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(photo by Gerry Gooderham)

The potential negative impacts of invasive species that have been introduced into Ontario’s terrestrial and aquatic environments have already been realized in some regions of the province. In the Temagami area, invasive *Phragmites*, the LDD moth, the spiny waterflea, and other invaders have been identified.

Invasive species have the potential to alter the environment, damage the economy, and cause other detrimental effects. Thus, preventative and mitigation measures (which are enacted quickly) can prove to be extremely important.

INVASIVE SPECIES UPDATE

Specific challenges in dealing with invasive species include:

Loss of Habitat: Invasive species can move in and overwhelm endemic ecosystems. Invasive plants monopolize land and nutrients, and suppress native vegetation, while invasive animals compete with native species for food and space. High reproductive rates may also enable invasives to devastate some habitats in a relatively short period of time.

Loss of Native Species and Biodiversity: When key food sources and habitats are taken over by invasives, populations of native species can be reduced or eliminated. Invaders may appear in the form of predators, diseases, or parasites that can directly harm, or cause the loss of, native species (and biodiversity) in local areas.

Difficulties in Eradication: Because invasive species are not native to a region, there are typically no natural forms of control, such as predators or disease. It can, therefore, be extremely difficult to halt the proliferation of these invaders.

In October 2021, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry amended Ontario Regulation 354/16 under the *Invasive Species Act, 2015*. A total of 22 species are now “prohibited” under this Act (i.e., illegal to import, possess, transport, or release anywhere in Ontario), and 11 other species are “restricted” (i.e., illegal to bring into provincial parks or conservation reserves, or import or release in Ontario).

PROHIBITED Invasive Species – Fish (8): Bighead Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*); Black Carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*); Grass Carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*); Silver Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*); all species in the Snakehead (*Channidae*) family; Stone Moroko (*Pseudorasbora parva*); Wels Catfish (*Silurus glanis*); and, Zander (*Sander lucioperca*).

PROHIBITED Invasive Species – Aquatic Invertebrates (3): Common Yabby (*Cherax destructor*) – freshwater crayfish; Golden Mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*); and, Killer Shrimp (*Dikerogammarus villosus*).

PROHIBITED Invasive Species – Plants (5): Brazilian Elodea / Brazilian Waterweed (*Egeria densa*); European Water Chestnut (*Trapa natans*); Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*); Parrot Feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*); and, Water Soldier (*Stratiotes aloides*).

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President’s Letter – My Trip to Chee-Bay-Jing (“The Place Where The Spirits Go”)

For those of you who, for some odd reason, aren’t canoe-trippers, be forewarned that this letter is the essential trip report that follows any great journey. This trip began decades ago when my sister and I had the good fortune to spend summers with our Grandmother, Helen, who looked after us at our parents’ cottage on Island 211. Now Helen held a deeply-ingrained suspicion of canoes, canoe trippers, and outdoor living in general. I remember coming across groups of canoeists breaking for lunch while we were out berry picking, and Helen would sneer at the filthy, unbathed kids eating nothing but peanut butter for lunch. She would herd us back to our cozy, clean cottage for hot dogs and pie before we got too much exposure and caught their “tripping bug”.

Fortunately for me, I caught the “bug”, and some of the best memories of my life involve being cold, wet, and dirty in the Temagami backcountry. Adventure tourism boosters refer to this as “Type 2” fun. “Type 1” fun, by comparison, is the mundane joy of a good movie or the thrill of a roller coaster. Way more memorable and satisfying is “Type 2” – that’s the fun that seems miserable while you are having it, but lives on forever as a great experience in your mind’s eye. It had been six years and a freshly-torn rotator cuff since my last canoe trip; but when my new pal, Matt, suggested a Maple Mountain trip, I was raring to go. We enlisted Lindsay, Jordan, and Chris to join us, and off we went.

Age has softened us, and rather than paddling the 30-plus kilometers from Island 676 to the Sharp Rock portage, we loaded the boat with our gear and two nested canoes, towed a third, and motored away on a Sunday with perfect late-September weather. My plan was to leave the boat at Harold’s place in Sharp Rock Inlet and paddle out. Of course, I had not called Harold beforehand, and he was not around. No worries. I tucked a note in his door and left the boat safely beside his boathouse. Sharp Rock seemed pretty deserted anyway.

The rest of Sunday was a sunny paddle with the wind at our backs. The Sharp Rock portage is interesting, with evidence of logging-industry activity, including a blocking off of the natural outlet from Lake Temagami. You carry your canoe beside an old jack ladder and across the Red Squirrel Road – (in)famous site of logging protests in the 1980s – and into Diamond Lake. If you haven’t been, Diamond Lake resembles Temagami. There is a Lakeland fly-in outpost on one of the central islands, but no other maintained structures. Ancient pictographs are visible on the cliffs to the left as you paddle up the narrow outlet bay to Lady Evelyn Lake. Out in the middle of Diamond, we caught up with a squirrel swimming for his life not 10 feet away. I slid my paddle under the exhausted little fellow, and gently swung him on top of our packs in the canoe, where he gratefully rested in the sun until we deposited him on shore.

It’s a quick portage into Lady Evelyn Lake. Lady Evelyn is almost Lake Temagami huge, but different (and not as pretty, either). It has a few cottages and lodges – mainly in its central portion – and we were passed by several fishing boats. The natural character of the lake has been altered by damming at the junction with the Montreal River downstream. Chicots, flooded timber, and deadheads become more apparent as you travel

deeper into the waterway system. Two portages later, we were on Willow Island Lake and paddled onward to Sucker Gut Lake for the night. For those counting at home, that’s 30 km in the canoe and on portage trails – and yep, we were starving. Fortunately, Chris is a helluva camp chef, and despite my Grandma Helen’s fears, we always eat superbly. My personal favorite is his sausage and cheese pasta. I am not a huge fan of his lentil stew, but everyone else likes it, and I will say it does clean you out the next morning.

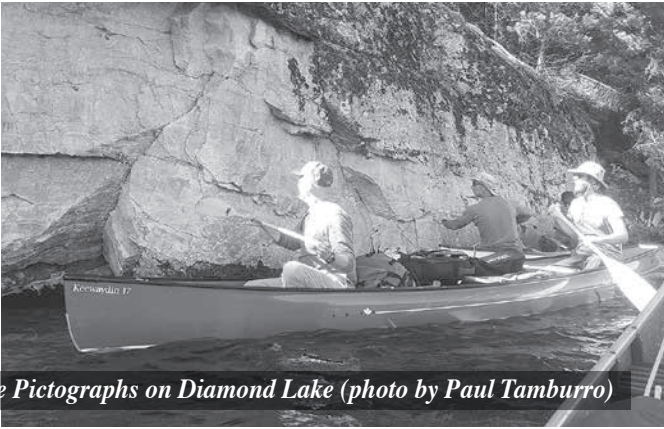
Monday remained sunny, but the wind picked up steadily – more in our face than at our backs, as we paddled from “the Gut” to Hobart Lake, up Old Bill Creek, and over a couple of lift-overs into Tupper Lake. The closer you get, the more impressive is the mass of Chee-bay-jing (otherwise known as Maple Mountain). The trees are a little sparser and the landscape more boreal – as if you are in the Yukon, maybe. For those who don’t believe in the potential of Temagami ecotourism, we were the tenth canoe at the trailhead for people going to the top of Chee-bay-jing on this Monday in late September.

Fifty years ago, the Ontario government had the hare-brained idea of building a ski resort at “the place where the spirits go”. Thanks to fierce resistance from many, including our TLA, and most importantly, the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, the idea was scuttled. Today you still can, and should, take the somewhat strenuous hike, including a rock scramble near the summit. You will be rewarded with, perhaps, the most spectacular view in Northern Ontario. There are no ski runs and no condos to be seen; rather, the beauty of Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater Provincial Park unfolds before you.

