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Temagami Forest Management Corporation UPDATE

The Temagami Forest was the last Crown-forest management unit actively managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). About ten years ago, the MNR sought to delegate the management of the Temagami Forest to a third party – as had already been done throughout the province. The responsibilities associated with managing Crown forests in Ontario are delegated

through the issuance of a Sustainable Forest Licence or SFL [which enables the harvesting of trees in a specified area for up to 20 years] by the Province.

The MNR proposed to amalgamate the Temagami Forest with the Nipissing Forest (to the south), with the Timiskaming Forest (to the north), or to split the Temagami Forest and amalgamate the halves with these other two Forests. Both Temagami First Nation (TFN) and the Municipality of Temagami opposed these options and began to work together to maintain their influence within the Temagami Forest. Ultimately, in 2020, Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC) was incorporated as a Crown agency. It is managed by a Board of Directors and consists of individuals who were appointed by the province of Ontario from candidates who were nominated by TFN, the Municipality of Temagami, and the forest industry, with two members at-large.

An SFL was issued to TFMC, effective April 1, 2022. During the past nine months, the TFMC

Board oversaw the commencement of operations with a Transitional Manager in place while they hired staff and developed a Strategic Plan. While TFMC is now operational, it continues to progress through its start-up phase.

The TFMC Board of Directors is comprised of: Faye Johnson (Chair); John Kenrick (Vice-Chair);

Doug McKenzie; Jessica Chevrier; Jeff Barton; Peter Street; Rob Tomchick; and, Steve Scheers. Mark Stevens (General Manager) and Glen McDonald (Office Administrator) are the two full-time staff who have recently been hired by TFMC.

Coinciding with the issuance of the

SFL, the TFMC Board of Directors contracted First Resource Management Group (FRMG) for a three-year period to provide forest-management planning services and to implement the forest-renewal program. FRMG has provided similar services during the past three years to the MNR in the Temagami Forest and to several other SFL holders in Ontario.

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Vice-President's Letter: Thoughts on the "Economic Development Policy" for the TLA

All the best in the New Year, everyone. I hope 2023 brings you some joyful days on Lake Temagami.

In the fall of 2022, the TLA Board developed an "Economic Development Policy" to help evaluate new business or project proposals for endorsement. At the October 2022 TLA Annual General Meeting, the Board presented the following policy:

The TLA will apply the following principles to a business or project to determine its suitability for Association endorsement.

1. *Economic and business development should be complementary to the "semi-wilderness" character of Lake Temagami, as set out in the Municipality of Temagami's Official Plan.*
2. *The TLA will promote environmentally-responsible activity through its support of economic and business practices that provide a net-neutral or positive environmental impact on the Lake Temagami and Cross Lake ecosystems.*
3. *The TLA will use "ONE Temagami" guidelines when considering our position with respect to commercial activity and other forms of economic development involving Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.*

At the AGM, the following request was made from a participant: "Please briefly define 'net-neutral or positive environmental impacts on the Lake'." The request was not answered at the meeting, but Greg Goodman and I wrestled with the definition over the few days following it.

During the initial discussions regarding the Economic Development Policy (EDP), the Board thought the concepts of "net-neutral or positive environmental impacts on Lake Temagami and Cross Lake" provided a useful framework by which the TLA could assess any new commercial enterprise for its potential or real impact. Based on the proposed or actual consequences of a commercial enterprise, its actions could be deemed negative, neutral, or positive. A negative environmental impact would be any deleterious effect upon the many forms of life found within the Lake Temagami and Cross Lake ecosystems, a neutral environmental impact would involve no measurable change to these ecosystems, while a positive environmental impact would provide a beneficial change to the ecosystems. If the actions or proposed actions of a commercial enterprise appeared to indicate that it would have a negative impact upon the Lake ecosystems, then the enterprise could describe its efforts to mitigate such consequences – to the point of achieving a net-neutral or positive impact. Thus, any commercial enterprise appearing to have a net-neutral or positive impact upon Lake Temagami and Cross Lake could have the support of the TLA.

