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The Wolfe Lake Association (WLA) in Westport, Ontario has implemented an initiative to reduce the accumulation of toxic, lead, fishing tackle in the environment, where it poisons wildlife and threatens water quality. The "Lead Fishing Tackle Buy Back Program" launched on March 31, 2022, and will run through March 31, 2023, for its first-year effort. The Westport Area Outdoor Association partnered on the initiative, which incentivizes anglers to voluntarily switch from lead tackle to lead-free products through a voucher-exchange program. The initiative also raises public awareness on the dangers of fishing with lead and offers lead-free tackle samples to anglers. The program has inspired several other

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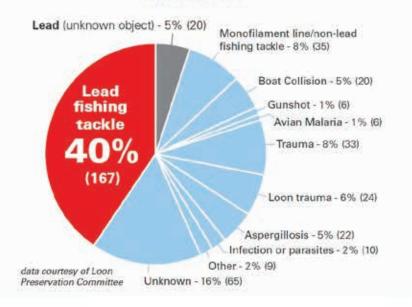
lake associations and organizations to promote lead-free fishing – an environmental movement to help protect wildlife from lead poisoning.

Environment Canada has acknowledged that lead (Pb) is a dangerous neurotoxin that is harmful to humans and animals. Still, with the exception of National Parks and designated Wildlife Areas, it is legal to use lead fishing tackle everywhere. Each year, thousands of tons of lost lead fishing tackle continue to accumulate in Canada's waterbodies.

Why? Because it's cheap. Yet, lead comes at a great price, as it kills wildlife and poisons ecosystems. Aquatic birds, such as loons, eagles, ospreys, swans, geese, and ducks,

may be poisoned after accidentally swallowing lead while picking up pebbles for digestive purposes. They may catch or scavenge fish with lead tackle attached to them, or ingest lead while foraging. Studies have revealed that other birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and even fish are affected by lead toxicity. In areas where lead has saturated the environment, it also gets absorbed by surrounding vegetation and enters the food chain.

Documented Adult Loon Mortalities in New Hampshire 1989-2021



Lead fishing tackle can be especially deadly to loons. In some regions, lead poisoning from tackle accounts for almost half of all loon mortality, as revealed by necropsies on thousands of dead birds. There is encouraging news, however, as studies also show that lead buy-back and tackle-exchange programs, in conjunction with public-awareness campaigns and stricter regulations on lead tackle, can markedly reduce the number of loons that die

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President's Letter - We are Islanders

Let's go back to the beginning – well not the real beginning, but the beginning for the purposes of this letter (9,000 BC). It's the Wisconsin Period and the last North American ice age is ending. The northern retreat of the glaciers was a big-time, ice-out event for us and led to the unveiling of Lake Temagami, along with the Great Lakes and the current topography of Northern Ontario.

Take a walk around any Temagami island, and glacial mischief is apparent. You just need to know what you are looking for. Fifteen years ago, I had a conversation with Canusa Vacations owner and geology buff, Nelson Leudke, that fascinated me enough to call him this past week and recreate parts of it. Nelson pointed out that during the last ice age, as water froze into ice, it was constantly expanding, enlarging the glaciers, and pushing them from the Arctic through Temagami and onwards further south. Advancing across Lake Temagami's islands, an expanding glacier acted as a gigantic plow – scraping up rocks and sediment in its path, scouring the north sides of the islands, and dumping the debris on the south sides. Check it out yourself. You will see that many of the sand and gravel shoals are on the south sides of islands, with the north sides comparatively bare, Canadian-Shield granite. You may also find "erratics" – glacial, hitchhiking boulders – dumped hundreds of miles from their geological places of birth. We have a couple of great examples on Island 676.

The Teme-Augama Anishnabai have inhabited n'Daki Menan, including Lake Temagami's islands, for many thousands of years. I asked Teme-Augama Anishnabai elders, Mary Laronde and Alex Mathias, what drew the Anishnabai to the islands. Mary's response was so obvious that I feel a little silly. "We are Deep Water People, and we travelled in canoes. Why would we live just on the mainland?"

When you put it that way, it makes sense to me. The Teme-Augama Anishnabai had winter trapping camps and settlements throughout n'Daki Menan; but in the summer they would often gather on Temagami Island, and later, Bear Island. Some of the best sites had sandy beaches, southern orientations, and island breezes to keep marauding insects at bay, and drew the original people to these places. The largest ancient village was at Wabi-Kon – "the place of the summer flowers". Wabi-Kon's proximity to High Rock, manned as a look-out against invading Iroquois, was a strategic advantage. Bear Island was uniquely the local pharmacy and a place in n'Daki Menan with a complete inventory of medicinal flora, according to Alex.

By 1705, Lake Temagami was showing up, more idealistically than cartographically-correct, on French maps. The first Hudson's Bay Post was established near the ancient village at Wabi-Kon in 1836, and subsequently moved to Bear Island in 1876. There has been a more or less continuous European presence on Temagami's islands ever since.

In 1906, islands could be leased from the Province, and cottagers were there to lease them. (The TLA was formed in 1931.) Young Rocco and Charlene Tamburro travelled to Temagami Island in the mid-1960s. Recently, while visiting them in South Florida, I asked my Dad what it was that attracted him to Temagami. Rock, the son of Italian immigrants who was hustling to make it in gritty, post-war Toronto, had never seen such a peaceful, beautiful place. Having begun to make his way in the world, and with some resources, he was thinking about investing in a bar of gold. However, at the same time, General Charles de Gaulle repatriated France's gold reserves from America, and President Nixon was unpegging the US dollar from the gold standard. Rocco purchased the deed to Island 211 instead, and never looked back. He still loves talking about gold, but he found a different kind of treasure in Temagami.

What is it about islanders? We park our cars, and we get in our boats, and everything changes for the better. We are solitary, but social. We like isolation, yet we enjoy and rely upon our neighbours. It's definitely not cheap. It's a labour of love maintaining and running a cottage on an island. We are a little tougher than the rest. We must be organized. We love our families, and we love when our families love island living. We keep coming back.

I tell people all the time that there are a lot of lakes between Pensacola, Florida and Temagami, Ontario. Some are very pretty, and all are certainly easier to access. Yet we head to Temagami year after year. Not just me - other islanders travel here from all over Canada and the United States. We also have TLA members journeying to Temagami from the United Kingdom, Germany, Rwanda, and Australia. More than any other single reason, I believe it's island living (and by default, the undeveloped, mainland "Skyline Reserve") that makes this lake so special and unique.

It's an honour and a privilege to live on these islands. It's our obligation to be their caretakers for generations to come. The Temagami Anishnabai have been following similar principles for millennia, and at its best, this is what the TLA is all about. We have been doing it for the last ninety years. Let's continue to keep up the work for generations to come.

A couple of closing thoughts ... Despite my love of island living and my belief in its centrality to Lake Temagami's character, I hope a just settlement agreement (including proposed, mainland, settlement lands) is reached that allows the Temagami Anishnabai to prosper. Finally, this is my last letter as your TLA president. The job is rewarding and fun, but also demands a lot of time and hard work, and I am pleased to pass the baton. The best part has been getting to know many of you. I hope you agree that this TLA Board of Directors has taken our best shot at the goals we set for ourselves in 2020 (https://tla-temagami.org/tlabusiness/policies).

Have a great summer, and I hope to see you on the Lake.

Paul Tamburro, TLA President



SKYLINE RESERVE

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

The two reserves would be the following:

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

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



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

ROAD ACCESS

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

Fish Lead Free

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from lead poisoning. Furthermore, biologists have identified that loons are dying from lead tackle which is being used currently. This means that by reducing the flow of lead into the environment, loons and other vulnerable wildlife can gain an immediate benefit.

So, how does the "Lead Fishing Tackle Buy Back Program" work? Thanks to generous financial support received from the Township of South Frontenac's "Lake Ecosystem Grant Program", the WLA issues \$10.00 vouchers to anglers in exchange for their lead tackle. Vouchers (one per customer) are distributed by participating retailers, who also collect the tackle. Customers can redeem their vouchers only on the purchase of lead-free fishing tackle at participating stores. Individuals who answer a few survey questions on the vouchers are also entered into random prize draws throughout the year. WLA volunteers visit the retailers monthly to collect lead tackle and arrange reimbursement for the redeemed vouchers.

Lead tackle is also being collected at the Westport Lions Reuse and Recycle Centre and at various community events, where public-awareness literature and samples of eco-friendly tackle are distributed. Educational signage is being installed at area boat launches, and youth education opportunities are under way in cooperation with Camp IAWAH, Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre, and the Ottawa Wild Bird Care Centre. The program has been highlighted in *Ontario Out of Doors* magazine's April 2022 issue and various other publications.

Lead toxicity in wildlife is a big problem with a simple solution. **Stop using lead!** Switch to non-toxic alternatives made from tungsten, steel, bismuth, tin, metal composite, glass, and stone. They are pricier than lead, but the annual cost increase for the average Canadian angler to switch to lead-free tackle is estimated to be less than 1-2%. Certainly, the well-being of wildlife and our natural resources is worth this modest investment.

Did you know that the Temagami Lake Association ran a successful lead, fishing-tackle exchange in the past? Why not help reinvigorate this initiative in the Lake community? To learn more about the "Lead Fishing Tackle Buy Back Program", including an updated list of lead-free tackle manufacturers and retailers, visit <u>fishleadfree.ca</u>, or contact me at <u>manthey.margie@gmail.com</u>.

Let's get the lead out!





Fishing with lead-free tackle prevents lead poisoning in loons, eagles and other wildlife while helping protect water quality in our lakes.

For more info, visit
FISHLEADFREE.CA

Lynda Shaw Landscape Paintings

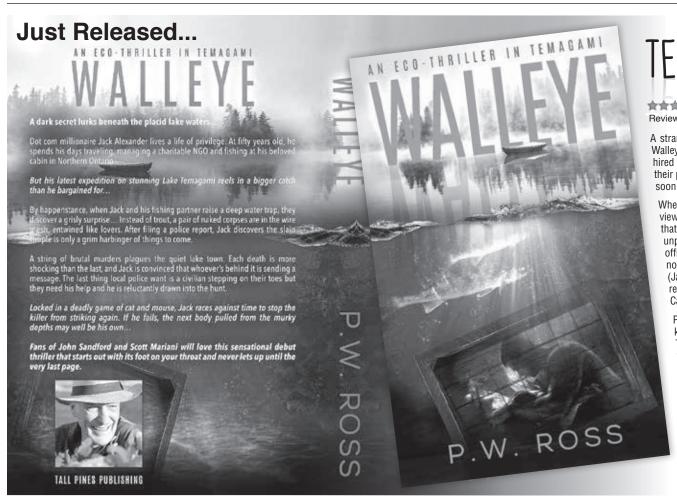
Lynda Shaw was born in Montreal, and she now lives in Ottawa with her husband, Marc. She has spent summers at her off-grid family cottage on Lake Temagami since she was a child.

