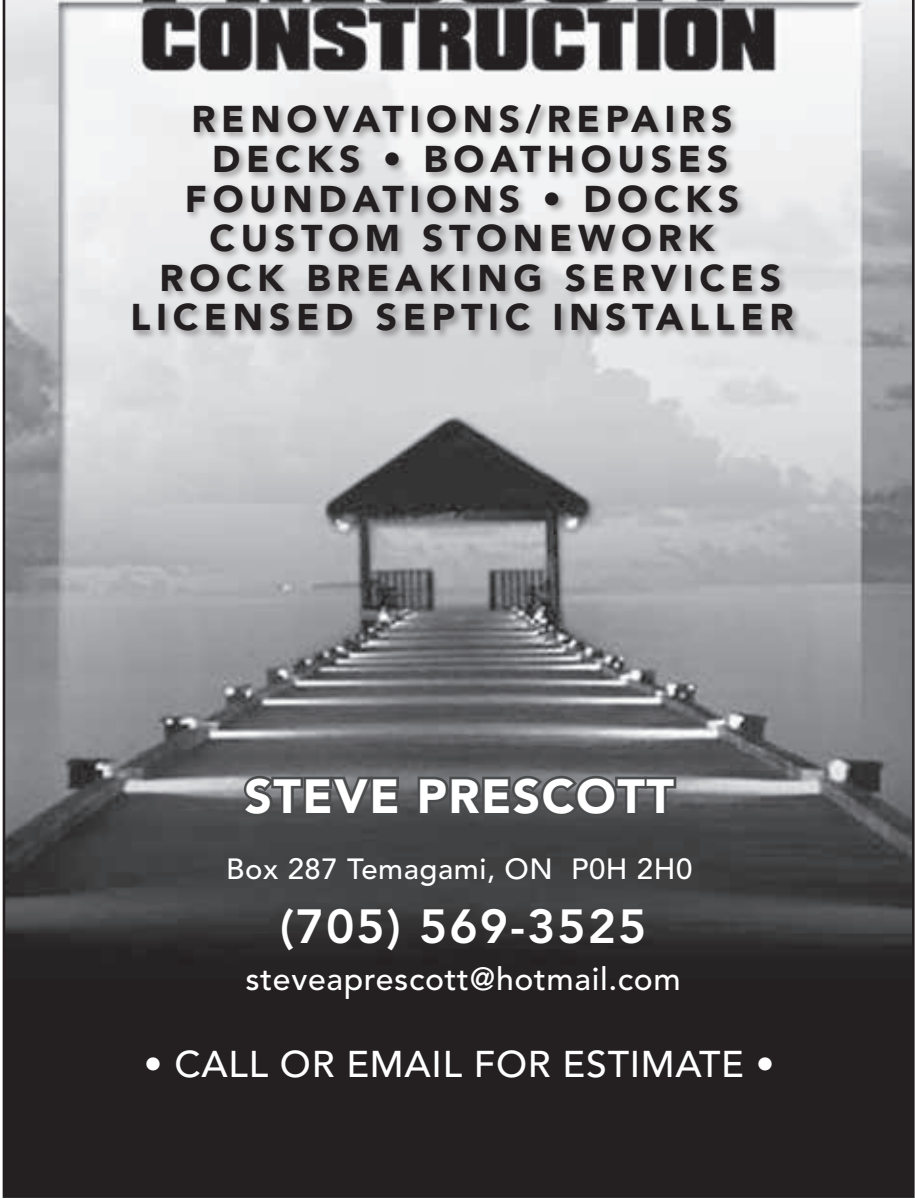


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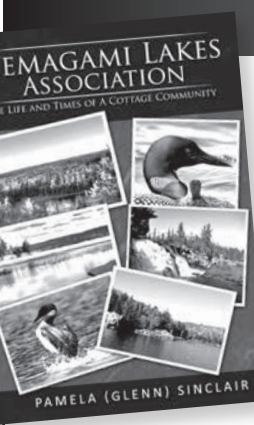
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