As Greg and I began to unpack the implications of "net-neutral or positive environmental impacts", we realized the limitations that these two terms imposed upon the TLA, its Board, and new commercial enterprises. Fundamentally, the TLA does not have the resources required to determine the environmental impacts commercial enterprises could potentially have upon these Lake ecosystems. To quantify these impacts would require environmental-impact assessments – an expense that the TLA wishes neither to impose upon itself or a commercial enterprise. Also, few, if any,

of the thousands of people who visit for a few days to a few months a year, or who live on the Lake as permanent residents, can claim to have a neutral or positive environmental impact upon the ecosystems of Lake Temagami or Cross Lake. For example, being an island community, travel generally necessitates the use of the internal-combustion engine.

At the same time, the TLA practices and supports environmentally-responsible behaviour, activities, and businesses. Most members of the Lake Temagami and Cross Lake communities practice and support environmentally-responsible actions that protect these Lakes ecosystems from harm. The rugged beauty of the Canadian Shield and deep-water lakes, the wilderness environment, the peace and quiet, relatively untouched shorelines lined with old-growth red and white pines, clear and clean water, and healthy fish populations are all attributes that attract people here in the first place. Most of us wish to keep the area as pristine as possible and, therefore, accept responsibility for its preservation. (I write "most of us" because we do have leaky septic systems on Lake Temagami, and more and more plastic washes up on its shores every year.)

Although the words "net-neutral or positive environmental impacts" found in the second principle of the TLA's EDP may be more rigorous and demanding than the TLA has resources to pursue, responsible use of these Lakes is still central to their future health – not only as a principle of the policy, but also as a basic standard for every Lake user. Thus, the wording of the second principle (and other sections) of the EDP have been updated, as follows:

The TLA will apply the following principles to various forms of economic activity to determine their suitability for Association endorsement.

1. *Economic activity should be complementary to the "semi-wilderness character" of Lake Temagami and Cross Lake, as set out in the Municipality of Temagami's Official Plan.*
2. *The TLA will support economic activity that operates with an environmentally-responsible relationship to the Lake Temagami and Cross Lake ecosystems.*
3. *The TLA will use "ONE Temagami" guidelines when considering its position with respect to economic activity involving Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.*

Given the more general and less demanding character of these principles, their application will now be based upon the considerations of the TLA Board and its interactions with the representatives of any proposed economic development. Through such interactions, benefits and concerns can be discussed and addressed, and the welfare of the Lakes can be upheld. Lake Temagami and Cross Lake will face environmental threats in the coming years, and it is up to the people who visit or live on these Lakes to help maintain their health and integrity.

~ Terry Males, TLA Second Vice-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.

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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.

