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*May the Fall Be With You
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A SUMMER'S DAY on Lake Temagami

By Diane Green, TLA Board Member

This summer, the TLA posted new signs at the Town boat ramp, Strathcona Landing, Manitou Landing, and the Mine Road access point to remind boaters (and that includes kayakers and paddlers!) to “Clean, Drain, and Dry” their watercraft prior to entering and leaving any lake in the vicinity.

It was due to the issue identified on these signs that, on a warm sunny day this August, TLA Board member, Terry Males, and I spent an enjoyable afternoon in a sampling exercise sponsored by the Federation of

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Ontario Cottagers’ Associations (FOCA) and the Invasive Species Centre. Our mission was to collect lake water using a large plankton net at three locations: the Town docks, O’Connor Island, and a spot near Ferguson Island in the North-east Arm.

Anyone who has ever taken a high-school biology course may have conducted a common experiment

by collecting pond water with vegetation and leaving it in a jar for several days. The resulting “hay-infusion” (nutrient-media) water can be examined under a microscope to reveal a fascinating world of tiny amoeba, crustaceans, rotifers, and algae. These are what is known as “plankton”. One such creature is the tiny Daphnia, which is a member of the same crustacean group as crayfish and lobster. This cute little creature darts around until its life ends – very possibly in the maws of a small fish.

In recent years, however, there is another creature appearing on the scene: the invasive Spiny Waterflea (who I will call “Spike” for short). Spike is a lot bigger than Daphnia and will eat Daphnia. Spike’s characteristic spike, however, discourages fish from eating it.

I retained the excess water from our samples for several days, fascinated by the tiny creatures darting



*Spiny Waterflea Adults
(photo by Gary Montz, 144, Bugwood.org)*

around. Our samples were sent to FOCA and the Invasive Species Centre for analysis, including the use of a novel DNA technique (new this year), which can detect DNA from invasive species in water samples. We await the results to see if any of the target species (e.g., Zebra Mussels, Spiny Waterflea, or a plant called Water Soldier) are found.

Yet, we know that the Spiny Waterflea was detected in previous years at the Hub’s boat-access areas – so, Spike is already in Lake Temagami. We all need to do our part in stopping Spike from increasing in numbers or being spread to other parts of the Lake (or to other lakes in the vicinity), because

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President's Letter – Where We Stand

Hi Everyone,

Despite my message to the contrary in the Summer edition of the *Times*, you are stuck with me for twelve more months. The rationale as proposed by the TLA Board is simply that the Municipality remains in a transitional period, with Council elections occurring before this letter goes to press and the new Official Plan remaining a work in progress and stuck in the draft phase. I do subscribe to the logic of having continuity in TLA leadership at this time, otherwise another Board member would be writing you this letter as your new President.

The subject matter today is going to be drier than my last couple of epistles, but very important and pertinent in the Fall of 2022 – that is, our standing as seasonal residents in Temagami. The various levels of government (federal, provincial, and municipal) do not delineate between permanent and seasonal, beyond specifying which seasonal residents are qualified to vote (i.e., Canadian citizens who are property or business owners, or the spouses of owners, within the Municipality). After that, all is fair ...

Or not fair. Two years as Temagami Lakes Association President has made it very clear to me that we are not perceived as residents by many members of the community. The TLA is frequently dismissed, including during Council meetings, as a “special interest group”. Of course, we are a special interest group! So is every other organization, business, neighbourhood, and individual. We all have our own interests and needs. However, in this context, labelling the TLA as a “special interest group” is an easy way of blowing off the interests of the seasonal residents who comprise the TLA membership and dismissing those of us who assume the task of representing our needs and concerns.

Here is an example. In the several hours I have spent at my desktop this beautiful Sunday afternoon devoting myself to TLA affairs, I have so far heard from three Council candidates about how, despite being in the middle of campaign season, they are far too busy to participate in a TLA-sponsored, five-minute video presentation or a questionnaire that could be thoughtfully answered in a few minutes. Really??

Should the Municipality treat us exactly the same as permanent residents? No. For instance, those of us who are in Temagami less than six months-a-year require, and should receive, a proportionally-lower portion of basic, municipal services compared with full-time residents. Otherwise, it would be a wasteful administration of resources. Determining how and what services should be proportioned and administered is not my intent for this letter.

I am more interested in the big picture for Temagami today, tomorrow, and for our kids. Here I believe, and so it seems does our government through our voting rights, that seasonal residents are entitled to an equal say. Here also is where views among residents tend to diverge. As an example, the 2020 Strategic Plan commissioned by the Municipality and performed by their chosen, expert, Northern-Ontario consultants at our expense, made the following key recommendations:

- *Validate Temagami as a leader in resource-based, nature tourism.*
- *Establish Temagami as a centre for environmental stewardship for any new or expanded opportunities*

Council apparently did not like their consultant's recommendations, as the plan has NEVER been debated in Council, let alone adopted or acted upon in any meaningful matter. On the other hand, every seasonal resident I speak with agrees that this is the direction Temagami should be looking for regarding long-term prosperity.

For this plan to work, seasonal residents have our own responsibilities. We need to practice environmental stewardship at an individual level. We need to make sure our septic systems are capable. We need to make an extra effort to support local businesses, craftspersons, and leaders with a similar vision. We cannot just talk the talk; we need to purposefully walk the walk. At the same time, Municipal leaders must respect our value as members of the community and support our efforts to preserve the unique character and health of Lake Temagami. Doing so is a big step in the path to prosperity as a community.

I enjoy hearing from you, so stay in touch.

Paul Tamburro, TLA President



Tower Walk (photo by Gerry Gooderham)

SKYLINE RESERVE

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

The two reserves would be the following:

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

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

ROAD ACCESS

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

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

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

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

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when Spike gets hungry, it can eat a lot of native zooplankton (the animal portion of the plankton community).

One study in Wisconsin on Spiny Waterfleas indicated that, "If you crunch the numbers, the population of "spinies" living in Lake Mendota consumes so many native zooplankton that, in just seven years, they eat an amount of biomass equivalent to the entire human population of Madison. In other words, if you put seven-years' worth of the Spiny Waterflea's diet on a scale, it would weigh as much as the 240,000 people who call Madison home." The author, Jake Walsh, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, goes on to note that the level of consumption is not unexpected, as all zooplankton eat a lot. The problem with Spike is that it eats a lot more than native species do, and can, therefore, overwhelm the normal food chain in a lake.

During our sampling at the Town docks, we also tried to avoid Eurasian Watermilfoil (an invasive aquatic plant) that has been growing extensively there. When I park my boat, I try to stay near the end of the dock to avoid contamination. It is somewhat fortunate that the prevailing winds tend to blow pieces of this invasive plant back towards shore. However, if the wind is blowing the other way, stray pieces can be found floating around – even at the end of the dock. I have fished them out of the water to avoid catching them on my boat.

As we were sampling near the Town docks, we saw that Eurasian Watermilfoil has spread to the area around the first island. Despite being careful and aware of the issue, we picked up a piece on my motor, which got carried as far as O'Connor Island. Luckily, we spotted it there and got rid of it.

Some lakes in Michigan have been increasingly impacted by a hybrid of Eurasian Watermilfoil and one of our native forms, the Northern Watermilfoil. This could also happen in Lake Temagami.

So, please check your fishing lines and ropes for invasive species such as the Spiny Waterflea, and "Clean, Drain, and Dry" your watercraft of any invasive animal or plant material (e.g., Eurasian Watermilfoil) that could be spread to other bodies of water.