Lynda started to paint landscapes about 12 years ago following a tragic loss. As a passionate landscape painter, she enjoys expressing herself with strong brush strokes and vibrant oil colours. Lynda believes that art allows her to absorb and interpret the beauty of all the seasons, and she is particularly inspired by northern wilderness landscapes. She feels her journey as an artist is an ongoing discov-

ery of the beauty in varied Canadian landscapes and a celebration of life.

Lynda's work will be available at Blooms 'n Loons and Gallery 212 on Lake Temagami, and at her cottage studio in Shiningwood Bay, during the summer months.

Lynda's art is always available through her Ottawa home studio and at Studio 87 in Perth. Further information about her work can be found online at: https://lyndashaw.ca.



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 Indiginous 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!

GO TO AMAZON BOOKS OR KINDLE - WALLEYE PW ROSS Hope you enjoy, Peter W Ross, Island 25 The Municipality of Temagami continues to work on the development of a new Official Plan (OP). This is a huge and important undertaking because it will govern the land use for patented (private) land in the municipality into the 2040s. As of this writing, the latest Draft 1.2 has been sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to review during the 90-day, statutory, comment period. MHBC (the Town's contract planner) is preparing a Second Draft and Comment-Summary Table of the OP for release in mid-May. A proposed timeline of steps and key dates for the review process is at the end of this article.

Your TLA has been actively engaged with the Municipality, it's Councillors, and the Town's hired planner in the OP development process to provide important input from the Lake neighbourhood's perspective. To date, the TLA has supplied the Town with two sets of official submissions re: OP Draft 1.2. The first (and rather lengthy) submission was provided by March 1, as per the comment deadline in the summary of key dates.

A Town-Hall-style Zoom meeting was held on March 7 for TLA members and any other interested stakeholders. This meeting was well attended, and included participation by three Temagami Councillors (Cathy Dwyer, Barret Leudke, and Margaret Youngs) who asked questions and shared their thoughts. Based on further consideration by the TLA's "Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee", participant interaction and input from the Town Hall, and additional comments and concerns from various members, the TLA made a second official submission to the Municipality and MHBC in mid-April.

In-depth content regarding the OP drafts and TLA submissions can be accessed directly from the TLA website homepage. We encourage members to review the OP and the various official submissions that the TLA has made to the Municipality as part of this process. Visit the TLA's website today to learn more.

FIRST TLA SUBMISSION (FEBRUARY 28, 2022):

Recognizing the Municipality's attention to economic prosperity, social well-being, and environmental stewardship in Draft 1.2 of the new Official Plan, the TLA President and our professional planner made two submissions by March 1. Our input included questions, concerns, and suggestions to improve the draft. The TLA planner's submission was detailed and provided specific suggestions as to language, definition errors, and omissions.

Most concerning to a number of members was the definition of patented land in the "Skyline Reserve" of Lake Temagami, as detailed in Schedule A. The TLA professional planner's submission is 14 pages in length and is well worth the read.

TLA President, Paul Tamburro, also submitted an accompanying letter to the Town and highlighted in broad strokes some of the concerns that the TLA planner detailed. The key issues covered in Tamburro's letter include the following:

- the need for a more specific and tailored (versus general) "Vision Statement" for Temagami
- greater emphasis in the OP on the "Tenets for Temagami" (which were fundamental to amalgamation), and a more precise and complete description of the "Skyline Reserve"
- a carry-over from the previous OP of no more than five (5) lots/year (non-cumulative) from any Crown Land that is released by the province (now currently protected by the Lake-Trout lakes policy)
- inclusion of Cross Lake in the Lake Temagami Neighbourhood, when the number of neighbourhoods in the new OP is reduced from five to three
- inclusion of guidance for lakefront-development setbacks, which is consistent with the province's Canadian-Shield, lakeshore-capacity policies (introduced after release of the previous OP)

Temagami's New Official Plan 2022

By Brit Hyde

TLA TOWN-HALL MEETING:

On March 7, the TLA hosted a Town-Hall-style meeting (via Zoom) to discuss our first official submission and gain more feedback from our members and interested stakeholders. The event was well attended, and generated good discussion and interest from TLA members and from the Municipal Councillors in attendance.

The meeting provided an opportunity to describe the TLA's perspective in detail and to get a sense of what other issues, questions, and concerns our members had regarding Draft 1.2 of the new OP and future development in Temagami. The TLA even produced the following draft "Vision Statement" to consider for inclusion in the new OP.

"The primary goal of this Official Plan is to secure a sustainable future for the community of permanent and seasonal residents. This will be achieved by giving equal weight to three long term objectives: economic prosperity, social well-being, and environmental stewardship.

Land-use planning will embrace and enhance Temagami's unique characteristics, especially the pristine health and natural beauty of its lakes and surrounding lands. These physical features, together with its rich heritage of diverse peoples, define Temagami today and speak to its meaningful history and guarantee its bright future."

The Town-Hall meeting also detailed how the OP should comply with provincial policies regarding management of development along the shorelines of Ontario's inland lakes within the Precambrian Shield. Since the last OP, the province has produced development guidelines not previously available. Recognizing this guidance, the TLA proposes two tracks.

- I. On an existing lot that is not vacant, and whose boundaries have not been altered prior to approval of the New OP:
- The minimum setback shall generally be 15 meters (as is currently the case).
- The minimum setback shall be 30 meters for leach beds and other sewage-treatment components (with some exceptions for topography).
- The setback shall be nil for select shoreline structures (e.g., docks, boathouses, etc.).
- 2. For newly-created or altered lots, after the date that the New OP is approved:
- The minimum setback shall be 30 meters for dwellings, sleeping cabins, standard and cabin secondary-dwelling units, leach beds, and other sewage-treatment components.
- No new lot shall be created unless it can accommodate development on the basis of this 30-meter setback.
- The setback shall be nil for select shoreline structures (e.g., docks, boathouses, etc.).

The TLA remains focused on holding future development that may occur to the highest ecological standards, and wants setback details included in the new OP for clarity. Zoning By-Laws should provide variation from these standards in the Urban neighbourhood, but the TLA wants the character of the Lake neighbourhood to be preserved and the setback details to be enshrined in the new OP.

SECOND TLA SUBMISSION (APRIL 18, 2022):

Having received input from various members at, and following, the Town-Hall meeting, the TLA President and our professional planner each authored

a second submission to the Municipality and MHBC in mid-April. Again, the TLA planner's submission was detailed and more technical, while President Tamburro focused on broader themes, as follows:

- Reiterate and expand on our concern that the new OP should more clearly prohibit all development in the "Skyline Reserve", and that island-only development should remain.
- Should the Crown release land for development in the future, a "Lot Creation and Development Plan" should be required in the new OP. Such a plan is found in the current OP and is compliant with the Ontario Municipal Board order dated September 28, 2004. This plan should engage all stakeholders and help to guide the location and type of development that would be allowed on Crown land in the Lake Temagami neighbourhood.

While we expect that the province's long-standing hold on the development of Crown land (to protect naturally-producing, Lake-Trout lakes, such as Lake Temagami) will continue, the new OP should be clear about what would happen with respect to development should that protection change.

As of this writing, MHBC (the Town's planner) is digesting community and provincial input to produce a second draft of the new OP. The TLA's planner maintains a constructive working relationship with him. Attendees of our Town Hall clearly appreciated our planner's ability to clarify issues, answer questions, and explain planning concepts, in much the way same that MHBC does at Council meetings. The planners communicate in "planner talk" to be precise, accurate, and unambiguous in a technical language that is difficult for non-planners to understand. Our planner's ability and experience is most useful, and we appreciate his help.

The TLA expects the second draft of the new OP to be released in mid-May (likely before you read this article). To learn more about progress on development of the new OP, and the extent to which the TLA's input is included in the next draft, check out our website for updates. There should be an Open House in June for more stakeholder input regarding this second draft version. See the accompanying list of steps and tentative dates that will lead to the adoption of a new OP in September of this year.

All TLA members should realize the significance of the new OP regarding the amount and type of development that will occur in the Municipality for the next couple of decades. The OP is an extremely important and impactful document that will shape the future of Temagami. Unlike previous OPs adopted by the Municipality, the opportunity to appeal the plan that is eventually accepted has been virtually eliminated. So, member engagement in the process at this time is essential, as the new OP will determine the future character of Lake Temagami.

Please participate in the process, and share your thoughts with the TLA and the Municipality (and its planner), as provided for in the following development stages.

STEPS AND KEY DATES FOR NEW OP IN 2022:

- 1. circulate to MMAH (90-day comment period)
- 2. receive comments from ratepayers and agencies (March 1 deadline)
- 3. receive comments from MMAH (mid-April)
- 4. prepare Second Draft and Comment-Summary Table (by May 15)
- 5. present Second Draft to Council (May 26)
- 6. Open House on Second Draft (by June 20)
- 7. comment period for Second Draft (July 10 deadline)
- 8. prepare Third Draft (by July 25)
- 9. public meeting (by August 15 to 18)
- 10. adoption (by September 8 or 29)

"Skyline Reserve" of Lake Temagami

The "Skyline Reserve" is unique to Lake Temagami and preserves old-growth red and white pine. It was not created by government, but with a 1935 hand-shake between the lake's property holders and the local pine sawmills, which were entering the lake for the first time. Industry agreed not to cut timber within the Skyline – any land and trees seen from the water of the lake – but it would be able to cross the Skyline to access timber behind it and boom timber on the lake.

Prior to 1935, the Skyline was protected from pine cutting because the lake was part of the Temagami Forest Reserve created in 1901, and property sales and development were prohibited. (Prior to the forest reserve there was a shoreline timber reserve in the southern half of the lake covered by an 1898 pulpwood agreement with the Sturgeon Falls pulp mill.)