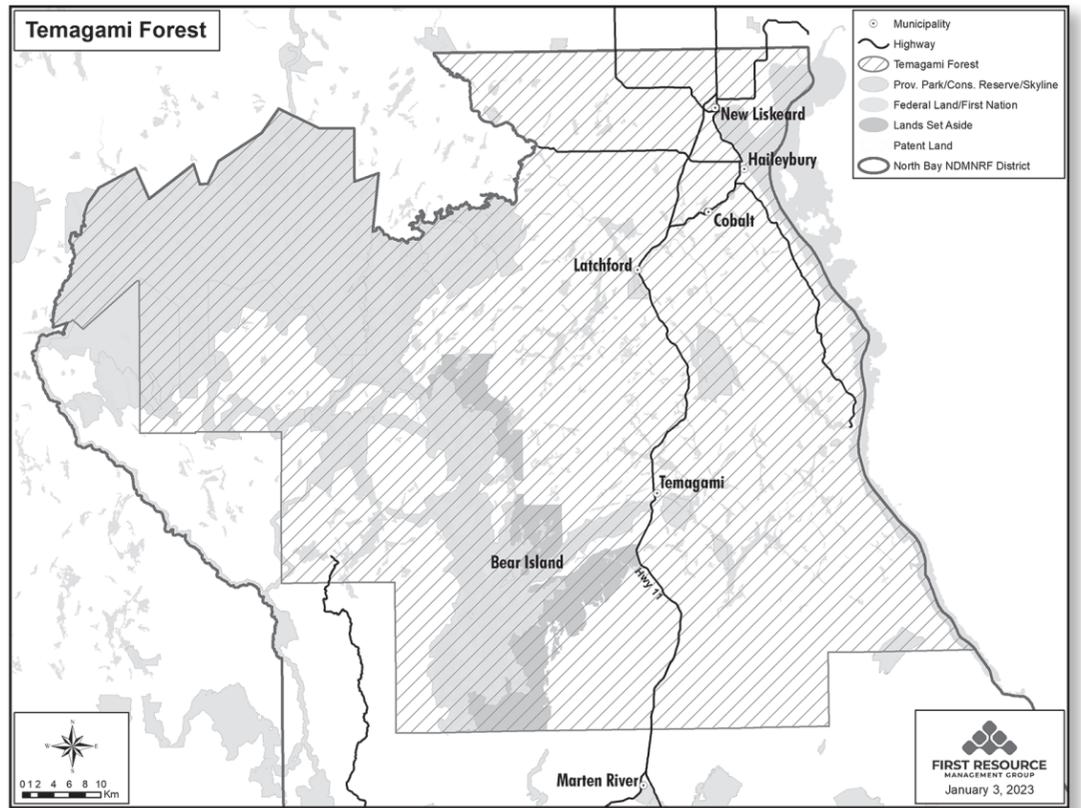
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Currently, the Board is developing its strategic plan, with specific strategic initiatives to follow, that will aim to deliver on its mandates.

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Where's The New Official Plan for Temagami ?

By Brit Hyde

COVID has had many different impacts on everyday life. It appears that one unanticipated impact was a delay in the mandatory review process of the draft Official Plan (OP) by the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). The Municipality of Temagami submitted the plan almost a year ago (as of this writing in late January 2023). It was originally anticipated that MMAH would review and respond to the draft OP by May 2022. The Municipality's hired planner, MHBC Planning, had presented Council with a tentative schedule for various redrafting steps and public meetings to be held throughout last summer, culminating in adoption of a new OP in October 2022.

As reported in the Summer 2022 *Temagami Times*, the TLA made numerous and substantial suggestions to Council and MHBC Planning regarding the initial draft OP, for incorporation into a second draft. Many of these suggestions were appreciated and discussed in detail with MHBC Planning and at a "Town Hall" meeting hosted by TLA. The Association was looking forward to reviewing a second draft back in late spring of 2022. Fast forward a year, and when that highly-anticipated second drafting can begin remains entirely dependent on hearing back from the MMAH. The Ministry has made no comments or commitments on when they may respond to the now year-old draft OP.

A NEW PLANNING CHALLENGE:

In late November 2022, the Province of Ontario passed Bill 23 – also known as the *More Homes Built Faster Act*. The objective of the bill is to increase housing supply throughout Ontario, with an ultimate goal of building 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years. Like many large and quickly-passed bills, there are

many new (and one-size-fits-all) provisions in the legislation that will affect zoning and planning in the Municipality of Temagami. MHBC Planning has outlined some of the ones most pertinent to the Municipality and reported to Council in mid-January on some of the top-line implications. This is a list of just a few:

- For any existing and future minor variances or consent (severance) decisions, only the applicant, the Municipality, certain public bodies, and the Minister will be allowed to make appeals. The general public and adjacent property owners no longer have the ability to appeal minor-variance or consent decisions.
- It is intended that on residential lots with municipal water and sewer services (which in Temagami are only in the townsite, not the Lake Temagami Neighbourhood) three dwelling units per lot will be permitted, "as-of-right" (i.e., no planning approval is required – only a building permit). It is also intended to encourage up to three units on other lots. It is still not clear how this will work in terms of the new Official Plan and potential changes to the zoning by-law – and specifically, to what extent additional units will be required to be permitted on remote waterfront areas, such as Lake Temagami's. The Municipality will still have the ability to implement other zoning standards for additional dwelling units, including maximum sizes, lot coverage, setbacks, etc. Although the Municipality updated

all of its policies and by-laws pertaining to secondary units in 2020 and 2021, including (with very substantial input from TLA) in the Lake Temagami Neighbourhood, it will have to start over!

- Minor residential developments (less than 10 units) will be exempt from site-plan control. This is a significant change, as Temagami currently uses site-plan control to impose restrictions when development applications are approved. The Municipality will now have to consider alternative ways to ensure shoreline protection, possibly including (as MHBC suggests), tree-cutting and site-alteration by-laws.

WHAT COMES NEXT?

MHBC Planning is continuing to review and provide analysis of the major changes to the planning system in Ontario, which go well beyond Bill 23. The TLA's hired planner has also studied these changes, and will be anticipating how they may affect the new OP when the next draft is made available. Your TLA remains very focused on the Municipality's development of a new OP, as it will have great and lasting impacts on future development in and around Lake Temagami.

All of Ontario will have a large number of new planning issues to understand and adopt. MHBC Planning will have a substantial amount of work to do in incorporating the TLA's considerable input to the original draft OP, and the new provisions from Bill 23, in the next draft OP. Additionally, how the new bill will affect the current delay of the original draft OP (currently under review by the MMAH) is anybody's guess. Stay tuned. TLA members should look forward to real-time updates from the TLA Board in 2023.



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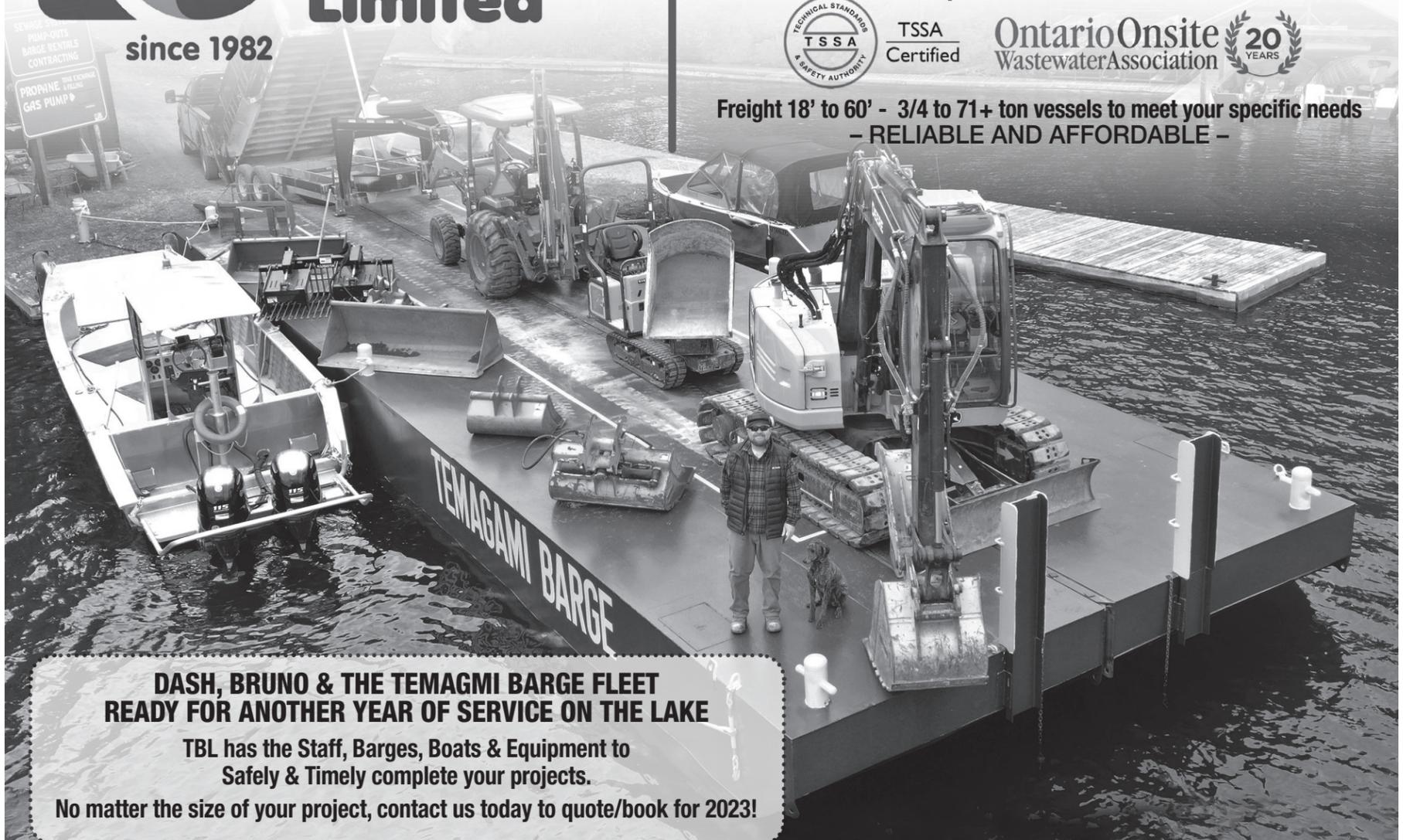