Aquatic Invasive Species in the Temagami Area

What?	Why the Concern?	Where?	What You Can Do
<p>Spiny Waterflea</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers believe that Spiny Waterfleas are the greatest threat to the biodiversity and structure of native zooplankton communities on the Canadian Shield since acid rain. • Because their main diet is zooplankton, they reduce food supplies for small fish, and the young of sport fish, such as bass, walleye, and yellow perch. • A few animals can quickly multiply into a large population. • They are easily spread between waterbodies on angling equipment and bait buckets, and in live wells and bilge water. • Spiny Waterflea introductions result in an average 30% to 40% decline in native populations of zooplankton. <p>(image credit: Government of Manitoba)</p>	<p>Access Road boat launch</p>	<p>(i) Wipe down angling lines and equipment. (ii) "Clean, Drain, and Dry" your watercraft, including canoes. (iii) Report all sightings.</p>
<p>Eurasian Watermilfoil</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced oxygen levels in the water from decomposing plants can kill fish. • Thick mats of Eurasian Watermilfoil can hinder recreational activities, such as swimming, boating, and fishing. • Dense stands can create stagnant water, which is ideal habitat for mosquitoes. <p>(image credit: University of Florida / IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants)</p>	<p>Town boat landings</p>	<p>(i) Ensure that your boat propeller is cleaned of all plant material. (ii) Report all sightings.</p>
<p>Invasive Phragmites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This plant crowds out native vegetation, thereby resulting in decreased plant biodiversity. • It generally provides poor habitat and food supplies for wildlife, including some "Species at Risk". • It grows very quickly, and in doing so, lowers water levels – since water is transpired (given off as water vapour through the leaves) faster than it would be with native vegetation. • It increases fire hazards, as stands contain a high % of dead stalks. • It can affect agriculture, cause road-safety hazards, and impact activities, such as swimming, boating and angling. <p>(image credit: USDA NRCS PLANTS Database, Bugwood.org)</p>	<p>along Highway 11, Wasaksina Lake, Jumping Cariboo Lake</p>	<p>Report all sightings.</p>



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The Role of Temagami First Nation / Teme-Augama Anishnabai in the Archaeological Assessment Process

As the GIS (Geographic Information System) Lands Technician at Temagami First Nation (TFN), I work with a large quantity of archaeological and cultural-heritage information. I must be clear that I am not a licensed archaeologist, and am capable only of discussing this topic from the perspective of my own work.

The archaeology and history of this continent cannot be discovered or understood without the participation and collaboration of local Indigenous communities. Pre-contact archaeology explores the history of these Indigenous communities, and post-contact archaeology explores the shared history of all who have lived in the area.

When applications are sent to Temagami First Nation / Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA) from the Municipality of Temagami, it is TFN/TAA's responsibility to review these applications for any type of impact, including impacts to archaeological resources.

The Municipality's "Official Plan" lists supporting studies for zoning by-law amendments, official-plan amendments, minor variances, consents, etc., since they fall in accordance with professional standards and/or guidelines. Archaeological studies are included in this list. How an archaeological study will be conducted is subject to Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport regulations.

Determining Areas of High Archaeological Potential:

Temagami First Nation uses provincial data layers to determine areas of high archaeological potential. This data is based on locational context, including (but not limited to) proximity to known archaeological sites, topographical features, known cultural features, historical travel routes (nastawgan), and distance from water.

TFN/TAA regularly consults a form available from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport (Form 0478E [2011] – Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential: A Checklist for the Non-Specialist). This form is an excellent resource in determining locations of high archaeological potential.

When TFN/TAA is looking at the location of an application site, we determine the distance from the water's edge, proximity to nearby registered archaeological sites, proximity to nastawgan and known areas of previous habitation, as well as a few other values. We have a screening tool within our spatial database which allows us to view and store all of this information.

Temagami First Nation's Screening Tool:

Temagami First Nation's screening tool is kept within a GIS database, which contains all known values in which TFN/TAA has an interest (e.g., cultural- or natural-heritage values). The screening tool is made up of data collected from the mapping project, historical records, and government data.

The mapping project is a legacy project that records the lives and stories of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai across n'Daki Menan. This work was established with multiple meaningful and necessary goals in mind. The n'Daki Menan Mapping Project preserves knowledge from elders and supports TAA/TFN's rights and claims in legal settings by providing evidence of title and rights. The information gathered allows our Lands and Resources staff to effectively respond to mining and forestry applications, with a full understanding of the impacts that these developments will have.

The Preservation of Context:

The Ontario Heritage Act prohibits anyone from disturbing or altering an archaeological site – whether on land or under water – unless they hold a valid archaeological license issued by the Ministry. The fines and punishments for breaking this law are severe.

Leaving artifacts in the ground preserves the context, which gives them their meaning. Location and placement provide invaluable details to understanding history and our past. If a site or artifact is accidentally uncovered, a licensed archaeologist should be contacted as soon as possible to assist in preserving the context in which it has been found.

Repatriation:

We are currently working on an artifact research and repatriation project, funded by the Government of Canada. Our primary focus has been on working with museums, but we always look forward to discussions with individuals who wish to talk about artifacts which are in their possession. Repatriation of artifacts is fantastic, but it isn't the only possible outcome of these discussions.

We currently have several items from the Canadian Museum of History, which are staying with us for a one-year loan. We also have a few items loaned to us from community members, and a lovely ceramic pot which was repatriated by a seasonal Lake resident. Everything is being displayed in our new band office on Bear Island, and visitors are welcome to come and view the display and to ask questions about the items.

We are always interested in obtaining copies of old documents and maps, and would be happy to take photographs of originals in order to gather information about the area's history.

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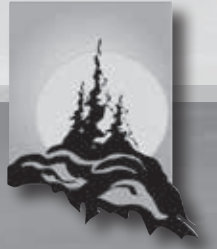
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Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS) was incorporated as a charitable organization in 2013. Prior to this, the TLA's water-quality testing initiative was funded by donations from TLA members who contributed to the "Water-Quality Fund" when renewing memberships. By establishing a registered charity with the Canadian Revenue Agency, we are now able to accept bequests and donations, as well as issue tax receipts to Canadians for donations. Furthermore, we established a partnership with the Nature Conservancy of Canada, whereby donations in excess of \$250 from Americans are eligible for tax receipts that are acceptable to the IRS.



Dr. Richardson Analyzes Data in Real Time on a Laptop (photo by Tim Richardson)

TERAS donations have funded the annual water-testing program undertaken by volunteers, and supported by scientists, using increasingly-sophisticated equipment. Water samples have been sent to laboratories for testing, with results analyzed and added to our growing database.

During the month of September 2022, after a two-year, pandemic-induced hiatus, Tim Richardson and his son, Dr. Murray Richardson, completed the TERAS-sponsored water-testing on Lake Temagami. Over two days, they traveled more than 75 km to all arms of the Lake to complete the testing. Fortunately, the weather cooperated, and it was neither too cold nor too windy.

A total of 17 locations were tested, including one in the deepest location of each arm. Two samples of water were taken from each site to be sent to a lab for phosphorus analysis (an indication of the productivity and cleanliness of the lake water). At each site, a research sonde was dropped in the water. This is an expensive piece of equipment (worth about \$30,000) that measures physical properties of the water, including temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll, conductivity, and depth in real time. At all sites, the water clarity was measured by dropping a Secchi disk (which has alternating black and white quadrants) to its imperceptible level. Data collected will then be analyzed and graphed to compare it with historical data acquired since the water-testing program began in 2011. These results will be posted on the TLA website when complete.