In 1906, an exception to the forest reserve policy, like the one along the railway line, was made to lease islands on Lake Temagami. Leases were restricted to islands.

Exceptions back then to mainland landholdings were Camp Wanapitei *, aboriginal homesteads (Austin Bay, Peshabo Point, Friday's Point – all no longer inhabited), and the townsite at the railway station.

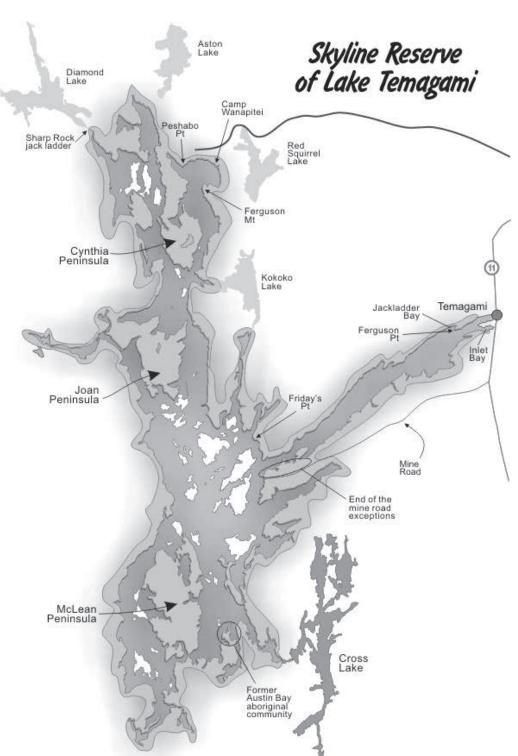
Later exceptions were made on Inlet Bay adjoining the highway and the former jack ladders at Sharp Rock Inlet and Jackladder Bay (both closed today). The opening of the Copperfields' Mine Road in 1958 led to the end-of-the-road exceptions: the Mine Landing, Boatline Bay Marine, Temagami Lakes Association building, Junior Ranger camp, and Milne's Landing for logging support.

The Skyline Reserve received written recognition, however tentative, from Ontario in the 1973 Lake Temagami Land Use Plan. It was tightened in the 1997 Temagami Land Use Plan.

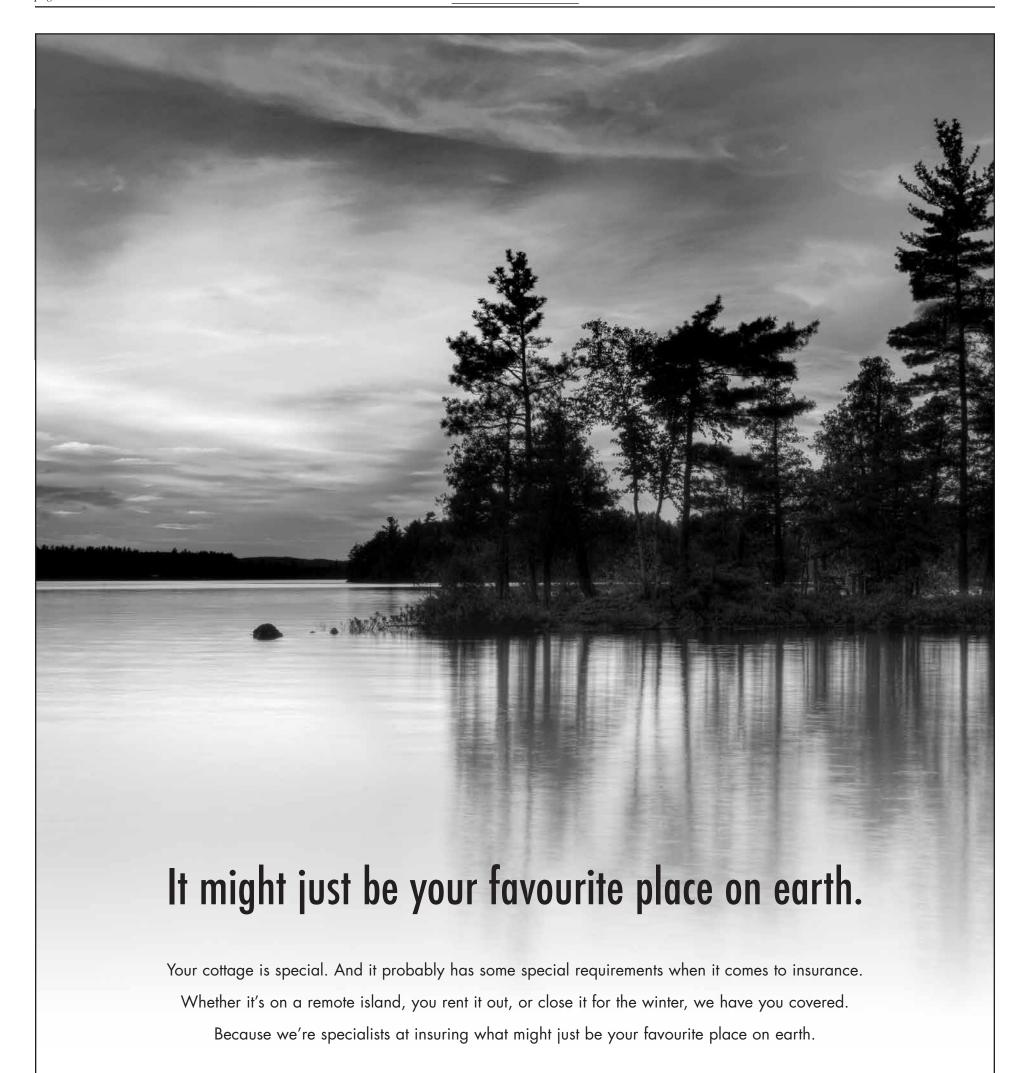
* This was an aboriginal homestead bought by Father Paradis in 1890. He essentially squatted and operated an orphanage farm from 1891 to 1924. Because its use had pre-dated island leasing and the forest reserve, in 1931 it was converted to a lease as an honorary island. The founder of Camp Wanapitei requested the lease.

NOTE: Two patented mining claims from 1887 at Ferguson Point and Ferguson Mountain pre-date the forest reserve and have never held a mine, any structures, or been occupied, except briefly to prospect. They were among the first claims in northeastern Ontario.

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Laura and Nick's Wedding - High Rock Island (June 19, 2021)

By Lindsay Jones and Diana MacNeil

Laura MacNeil and Nick Germanakos were married in an intimate ceremony, with immediate family present, on June 19, 2021, at their family island on Lake Temagami. When Laura's Great-Grandfather, Bethune Larratt Smith, stood at the front of his new main cabin on High Rock Island in 1938, marvelling at the spectacular west-facing view of the Lake, he could not have imagined that his Great-Granddaughter, Laura, would marry her fiancé, Nick, in the same spot 83 years later.

Nick proposed to Laura in August 2019 on the beach. The wedding was initially planned to be held in Toron-

to on August 28, 2020, with a guest list of 150 friends and family members. After two more postponements with modified plans and continued lockdowns due to Covid, Laura approached her parents in late May with a request to get married at the family cottage in June. John and Diana agreed, but that was before they were asked to not only hold a wedding ceremony on an off-grid island, but also to accommodate out-of-town family who would be in attendance! The bride's brother, Michael (a TLA summer, radio-operator alumnus), was able to fly home from San Francisco, California, and her brother James (a TLA summer-student alumnus, as well), attended virtually from Sydney, Australia. The groom's sister, Dimitria, also attended virtually from Stockholm, Sweden.

Since none of the previous wedding arrangements would work on the Lake, it was a mad scramble to pull everything together. Finding an Anglican Minister and receiv-

Laura and Nick were married in front of the MacNeil's main cabin on High Rock Island – facing west and overlooking the main channel of Lake Temagami. (photo submission by Laura MacNeil)

ing authorisation from the Anglican diocese was a large hurdle that was ultimately resolved with Dr. Reverend Derek Neal of St. Simon's Anglican Church in Temagami officiating. Other challenges with the wedding included bringing flowers from a Toronto florist, finding local accommodations for the photographer from Hamilton, and securing the wellknown Muskoka caterer, Chef René, for the dock lunch and formal dinner. It couldn't have happened without the help of the Butler and Oakley families from Carmac Island 770, who graciously agreed to offer water transportation for the service providers.

Laura and Nick looked as though they had been plucked straight out of a fairy tale on their special day. Laura wore a beautiful wedding dress that looked fit for a princess, and Nick was a Prince Charming in black tie. It was a beautiful sunny day in Temagami, and the mosquitoes were nowhere to be seen. The ceremony was held in front of the main cabin, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served outside. Following a formal dinner, the reception and dancing were held on the screened-in porch – with a fire blazing in the granite fireplace, candles illuminating the cathedral ceiling, flowers everywhere, and music blaring into the wee hours.

After much heartache and disappointment, it turned out to be a perfect wedding and a truly magical day in a very special place, that they will forever cherish.



Laura's Great-Grandfather, Bethune Larratt-Smith, on High Rock Island, 1940 (photo submission by Laura MacNeil)



Nick greeting Laura at the altar, with Reverand Derek Neal in attendance to officiate. (photo submission by Laura MacNeil)



Clean, Drain, and (Temagami) Dry

By Diane Green

What invasive species could threaten Lake Temagami?

There are numerous species that could be introduced into Lake Temagami, including plant, animal, fish, and snail species, and others. Zebra mussels are one well-known example, and Eurasian Milfoil is another.

Cottagers are fortunate that Lake Temagami is relatively undisturbed. One species that has been found in the Lake, however, is the Spiny Waterflea – a small crustacean that can attach to fishing lines and be transported between lakes or within Lake Temagami itself. Another concern is invasive *Phragmites*, which has been spotted in a few locations (particularly along Highway 11). It is far easier to prevent the spread of invasive species than to deal with the problem after the fact.

What are the responsibilities of boat owners?

FOCA recommends that boat owners ensure their vessels are "Clean, Drained, and Dry" before being placed into waterbodies. Note that the regulation covers watercraft, including canoes, kayaks, rowboats, and rafts, as well as associated equipment (e.g., ropes, fenders, and anchors). Failure to abide by the regulation can result in fines, starting at several hundred dollars.