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TEMAGAMI COTTAGE DEPOT

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY for the Paddling Community

By Diane Green

As I have been learning about approaches to protecting Temagami-area lakes from invasive species, one topic that has come up is how to stop the spread of species into backcountry waterbodies by canoeists and kayakers. The dilemma is that paddlers don't have access to washing equipment because they are traveling in such remote areas.

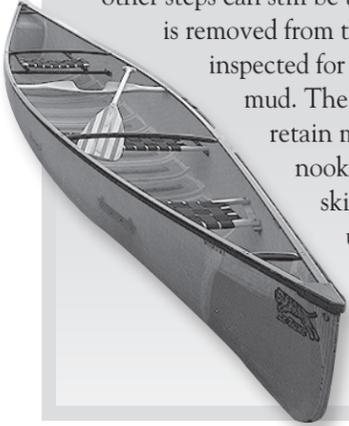
I came across an excellent video prepared by the Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) in New England which explains very simple steps that paddlers can take. This non-profit group promotes and stewards a 740-mile (1190 km) paddling trail from Old Forge, New York to Fort Kent, Maine – an area comprised of 22 streams,

58 lakes and ponds, and 50 miles (80 km) of portages.

The steps described can help to prevent the transfer of invasive species from one waterbody to the next as canoeists paddle through the trail route. Paddlers should be aware that many invasive species may not be visible to the naked eye in their larval states. Furthermore, studies have shown that very small fragments of Eurasian Water-Milfoil can produce new growth. This is why it is important to both clean and dry watercraft to prevent invasive species from being transferred between waterbodies. The steps are based on the "Clean, Drain, Dry" initiative, but with a focus on the paddling community.

CLEAN:

If a paddler has access to a high-pressure hose, it can be used to hose down the inside and outside of a canoe or kayak. However, during a paddling trip, other steps can still be taken. When the craft is removed from the water, it should be inspected for any signs of vegetation or mud. The bow and stern can often retain mud – especially in the nooks and crannies around the skid plate. A bailer can be used to pour water over the craft, which is then dried off with a towel.