We hung out at the top of Maple Mountain for a while. I watched a twenty-something young lady from Toronto climb her way to the top of the rickety, abandoned fire tower. I wanted to follow, but my fifty-six-year-old body with the torn rotator cuff simply wasn’t up to it (and I wasn’t quite ready to leave my own spirit where they go). Twenty kilometers in the canoe and 10 kilometers on the trail later, we were back at our camp on Sucker Gut for dinner.

The next two days of travel were a reverse of the first two, and here is when the “Type 2” fun kicks in. Howling wind slapped our faces, and sheets of rain soaked us to the bone. We paddled 10 feet forward, only to be blown 20 feet back. Yet we felt alive, invigorated – using our bodies rather than our smart phones for a few days. We crawled out of our sleeping bags Wednesday morning to find that the temperature had

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Canoeers Inspect the Pictographs on Diamond Lake (photo by Paul Tamburro)

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.



Drone Footage Captures Paul Tamburro Paddling a Canoe on Tupper Lake With Maple Mountain Rising on the Far Left (photo by Matt Steeves)

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dropped. The wind picked up even further, now out of the north, and it was still raining. You know that kind of day. Regardless, we paddled and portaged the 10 km back to Harold’s place, retrieve my boat, loaded up, and pounded our way back to Island 676.

Grandma Helen is long gone, but Claudia was waiting for us with a roaring fire and lasagna in the oven. Three different cottagers had spied my boat with its Temagami

Marine sticker in desolate Sharp Rock and duly reported its presence to Jim Kretch. The prevailing theories were that Harold had stolen the boat or that we were squatting at his place. The trip is now legendary. I can’t believe Sharp Rock gets that much September traffic, but I am glad our neighbours are vigilant. Thanks Harold. I owe you one.

My friends, I am sure your cottages are lovely, but go

spend a night sometime at a campsite. There are gorgeous sites on our Lake. Cook on a fire, and sleep on the ground with a rock poking you in the back. Wake up to morning bird song, make coffee and pancakes, and paddle home. You will be a child of nature, and you won’t regret it.

See you out there!

Paul Tamburro, TLA President

Invasive Species Update

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Newly-PROHIBITED Invasive Species (6 – as of January 1, 2022): Marbled Crayfish (*Procambarus virginalis*); Red Swamp Crayfish (*Procambarus clarkii*); New Zealand Mud Snail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*); Tench (*Tinca tinca*) – fish; Prussian Carp (*Carassius gibelio*); and, Mountain Pine Beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*).

Exceptions for PROHIBITED Invasive Species:

- Dead and eviscerated (gutted) bighead, black, grass, or silver carp, zander, and/or snakeheads may be imported, transported, bought, or sold in Ontario.
- If you catch a prohibited invasive fish, invertebrate, or plant species while fishing, you must immediately destroy it so that it can’t reproduce or grow. Do not release it back into the water.
- Stay away from infested areas when boating in waterbodies where European Water Chestnut or Water Soldier are found. Also, avoid spreading these plants, remove them from your boat, motor, and trailer before travelling over land, and dispose of them properly – so they won’t end up back in the water.

RESTRICTED Invasive Species – Plants (4): Black Dog-Strangling Vine / Black Swallowwort (*Cynanchum louiseae*); Dog-Strangling Vine / Pale Swallowwort (*Cynanchum rossicum*); Japanese Knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica* var. *japonica*); and, Invasive *Phragmites* / European Common Reed (*Phragmites australis* subsp. *Australis*).

Newly-RESTRICTED Invasive Species (7 – as of January 1, 2022): Yellow Floating Heart (*Nymphoides peltata*) – aquatic plant; European Frogbit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*) – aquatic plant; Carolina Fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana*) – aquatic plant; Bohemian Knotweed (*Reynoutria x bohemica*) – terrestrial plant; Giant Knotweed (*Reynoutria sachalinensis*) – terrestrial plant; Himalayan Knotweed (*Koenigia polystachya*) – terrestrial plant; and, Wild Pigs (*Sus scrofa*).

Exceptions for RESTRICTED Invasive Species:

Outside a provincial park or conservation reserve, it’s not illegal to deposit or release a restricted species if you are trying to manage or control it, or are working on your farm, in your business, or doing maintenance. In addition, a dead specimen of a prohibited or restricted species can be preserved for scientific or educational purposes – using a method other than refrigeration or freezing that prevents it from reproducing.



Surveying Invasive *Phragmites* in the McLean Marsh, Rondeau Bay, Lake Erie (photo credit: Dr. Janice M. Gilbert)

Watercraft as a Carrier of Invasive Species:

Moving watercraft overland from one waterbody to another may inadvertently spread invasive species. Precautions based on the “Clean, Drain, Dry” practices that have already been promoted for some time across North America are, therefore, required to prevent their proliferation.

As of January 1, 2022, the following actions have been legislated:

- Boaters are now required to take out drain plugs, drain all on-board water, and rid watercraft of any aquatic plants, animals, or algae upon removing such vessels from a waterbody. (“Watercraft” include motorboats, rowboats, canoes, punts, sailboats, or rafts.)
- Prior to reaching a launch site for a body of water, the watercraft, associated equipment, and any vehicle or trailer used to transport the watercraft and equipment must be free of aquatic plants, animals, or algae.

Preventing the Spread of Invasive Species at the Cottage:

- ✓ Garden using only native or non-invasive plant species. The *Grow Me Instead* guide published by FOCA (<https://foca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Grow-me-instead-N-Ont.pdf>) highlights non-invasive plants that can be grown in Northern Ontario gardens.
- ✓ Empty bait buckets on land. Don’t release live bait that was caught in one lake into another waterbody.
- ✓ Use local firewood, as invasive insect eggs, larvae, pupae, and adults can travel inside cut logs. Also, do not move firewood between regions.
- ✓ Inspect and clean your boat and motor (and other items used outdoors) when changing waterbodies. Also, drain water from the motor, live well, bilge, and transom wells on land immediately after leaving a waterbody,
- ✓ Learn to recognize invaders. Your first defence against invasive species is knowing how to identify them. Determine which species may emerge in your area, and develop a plan of action to address a potential incursion.
- ✓ If you find invasive species, suspect that you have them on your property, or want further information, call the “Invading Species Hotline” at 1-800-563-7711, or visit www.invadingspecies.com.

Sources:
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REMEMBERING

Doreen Lak

(1931 – 2021)

By Annie Fenn

Doreen's passing was just weeks after celebrating her 90th birthday in October at her beloved Lake Temagami.

Doreen and her late husband, Gord, shared a love of the Lake since first purchasing Island 771 in 1976 (and, later on, their cottage on Cross Lake). It is impossible to separate Doreen and Gord when recounting their lives: they shared a great appreciation of the outdoors and both loved fishing; Doreen served as TLA Secretary during Gord's term as Association President; and, they supported many Lake causes together, as well as many others world-wide.

When not in Temagami, the Laks lived on their beautiful farm near Uxbridge. They also spent winters in Monserrat and, more recently, New Zealand – again becoming a part of the communities in each location and being much-loved community members. They brought friends from both countries to Temagami, as they



wanted to share the Lake in return for the welcome they found abroad.

Following Gord's death in 2018, Doreen continued to spend time at Cross Lake and, more recently, with dear friends, Kevin Sydock and France Gingras, on Island 771. She also spent her winters in New Zealand for several years until COVID-19 interrupted travel.

Doreen had an infectious laugh and loved being part of our Lake gatherings. She had a special soft spot for the kids and followed their progress from infants to adults. She would hold serious conversations with them when needed and was always good for that great laugh and a dance on the dock – not to mention her butter tarts and brownies. It won't be the same without Doreen and Gord, but they have left us with wonderful memories, lessons in generosity and kindness and caring, and (admittedly) an empty spot in our hearts.

Skip Connett

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Skip Connett's passing.

Skip dedicated his life to relationships and connections. He cared deeply about the power of camp to bring out the best in people, and he committed himself to this purpose.