When arriving at Lake Temagami from down south, owners should ensure that before their watercraft and trailers are placed into the water, they are both "Dry" and "Cleaned" of any attached organisms. Owners may find that these steps are most easily carried out at home (if their watercraft are stored near their winter residences), where there is access to hot water and electricity. Homeowners can use high-pressure washers and hot water at home in their driveways, or take their watercraft to manual car washes for cleaning. Studies have shown effective decontamination with hot-water sprays of over 54 °C (129 °F), steam at 100 °C (212 °F), and high-pressure washing at 900 to 1200 psi.

Air drying of watercraft for several days can also assist in the destruction of organisms through exposure to UV radiation and heat. Five days may be sufficient for the decimation of Spiny Waterflea, but it is insufficient for Zebra Mussels. Combinations of methods,

This year the Ontario government passed a new regulation to prohibit the transfer of invasive species into lakes from watercraft. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) has provided further information for cottagers on how this can be accomplished, and TLA members will begin to see more postings of the "Clean + Drain + Dry" graphic as a reminder that it is now the law to prevent introduction of prohibited, invasive species into waterbodies.



such as hot water followed by air drying, can be more effective than those methods used alone. This is why multiple methods of "Clean, Drain, and Dry" should be used to ensure that all species are destroyed.

When removing a boat from lakes in the Temagami region (or anywhere else in Ontario), the Province requires that any water on the boat must be "Drained" before the boat is transported. This includes removing the drain plugs, and draining bilge water, live wells, and bait buckets. In addition, owners should take reasonable precautions to remove any attached organisms from their boats and trailers. This prevents the transportation of eggs, seeds, and/or

live organisms to other locations in Ontario, as residual water and humidity have been shown to facilitate the survival of invasive species.

What else can Temagami cottagers do about aquatic invasive species?

Drying watercraft, fishing lines, and rope in the sun for at least five days has been shown to limit the viability of Spiny Waterflea adults and eggs. This crustacean tends to collect on materials dragged through the water – and, in particular, fishing lines. Therefore, one step that can be taken is to simply wipe down lines with a rag as they are being reeled in at the end of a fishing day. This can help prevent the further expansion of this species, both within Lake Temagami and in other regional lakes.

Invasive *Phragmites* is a reed that many cottagers have seen down south, as it has become a dominant sight along ditches and shorelines in some areas. One of the most important contributions of visitors to Temagami is to both recognize and document the location of this species. Several locations are already known, including at Wasaksina Lake and near Jumping Cariboo Lake. iNaturalist (www.inaturalist.org) is an easy-to-use web application that can provide tentative identifications of uploaded

photos through artificial intelligence using geomapping (i.e., the process of taking location-based data and using it to create a map). EDDMapS (www.eddmaps.org) is another, more-structured, web application that is specifically designed to track and

document in detail the

location of invasive species in Ontario.

If TLA members have any further questions or are interested in assisting with the "Clean + Drain + Dry" initiative, please contact us at tla@onlink.net.





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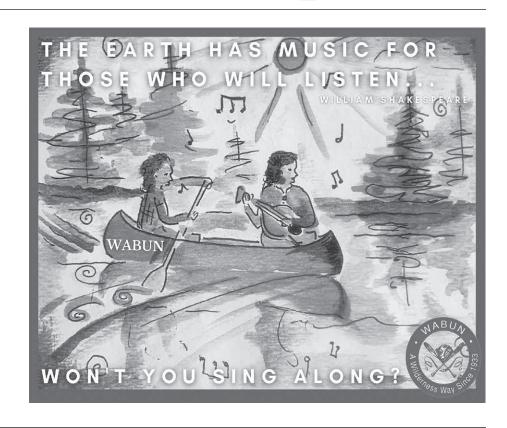
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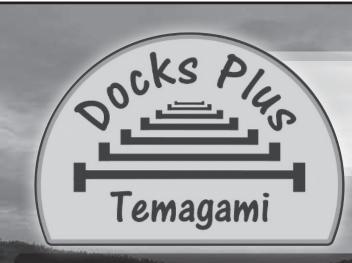
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EMEMBERING

David Cecil McFarlane

(May 19, 1952 - June 9, 2021)

It is with very heavy hearts that we announce the death of David McFarlane on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. He died peacefully in his home with his family (and pup) by his side. As with everything else, he lived with great strength and courage over his 21-month battle with cancer. As David often said, "We are all faced with challenges, and the measure of one's life is how we deal with them."

David and his wife, Susan, shared a special marriage of over 40 years that was a true example of love, devotion, and companionship. He will be forever cherished by his children Sarah (Craig Hanna), Joanna (James Wright), and Christopher (Brooke Bunston). David was a doting "GDad" to Edith, Jane, and Anne Hanna, and an adored big brother to Karen (Jim Empey), Joanne (David Browne), and the late Donald (Marie McFarlane). To his family and friends, David (or "Chopper", as he was affectionately known) will be remembered for his unwavering optimism and his endearing sense of humour that was punctuated with his hearty laugh and warm smile. He was intellectually curious and a gifted conversationalist – the type who enjoyed listening as much as he did talking.

> Family and friends came first, but David was also fortunate to find great fulfillment and success in his work. He was incredibly proud of the wonderful business he founded, and of the thousands of buildings and relationships he developed around the world that were the tangible results of his and Normerica's efforts. He was passionate about what he did and delighted in walking a piece of property with a client and imagining with them all of the possibilities in creating their sanctuary.

For David, his special place was the cottage in Temagami. He was an intrepid traveller and was fortunate to have explored much of the world throughout his life, and he found it convenient

that his favourite place of all was just a few-hours' drive north of his home. Whether it was playing tennis or having a sauna, or just listening to the birds and watching the sunset from the deck as he sipped a martini, it was in Temagami with his family that he was happiest.

Jay K. Myers

(1956 - 2021)

Jay on Lake Temagami

Jay Klingman Myers was born in Ashland, Ohio to Everett and Jean (Bean) Myers on December 8, 1956. He passed away at home on his birthday in 2021, surrounded by Liz, the love of his life, and his beloved dogs, after a ninemonth bout with cancer.

Jay was a consummate problem-solver, always fixing things and adding amazing gadgets and inventions to make life easier for everyone. He brought these traits with him to Temagami, where every summer he enjoyed all that life on the Northwest Arm had to offer – including a summer at Keewaydin Camp. He made a name for himself that summer when he brought his section to the family island (1128) for cokes and cookies while they were completing the Obabika circuit. Over the years, Temagami's Lake community has provided a network of

meaningful and ongoing friendships and relationships. Temagami was, and continues to be, very special to Jay and his entire family. Jay touched many people with his warmth, empathy, generosity, and wicked sense of humor. These traits, along with his loving care, creative improvements to the family island, and the family's 23-year-old Glastron named "J-Bird", will always serve as a reminder of Jay to the community and his whole family.

Jay was a lifelong resident of Ashland, Ohio, with deep family roots in the community. The fourth-generation Ashland native spent many of his elementary-school days sitting outside the principal's office. He then moved on to University School in Cleveland, Ohio to prepare for his college experience. The college years were spent at Kenyon College and re-

sulted in an education in English Literature. That prepared him to become a writer or a teacher neither of which seemed like the right path. A career in the family

pump business was also not of interest, so he took a summer job in construction while he sorted things out. That summer job became a career and lead to minority ownership of Jennings and Churella Construction Company in Wellington, Ohio.

His experience and knowledge led him back to Ashland to become Vice-President and minority owner of Simonson Construction Services, Inc., where he spent the next 22 years supporting the growth and development of his home town. Additionally, Jay served on many Boards in Ashland, including Brethren Care Village, Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Ashland Cemetery Association. Jay also accepted the privilege of joining the Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF) Board in 2006, where he served as a trustee for 15 of ACCF's 27 years.

Jay was preceded in death by his loving parents, Everett and Jean (Bean) Myers, his parents-in-law, Homer and Denise Crone, and his sister-in-law, Terry Crone Stoldt. Surviving family includes: his beloved wife, Liz; sister, Pam (Rod) Morgan; niece, Liz Morgan; nephew, Tim (MacKenzie) Morgan, and their children Max, Sam, and William; brother, Dr. Phil (Ann) Myers; nephew, Rett (Ashley) Myers, and their children Carmen, Evan and Logan; sister-in-law, Sherry Johnston; niece, Whitney Stoldt; and, nephew, Cameron Stoldt.

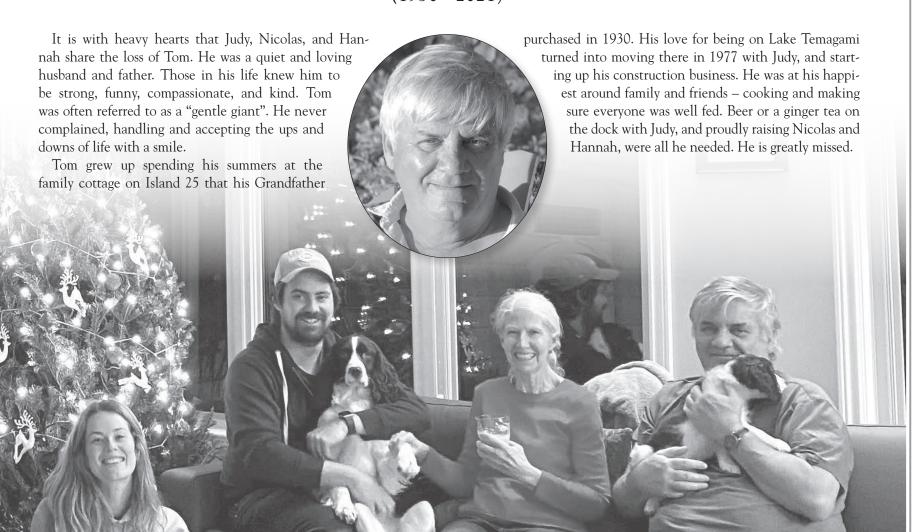
To those wishing to honor Jay's memory, the family requests contributions be made to the Jay K. Myers Memorial Fund for the benefit of the Ashland County Cancer Association, c/o the Ashland County Community Foundation, 300 College Ave, Ashland, OH 44805.