Particular attention was directed to the NE Arm close to the townsite, where there have been reports of algae blooms in recent summers. Of note, the deepest part of the Lake was found to be the middle of the South Arm – where it measured just over 81 meters (266')! Clarity was lowest in the NE Arm about 90 meters (100 yards) south

TERAS Report (Fall 2022)

By Peter Healy, TERAS Secretary



TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP



Dr. Murray Richardson Drops a Sonde (an instrument probe that transmits information about water-quality characteristics) into the NE Arm (photo by Tim Richardson)

of the Temagami Town docks.

For the first years of the TLA-initiated monitoring program, all phosphorus samples were tested gratis as part of the Ontario Lake Partner Program out of the provincially-owned Dorset laboratory. This service was unavailable to TERAS this year, as testing could not be completed in both the early spring AND the autumn. As a result, Dr. Richardson found a reliable private lab in Lakefield, which has equipment that is sensitive enough to measure the low levels of phosphorus found in Lake Temagami. The downside is that the testing fee is \$25 per sample plus tax, and there are 34 samples to be analyzed (two from each testing location). He also prepared



Dr. Richardson Prepares a Sample for Chlorophyll Analysis on Island 795 (photo by Tim Richardson)

two specimens of lake water for chlorophyll analysis at the lab. Though we have not yet been invoiced for all of the testing, costs to TERAS for this year's monitoring will be approximately \$3,500 CAD.

Looking ahead, we have an opportunity to sponsor research by a university graduate student that involves lake-bottom sediment core-sampling – to study the paleo-environmental history of our Lake. Instead of measuring current physical parameters via water testing, this bottom-sediment sampling endeavors to investigate several hundred years of lake history. Issues such as the effects of acidification, forest fires, and/or anthropogenic (human-induced) factors are examples of what might be studied. This type of sampling is best done in the winter (under the ice), so that wind cannot

misdirect the dropping of the sampling tube that extends to the bottom of the lake. If core samples are obtained, they would be analyzed in an Ontario university laboratory. As these core specimens are VERY expensive to analyze (\$3,000 to \$4,000 CAD per sample), only a couple of samples will be collected. Other costs to TERAS for this project will include travel, accommodations, snowmobile rentals, and guide services for the scientists involved.

As always, we continue to appreciate the support of our donors who, with their tax-deductible donations directly to TERAS (via e-transfer, cheque, or through CanadaHelps), are ensuring that we know the present quality of our lake waters, how these conditions have changed over time, and how susceptible they are to change in the future.

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Plan Ahead

By John Sappington

Town day in Temagami is less like a joy ride and more like a major military operation. There are two schools of thought about when to go. Some prefer a sunny day, so that rain doesn't trickle into their pants and shoes while riding in an open boat. Others never go when the sun is out because, well, the sun is out. For that matter, you must remember what day of the week it is or wind up in Town when the bank and stores are closed and then lose your parking spot to a newly-arrived visitor upon return.

Most important is THE LIST. In one precise and thorough outing you must visit a marina, drop off mail at the post office, get supplies at the hardware store, buy flowers, replenish cash, score a newspaper, top off the car tank, fill gas cans, stop at the LCBO, refill the refrigerator, and stock the shelves. To guarantee no item is forgotten, thoroughly check all cottage nooks and crannies beforehand to be certain of what is running low.

One hazard of being away from the cottage for nine or ten months of the year is that you forget what was already stored last year, let alone where you put it. Among the many staples and must-haves for cottagers are pens, bread, milk, eggs, cereal, produce, 2 x 4s, nails, screws, gin, tonic, gear oil, chocolate, coffee, and maybe a new tee-shirt with a moose on the front. One careless omission forces yet another trip to Town.

Don't forget lunch. At one time, Temagami boasted the best Danish restaurant with a door facing Highway 11, in all of Northern Ontario. But the owner insisted on reservations, and sometimes he didn't open at all.

Visiting Town consumes far more time than predicted because Lake friends and shop personnel must share their fascinating tales. Inevitably, there will be talk of a roof collapsed under the weight of January snow, an encounter with a lynx, a dock relocated by moving ice, bear sightings on a populated island, cocktail invitations, tomorrow's ominous weather, and brutal shoals that suddenly appeared out of nowhere in open water.

A friend remembers one Town day well, as it became a disaster in spite of his fussy preparations. He carefully compiled his list. Then he separately bagged cans, plastics, paper, and perishable garbage. A box was dedicated to unneeded treasures for others to claim at the recycling area. Meticulously, he added 15 litres of gas to the boat tank and carefully placed every discard bag where it would not fly overboard.

He patted his pockets for the fourth and fifth time to be absolutely sure that he had his car keys and wallet. After prudently shutting the cottage door, he started the boat engine and undid the ropes. With a great sense of confidence, he backed out of the slip to head for his car, forgetting only the master list lying on the kitchen counter.

Many hours later, the Town part of the mission was reaching an end. Any veteran Temagami shopper will confirm that groceries are the last step in the operation to minimize the melting of ice cream between checkout counter and home. Then the transfer ritual: Bags must be moved from store to car, car to dock, dock to boat, (park the car), drive boat to cottage dock, offload boat to dock, offload dock to deck, then deck to kitchen, with a side trip to the workshop. In all, the return is an exhausting seven- or eight-step workout for the arms, legs, back, and patience. But my friend's trip was not to be a routine experience. Somewhere between the sixth and seventh step, he realized that something was very wrong. The first clue was a bent screen hanging at a pitiful angle from a side window of the cottage. How was he to know that when he so sensibly shut the front door to the cabin early that morning, he had trapped a bear inside?

Disaster waited indoors. The huge visitor was described by neighbors as a portly 300-pounder. Most agreed that they had seldom seen a black bear descend from a cabin window hind first. While inside, the bear had conducted a thorough search. Tables were overturned, drawers were emptied, and the refrigerator door was left agape. The last of a pie was missing, and remains of leftover food containers were rendered pretty much useless with bite marks. Not being familiar with the interior of cottages, the bear had sought a way out, but found the exit curiously missing when he was finished. The enclosure seemed to be made of former trees, except that they would not give easily when he swiped them with his powerful paws. To this day, claw marks remain on the walls as a curiosity for guests.

Black bears, by their nature, are not angry or hostile. Nor are they tidy. More precisely, they are hungry. All of us need to remember that we are in their place, their home, and usually not vice versa. Nonetheless, we can all get along just fine by remembering at least one thing: Close your door if you plan to leave – preferably before a bear goes inside. And don't forget your Town list.

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TLA Board of Directors Update (Fall 2022)

Brit Hyde (Island 1248) ended his six-year term (including two as TLA President) on August 31, 2022. His knowledge, pragmatic approach, and hard work have been invaluable to our Association. We are fortunate that he will continue on as a member of the "Planning and Municipal Affairs" Committee.

Margaret Langfitt (Island 1090), a practicing lawyer, is also leaving after five years on the Board. We very much appreciated having her legal expertise at hand, and thank Margaret for her years of service.

Nicole Brooker (Island 663 and 665) and **Alexander Morley (Island 1174 and 1173)** were nominated to fill the vacant Board seats and approved as Directors on September 7, 2022. Let's get to know them ...

NICOLE BROOKER:

Nicole Brooker here – lover of Lake Temagami, its wilderness, and its moods: from a calm, welcoming lake to a crazy (Do I really need to go out in the boat today?) wild, windy, and wavy one!

My family and I have had the privilege of coming here since 1991 when we purchased Island 663 – a small island in the hub, surrounded by a sandy lake bottom with a small rocky outcrop on the north end. My husband (Michael) and I are now permanent residents!

I threw my hat into the ring for the 2018 Municipal Election, but was not successful. I currently sit on the "Committee of Adjustment" for the Municipality of Temagami and was previously appointed to their "Planning Advisory Committee" (which was abolished at the beginning of this Council's mandate).