As the founder of Canadian Adventure Camp, Skip turned his vision into reality in 1975. His dream was to create a place where children could grow and develop within the fun and friendly environment of a supportive camp community. For those of us lucky enough to experience the magic of Canadian Adventure Camp, we are deeply grateful for the special community he



created on Lake Temagami.

Skip's reach and impact extended throughout the Canadian camping community. He was an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Ontario Camps Association. He also took great pride in his continued dedication to the important work of the Canadian Camping Association and the Temagami Community Foundation.

As Skip did for almost 50 years, we look forward to returning to Canadian Adventure Camp this summer. Together, we will honour his legacy as we reunite once again on Adventure Island.

Ontario Camps Association

Shirley Vantol

(May 26, 1931 – July 26, 2021)

By Debbie Vantol

Shirley Vantol was born in Nieuwerbrug, Holland. She immigrated to Canada with her sisters and brother and settled in the Holland Marsh area. Shirley loved the Lake and first came to Lake Temagami in the early 1970s. Her husband, Martin Vantol, had fished Lake Temagami a number of times prior and spoke fondly of its natural beauty, tranquility, and abundance of fish.

In 1971, Shirley and Martin bought Island 773. For the next 50+ years, they and their family cared for, enjoyed, celebrated, and preserved "Windy Island" in the middle of Lake Temagami.

Shirley celebrated her 90th birthday in 2021. While her physical health deteriorated over the years, she was always sharp minded and was quick to partake in lively banter. With a quick wit and a strong mind, she was rarely at a loss for words. She spent her last weeks at Mackenzie Health's Palliative Care Unit surrounded with love from all of her family and friends.

Shirley was married to Martin Vantol, who passed away in December of 2018. They owned a family business called Bayview Florist, which was a wholesale flower grower that provided flowers and bedding plants throughout the Toronto area. Shirley was a floral designer and provided many arrangements from their business in Richmond



Shirley and Her Flowers
(photo submission by Debbie Vantol)

Hill. Her love of flowers was evident during her life. She brought her gardening skills to Temagami and filled large planters and hanging baskets with annual plants when she and Martin retired to Island 773 for the summer months.

Shirley volunteered her time throughout her life in support of people in need and for various charities. As an active member of Headford United Church in Richmond Hill, she assumed various roles in the church, including Treasurer.

Shirley had a life-long interest in needlework – especially crocheting and knitting. She was often seen on the deck at the cottage or in "her window" on rainy days, knitting one of the many items she tirelessly made for others. Her volunteer work also included donating countless knitted goods to Doctors Without Borders, Operation Smile, Headford United Church, and the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association, to name a few.

Shirley and Martin's love of Temagami was shared with their three children – Debbie, Jack, and Tim (and their families). 2021 marked the 50th anniversary of the Vantol's ownership and love of Island 773. Although Shirley and Martin have now passed, the next generation of Vantols is set to continue ownership and stewardship, and love of the Lake for years to come.



Shirley With her Children - Jack, Debbie, and Tim
(photo submission by Debbie Vantol)

Robb Warren Hindson Memorial Bursary Supports Temagami Youth

By Jess Lewis, on behalf of the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF)

I BELIEVE THAT TEMAGAMI AND N'DAKI MENAN'S GREATEST ASSETS ARE THE DIVERSE LAKES AND DIFFERENT CANOE ROUTES, THE DIFFERENT SPECIES THAT RESIDE AND LIVE YEAR-ROUND, SUCH AS MOOSE AND BEAVER, AND DIFFERENT MEDICINES THAT GROW IN OUR AREA, SUCH AS CEDAR AND SAGE FOR EXAMPLE.

I BELIEVE TEMAGAMI'S GREATEST ASSET IS COMMUNITY; WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE A PART OF THE MAINLAND TOWN, THE RESERVE, OR JUST LIVING ON THE LAKE FULL-TIME / SEASONALLY – EVERYONE IS A BIG FAMILY. ALTHOUGH WE ALL COME FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS, WE ARE ALL GROUNDED BY THE SAME PRINCIPLES AND UNIFIED THROUGH TEMAGAMI'S TRANQUILITY.

In our best moments, when we are not rushing to get here or there, when we are finished making sure what needs filling is full or what needs emptying is empty, when we are in a space to reflect on where we are or where we wish we were – that place is Temagami. To know this land, these waters, the people, is, for so many of us, our greatest asset. It is said that wisdom grows with age. It is remarkable, then, that the wise words written above were authored by Temagami's youth.

This past summer, the Robb Warren Hindson Memorial Bursary was established to honour the past of an individual by helping launch a better future for many. This bursary provides opportunities for young people (between the ages of 13 and 29, who have attended Temagami Public School and/or the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre) that will better prepare them to live and work in the Temagami area.

This bursary was set up by family and friends in memory of Robb to honour his love, admiration, and commitment to Temagami. The objective is to provide experience and learning that will create opportunities for young people of the community to learn in any area of study that will enhance their ability to live in the Temagami area.

The Hindson family's relationship with Temagami began with Robb's Great-Grandfather, Clarence Hindson, who served as Chief Fire and Park Ranger for the Temagami District in Northern Ontario at Bear Island from around 1910 to 1934. The family grew and moved over time, but Temagami remained an important landmark, with Robb making his first trip to the Lake as a five-year-old. Memories of that trip, and a consequent love of the area, spurred Robb to purchase a remote island in the early 2000s. From it, he explored Temagami by canoe and engaged in conservation efforts, including transplanting hundreds of trees from the mainland to his island with the help of his father.

When the opportunity to apply for the bursary was opened to young people in the Temagami area, several of the young applicants found a similarity between Robb's love of Temagami and their own. One applicant added the following as the closing lines of her application:

FROM WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT ROBB AND HIS FAMILY WHEN READING ABOUT THE BURSARY, THEIR PASSION FOR CONSERVATION IS SOMETHING THAT RESONATES DEEPLY WITH ME. IN ADDITION, I BELIEVE THAT ROBB'S APPARENT DRAW TO THE AREA THAT HE FELT THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE IS THE SAME MAGNETIC-LIKE PULL I FEEL WHEN I AM ELSEWHERE. ALL OF THIS IS TO SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH I NEVER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING ROBB, I CAN RELATE TO WHAT I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT HIM AND HIS FAMILY, AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE EFFECT OF THE SPIRIT OF TEMAGAMI.

Another applicant reflected on how the application process helped her organize and prioritize her educational and professional goals by stating:

WRITING MY APPLICATION FOR THE HINDSON BURSARY ALLOWED ME TO TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON MY PURPOSE, IMPACT, AND LOVE OF GROWING UP IN THE TEMAGAMI AREA. AS A STUDYING SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER, IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND MY CONNECTIVITY WITH MY COMMUNITY, SO IT WAS A GROUNDING EXPERIENCE.

On a blustery, late-summer day, five young people gathered in front of the Temagami Train Station to accept their awards, along with members of the Hindson family/bursary team and members of the Temagami Community Foundation who assisted in the application and selection process.

In accepting their awards, many of the recipients spoke of their intentions to build skills, receive training, and pursue further higher-education opportunities. The range of interests and educational pursuits is as diverse as the applicants themselves, but the common thread was the desire to develop themselves in ways that would allow them to come back to Temagami upon completion of their studies and contribute to the community in meaningful ways.

I PLAN TO RETURN TO TEMAGAMI AND HOPEFULLY HAVE A PEDIATRIC CLINIC IN TOWN ONE DAY. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER BEEN IN TOWN, AND I HOPE TO PROVIDE FAMILIES IN TOWN AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS AND BEAR ISLAND WITH A MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE IN THE FUTURE.

I WOULD LOVE TO RETURN TO THE TEMAGAMI AREA TO ADVANCE MY CAREER IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION. GROWING UP IN TEMAGAMI IS WHAT SPARKED MY PASSION IN PRESERVING AND CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. IT WOULD BE AN HONOUR TO USE MY EDUCATIONAL TRAINING TO ADVOCATE FOR THIS UNIQUE HABITAT.