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BEWARE the White Jug Buoy

By Angus Scully

Picture this. A hot, flat, calm day on the Lake. You are out for a cruise, heading south, down the east side of a small group of islands. There, in open water about 50 metres south of an island, you spot a white jug buoy. Better give the area a wide berth – so you steer well to the left of the buoy, about 100 metres, and then BANG. You turn off the motor, look over the side, and there it is – a huge shoal. You raise the motor and see a two-bladed prop. And yet, way over to the right is that jug buoy.

The lesson is – beware the dreaded jug buoy. What might make good sense to the people who put it out, may lead others into trouble. In this case, the shoal that was hit was perfectly plain on the TLA shoal map.

Jug buoys are found everywhere on the Lake and typically made from empty, white, bleach bottles or old, white boat "bumpers". People usually place them on rocks and shoals near their docks as a local guide. Legally, anyone can place a private buoy almost anywhere – even kilometres from their cottage. But should you?

An Owner's Guide to Private Buoys:

Jurisdiction for private buoys lies with Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety, not the OPP. The regulations for private buoys are easily found online. Here are some relevant excerpts:

The Private Buoy Regulations require that all private buoys meet minimum dimensions of 15.25 cm (6 inches) in width and 30.5 cm (12 inches) in height above water level. **This buoy size is suitable only for very-sheltered, low-traffic areas**. Keeping in mind adverse weather conditions and varying sea states, a buoy should be large enough to be seen from the distance it takes a mariner to see, interpret, and act upon its signal.

All private buoys must display, on two opposite sides, the capital letters "PRIV". These letters are to be as large as practical for the size of the buoy and contrasting in colour (white when the background colour is red, green, or black, and black when the background colour is white or yellow). In addition, the buoy owner's current name, address, and telephone number must be on the buoy in an easy-to-read, permanent manner.

Note: Do not use steel drums, barrels, propane cylinders, or **bleach bottles and jugs** as buoys. You must have a monitoring and repair schedule for checking that the buoy continues to meet all legal requirements, stays in position, and remains in good working order.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS:

You can be fined for not meeting the requirements set out in the regulations and standards. In the event of an accident, private buoy owners may also be found liable for any damages resulting from negligence respecting their private buoys (Canada Shipping Act, 2001; Contraventions Regulations). Note: This is why you should think about getting liability insurance coverage.

An Owner's Guide to Private Buoys: https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/2021-06/2020-2021-MARINE-06%20PRIVATE%20BUOYS%20GUIDE EN-access.pdf

Do you really have to do that??

Be sure to read the whole of the guide for private buoys – there is a lot of good advice. Interfering with navigation is not allowed. And, be sure to check with neighbours and other people in the area, as marking a place that seems to be a hazard to you may send people into another danger. Indeed, buoys may deprive others of access to safe water passages to their properties. The Office of Boating Safety is unlikely to object to a white buoy that marks the approach to your dock, though.

There are also other considerations, such as plastic debris in our beautiful Lake. Few jug buoys survive for long where there are waves, and plastic bottles and anchor lines can be found on our shorelines. Is your buoy really necessary? Would you dispose of an empty plastic bottle by throwing it into the Lake?

Remember:

Practice safe boating, use the TLA shoal map, be considerate of your neighbours, and ... Always Wear an Approved Lifejacket.

Angus Scully was, some years ago, the chair of the TLA Marine Committee and is a qualified Boating Safety Specialist with the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.



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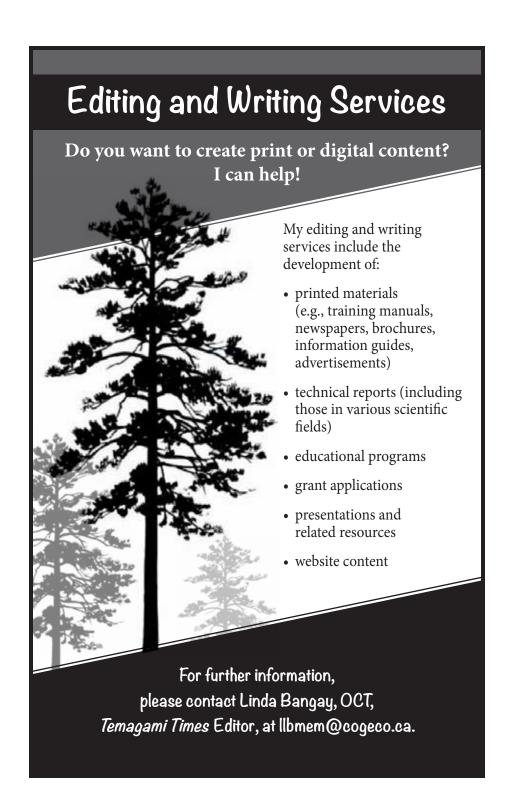
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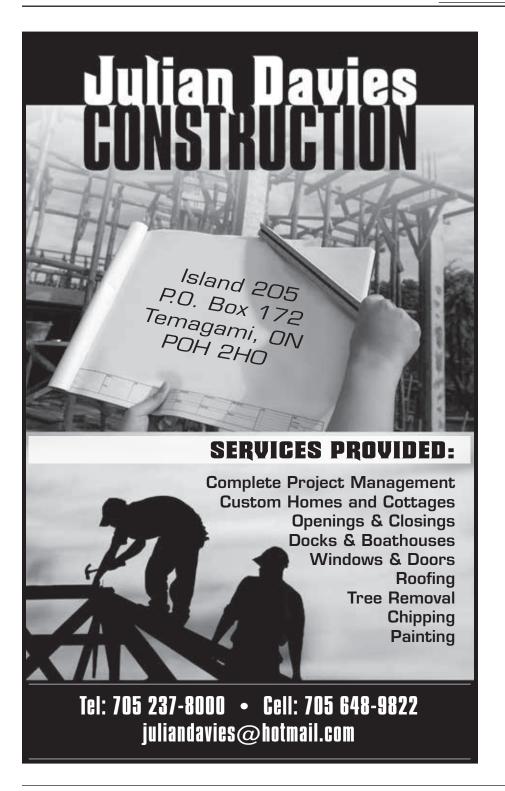
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The Decibel Coalition



The Decibel Coalition is a national group of stakeholders whose objective is to enhance existing legislation in the Government of Cana-

da's Small Vessel Regulations (under the Canadian Shipping Act, 2001) – including performance standards for boat-motor noise (set in decibel limits) and applicable to both on-the-water owner/operators and boat importers and manufacturers. Efficient, effective procedures for on-the-water enforcement is also critical to successful implementation.

Since 2019, the Coalition (which is Run by Safe Quiet Lakes / SQL: https://safequiet. **ca**) has been working to address the growing number of concerns about excessively-loud boats. The group is urging Transport Canada to enhance their regulations to include decibel (dB) limits on boat-motor noise, as many other jurisdictions around the world have done.

Coalition members include cottage associations, environmental groups, and municipalities. Numbers of members continue to grow as word spreads about what the group is trying to achieve. As of January 2022, the Coalition had 54 members (including nine municipalities) in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec. Together, they represent aver 95,000 households.

For most people, a boat that is excessively noisy is not thought to be "sharing" the lake, and its operator is being disrespectful to all other lake users. SQL's 2021 survey found that 95% of the almost 6,000 respondents ranked "relaxing on the dock" as very important, and 92% rated enjoying nature on the lake or by the shore as a top pleasure. Loud boats were ranked as a major obstacle to this basic enjoyment. Sixty-seven percent of respondents want muffler laws enforced, and 67% want decibel limits in the legislation.

Canada's existing legislation is weak, and police have noted that it's difficult "to enforce the current requirements as officers lack the technical expertise needed to identify whether a muffler is properly equipped or not". Decibel limits are legislated in many states in the USA and are standard in the European Union. Enhancing the Small Vessel Regulations will bring Canada in line with these jurisdictions.

How do I know if my boat is too noisy?

- If a boat drives by at speed where people on shore find it hard to hear each other, or have to raise their voices to be heard, then the boat is considered excessively loud and will probably not meet the proposed decibel limits.
- If you have a through-the-hull exhaust without any muffler, then your boat is illegal today.
- If you have a through-the-hull exhaust with a muffler, but the first bullet point is true (or you do not meet the proposed dB limits), then your boat is too noisy.

You can use a decibel meter to measure the sound pressure of your boat. For reference,

60 dB is as loud as a normal conversation between two people sitting at a distance of about one meter (3.25'), while a lawnmower produces sound in the 90-dB range. Note that sounds of over 85 dB for extended periods of time can cause permanent hearing loss.

Small, hand-held decibel meters can be purchased online. There are also numerous apps available for smart phones (e.g., NIOSH Sound Level Meter and Decibel X Sound Meter). Ensure that the decibel scale is set to "A" and the speed to "slow".

Recommended enhancements to legislation are as follows:

- ✓ SAE International J2005 Stationary Measurement: The proposed limit is 88 dB measured 0.9 m (3') behind the transom at idle.
- ✓ SAE International J1970 Shoreline Measurement: The proposed limit is 75 dB as the boat passes by at any distance, measured from the shore.

How do I make my boat quiet enough to meet proposed legislation?

- If you have a Captains Choice exhaust, it should be permanently disengaged (i.e., on quiet mode).
- If you have a through-the-hull exhaust, you have the following options:
 - Install mufflers inside the engine box or on the pipe externally. This may or may not be effective enough to meet the standards. Large-capacity engines and twin engines may be problematic. Costs for this range from \$500 to \$1500 CAD per engine and could be installed without a mechanic.
- ➤ Change the risers on your manifold so that the exhaust is directed via the out-drive to exit through the propellor or below the water line when traveling at speed. Costs can vary significantly depending on the current configuration of your engine and exhaust.
- Some boats are designed as racing boats / ocean racers and cannot be adapted to comply. These boats are not legal today on smaller waterways, but can be operated 5 nautical miles (9.25 km or 5.75 miles) from land.
- Products Available to Help Muffle Boat Noise: Gibson Performance Exhaust, for example, makes mufflers that attach to the pipe as it exits the transom (https://gibsonperformance.com/c-1169233-marine-bullet-muffler.html). The manufacturer claims they are tested up to 1,200 HP with minimal or no power loss, and they guarantee that the product will make your boat compliant with SAE International J2005 at the 88-dB level.

The Decibel Coalition welcomes new member organizations. Please contact **crystal@ safequiet.ca** for further information.