I love and respect this Lake. I will work to see it maintain its semi-wilderness aspect and fight to preserve the "Tenets for Temagami". As populations grow and the number of visitors to Lake Temagami and its network of backcountry lakes increases, it is important that we keep this little bit of wilderness available for future generations to explore and enjoy.

ALEXANDER (ALEC) MORLEY:

Alec and his family started canoeing in the Temagami area in 2004 and quickly fell in love with the Lake, the People, and the Beauty. All three of his children tripped with Kee-waydin Temagami – each making their Bay Trips in turn.

Alec has lived and worked in four countries on three continents, but always returns to Canada (and a Mathias-built, off-grid cabin in the North Arm).

He leads TD's national agriculture bank, as well as their small-business bank and merchant-payments business. He is also a Board Governor of the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall and a Board Director of the First Nations Bank of Canada.



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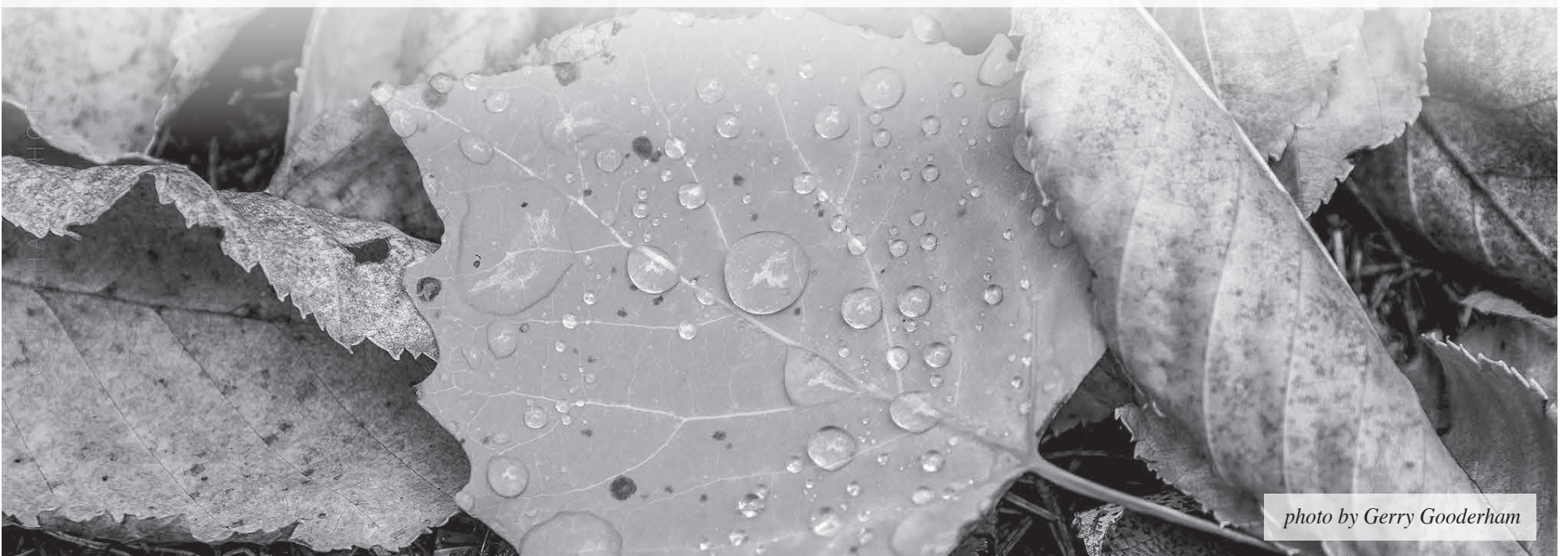


photo by Gerry Gooderham

REMEMBERING

Kristine Mary Lee

(1953 - 2021)

Submitted by Nate Archer

Kris passed away with her family by her side on August 25, 2021 at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. She made the courageous and difficult decision to choose MAID (medical assistance in dying) as her eight-year battle with ALS became too much for her body and spirit. Even in her final days, Kris was thinking of others. Her decision to choose MAID at the hospital allowed her to be an organ donor and also donate organs to ALS research. Since her diagnosis with ALS, Kris and "Team KLee" have raised \$100,000 for ALS Canada.

However, Kris is far more than her diagnosis. Kris leaves behind her husband, George Archer, of 48 years (August 18, 1973) and two children – Nate Archer (Ebony Bertorelli) and Taggart Archer (Ash MacNeil). Kris was a treasured and much-loved wife, mother, sister, cousin, aunt, great aunt, friend, neighbour, and so much more. She loved her family: Thomas Lee, Anita Winje, Susan Lee, Ralph Hicks, Simone Lee Hamilton, Shaun Smith, Ezra Smith, David Lee, Mary O’Ryan, Julia Lee, John Lee, Jim Archer, Marcia Archer, Tracy Cook, Stefan Cook, Rory Cook, and Cameron Cook. She also loved her chosen family and friends. Kris was beloved by all because of her quick wit, dark humour, love of swearing, and desire to support her friends and community.

Kris met her husband, George, in Temagami at Camp Metagami (at age 17), where she was a counsellor-in-training and George was a pot washer / tripper. Kris loved Temagami and eventually took her children there every summer. Kris found peace, safety, and joy on Lake Temagami that could not be duplicated. It was truly a second home.



Kristine visiting Camp Metagami with her Dog, Munch (photo submission by Nate Archer)

If you had known Kris, you knew her abiding love for animals, and that an animal companion was always by her side. She knew the breeds of every dog she came across (and fed the office cats, as well as stray cats). Kris also remembered the name of every dog she met. Kris was well known at Cherry Beach for yelling “no humping” at the top of her lungs. Kris was a woman who spoke her mind, and she was never afraid to be herself.

Kris was passionate about her community and helped to start the William Burgess School Breakfast Club. She was a Girl Guide leader, and an avid supporter of community organizations – ranging from a rape crisis centre, to Majengo Children’s Home in Tanzania, and animal-rescue organizations that were close to her heart.