During a time filled with such uncertainty and challenge, it a wonderful thing to be able to point to these eight young people who are so full of grit and generosity. That they will bring a bit of Temagami's spirit with them into the programs and adventures that call them away, will serve them (and the communities in which they find themselves) well. And what a joy it will be – should they one day come home to contribute their gifts to the community that helped them take another step toward their dreams on one blustery, summer day.




Collage of Robb Warren Hindson Memorial Bursary Recipients 2021 (Clockwise from Top Left): Krista Blais; Alex Paul, Jr.; Paige Stevens; Rebecca Poirier; and, Kendall White
(photo submission by Temagami Community Foundation)



First Robb Warren Hindson Memorial Bursary Awards 2021 (Left to Right): Emelia Daneault – Recipient; Vicki Grant – Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) Co-Founder; Donald Hindson (Robb's Father); Jack Tuomi – TCF Co-Chair; Emma Poirier (accepting on behalf of her sister, Rebecca Poirier - Recipient); Bradley Poirier – Recipient; Krista Blais – Recipient; Kendall White – Recipient; Donald Ross – Leede Jones Gable Chairman; and, Bill Kitts – TCF Co-Chair
[Recipients not pictured: Alex Paul Jr., Kaiya Mongrain, and Paige Stevens]
(photo submission by Temagami Community Foundation)





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Snowmobile Removal From Lake Temagami

Many people who have used the Manitou Landing docks may be aware of a snowmobile that was submerged and sitting on the bottom of Lake Temagami for several years. Although it was resting in only about two to three metres of water off the south end of the docks, and everyone had to drive over it to get into the boat slips, it sat undisturbed for quite some time.

It's presence was reported to the Municipality, a local Conservation Officer, and officials from the former Ministry of the Environment and Energy (now the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks), but no action was taken.

The concern in leaving the snowmobile in place was that it might eventually leak fuel and oil into the surrounding waters. In low water levels, it might also prove to be a navigation hazard for some vessels.

The location of the snowmobile was provided to the Temagami Lakes Association earlier this year by a concerned citizen, and our Association started looking at options to remove it from the water. Temagami Barge Limited – a local company on Lake Temagami – was contacted, and kindly agreed to use their equipment to extract the snowmobile from the water free of charge on November 5, 2021. The machine was slimy and crusty (with some type of barnacle growth), as it had been in the Lake for so long.


The time and effort provided by Temagami Barge Limited to resolve this situation was greatly appreciated. They are an excellent example of an area business that is concerned with water quality and the long-term health of the Lake.




Grayson, from Temagami Barge Limited, uses a backhoe to remove the snowmobile from the water at the Manitou Landing docks.
(photo by Dash Delarosbel)



The derelect snowmobile is now safely on shore.
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At the very least, check these factors before you step onto the ice.



KEEP SEASON IN MIND

Most ice injuries occur in spring or fall when conditions are deteriorating

✓ **TEMPERATURE**

Large, rapid changes in the last 24 hrs
Drop = brittle ice
Rise = weakened ice

✓ **SNOW**

Insulates: protects strong from weakening and weak from strengthening
Weight: can depress or crack entire sheet

✓ **WATER**

Unfrozen water = will cause ice to erode and become water

✓ **SPRINGS/OUTLETS**

Wildlife signify open water. Areas where fish school can interrupt stratification, bringing warmer water to the surface

✓ **CURRENTS**

Strong currents = thinner, weaker ice
Fast currents meeting slow or static water = thick and thin areas jumbled together

✓ **CHANGING WATER LEVELS**

Fluctuations = cracks may allow water on the surface, or weak voids where there is no water to support ice

✓ **SPRINGS/OUTLETS**

Outlets = turbulence, which upsets stratification and brings warmer water to the surface causing disintegration of ice from below

✓ **CHEMICALS/POLLUTION**

Impurities = weaker ice structure



VARIATIONS IN ICE THICKNESS CAN BE DRAMATIC

It can be a metre thick in one spot and just a few centimetres only feet away

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Temagami First Nation/ Teme-Augama Anishnabai Artifact Research Project

By Calista Paul, Lands Researcher

Kwe-Kwe to the community of Lake Temagami and area! My name is Callie Paul. I was raised on Bear Island, and I still make my home there now with my own family. Over the last few years, I have taken a great interest in the incredible history and homeland of my people. My recent projects revolve around the research and collection of our history and culture, and I am currently working on the study, collection, preservation, and repatriation of artifacts (and the rich knowledge that accompanies them).

Since our history extends across N'Daki Menan, there is a great potential resource in our neighbours within the Lake Temagami area. If you have any old pictures, objects, stories, or other media that include the people of Temagami First Nation and/or the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, please contact me to share them. It is not our intent to confiscate items, but rather to build on repatriation by developing a resource catalogue of all such objects, photos, and history for our future generations. However, it must be noted – in the spirit of reconciliation – that if anyone would like to donate any artifacts back to us, we would be most appreciative. We are in the process of ensuring that all items received will be kept in the best of care in the new display and storage facilities in our community.

Loaning artifacts to us would be greatly appreciated, as well (should there be an interest). I have recently earned my Indigenous Archaeological Monitoring Certificate to collect and document such items, in keeping with the last couple of years of my research on our nation’s history.

I am very excited about the possibility of working with the people of Temagami to make this current project a success! Having lived on Bear Island my entire life, and being a part of our vibrant community, my door is open – and I am most hopeful that this request will be met with the generosity that the community of Temagami is known for!

Chi-miigwech! (Great thanks to you!)

N.B., For further details, please contact Calista at landsresearcher@temagamifirstnation.ca or 705-237-8943, extension 206.

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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.

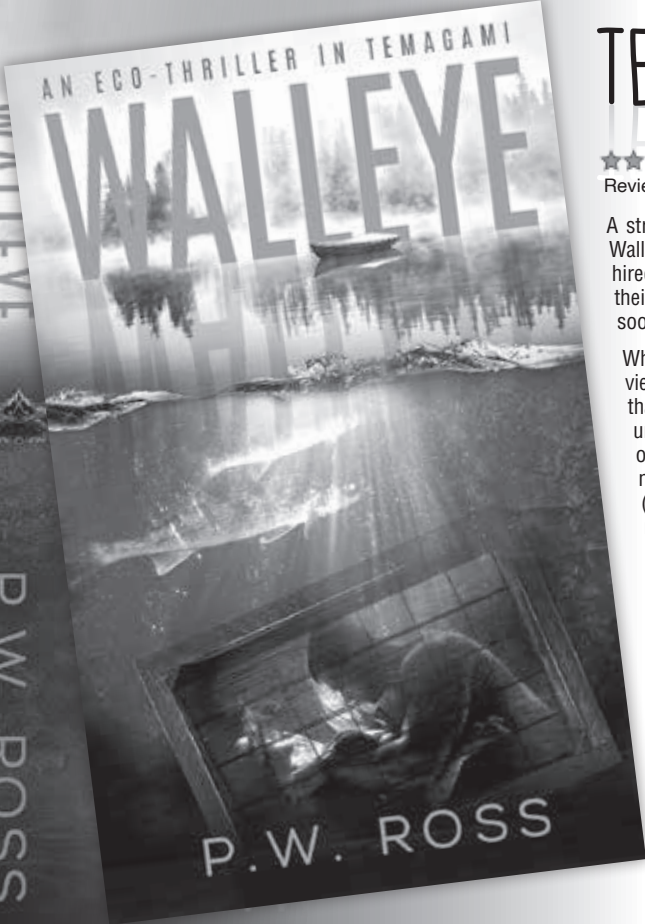
A string of brutal murders plagues the quiet lake town. Each death is more shocking than the last, and Jack is convinced that whoever's behind it is sending a message. The last thing local police want is a civilian stepping on their toes but they need his help and he is reluctantly drawn into the hunt.

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.