Sources:

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TLA Business

TLA Headquarters Building Services – Summer 2022

In the summer of 2022, the TLA Headquarters Building will be open three (3) days-a-week – starting on Thursday, June 30th and ending on Tuesday, August 30th – as follows:

- Tuesdays: noon to 4:00 p.m.
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- ✓ mail (incoming and outgoing) for TLA members on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- ✓ Wi-Fi access inside the HQ, or outside the front door even when the building is closed (contact tla@onlink.net for the password)
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If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bangay, TLA Administrative Coordinator, at **tla@onlink.net**.





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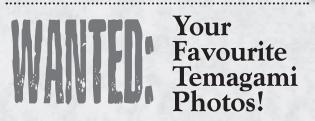
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TLA Business

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 crosscommunity effort.

Lake Temagami Water Levels 2022

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2022:					
January 20	293.58	21.0	293.00	294.00	down
February 10	293.42	30.8	293.00	294.00	down
March 1	293.30	29.0	293.00	294.00	down
March 16	293.20	27.1	293.00	294.00	down
March 25	293.18	25.8	293.00	294.00	down
March 31	293.17	25.8	293.00	294.00	down
April 7	293.18	25.8	293.00	294.00	ир
April 14	293.31	5.5	293.00	294.00	ир
April 20	293.46	7.6	293.00	294.00	ир
April 27	293.66	13.3	293.00	294.00	ир
May 3	293.78	15.7	293.00	294.00	ир
May 10	293.85	10.8	293.00	294.00	ир

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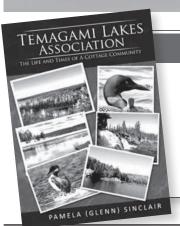
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Flow (m³/s): rate of water flow through the Cross Lake Dam

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

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

N.B., Note that the water flow out of Lake Temagami was measured downstream from the Cross Lake Dam and reduced in late March 2022 - to begin a slow, gradual refilling of Lake Temagami.



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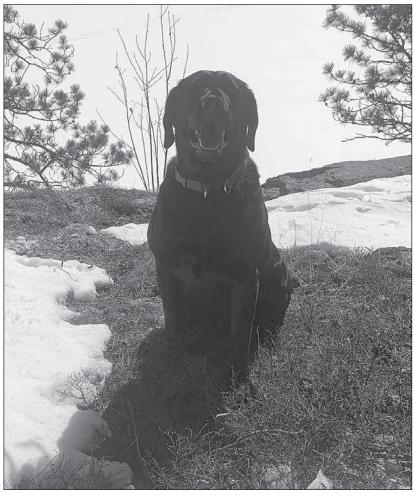
Available at the TLA building, the Annual General Meeting, and TLA events.

TLA Property-Patrol Report (March 2022)

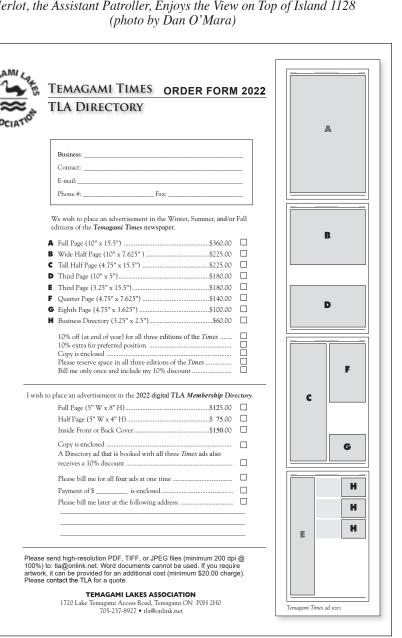
By Dan O'Mara

Winter 2022 TLA property patrols were completed on March 29th. Other than a couple of fallen trees, nothing significant was noted. There were a few more tracks noted around properties during this check; but upon investigation, most were determined to be from island caretakers or from people doing maintenance/construction work.

When the March patrols began, conditions were very slushy; however, with the cold weather and some snow later on, travel on some days was excellent. The hard-packed snow made it easier to access certain properties (which was not the case at the onset of the month). Yet, with the changing weather, we felt it was best to finish off the patrols before April.



Merlot, the Assistant Patroller, Enjoys the View on Top of Island 1128 (photo by Dan O'Mara)





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TAFIP Update-Spring 2022

By Ike Laba, President, TAFIP

The COVID issue in 2020 and 2021, along with the abnormally-warm spring weather in 2021, hampered the TAFIP's work. Issues, such as social distancing for two years, poor volunteer involvement, an early spring thaw in 2021, and low water levels in Net Creek / Cassels Lake hampered our egg collection. In 2021, the Walleye egg target could not be fully achieved, as most of these fish spawned under the ice.



On April 5, 2022, we held our first important meeting in two years. A total of 22 members attended, including three new members. With pandemic issues diminishing and most of the volunteers ready to work with the Walleye enhancement program, we will be able to achieve our targets this year.

Special thanks is extended to all of our major sponsors: OFAH Community Hatchery Program; the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry; Temiskaming Anglers and Hunters Association; Longshot Diamond Drilling Ltd.; JPL Storage; Cassels and Adjoining Lakes Association; Davies Signs & Screen Printing; Temagami Community Foundation; Municipality of Temagami; Temagami Marine Ltd.; JB's Small Engines; TC Energy Community Investment; Temagami Lakes Association; and, K & S Natural Gas & Propane Services.

We also appreciate our local businesses for their continued support provided via storage services, donations, equipment loans, contributions of supplies, use of their grounds as a base for collecting eggs, shoal cleaning, etc. In addition to the donors credited above (for monetary contributions and in-kind donations and services), we have significant support from private individuals – residents from Ontario, and throughout Canada, the United States, Australia, and some European countries. All support – large or small – is appreciated. THANK YOU!

We also wish to recognize the *Temiskaming Speaker* and Diane Johnston for the article about the TAFIP which appeared on April 8, 2022.

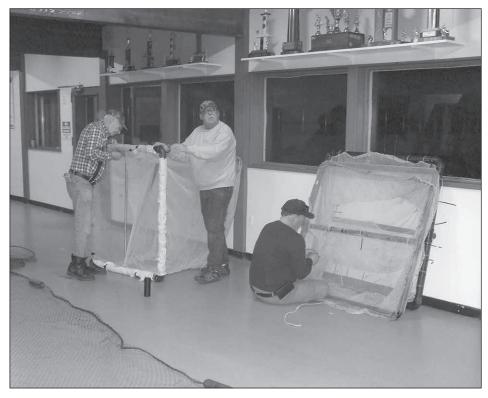
Work Planned Prior to Walleye Egg Collection:

- 1. Install our 4' X 8' sponsor sign on the lake side of the TAFIP building. The sign was constructed by Davies Signs & Screen Printing (Cassels Lake), which also donated 50% of the cost. K & S Natural Gas & Propane Services donated the other 50% of the sign cost.
 - 2. Upgrade the hatchery water system.
 - 3. Repair one large trap net and rebuild four smaller holding nets.
 - 4. Install eavestroughs on the hatchery building (lake side and street side).
- 5. Complete major upgrades to the Sherman Rearing Pond, prior to fry being introduced (early July).
- 6. Install a control valve and a French drain to eliminate unwanted fish species, insects, etc.
 - 7. Continuously monitor the Sherman Water-Holding Pond for a dam breach.
 - 8. Repair a leak at the Red Squirrel Rearing Pond.

Work Required After Eggs Hatch Into Fry:

- 1. To enhance survival, the stocking of Walleye fry into designated area lakes (e.g., Cassels, Snake, Net, and Rabbit Lakes in the Matabitchuan watershed, as well as Lake Temagami) must be initiated within five days of hatching. After hatching, 10% of the fry must be returned to the Walleye egg-collection site. Approximately 30,000 fry will be placed into the Sherman and Red Squirrel Rearing Ponds to grow into fingerlings (which have a much better chance of survival).
- 2. Significant upgrades are proposed for the Red Squirrel Rearing Pond. We will contain a leak near the dam-control site, upgrade piping from the water source with a control valve, repair two berms, and re-clay the pond base.
- 3. We are considering re-instating the "Kids Fishing Tournament" this summer, depending on the COVID situation.





Large and Small Nets Being Repaired by TAFIP Volunteers (photo by Travis Goodyear)

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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 (image submitted by Ike Laba)

We appreciate all of the active members within the TAFIP who contribute many hours of labour, equipment, and in-kind contributions throughout the year. Without TAFIP volunteer assistance, we would not have a Walleye enhancement program in the Temagami area.

If you are interested in supporting us with a donation, please mail a cheque to TAFIP, PO Box 88, Temagami, ON POH 2HO, 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:

Ike Laba (President):	705-569-3252 or ikelaba@onlink.net
Gerry Stroud (Vice-President):	705-569-2960
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- The young of birds who nest on shorelines (e.g., loons) may be drowned by boat wakes especially in May and June.
- * Wakes in certain areas can be disruptive to neighbours.
- ❖ Boat wakes can damage docks and moored boats.

How You Can Be #WakeAware:

- ✓ Know the size of your wake during displacement, transition, and planing speeds.
- ✓ Position your passengers throughout the boat to reduce time spent in transition speed.
- ✓ Watch behind you to minimize the impact of your wake on shorelines, docks, or other structures.
- ✓ Reduce your speed to less than 10 km/hour (6.2 mph) when you are 30 m (100') from shore, boats, docks, and swimmers. This is a legislated speed limit in Ontario!
- ✓ Waterski, tube, surf, and wakeboard 200 m (650') away from all shorelines.
- Consider the size of the wake produced when purchasing a new boat and motor.

Sources:

Be #WakeAware website Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations 2022



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DEEP-WATER MONSTER

By John Sappington

Long ago, a Temagami friend told me a story that would change my view of the Lake forever. He was alone, fishing for trout at 85', over a site reportedly more than 300' deep. A thrill of excitement charged through him when he noticed a hard yank on the wire line. He began to pull and imagined the trophy photo that would result. But more than an hour later, he realized that whatever was pulling the other way was far too large to reel in. He severed the line. Although he was a big man with

few fears, he resolved in that moment that he would never again swim where he could not see bottom.