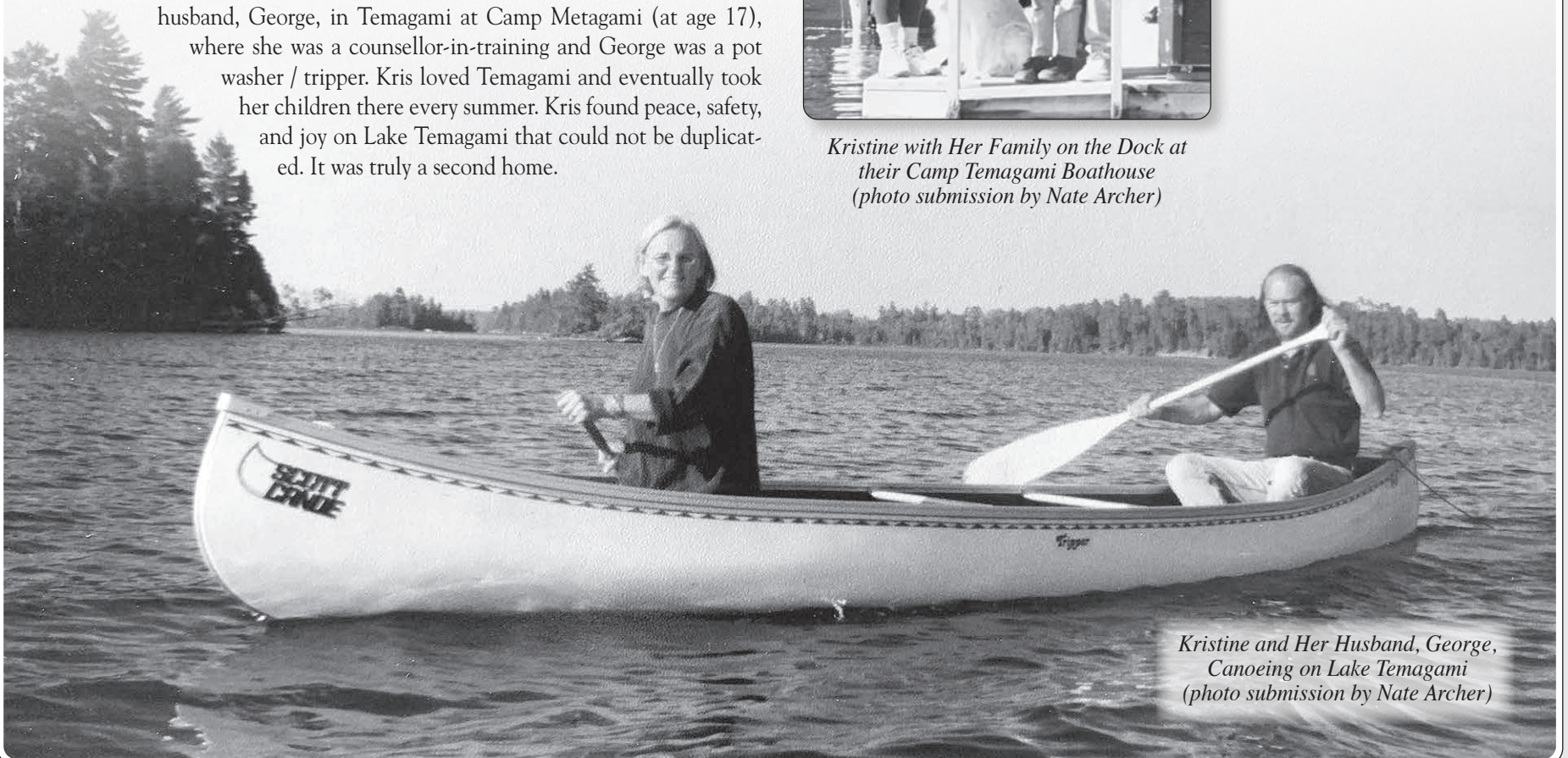
Kris and her family would like to thank all the Personal Support Workers (PSWs), the ALS team at Sunnybrook Hospital, and Sarah Reedman at ALS Canada who have provided care, friendship, and so much more over the last eight years. The care team laughed, cried, and shared their lives with Kris, becoming like family. Kris and her family are forever thankful for the care team’s dedication, warmth, and resilience. A special thank you is extended to Jacquie and Genet. The PSWs and nurses came daily during the COVID-19 pandemic, risking their safety and their families’ safety, to ensure that Kris was well cared for.

It is difficult to put into words how much Kris will be missed and how deeply she was loved by everyone she knew. Kris is no longer on this earth, but her spirit will live on forever.

Donations in Kris’ memory can be made to ALS Canada at: <https://als.ca>.



Kristine with Her Family on the Dock at their Camp Temagami Boathouse (photo submission by Nate Archer)



Kristine and Her Husband, George, Canoeing on Lake Temagami (photo submission by Nate Archer)

REMEMBERING

Allyne Portmann

Allyne (Rusty) Portmann passed away on August 2nd at the AVOW Hospice in Naples, Florida, U.S.A. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard Portmann for 58 years, loving mother of her sons, Doug and Alan Scott, and dear grandmother of Lisa Mascolo and her great grandchildren, Cora and Charlotte. She was also the proud sister of the late Dr. Gloria Allen, who was a summer resident on Lake Temagami at her home on Minawa (Island 1024) near Bear Island.

Allyne grew up in Lakewood, Ohio, U.S.A. – the daughter of Clarence (“Sam”) and Frances Seaman (née Anderson) – and graduated from Skidmore College, New York. Allyne came up yearly to Lake Temagami since early childhood with her parents, who stayed on Happy Isle (Island 977). She accompanied them on fishing trips into the bush. Her parents nick-



Allyne at the Age of Three in 1929
(photo submission by Doug Portmann)

named her “Chub”, but later on everyone called her “Rusty” for her red hair. Here is the entry in the Seaman’s journal for August 10, 1931:

Frances, Chub [Allyne], Sam, and Tom Potts [guide] went into [Lake] Wasaksina for 3 days. Sam fished a little before supper and caught a large pike and a pickerel. This is Chub’s (5 years-old) first trip into the bush, and she is enjoying it very much.

Clarence was the founder of the TLA Directory and well-known

on the Lake in his days. Tom Potts, from Bear Island, was his favorite guide and life-long friend. Later, Allyne moved to Whispering Pines Island (Island 976) with her parents, who built up the island during WWII. She enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking, baking, entertaining, gardening, swimming, and canoeing. In that benighted era, there was no internet or social media,



Allyne’s Formal Portrait in 2014
(photo submission by Doug Portmann)

and little access to telephones (let alone Smartphones!) – yet somehow cottagers had no trouble socializing. For instance, consider this journal entry for August 12, 1941:

A north wind blew hard during the night – tearing away part of one dock. We were wind-bound on our island. Tom [Potts], father [Frances’ father], and Sam put up the new kitchen stove and replaced the one in [the] laundry with one from the kitchen. We all attended the dance last night [on Bear Island] – Chub’s first square [dance].

Allyne married Richard in 1950, and before that, she and her father saw to it that her husband was initiated into the ways of Temagami. Though she never took up water skiing, she was always available to take Richard out for a spin on skis, as he was an avid water skier. Those who knew Allyne also appreciated her culinary skills.

Allyne was good friends with Lyn Brinkman, the long-time matron of Happy Isle. Her last year on Lake Temagami was 2014, when her island was sold to John Regan. Her last late Labrador retriever, “Willie”, enjoyed the Lake as much as she did, as did her cat “Callie” (still flourishing) – though she never told us. Although she never returned again, Allyne had many fond memories of the Lake.

The Hodges-Josberger Funeral Home on Marco Island, Florida handled the arrangements. See her obituary with various photos posted on their website at: www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/marco-island-fl/allyne-portmann-10869922. In keeping with her request, there was no funeral service, but donations in her memory may be made the Temagami Community Foundation (www.temagami-communityfoundation.com) or the Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org).



Allyne Holds Our Fish in 2013
(photo by Doug Portmann)

TLA Business



Welcoming New TLA Members in 2022

The quality of the “Temagami Experience” is preserved, in part, by the Temagami Lakes Association and its members, who provide support through their membership dues. Accordingly, the TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members and their spouses/families in 2022:

NAME	ISLAND #
Emily Allan	649
Nels and Marcelline Brigden	234
Janice Dobbie	340
Panya Clark Espinal	132
Adele Eustis and Ken Barnes	1076
Maia Fraser	992
Renee Gingras and Katherine Stewart	771
David Hildebrandt	665
Megan Hughes	1081
Ryan Hughes	1081
Steve and Kelly Hughes	1081
Patrick Ingram	725
Georgia Jarman and Micah Fortson	1076
Margaret Kincaid	588
Rebecca Kincaid	588
Virginia Kincaid	588
Elodie Rose Matchett	988, 989, 990
Jennifer Mazurkiewicz	132
Matthew Poor	672
Michael and Heidi Schrade	804
Owen Steinberg and Sarah Shujah	992
Erin Sunstrum	Sandy Inlet
Jason Sydock	771
John and Tina Szasz	301
Gill Thompson	Sandy Inlet

Temagami Lakes Association Supports the Temagami Community in 2022

The Temagami Lakes Association strives to support the greater Temagami community whenever possible. To this end, the Association has made financial contributions to the following local groups in 2022:

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



Carol Lowery, TLA Board Member, Presents a Cheque to Mary McTavish, Treasurer, and Kara Arnew, Gallery Assistant, from Living Temagami ~ Arts & Culture (photo submission by Carol Lowery)



Carol Lowery Presents Another Cheque to Ike Laba, of the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program, at the TAFIP Hatchery Building (photo submission by Carol Lowery)



WANTED: Your Favourite Temagami Photos!