TALL PINES PUBLISHING



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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Update from the
Municipality of Temagami

By Suzie Fournier, Municipal Clerk

Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-Law:

The amended first draft of the Official Plan was received at the January meeting of Council. We are still some time away from having this approved. The amended first draft will be sent to the Province for comment, and there will be future public meetings. Whether these are “in-person” or virtual meetings will depend on the restrictions that are in place as the Province continues to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. Regardless, the draft document is on our website, and comments can be sent to clerk@Temagami.ca. If you have comments, please get them in as early as possible.

Broadband:

Through the funded CENGN program, broadband internet is now available via Leepfrog Telecom in Temagami and Temagami North, and will soon to be in the hub area of Lake Temagami and beyond. In some areas, this is the first reliable broadband available, while in others, it is just an option. One of the goals of this project is to service waterfront communities with reliable broadband in a manner that could be duplicated elsewhere.

2022 Municipal Election:

2022 is an election year. You may receive information from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) regarding voter information. Returning these requests for information in a timely fashion is important, as MPAC works to verify the list of electors.

One item that was new for the 2018 election was the registration of third-party advertisers. Monday, May 2, 2022, is the date that nominations open [for the offices of Mayor, Councillor, and School Board Trustee] – but, prior to incurring any costs for elections, you are required, by Provincial statute, to be either a registered candidate or a registered third-party advertiser. Third-party advertisers remain a fairly new concept in Municipal Elections. For clarity and information, the Election Finances CFO Handbook for 2022 can be found on the Municipal website at www.temagami.ca.

Candidate nominations open on Monday, May 2, 2022, and will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022. The basic eligibility for an elector or a candidate is being a Canadian Citizen over the age of 18 who meets the residency requirements. Election information and forms are also available on the municipal website.

Questions? Please contact the Municipality at communicate@temagami.ca.

From the Office:

We continue to encourage people to sign up for regular communication from the Municipality by sending an e-mail to communicate@temagami.ca. We use this to send out information about COVID-19, ask for input as Council is deliberating, and provide areas for public comment. We are nearing 500 unique addresses in our database. This is probably the most reliable way to receive information from the Municipality and to ask your questions.

..... TLA Business

Temagami Lakes Association Supports the Temagami Community in 2021

The Temagami Lakes Association strives to support the greater Temagami community whenever possible. To this end, the Association made financial contributions to the following local groups in 2021:

- ✓ Friends of Temagami: www.friendsoftemagami.org
- ✓ Nastawgan Trails, Inc.: www.nastawgantrails.org
- ✓ Living Temagami Arts and Culture: <https://livingtemagami.ca>
- ✓ Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program: www.tafip.org
- ✓ Temagami Lions Club “Seniors’ Christmas Dinner”: www.lionsclubs.org



Carol Lowery, TLA Board Member, Presents a Cheque to Lion Jane Dougall of the Temagami Lions Club for the “Seniors’ Christmas Dinner” 2021 (photo submission by Carol Lowery)

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.



2022 TLA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:	
Class A: property owners (required for “Class D” and “Class F” memberships)	\$115.00
Class F: additional family members of “Class A” members	\$55.00
Class D: children of “Class A” or “Class F” members, and less than 18 years-of-age	\$15.00
Class C: commercial members	\$115.00
Class B: sustaining members (do not own properties)	\$60.00
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SUPPLEMENTARY OPTIONS AND SERVICES:	
1. CONTRIBUTION TO “TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI” DEFENSE FUND: ➤ a separate fund for costs incurred in protecting the “Tenets”	\$ _____
2. CONTRIBUTION TO “WATER-QUALITY MONITORING” FUND: ➤ minimum \$25.00/property requested; fund dedicated to water-quality monitoring and research by TERAS (Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship)	\$ _____
3. PROPERTY-PATROL SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION: ➤ choose Service A, B, or C for each island with buildings/structures (N.B., price increase in 2021)	
• Service A (spring and fall): \$60.00	\$ _____
• Service B (January and March): \$60.00	\$ _____
• Service C (combination of A and B): \$115.00	\$ _____
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: <i>The Life and Times of a Cottage Community</i>): \$30.00	\$ _____
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..... TLA Business

Highlights of the TLA Virtual “Annual General Meeting” 2021



The 90th TLA AGM was held via Zoom webinar on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. The draft minutes were posted on the TLA website at: <https://tla-temagami.org/tla-business/meetings-and-minutes>. For the second year, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations provided technical support.

TLA President, Paul Tamburro, hosted the AGM, and all current Board Members (Rob Corcoran, Greg Goodman, Diane Green, Brit Hyde, Margaret Langfitt, Carol Lowery, Terry Males, and Tarik Muzaffar) were present. Approximately 87 TLA voting members (and others) were in attendance and represented by proxies.

Motions to approve the 2021 AGM agenda and adopt the minutes of the 2020 AGM were made and carried. Resolutions to approve the 2020 TLA financial statement and the actions of the Directors and Officers since the 2020 AGM were also made and carried.

Paul thanked Allan Eustis for serving six years on the Board of Directors (2015 to 2021), and introduced new Board members, Diane Green and Carol Lowery. He also recognized Brit Hyde for his service as TLA President from 2018 to 2020 with a “Thank You” plaque and gavel (sent to him by mail). Carol Lowery was then congratulated for being selected as the 2020 “Member of the Year”. In addition, Paul lamented the loss of TLA members over the past year.

The “TLA Vision 2020-2022” was shared with participants, and the following associated actions undertaken over the past year by TLA members and Directors were noted:

- The TLA has engaged with other community members and groups (e.g., Board members met in person in September with Mayor O’Mara and two Municipal Councillors to discuss local issues).
- TLA members have shown significant involvement in Municipal affairs. For example, they have sent numerous letters to Municipal Council, and many attend Council meetings on a regular basis.
- The TLA’s planner has worked well with the Municipal planner on issues regarding the new “Official Plan” and has provided direction to the TLA’s “Planning and Municipal Affairs” committee.
- “ONE Temagami” (developed in 2020) has been used as a decision-making guide by the TLA Board.

A “Q & A” and comments session, and Board-led discussion, was held with AGM participants. Questions were asked on the

following topics through the “Chat” option: format of the 2022 Directory; further details on houseboat regulations; status of the TLA Headquarters Building; examples of feedback from groups besides the Municipality; status of the Municipal Economic Development Corporation (EDC); how to share TLA values with the public (e.g., possibly rent an Access Road billboard); providing information to Lake visitors (e.g., regarding good environmental practices); progress on improving broadband services; identifying economic-development opportunities to present to the new EDC; engaging with the TFN and TAA communities; the Municipal “Strategic Plan”; actions that can be taken by TLA members regarding Municipal issues (e.g., on development of the new “Official Plan”); progress of the “Big Canoe” project; current investment into cobalt production and milling facilities in the Town of Cobalt and potential ripple effects (e.g., employment and demand for housing) in the Temagami area; current “freeze” on Lake Temagami Crownland sales; communication with Municipal Councillors (i.e., both as individual property owners, and as an Association through the Board of Directors); improving some negative perceptions that the Town may have about the TLA; and, working in a partnership with the Town (e.g., regarding economic development, waste-management planning, etc.) by utilizing the extensive knowledge base within our membership.

Because there wasn’t time to address all questions and comments during the AGM, some follow-up by the Administrative Coordinator occurred after the meeting ended.

The following poll was also conducted during the meeting:

- Does the TLA need a physical headquarters building in the future? Responses: Yes (72%); No (28%)
- If you believe the TLA continues to require a headquarters, would you favour moving to an alternative, easily-accessible, less-costly location? Responses: Yes (87%); No (13%)

FOCA provided a slide presentation which highlighted its activities and services for member organizations (e.g., liability insurance; legal Helpline; educational resources; “Cottage First” insurance; emergency response in remote areas; promotion of healthy lands, lakes, and rivers; advocating for responsible government; municipal engagement; implementing the “Lake Partner Program”; invasive-species initiatives).

The AGM was concluded with a suggestion by Paul: If AGM participants like what they heard, and thought that they were getting their money’s worth with a TLA membership, they were invited to reach out to Lake neighbours who are not members (as only about half of Lake Temagami cottagers are currently TLA members).