Folklore and news stories speak of horrific serpents lurking out of sight for decades, only to surface in full view of onlookers. Some witnesses have cameras. Nessie, of Scotland's Loch Ness, is the most famous, but there are hundreds of lakes around the world where hideous creatures have been reported. Among these is Igopogo in nearby Lake Simcoe. Why not Temagami? Within its watery mansions, the Lake has multiple trenches that reach down farther than light can penetrate. An extended family of beasts could live unnoticed in this Lake, even if they were as big as passenger vans.

Imagine walking to your dock at daybreak in a summer fog so thick that you can't see the next island. Suddenly the flat surface of the lake is broken by a green head the size of a cocker spaniel. The creature's long neck uncoils, while it scans east and west with a predatory leer. For a stunning instant, the animal's gaze locks with yours. Will you be snatched by a set of icicle teeth, never to know the safety of your cottage again? To your relief, the creature plunges beneath the surface for another few years of privacy.

My strangest encounter happened years ago in early September when most of the cottagers had left for the comfy shelter of their winter homes. It was much like having an entire wilderness to myself. On one of those sparkling, precious days when the air is cool, the wind is calm, and the sun shines down out of a dazzling blue sky, I was up for an adventure. But it was on this day that I got a little too close to terror and something lurking in the dark water.

I decided to take the inboard up the Northwest Arm and visit the notch that shelters my secret bass trove. Briefly, I wondered if this was an idea I might regret. What would I do if the stubborn old engine quit when I was miles from boat traffic? But, then what are we here for if not to enjoy the north as nature created it? With lunch, baseball hat, and fishing gear, I set out for my rendezvous with the far side.

Twenty minutes of travel brought me to the indentation where I dropped anchor 30' offshore below a towering cliff. This 15-pound anchor was a no-nonsense item, with large hook-like points coated in orange rubber and hinged to insure a firm grip on the lake floor. I paid out over 40' of rope over the stern until the anchor finally clutched solid bottom. Next, I cast toward shore until I felt the familiar tug that tells me I've caught a feisty one. It fought heroically while I persuaded it slowly closer and closer to the boat. Then, there was that electric instant when the bass rose within two feet of the surface. At such priceless moments, all other concerns vanish, and it's full focus on the prize. I reeled in my fish, a two pounder worthy of honorable mention, and quickly returned it to the lake.

The scene repeated several times as a gathering breeze from the northwest riffled the water beneath my boat. Bass, so plentiful hours before, were suddenly nowhere to be found. Then I could feel more tantalizing jerks at the far end of the line. Something 40' down was very interested in my offering, but not quite enough to bite.

I lost track of time, fully hypnotized by the game going on far below the keel. The wind gained authority and sent half-meter waves thumping against my fiberglass gunwales. It then dawned on me that I was in some trouble. The boat had clearly moved from its original spot, and the anchor line was now pulled so tight that the stern was only inches above the chop ... and I was dangerously closer to the rocky shore. Accordingly, the bow was high out of the water, as though the anchor had gained 1,000 pounds and fallen into a deep hole.

I turned the ignition key and thanked heaven when the cranky engine started. By now, the wind had taken on serious proportions. It threatened to blow me on to the rocks if I didn't move swiftly once I got free of the bottom. I would need to haul anchor, engage the gears, and depart in a hurry if I was to get out of this mess. To make matters worse, I had to stand in the stern to pull the rope. My added weight brought the wave crests even closer to spilling into the boat. In urgency I pulled hard at the anchor line, but it didn't budge. My mind shuffled through a stack of options faster than a casino dealer with a deck of poker cards. If all else failed, I might have to cut the anchor rope.

Once again I braced my foot against the boat's frame and pulled hard. This time the unseen opponent from the lake's bottom yielded just a bit. Nine feet of line passed through my hands a few inches at a time. Unexpectedly the rope yanked back with a force I could not have expected. What could possibly be so far beneath me pulling the other way on a 15-pound anchor?

Reason fled back down the Lake to the safety of the Hub. The theater of my mind conjured up webfooted dinosaurs, amorphous blobs of cottager-eating slime, or an elephant-sized freshwater squid not yet known to Science. Surely my life was over. All the O.P.P. would ever find would be a boat drifting without an anchor, a rope, or a cleat. The only remaining evidence of me would be two empty sneakers on the floor near the stern.

Now suffused with adrenalin, I pulled for all I was worth. There would be no strength left for another try. Inches at a time the anchor line crept over the gunwales. I hauled and hauled – alarmed, yet oddly fascinated. What would my eyes behold when the abomination came into view?

It was worse than any abysmal creature I had imagined or could imagine. Eyeless and blind, its pulpy, gaping mouth was more than a foot in diameter. Eight feet long, it had all but swallowed the big orange anchor the way an eager bass takes a spinning lure. Surrounding its primitive maw was a ring of short, stubby tentacles. The only similar animal I had ever seen was in a photo from the ocean's floor that featured an enormous tube worm next to a billowing thermal vent. With lightning bolts of apprehension shivering the length of my spine, I hauled even harder and gave a final jerk. The hideous atrocity gave up the hook and sunk slowly back into the dark recesses of its watery lair. I spun around, knocked the boat into gear, and headed for home at high speed. Life never seemed more precious.

Miles down the Lake, my death-defying scene played over and over in memory. Could I ever describe my encounter with the preternatural beast without bringing ridicule down on myself? Who would believe what I had just experienced with my own eyes?

Arriving at the dock, it occurred to me at last what I had pulled from the bottom. The wind had evidently dragged the anchor across Temagami's bed until it lodged inside the hollow base of a submerged tree trunk. The roots had rotted away long ago, leaving only stubs clinging to the tree's foundation. As ugly and grotesque as it might have been, this was no lake monster. But for nearly an hour, I believed without question that terrible living things lurk just out of sight in the cold waters of Ontario.

To this day, however, I do not swim in places where I cannot see bottom.





Temagami Public Library Update

By Sandra Firman, CEO / Head Librarian

Well, we have been busy here at the Temagami Public Library. We are looking forward to a sensational summer season. Our increased population from tourism and cottagers means a steady flow of traffic through the library. Parents and grandparents enjoy bringing in their children for some quiet reading and crafts. We can hardly wait!

The latest novels from the Giller Awards, Canada Reads, and other prestigious lists are up-to-date – so, come in and choose a few. If you are in Town, we can order books from other libraries through the ILL (Inter-Library Loans) programme.

I initiated a reading programme for children under the age of five in the Municipality of Temagami. The programme offers free books bi-monthly for the youngsters. A book is mailed directly to each participant's home (via the Post Office), which may help develop the excitement of reading. There is absolutely no cost to the parents, and they are encouraged to relax and read with their children. Reading is a valuable tool and past-time that can begin at a very early age. **Donations are gratefully accepted** and can be mailed to the Municipality office. We certainly appreciate your generosity.

The Annual Book Sale is part of the July 1st Canada Day Celebration this year. We have amassed a large inventory of donated and weeded-out books, so we hope to sell most of them for donations to help support our library's various programmes. Come over after the Saturday-morning Market at the Train Station to get an armful of books. Hours will be posted at a later date.

Every Saturday morning at the Community Market, we will have a booth to offer these books, DVDs, and magazines (for donations). Enjoy reading or watching DVDs at the campsite or cottage.

We also offer a fully-stocked craft section, which the children delight in using. According to the season, holiday, and theme, there is a stash of ideas, and all ages are encouraged to use their imagination. Newspapers, magazines, Wi-Fi, computers, printing, a quiet boardroom, and much more are offered, as well.

iPads are available to lend to library patrons, as needed (e.g., for seniors who would love to connect with their friends and relatives). See me at the library to borrow one, and assist your relatives with their usage.

That's it in a nutshell. Join us whenever you can!

LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION:

- Sunday and Monday: CLOSED
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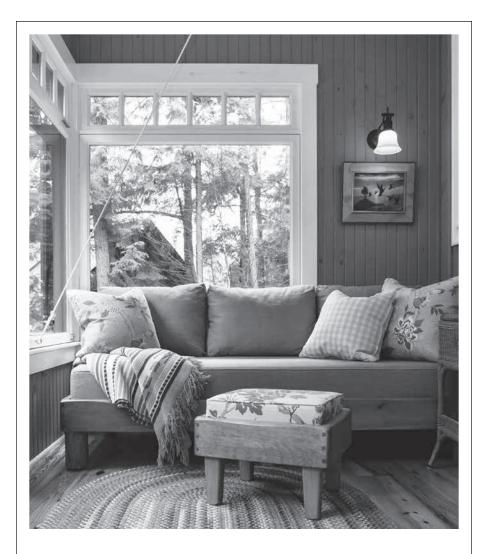
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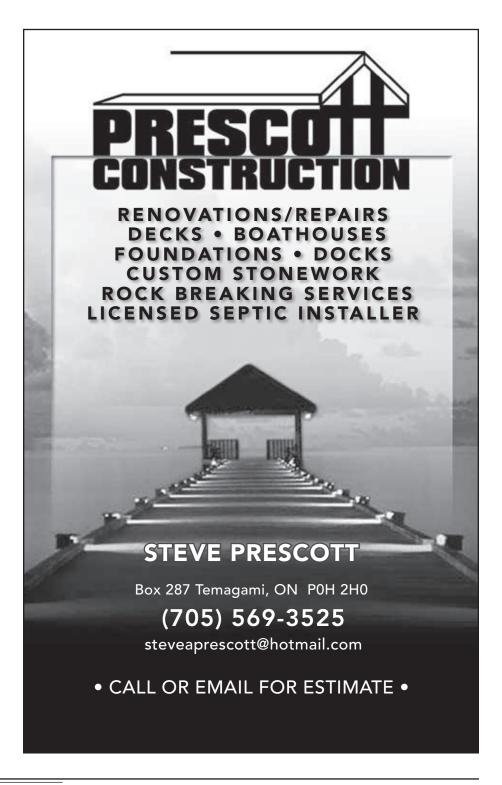
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Living Temagami McKenzie, and a full-moon sacred fire to share the wealth of knowledge in tradi-**Update**

By Stephanie Puddister

Living Temagami Arts & Culture connects, cultivates, and engages community using the arts, with collaborative ventures through Canada Council for the Arts, SPARC (Supporting Performing Arts in Rural & Remote Communities), and Pat the Dog.