Please consider submitting photographs to the TLA so that we can share them in our various publications and via online media. Photos must be high-resolution PDF, TIFF, or JPEG images – with a minimum of 200 dpi (dots per inch) at 100% photo size. For further information, or to submit a photo, please send an e-mail to: tla@onlink.net.

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 cross-community effort.

TERAS Facts

TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND STEWARDSHIP (TERAS) – the not-for-profit charity – has been created to:

1. organize, fund, and participate in environmental monitoring and research projects which are designed to preserve and protect Lake Temagami and its surrounding lands;
2. educate about, and increase public understanding and appreciation of, Lake Temagami’s environment and ecosystems, with particular attention to long-term environmental monitoring;
3. take over and expand the 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.

N.B., Donations are tax deductible for both Canadian and US citizens.

Cottage 911 Numbers

By Peter Healy

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

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

For safety reasons, write this number on, or near, all of your cottage phones. Also, store this information in your cell phone, so that you always have it on hand.

Temagami Haiku

By Debra Huron

*After days of banshee wild
wind, oh, how the limp flag
shapes perfect peace.*

TLA Summer BBQ 2022

The “TLA Summer BBQ” was held on Saturday, August 6 from noon to 2:30 p.m. We were fortunate to have a warm, sunny day for the Association’s first in-person get-together since the 2019 AGM. Everyone seemed to enjoy this opportunity to meet again face-to-face after a three-year hiatus.

Approximately 70 TLA members (including seven Board members) were in attendance during the event. Mayor Dan O’Mara and a Conservation Officer were also present to chat with our members and answer questions.

A special thanks is extended to Carol and Biff Lowery, who did an amazing job of setting up for the occasion. Marty Martelle also joined Biff, Carol, and Linda in assisting with the many tasks that required attention during the day.

We hope to continue with this enjoyable member event in 2023.



TLA Members Chat and Enjoy the Summer BBQ on August 6th (photo by Marty Martelle)

BLOG POSTS:

Keep Up to Date with TLA and Temagami News

Are you receiving notifications of the Temagami Lakes Association’s blog posts? Don’t miss news, announcements, photos, and articles as they are displayed on the TLA website. Register to receive such items through your e-mail, by following these steps:

1. Go to the TLA’s website at: <https://tla-temagami.ca>.
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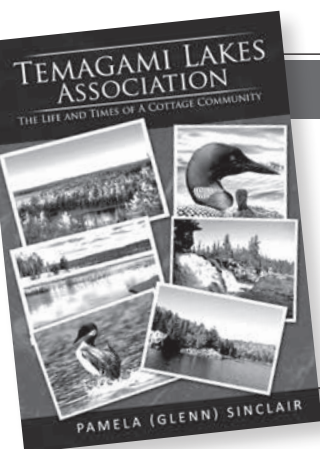
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Call for Writers

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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New “Official Plan” Update

By Brit Hyde

The new “Official Plan” (OP) is behind schedule, as it has been under review by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) since mid-February. At a July 7th Municipal Council Meeting, an update presentation was made by the Town’s hired planner that detailed how progress on the OP had ceased while awaiting the MMAH review. As of this mid-September writing, the MMAH has not shared an estimate of when there will be a response to the February draft proposal. This has significantly impacted plans for further drafts, public input, and Council action.

The provincial *Planning Act* (1990) requires the MMAH to review new Official Plans, and the Ministry generally provides comments within 90 days. Due to the current volume of documents in queue at the MMAH, however, the Ministry has significantly delayed its response time. Initially, Municipal staff had expected a reply by May. Council meeting contributions, MMAH comments, and other community input should have already led to the development of a second draft of the Official Plan – which would have been provided to the public by August for review and comment, followed by a Statutory Public Meeting in September, and preparation of a Final OP in October. As indicated at the July 7th Council meeting, this timeline is no longer valid.

The Municipality has also sought input from the Temagami First Nation Chief and Council and the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Chief and Council. Current (and future) Mayor, Dan Omara, shares that the Municipality has written to the

MMAH to request action on Temagami’s OP; but, at present, the OP remains a “work in progress.” With Municipal elections slated for October 24th, a new Council will have to take up work on the OP when progress can resume.

In-depth content regarding the OP draft(s), and multiple TLA submissions regarding OP draft(s), can be accessed directly from the TLA website homepage. The TLA encourages all members to review and participate in the process of developing a new OP. This planning document will detail the amount and type of development permitted in the Municipality for the next couple of decades.

After the latest draft plan was released, the TLA hosted a Town-Hall-style Zoom meeting, which was open to any and all stakeholders. It was well attended, including participation by a number of Municipal Councillors. The TLA anticipates hosting another such Zoom meeting after release of the next draft OP, and will provide all members with notice about when this will occur.

For more information on the TLA’s extensive input to the February 2022 draft OP, please visit our website, and/or read the comprehensive article on page 4 of the Summer 2022 edition of the *Temagami Times*.

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TAFIP Update (September 2022)

By Ike Laba

The Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) thanks the Temagami Community Foundation for their support after receiving two sets of funding of \$3,000.00 in 2021 for upgrades to the Sherman Rearing Pond. Due to a lack of heavy equipment in 2021, the work could not be completed that year. The Sherman Rearing Pond was finally upgraded in early May of 2022 to hold Walleye fry, so that they could grow into fingerlings.

Thanks to the financial support of TC Energy, we were able to purchase an 8' x 20', steel storage-container, as well as other essential equipment (e.g., 40' and 16' seine nets for extracting young fish). Also, thanks to Russ Manderstrom (of Longshot Diamond Drilling) for providing the TAFIP with a secure site for our storage container.

We are grateful for the many businesses and private donors who contribute either financially or in kind to the Temagami Walleye-enhancement program. We received several, large, private donations this year, which is greatly appreciated. The TAFIP accepted the opportunity to do a fundraising BBQ at the Temagami Municipal festivities in July, which was a great success. Our Daily Bread grocery store in Temagami graciously supported the TAFIP in this effort. Thank you, Joanne and Dirk!

This year, the hatchery building had issues with continuous water flow due to water-filtering-system restrictions. The problem will be addressed this fall (and ready for the spring of 2023) by utilizing a flow-through system during peak periods of water requirements.

In 2022, we stocked a total of 727,500 Walleye fry (80% survival rate), along with 1,185 Walleye fingerlings, into designated lakes within the Temagami area. Due to the warm weather this year, however, the eggs hatched within a 12-day period (compared to a typical 20- to 25-day period). The fry in the rearing pond also developed in a very short period of time due to the warmer-than-usual weather.

Extracting the Walleye fingerlings from the rearing pond is one of the more difficult tasks we perform due to the clay base conditions, uneven ground, working in deep water, and lack of volunteers.

This year, after two years of COVID restrictions, we were able to have a "Kids' Fishing Derby" on July 31st. Forty-four kids participated, with ages ranging up to 13 years. All kids received a prize – whether or not they caught any fish. Along with a prize, each child was given a hot dog / hamburger and a drink. Thanks to the many parents for attending, enjoying, and supporting the program with donations. Many local sponsors provided prizes for the derby, including: the Municipality of Temagami; Adam Pugh of Loon Lodge; Howard Glazier; Gramp's Place; Neil Stephens; Russ Manderstrom; Gerry and Dave Stroud; and, Ike Laba. We are grateful to Brian Hicks (TAFIP member) for his work in contacting North Bay sponsors for donations (Billy Bob's Bait and Tackle, Ferris Home Hardware, North Bay Outfitters, and Gateway Home Hardware). All of the support received was appreciated.