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1. organize, fund, and participate in environmental monitoring and research projects which are designed to preserve and protect Lake Temagami and its surrounding lands;
2. educate about, and increase public understanding and appreciation of, Lake Temagami’s environment and ecosystems, with particular attention to long-term environmental monitoring;
3. take over and expand the water-monitoring activities that were initiated by the TLA;
4. work closely with the TLA, by participating in environmental projects suggested by its members;
5. stimulate a broader interest in environmental monitoring and research in the Temagami region among college and university environmental-science departments.

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Call for Writers

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

Do you have an opinion on something you read in this paper? Did your corner of the Lake host a unique event this past year? Is there a special Lake “character” who you would like to recognize? Are you new to the Lake and wish to share your reasons for coming here? Is there something really special about Temagami that you want to protect?

The possibilities are almost endless, as is the “talent pool” within our membership. Please send your articles to: tla@onlink.net. The editor can help with the formatting and editing details. Also, remember that photos – high resolution and original in size – really add to a story.



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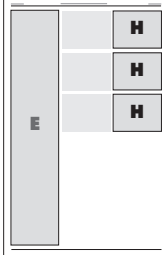
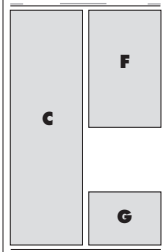
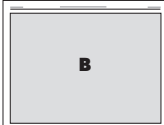
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In the late 1970s, the Province of Ontario identified a serious need to upgrade/replace and maintain aging septic systems on Lake Temagami Island properties (and the challenges associated with that task), and sought help and solutions from the public. Lake resident, Ray Delarosbel, with a Masters degree in Environmental Studies, MNR and MOE work experience in land-use and environmental positions, and a passion for the Lake and its community, returned north in 1977 to set up an environmental division for a North Bay firm and answered this call.

With a work background in his father (Leo's) licensed gravel pit, and heavy equipment and cement-finishing endeavors in the Marten River area, Ray embraced the idea of starting a company to provide a barge and pump-out service and set about to design a barge suited to the Lake Temagami environment. Temagami Barge Limited (TBL's) first barge, equipped with a skid-steer loader and sewage pump-out equipment, launched into Temagami waters on June 25, 1982, and went to work.

TBL provided 20 cottage owners with the Lake's first-ever septic pump-outs, barged materials for tile-bed designs approved by the MOE, and extinguished an abandoned campsite fire with its pump-out equipment. TBL's principal haul that summer was building materials for the Lake's largest-to-date building – the new Laura McKenzie Learning Centre school on Temagami First Nation!

TBL's first barge was powered by a 40-hp Harbor-master diesel engine. After the occasional breakdown (working 18-hour days for seven days/week), the crew learned to securely position and chain a steel, 45-hp, outboard-driven workboat to push the barge, so that it could continue its essential services. When the Coast Guard implemented additional licensing requirements, the Harbormaster was retired, and this innovative sys-



Temagami Barge Limited Celebrates 40 Years of Service on Lake Temagami!

By Dash Delarosbel



Temagami Barge's current fleet safely cut through the waves and efficiently transport bulky and/or heavy loads. (photo by Dash Delarosbel)

tem permanently incorporated. Today, one can see the success of this barge/boat combination, as it has spread to various smaller barges on the Lake.

As TBL expanded its services, concerns about safely operating from the Public Landing, and a request from the MNR to find a better and safer location, prompted the company to relocate and eventually acquire its present location with the blessing of the Lake community. TBL then built the only legal propane refill and transfer site on the Lake.

Ray's son, Dash, grew up on the Lake, taking to barging like a fish to water. Starting at 7 or 8 years-of-age,

he spent much of his time learning the business operations. These now included all manner of building/construction services, septic pump-outs/upgrades/installations, and propane and marine services required on the Lake and surrounding Municipality – from Temagami to Marten River.

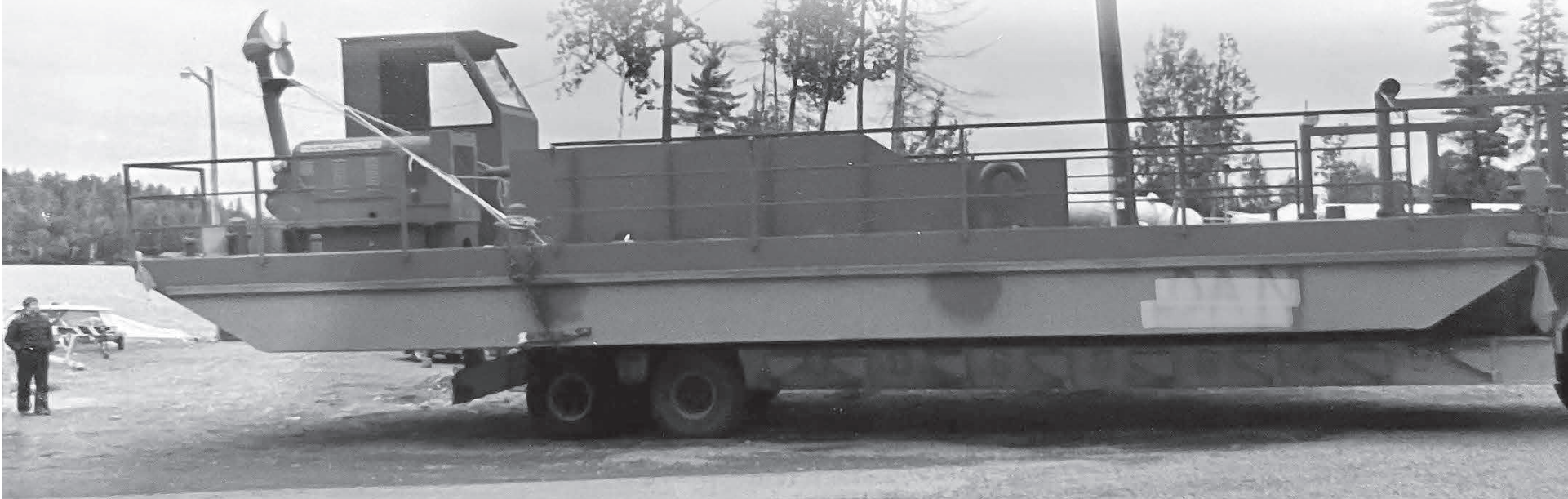
Additional barges and workboats joined the fleet, and TBL contributed to many projects on the Lake – including the Temagami Lake Association (TLA's) "Privy Project" to preserve water quality around campsites. A summer highlight was the TLA's Flea Market. For more than 20 years, the TBL crew served up hotdogs and pop, and donated all proceeds to the TLA.

Following Ray's sudden passing in 2011, Dash was now at the helm of TBL. In 2018, it upgraded with another first – the largest barge ever on the Lake (20' x 60', with a 71-ton capacity and 1,200 ft² deck of space). Following its legacy (remarkably, its largest hauling contract), it delivered +/- 250 loads of building materials for the Lake's largest-to-date building – the TFN Multi-Use Facility / Band Office! Dash's lifetime Lake experience has provided an in-depth knowledge

of the unique history and cultural awareness of Lake Temagami, which he brings to TBL projects and site developments.

Ray, Dash, and the Temagami Barge Team have retained a 40-year commitment to keeping the water clean and improving the quality of life on the Lake. TBL expresses a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all of its great customers over the past 40 years, and invites you to partner with them for your future projects – big or small!

Ray supervises the launch of Temagami Barge's first vessel into Lake Temagami waters in 1982. (photo by Patty Delarosbel)



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TAFIP Year-End Report for 2021

By Ike Laba, President, TAFIP

The last two years were difficult for the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP). In 2020 we were prohibited from collecting any Walleye eggs due to the emergence of the COVID virus. In 2021, we had uncontrollable issues – especially during the Walleye egg-collection stage – such as: continued COVID restrictions; significant weather fluctuations that hampered the collection of eggs; extremely low water levels in the Net Creek spawning area on Cassels Lake; and, limited pond rehabilitation upgrades due to a lack of heavy-equipment availability.