We are currently developing a collaborative regional arts website, Northern Arts Connection, featuring Northern Ontario individuals and communities. This innovative project is designed to showcase, sell, and highlight the wealth of artists in Northern Ontario. Defying the laws of geography, this virtual platform initiative provides a space where artists can collaborate, present works, sell their creations, and connect with communities. A shared platform brings international awareness and equal Canadian access to Northern arts content. We showcase the plethora of tourism initiatives, cultural exploration, presentations, and community-engagement opportunities that are currently undiscoverable without a sustainably-active presence. If you are interested in joining the platform, please e-mail us at livingtemagami@gmail.com.

Community programming was active over the winter, with our Arts Administrator, Stephanie Puddister, teaching beginner and intermediate acrylic painting lessons on Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our Truth and Reconciliation project involved several events - consisting of drumming history with Tina and Lindsay Cote, poetry with Marvyn Morrison, sharing circles with Wayne Potts and Hugh tional practices.

The nine challenges of the week turned out some beautiful work from the community. such as songs, photos, poetry, stories, drawings, and more! We had a holiday event making paper-mache roses

for Valentine's Day, with Omar de la Serna and Ashly Legacy. This brought so many participants from the Town. We also held workshops on origami and March Break events on tie-dye and sketching. It has been amazing seeing our community share their talents and grow their creativity together.

We are excited for the summer and the annual Temagami Community Market, which runs on Saturdays from July 2nd to September 3rd (with live performances from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). The local vendors have wonderful products that are typically handmade (e.g., food, artwork, crafts, and more!). Be sure to stop by the Train Station after the Market each week. Here, we will feature an artist "Meet and Greet" from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., where one of our represented artists will share thoughts on their artwork and process. We look forward to an eventful summer season with visiting tourists and local residents keeping our community busy and thriving.

The Great Northern Ontario Roadshow will be in Temagami on July 9th, so come and visit us at the Temagami Market for fun Science activities! Treat the family, or bring your friends, and reconnect with your community - all while making memories with the people you care about. Adventure awaits in your own backyard!





Temagami Lions Club Update



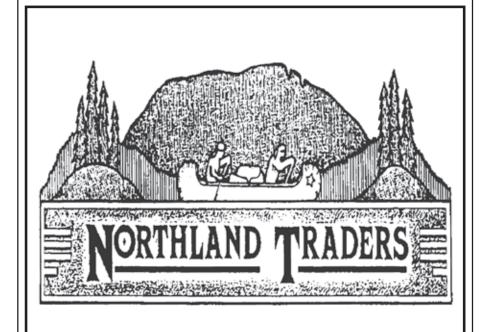


The Temagami Lions Club has been meeting regularly the last few months. We hope to have a flea market on the Canada Day week-end. If you have donations, please phone Lion Bob Sykes at 705-569-4412.

We are continuing to work with the Aids Committee of North Bay and Area to collect summer clothing for homeless people in the North Bay area. If you have any contributions, please phone Ike Laba (705-569-3252) or Brian Koski (705-569-4522).

We hope to have some barbecues this summer, if the pandemic allows us to have them. The Lions Club also operates the Food Bank and is busy helping those in need. If you have something to donate, there is a plastic bin outside the Library door. We welcome all donations. If you need to use the Food Bank, please phone Brian Koski at 705-569-4522.

We hope to see you this summer. Remember to stay safe.



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"THE ANCIENTS" Old-Growth-Forest Photography Project

By Gerry Gooderham

"The Ancients" is an old-growth-forest photography project that I am developing. Sponsors are currently being requested.

The project will create a new perspective for old-growth forests (with a strong conservation aspect) that involves exploration of these ancient forests and opportunities for knowledge-sharing and creative exploration. It will also have an intergenerational component, as partnerships with youth and elders from Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities are created through storytelling, artwork, and professional experiences. This will be achieved using older-style film photography and contemporary digital photography, and by experimenting with drone photography and cinematography.

The purpose of the project is to bring environmental awareness and understanding to old-growth forests. The initiative will be concentrated in the local and unique forests of Lake Temagami, the White Bear Forest, Temagami Island old-growth stands, Wakimika Triangle old-growth stands (www.ottertooth.com/Temagami/Sites/waki-tri.htm), and the old-growth forests on Lake Obabika. This project will bring a better understanding of the cultures and traditions of the North and our unique situation in the environment.

The Project Team consists of: Gerry Gooderham, Gooderham Photography – Team Leader; Mary Laronde, Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA) Elder – Spokesperson and Advisor; Alex Mathias, TAA Elder – Guide and Spokesperson; Steve Speer – Traditional Black-and-White Photographer; and, Bradley Paul, First Nation Youth – Cinematography and Visual Editing. Supporting partners and collaborators include the Chic Store (https://chicshore.ca) and Living Temagami Arts & Culture. Community involvement, through volunteer and "walk-and-talk" activities, will also be a project component.

Other elements of the project will include a physical exhibit of approximately 24 images @ 24 x 28 (which might become a travelling tour exhibit and an online virtual space), and an exhibit/gallery at Living Temagami or other locations.

We hope to have a budget for equipment rental, travel time, food, and artist fees. Currently, however, we have no funding and will be looking for donations and a grant subsidy. A possible source of income is through promotion of the project to the community and tourists – using a pamphlet with a QR code that could be purchased in local tourist spots in Town. This would direct participants to an outdoor installation and QR-code plaques that would link to the virtual gallery and physical locations.

If you have further questions, I can be reached at 705-237-8080 or **grg@ontera.net**.



Family Gathering (photo by Gerry Gooderham)



The Witching Tree (photo by Gerry Gooderham)



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Municipal Election 2022

The next municipal election will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022. Nominations open on May 1, 2022. The Returning Officer for the Municipality of Temagami is Suzie Fournier, Municipal Clerk, and she may be contacted at: clerk@temagami.ca or 705-569-3421, extension 208 (or 7 Lakeshore Drive, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0).

Notice of Nomination for Office (April 19, 2022):

Nominations for the positions listed below must be made on the prescribed form available at the Municipal Office. Nomination forms must be filed, either in person or by an agent, with the Returning Officer of the appropriate Municipality during normal office hours, between the first business day of May in 2022 and Thursday August 18, 2022.

On Nomination Day (i.e., Friday August 19, 2022), forms must be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Candidates for municipal council in municipalities with 4,000 or fewer electors do not have to submit endorsement signatures.

The required filing fee is \$200.00 for the Head of Council and \$100.00 for all other offices. Payments can be made in cash, debit/credit (if available), cheque, or money order made payable to the appropriate municipality (or by an electronic method of payment that the Municipal Clerk specifies), and must accompany the signed form. Full details on the procedures to be followed may be obtained from the Municipal Clerk.

Openings for Temagami Municipal Council:

- **❖** Mayor (1)
- ❖ Councillors (6)

In the event there is an insufficient number of certified candidates to fill the positions available in each municipality, nominations will be reopened by the appropriate Returning Officer for the vacant positions only. Additional nomination papers would then be accepted between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

Who Can Vote?

Anyone can vote in a municipal election who, on the day of the election, is:

- ✓ 18 years-of-age or older;
- ✓ a Canadian citizen; and,
- ✓ either a resident of the municipality or a property owner or tenant (or the spouse or same-sex partner of an owner or tenant) in the municipality during a specified time just before the election.

Your name must be on the voters' list in order for you to cast a ballot. The voters' list is prepared in three steps:

- 1. A preliminary list is created by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) based on data it keeps on home ownership and tenancy.
- 2. The preliminary list is sent to the Municipal Clerk after a by-election has been called, or in advance of a regular election which occurs every 4 years. The Clerk can correct any errors on the list, and the corrected list then becomes the voters' list.
- 3. If you are not on the voters' list, or if your information is incorrect (e.g., you have moved and are listed at a former address), you may apply to have your name added or your information corrected. This can be done until the close of voting on voting day in a regular election or by-election. You may have your name added to the voters' list at the voting place, and may be asked to show identification to establish that you are eligible to vote. For more information about getting on the voters' list, you should contact your Municipal Clerk.

Note: To ensure you are on the voters' list for 2022 municipal and school board elections, visit the Voter Look-Up website at: https://voterlookup.ca/home.aspx.





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Underused Housing Tax

March 30, 2022:

The Underused Housing Tax was implemented on January 1, 2022 by the federal finance department, and will be assessed/payable in 2023.

The following update was provided to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) by Borden Ladner Gervais law firm (www.blg.com/en/ insights/2022/03/underused-housing-taxnew-filing-and-tax-considerations):

"The Minister of National Revenue announced the following in the Economic and Fiscal Update 2021 (https://budget. gc.ca/efu-meb/2021/report-rapport/EFU-MEB-2021-EN.pdf) released on December 14, 2021:

Furthermore, the government plans to bring forward an exemption for vacation / recreational properties, which would apply to an owner's interest in a residential property for a calendar year if the property: (1) is located in an area of Canada that is not an urban area within either a census metropolitan area or a census agglomeration having 30,000 or more residents; and, (2) is personally used by the owner (or the owner's spouse or common-law partner) for at least four weeks in the calendar year.

Currently, the proposed Underused Housing Tax Act (the "Act") does not explicitly contain this exemption. However, it does give the Ministry of Finance the ability to create 'prescribed' classes of property by regulation, and also to create new exemptions that apply if a property 'is located in a prescribed area and prescribed conditions' are met. It is possible that the announced exception is therefore intended to be contained in this regulation, but no draft regulations have yet been issued.

In other words, this exemption may be addressed by regulation at a later date. We are expecting to see fairly comprehensive regulations issued after the Act is implemented, as many details of the Act are left to be prescribed. Until this exemption is prescribed by regulation, however, it is still possible that cottage owners who are neither Canadian citizens nor permanent residents will be subject to Underused Housing Tax if they do not fall within another exemption under the Act.

That said, note that just like the Act itself, which will be effective retroactively to January 1, 2022, it is possible that the regulation will be retroactive to January 1, as well."

Source: FOCA website (2022)

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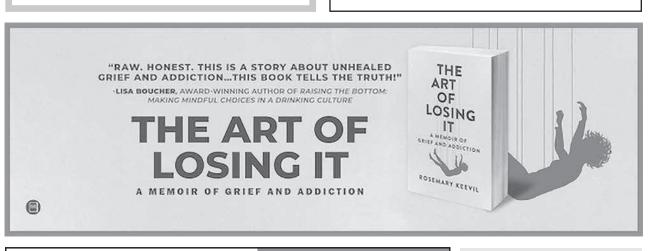
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