Note: The Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program was established in 1984, with many ambitious volunteers until 11 years ago. After Claude Landry passed away, there were concerns that the group was going to fold, as we had only five or six members. Wayne Adair took on the task of leading the TAFIP for one year, but it was too much for him due to the lack of volunteer help. At that point, the group was "dead in the water" – until a few of us took on the challenge, with minimal volunteer help. Today, we have a large volunteer group and great support from businesses and private funding. As of August 31, 2022, Russ Manderstrom has accepted the role of President for the TAFIP. We wish Russ and the new Executive the best in continuing with a great fishery program for the Temagami area.



Net Being Set in a Circle, and Then Tightened, to Trap Walleye Fingerlings
(photo submission by Ike Laba)



Fingerling Extraction at the Sherman Rearing Pond
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- Leave a box of baking soda to prevent odours.
- Prop open the fridge and freezer doors to allow air flow.
- Lay down a towel to absorb any freezer ice as it melts.

2. Turn off the water.

- Switch off the water pump and hot water heater.
- Drain the water tank and all water pipes – including plumbing, washer, and dishwasher.
- Open the taps on upper levels to prevent air lock in the pipes.
- Pour antifreeze into inaccessible areas, such as plumbing traps.

3. Switch off the main breaker.

- Turn off secondary or “branch” circuits one at a time.
- Start with branch circuits that power big appliances.
- Turn off the main circuit breaker last.

4. Troubleshoot your trees.

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- Pour antifreeze into inaccessible areas, such as plumbing traps.

3. Turn off selected breakers.

- Decide which mechanical systems and appliances you won't need over winter.
- Identify the secondary or “branch” circuit for each one, and switch it off.

4. Unplug your appliances.

- Avoid phantom power by identifying small appliances and lights that you won't need.
- If they don't have a dedicated circuit breaker, unplug them from their outlets.

5. Check your heaters.

- If you have space heaters or electric baseboards, turn off the power on each unit.
- Cold temperatures can often trigger heaters to turn on automatically – a definite fire hazard.

6. Leave the main breaker.

- Check that you've switched off the circuit breakers you won't need over winter.
- Leave the main circuit breaker in the “on” position.

7. Monitor your use.

- Sign up for outage alerts to receive notice of a power outage by text or e-mail.
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Living Temagami ~ Arts & Culture Update

By Stephanie Puddister and Mary McTavish

Living Temagami ~ Arts & Culture has some very exciting programming this Fall, which includes three workshops for “Mitts and Moccasins” with Debby Burrows on September 8th to 10th, October 15th to 17th, and November 8th to 10th (from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day). We are also hosting three stained-glass workshops with Reina Leudke. Classes will be running October 22nd, January 14, 2023, and February 18, 2023 (from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).



David Laronde will continue to teach guitar lessons, perform concerts, and record music with Raven’s Nest Soundstage – located in the upper level of the Temagami Train Station. Look for regular posting of events and workshops throughout the fall and winter months on our website (<https://livingtemagami.ca>), on social media (www.facebook.com/LivingTemagamiART), and in local area postings.

Our programming was quite active over the summer, including our Indigenous Film Screening events with Professor Tyson Stewart from the Nipissing University. Thank you for sharing your breadth of knowledge with the community in an engaging atmosphere.

We had a very successful summer with the annual Temagami Community Market that was managed by Laura Irvine and Mark Beardmore. We appreciate their consistent dedication to the event, along with youth volunteers, including Ben Aumond and Aedyn Leudke. Every Saturday was lively with local music, and vendors selling handmade goods and crafts. Living Temagami would like to extend our gratitude to the Temagami Community

Foundation – for their funding of musicians, and two, large, marquee tents to be used for the summer Community Market and other events at the Train Station. We also gratefully acknowledge the Temagami Lakes Association for their yearly donation to our ongoing programming.

Many thanks to federal and provincial funders that support our community initiatives. Most recently, funders include Employment and Social Development Canada, the New Horizons for Seniors Program, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s “Resilient Communities Fund” grant. These grants will help focus the delivery of programs and services to meet the needs of our organization and the community, employees, and volunteers.

Living Temagami ~ Arts & Culture connects, cultivates, and engages the community

through the arts with collaborative ventures with the Canada Council for the Arts, Ontario Arts Council, SPARC (Supporting Performing Arts in Rural and Remote Communities), and Pat the Dog. We are also continuing to develop a collaborative regional arts website, Northern Arts Connection, featuring Northern Ontario individuals and communities. This innovative project is designed to showcase, sell, and display the wealth of artists in Northern Ontario. Both Living Temagami and the Northern Arts Connection showcase the plethora of tourism, cultural exploration, presentations, and



Gathering for the Living Temagami Trillium Grant Announcement
(photo by Darlene Wroe, Temiskaming Speaker)

community-engagement opportunities that are currently undiscoverable without a sustainably-active presence.

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Library Happenings
By Sandra Firman, Head Librarian

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The Temagami Public Library was a very busy place this summer as we welcomed back our seasonal residents and campers. I enjoyed seeing everyone again and introducing new patrons to our library services. Many enjoyed selecting books from our large collection, which is always kept current with a selection of bestsellers. Others picked out DVDs for rainy days, and the children were thrilled with our children's book section and the arts-and-crafts table.

We held our very-successful, annual, fundraising book sale on the July long week-end. We thank everyone for their generous donations and hope that you enjoyed your book purchases. In addition, we thank the community volunteers who gave so generously of their time to assist with the book sale.

We also welcomed three new staff members. Debra Kitts has assumed the position of Acting CEO, and Ashley Bailey and Diane Pandolfo have joined us as back-up Librarians. All are very competent, and each brings a wealth of skills and experience to their positions.

The "Temagami Preschool Readers" programme is still very popular with our preschoolers and their families. Each child receives a book, free of charge, every second month in the mail. The programme is designed to provide an opportunity for the little ones to look at books and listen to stories before starting school. The programme relies on the generosity of others to fund the book purchases and cover the mailing costs. Donations to the programme are most welcome.

As the seasons change and Fall approaches, we are introducing several new programmes. We are planning special Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en activities, as well as book displays and story time. In addition, the Temagami Parks and Recreation Committee has requested our assistance in reading "scary" stories at their haunted Hallowe'en evening. We look forward to participating in this event.

The Temagami Public Library Book Club will be resuming in-person meetings. These will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month. Attendees are invited to talk about a book they have read and introduce their book/author to the others. In addition, tea and treats will be served.

I will be starting a read-aloud programme in October on Friday afternoons – for students from Temagami Public School and the Temagami Day Care. Preschoolers are also welcome to attend. Community outreach for children is an important part of developing a lifelong love for reading.

As a final note, we are grateful for any and all monetary donations. These contributions help us to keep our programming and special events viable. Should you choose to donate to the Temagami Public Library, the Municipality will issue an official receipt for donations received from individuals and corporations.

OUR LIBRARY HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Cottage Safety

By PC Chris Hawkins, Temiskaming OPP Detachment



Cottage break-and-enters, damage, and theft are serious concerns impacting police, cottagers, cottagers' associations, and insurance companies. The OPP encourages crime prevention at the cottage, in support of local cottagers' associations and Cottage Watch initiatives across Ontario.