In the spring of 2021, we had a major setback when all of our heavy, steel trap-net anchors, and associated marker buoys and ropes, went missing. Replacing this equipment cost the TAFIP program \$1,800.00. The loss of this essential equipment was attributed to the lack of a secure storage facility.

Work Completed in 2021:

- egg collection
 - fry and fingerling stocking into designated lakes
 - road improvements from the Sherman Rearing to Water-Holding Pond
 - replacing deteriorated dam stop-logs with temporary materials (Sherman site)
 - completing major renovations to the Red Squirrel Rearing Pond dam
 - painting the hatchery lakefront deck
 - installing preventative structures to prevent beaver damage at the Sherman site
- In 2021, we were very fortunate to receive support from major contributors, including the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF), Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Community Hatchery Program, and TC Energy. We also received support from our local businesses, lake associations, individual donors, and TAFIP members.

TC Energy Funding:

- purchasing a 20' x 8' "Sea Can" storage container with interior shelving
- replacement of all trap-net anchors, buoys, and ropes
- purchasing water-testing equipment (for oxygen levels, pH, etc.) and Ovadine® iodine (a fish-egg disinfectant)
- installation of small docks at the rearing ponds for safety and monitoring purposes



“Sea Can” Storage Container That Was Purchased with a Donation from TC Energy (photo by Gerry Stroud)

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4' x 8' Sponsorship Sign Donated by TAFIP Members, Davies Signs & Screen Printing and K & S Natural Gas and Propane Services (photo by Ike Laba)

OFAH Funding:

- operational costs for the hatchery program
- upgrading the access road from the Sherman Rearing to Water-Holding Pond, due to wet areas and narrow road access

TCF Funding:

This was allocated to the Sherman Rearing Pond reconstruction, which was slated for August 2021 – right after the extraction of the Walleye fingerlings. We had hoped to complete this project before Christmas; but, due to limited heavy-equipment availability all summer, it was postponed until 2022.

TAFIP Logos and Sponsor Sign:

1. *Hatchery Truck Logos:* Thanks is extended to Krista, our youngest member, for the logo design. Davies Signs & Screen Printing (a TAFIP member) constructed and donated the logos for the program. These logos will be installed on hatchery truck doors for identification. The TAFIP will also be requesting donor logos for the truck box and cap to recognize major supporters.
2. *Sponsor Recognition Sign:* This 4' x 8' sign recognizes major sponsors of the TAFIP program. It was constructed by Davies Signs & Screen Printing, which also donated 50% of the cost. K & S Natural Gas & Propane Services (another TAFIP member) donated the other 50% of the sign cost. This was a great contribution from our TAFIP members.

A special thanks is extended to all of the active members within the TAFIP program who contribute many hours of work, equipment, rent, and in-kind services throughout the year-round, hatchery-program operations.

If you are interested in supporting us with a donation, please mail a cheque to TAFIP, PO Box 88, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0, or send an e-transfer to tafipmail@gmail.com. The TAFIP is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency, and tax receipts will be issued 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:

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Cobalt in Cobalt

By Rob Corcoran



With exponential growth in the electric vehicle (EV) sector, demand for advanced materials is outstripping supply, and will certainly continue to do so. This has brought focus back to Cobalt, Ontario – both for potential further cobalt extraction, and for the refining required to produce compounds, such as cobalt sulfate (which is key to EV lithium-ion battery manufacturing).

Mining in Cobalt was primarily for silver, and cobalt was considered a waste product in the early years and left in the slag piles. Applications for cobalt, and associated interest, began to increase during WWII. Silver and cobalt mining wound down in the Town of Cobalt in the 1970s, and in the 1980s, only a few smaller mines remained active. Extraction ceased in Cobalt circa the early 1990s.

Rare-earth metal extraction decreased in much of the western world, as global prices declined. China was a key factor in the lower prices and a major supplier of rare-earth metals, including cobalt, to much of the planet in the past half century. Over the past decade, however, trade decisions in China appear to have significantly reduced the flow of many rare-earth metals from the country and have revived opportunities in many North American mining camps which had been shut-down / mothballed.

Cobalt reserves are currently being reassessed by a number of companies with mining properties, and it appears that significant funding is being spent to revive cobalt refining in Cobalt. First Cobalt Corporation (recently renamed to Electra Battery Materials) has been one of the higher-profile companies working in the Cobalt area, and seems to be pivoting from a cobalt-extraction focus to cobalt refining.

The Province of Ontario and the Federal Government are some of the most-recent investors and added a \$10 million investment to First Cobalt’s refinery effort in December. Many times this amount of money could be invested in the revival and expansion of the First Cobalt Refinery (formerly the Yukon Refinery) in Cobalt. The indicated intent is to quadruple production capacity, potentially resulting in as much as 5% of the world’s cobalt sulfate being produced in this community. In addition to cobalt, the refinery is able to support nickel and silver refining.

First Cobalt confirmed their ability to successfully generate battery-grade cobalt sulfate in 2019. The move from extraction and refining to refining only means that the bulk of the ore / millable material will need to be brought in from outside of Cobalt. This may include large volumes of used batteries for reprocessing and presumably high(er) grade ore for processing. Recent press releases have indicated that 4,500 tonnes of crude cobalt hydroxide is expected from the Democratic Republic of Congo, with the first shipment arriving in October of 2022. One reality today is the influx of international investment in Northern Ontario’s resource segment. A suitable balancing of return-on-investment versus environmental sustainability would certainly seem to be an essential constraint on facilities producing materials for our greener automotive sector.

The upside of this effort may be an influx of jobs to the community – including (one would have to assume) contracting opportunities for Temagami-area businesses and a further potential draw on resources from the Temagami region for work in the Cobalt area. A further effect of such growth could be a demand for housing and recreational properties, which may present some opportunity for population growth within the Temagami region. Previous offers by the Province to potentially free up hundreds of lots on warm-water lakes near Lake Temagami would certainly seem to represent a significant opportunity for the Municipality to readily add recreational properties.

The TLA will be tracking any project activities in the Cobalt area.

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Temagami Lions Club
Update



The Temagami Lions Club, like many other organizations, have had their services curtailed by the pandemic. We are not currently meeting, and many of our activities have been cancelled. Last year, however, we completed the following: held a flea market in the summer and a Christmas Dinner for seniors in December; operated the food bank; collected clothes for diabetes and eyeglasses for the CNIB; and, initiated a new project which involved gathering winter clothing and supplies for homeless people in the North Bay region.

The Lions Club has been working with the AIDS Committee of North Bay and Area to provide winter clothing, comforters, sleeping bags, and other items for homeless people. If you have any of these items and wish to donate them, please contact Lion Ike Laba at 705-569-3252 or Lion Brian Koski at 705-569-4522. Please note that the program has been very successful, as we have donated 61 bags of supplies to the Committee.

The food bank unfortunately lost its Chair this year. Paul Middleton passed away over the summer and will be missed. Paul was a superb member of the Lions Club who enjoyed working in the food bank and helping clients when they needed a hand. Brian Koski has taken over the operations of the food bank and can be reached at 705-569-4522 for appointments.

Last year, under the direction of Lion Bob Sykes, the Club ran its most successful flea market. We are once again holding a flea market sometime this summer, and you can contact Bob at 705-569-4412 to donate items.

Under the leadership of Lion Jane Dougall, we had a great “Seniors’ Christmas Dinner” and fed over 150 people. We would like to thank Debbie Renaud and her staff and volunteers at Temagami Home Support for cooking and delivering the meals. We will provide this dinner again in 2022.