As fall arrives, it's the time of the season when rural property owners should start considering the closure and winterizing of their cottages. Cottages and summer homes are most vulnerable to thieves from Thanksgiving Day to the weeks prior to Victoria Day – especially if the owners are not using them for fall, winter, or spring

getaways. Remember, if there is no one living at your cottage / summer property, or checking it regularly, the cost of ownership may include the frustration and expense of repairing damage and replacing stolen property.

Residents can assist police in ongoing investigations. All suspicious matters should be reported with as much information as a possible. This includes physical descriptions of suspects (including their clothing), vehicle descriptions and licence-plate numbers, island numbers, and the areas where suspects were last seen. Also, note the direction in which the suspects are heading.

TIPS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR PROPERTY THIS FALL:

- ✓ Leave no valuables at the cottage – electronics, personal items, tools, etc. – unless you're prepared to lose them.
- ✓ Do NOT leave firearms or weapons at the cottage.
- ✓ Pack up and take home all alcohol.
- ✓ If sporting goods, such as fishing rods and equipment, water skis, etc. are not secured (locked up, hidden, or both) don't expect them to be there next spring.
- ✓ If you are leaving vehicles, make sure they're winterized, secured, and disabled. For snow machines, remove the tracks, and hide the keys. Ensure that boats are covered and locked, and outboard motors locked and slightly disabled. Leave nothing on trailers, or disable them. Remember: "Lock it OR Lose it".

Helpful Links:

Crime Stoppers:
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 Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA): www.foca.on.ca
 Ontario Provincial Police: www.opp.ca

- ✓ Secure your cottage windows and doors. Close window curtains or blinds, and put-up shutters to protect the interior from marauders (animals and human).
- ✓ Record identification markings / serial numbers of anything left behind.
- ✓ Make a list of where everything is situated. Store one copy on your home computer, and keep a hardcopy with the items that will return with you on your next trip to the cottage.
- ✓ Identify the cottage-property key-holder (including contact information) who will respond to alarms, thefts, weather damage, or animal problems. Your insurance company may give you a deduction if you have one.
- ✓ Determine which OPP detachment patrols your cottage community by calling 1-888-310-1122.

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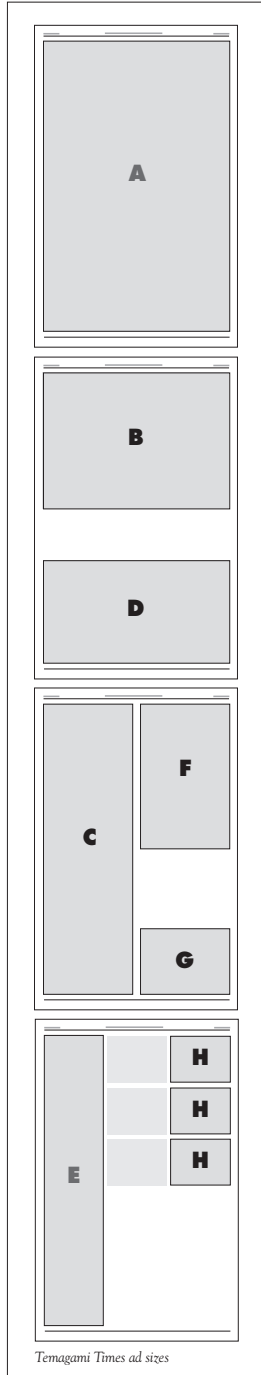
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Update on the Underused Housing Tax (UHT)

The Underused Housing Tax (Bill C-8: Part 2) charges an annual tax (1% of the taxable value) on foreign-owned residential properties that are considered underused. The UHT, which came into effect on June 9, 2022, is designed to prevent non-Canadian residents from buying Canadian real estate and increasing housing costs, without living on their respective properties.

When the tax was proposed in 2021, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) was concerned that secondary property owners (e.g., cottagers) might be inadvertently affected. If such properties were deemed "underused", the owners would have to pay the tax.

"Without absolute clarity, there was the fear that absentee and part-time, non-Canadian, cottage residents would be subjected to a tax that was actually intended to address urban affordability and housing shortages," said Terry Rees, President of FOCA.

The tax applies only to foreign owners – not to Canadian residents (regardless of the number of properties owned).

When defining a "residential property", however, the legislation's language targets detached homes, duplexes, triplexes, semi-detached homes, rowhouse units, and residential condos. It does not mention cottages or recreational properties. The bill also exempts properties that aren't suitable for year-round use (e.g., a cottage that is zoned residential, but not winterized and can be used only for a portion of the year). Properties rented out on a long-term basis at "fair-rent" prices are also exempt. Otherwise, the owner is expected to occupy the property for a minimum of six months a year.

The finalized legislation can be reviewed at: www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/44-1/bill/C-8/royal-assent.

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Cottage Life (2022)
 FOCA (2022)





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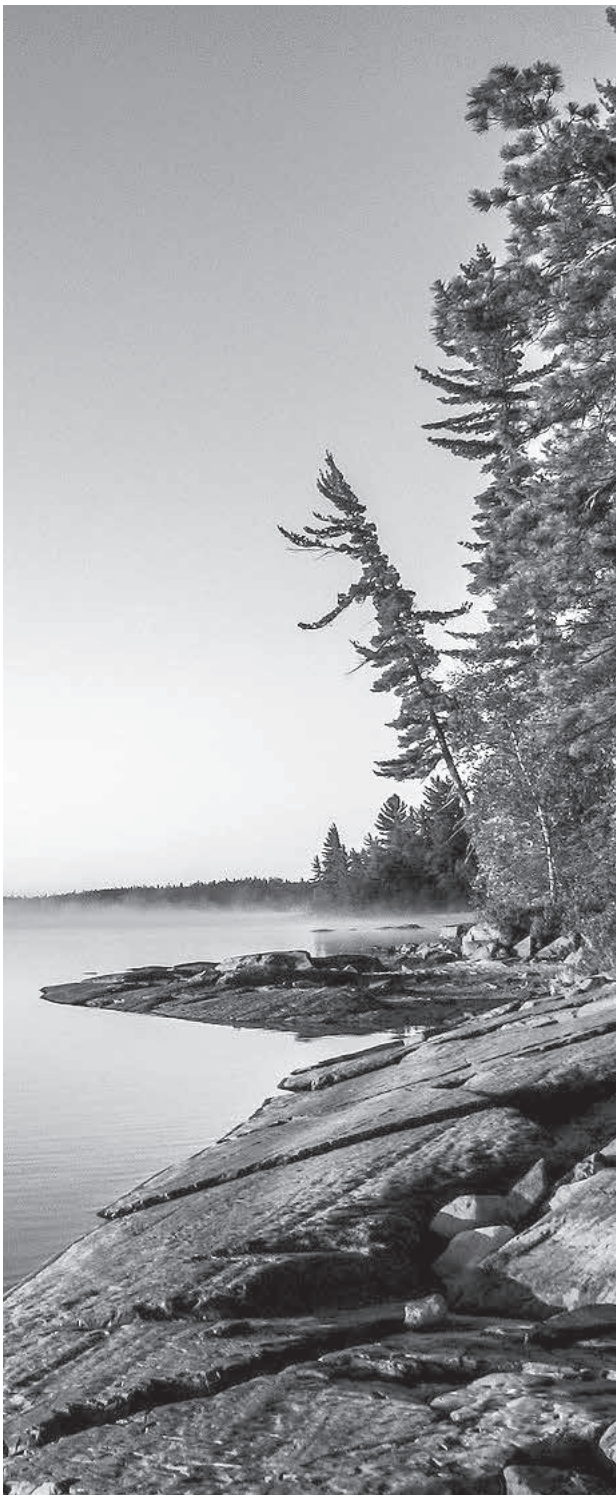


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