Finally, we hope everyone is healthy and following pandemic guidelines. See you all this summer!
Yours in Lions, Brian Koski



Temagami Lions Club Members Deliver Items to the AIDS Committee of North Bay and Area
(photo by Glenn Petersen)



Temagami Lions Club Members, Brian Koski and Ike Laba, Collect Winter Apparel for Homeless People in the North Bay Area
(photo by Stacey Mayhall)

IN MEMORY OF

Barb Nelson

By Joel Nelson

Barbara (Angus) Nelson (1955 to 2021), Granddaughter of George Angus, passed away from cancer on July 18, 2021 at the age of 66 years.
Barb loved Lake Temagami from infancy until September 2020. She will be missed by all on the Lake who knew her.



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Temagami Public Library Update

By Carol Lowery, Chair,
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The Board of the Temagami Public Library is pleased to announce that we have hired a new Chief Executive Officer (Head Librarian) to replace Quelia Cormier, who resigned from her position earlier last fall. We thank Quelia for her years of service and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Our new CEO, Sandra (Sandi) Firman, is no stranger to the Temagami Public Library and has worked for several years as a back-up librarian and, most recently, as the Acting CEO. Sandi is a retired elementary teacher who, with her husband (Chuck), moved from Barrie to Temagami seven years ago. Sandi and Chuck have three children and two grandsons and are both very active in community activities.

Sandi made the Library a welcoming place this past summer and provided programming for permanent and seasonal residents, children, adults, and seniors. In addition, she ran a summer reading program for children and provided them with educational arts-and-crafts to keep them busy while their parents and care-givers searched for the latest novels for themselves. Sandi also spent many Saturdays at the Temagami Community Market last summer running our used book sales – with Library Board Members, Victoria and Claudia.

Sandi has lots of ideas for next summer, which are all designed to enhance your “Temagami Experience”, and looks forward to working with the patrons of the Temagami Public Library. I strongly encourage you to drop into the Library to meet her and our Back-up Librarians, Laurel and Mark Beardmore.




The Bilbi Family, yearly visitors to Temagami from Italy, love visiting the Temagami Public Library and practicing their English with Sandi Firman, CEO.
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Confronting Reality:

Since 2001, we've enjoyed a wonderful long dock and large boat port at our Temagami property. In addition to shielding our boat and ourselves from weather, it is our favorite place to "hang out" (literally) in our hammock chairs. We've had cocktails and small dinner parties there – the usual stuff.

The dock (and boat port) was in place when we bought the property in 2000. We don't know when it was built – but it was likely constructed by the owners we bought from, as they owned the place for 12 or so years. That was our best estimate of age. It served them and us well.

This dock is on the east side of the island, facing a large expanse of open water. As a result, we can get some pretty big winds in the summer (in the winter, too, when the wind drives the ice against the dock). In our time there, the dock has been shoved westward by at least 15 inches.

We've had to take up a few displaced flagstones from the landing at the bottom of the steps and have seen how the superstructure left the cribs behind. In the last five or six years, we saw the crib logs falling away. In places, the decking has wretched up and nails have protruded. The long dock now has a decided slump near the landing.

So, in August of 2021, after nearly two full years away, we confronted the fact that we needed to take some action to restore or replace the dock and boat port, or risk losing the whole thing.

Soliciting Bids:

We surveyed several ads for contractors in the *Temagami Times* and in the TLA Directory. We select-

We Had To Do It: Renovating Our Dock – Part 1

By Rebecca Danvers



The Dock and Boat Port at Island 856 (photo submission by Rebecca Danvers)

ed three. One name was well known to us, one touted a long history of working in Temagami, and a third was new to us (but worked for people we knew).

It took a while, but all three came to our place, assessed the situation with us, and agreed to provide bids. We were doing this solicitation in late August / early September, and each contractor was busy (a good sign, we thought). As a result, it was nearly a month later before we received all three bids, and we had to set a time deadline to achieve this.

Assessing the Proposals:

All the proposals were quite different. That surprised us. Bid one turned out to be aimed mostly at stabilizing the current cribs and stringers and replacing the decking. Bid two would mostly reconstruct the cribs and replace the decking. The third was to replace the cribs completely, and add new stringers and new (enlarged) decking. All three intended to keep the boat-port superstructure intact, although it would

have to be taken off during a good deal of the work.

The three bids proposed doing the work at different times of the year. The cost estimates varied significantly. We felt confident that each one of them would be a professional job and that we could be satisfied with the result. But, only one of the three asked us what we would like to be different! With our own blindered mindset, not only we were not thinking outside the box, we hadn't even lifted the lid. As a result, we suggested a slight widening of the decking that spans two cribs, so that we can better accommodate dining. We scrutinized each bid and went back with questions. Then we chose one.

Our Criteria:

As noted, we reluctantly faced the need to tend to our aging dock. One of our main concerns was the anticipated cost. We are now 77 and 82 and are unlikely to have many more years to reap the benefits of a large investment. Our daughter, son-in-law, and/or their three children may decide to continue ownership. We hope so, but nothing is certain. On the other hand, we wanted to make a lasting contribution.

In the end, we selected bid three. Because it proposes a nearly complete replacement of the deteriorating supports, we believe it will last the longest. Although it was the most costly, we think of it as a gift to the future. We love our place, we love the Lake, we love the Lake community. We've immensely enjoyed our years in Temagami because others before us have cared as well. So, while we and our family may not be the ones enjoying our new dock in coming years, someone will.

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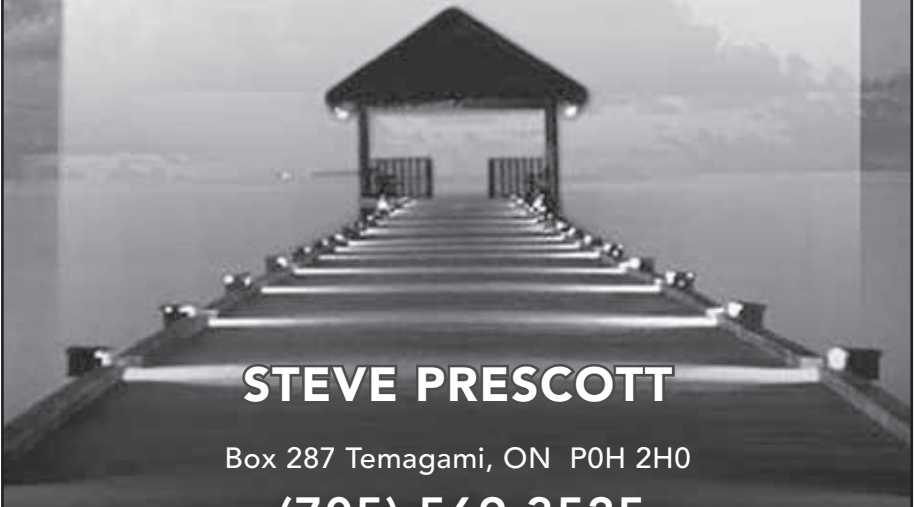
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- carry out other objectives that may be prescribed by regulation.

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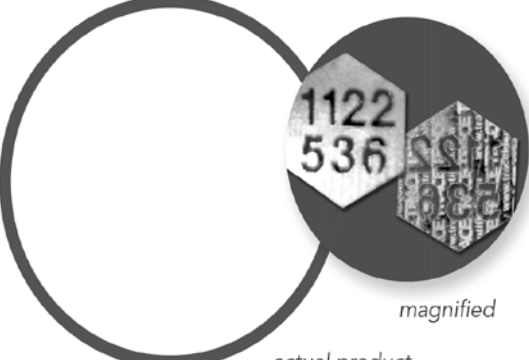
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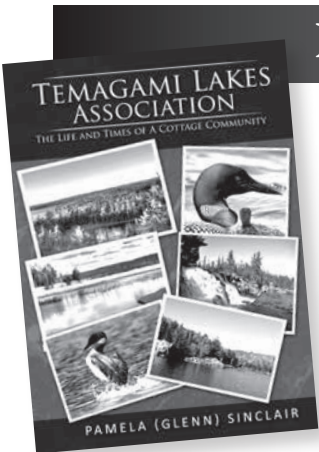
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