DRAIN:

Immediately after exiting the water, the craft should be drained. Canoes can be tipped to the side to drain water over the gunnels, and then tipped from one end to the other to drain any remaining water in the bow and stern. In a kayak, the same process is followed, but both the cockpit and hatches must be drained, as well. If only one person is available, the kayak can be tipped up at one end. If two people are available, the kayak can be tipped from both ends in a seesaw pattern, and tipped from side to side.

Wet gear, such as personal floatation devices, clothes, or bags can be laid out on the ground for inspection, and any wet items should be squeezed dry and wiped with a towel.

DRY:

The best tool for drying is a quick-dry towel made from a synthetic fabric, such as polyester. Cotton bath towels or sponges are not recommended, as these can retain water for a longer period. Sponges, in particular, may hold water in their interiors. Quick-dry towels are thin and can be dried in the sun. If it is raining, then the towel can be placed in a waterproof bag until it can be dried out at a campfire or when the sun comes out. Gear can be laid out, inspected, and dried with the towel. As a final step before proceeding along a portage, the inside and outside of the craft can be dried out with the quick-dry towel.

Footwear can also transfer invasive species between waterbodies via portages, so it is recommended that paddlers carry two pairs of quick-dry shoes which can be alternated between the portages. Thus, wet shoes are not worn into the next waterbody.

If traveling with pets, it is also important to wipe their paws of mud or vegetation and to dry them off with a quick-dry towel.

To learn more about the NFCT and their approach to dealing with invasive species, go to www.northernforestcanoetrail.org/press/clean-drain-dry-keep-your-watercraft-aquatic-invasive-free.

Their video can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUFmOPNb2cU, or can be viewed through a link on the TLA website at <https://tla-temagami.ca/environment/invasive-species>.

Preventing the transfer of water, and wiping all articles clean of vegetation and microscopic larvae, are key to preventing the transfer of invasives. If adopted habitually, these are very simple steps which can help protect Temagami-area lakes from contamination with new invasive species.



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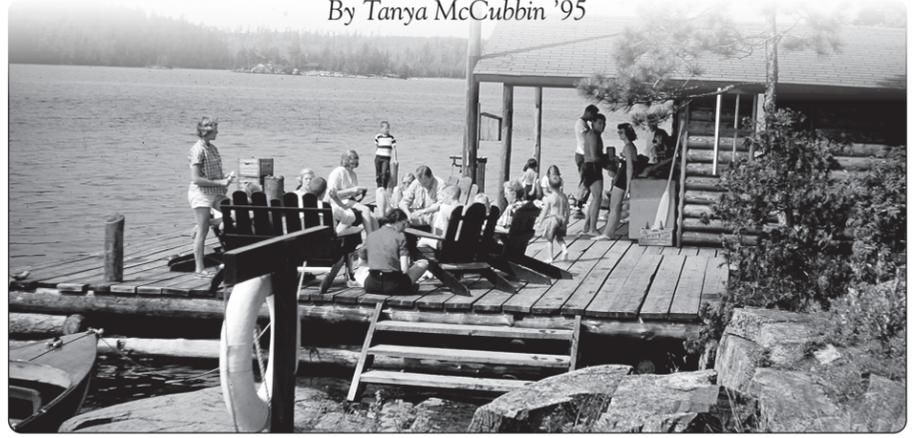
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OJIBWAY FAMILY LODGE Celebrates 100 Years

By Tanya McCubbin '95



Ojibway Dock in the 1950s or 1960s (photo submission by Tanya McCubbin)

We will be 100 years-old in the summer of 2023! Ojibway Family Lodge is proud to have remained part of the Keewaydin family over all these years. True to its original concept, it offers opportunities for adults and families to explore the joys of the Temagami region, and provides support for Keewaydin camper and staff families. Ojibway has evolved over time – from its roots in 1903, to its inception in 1923, to the Ojibway Family Lodge of today – but much remains the same.

The beginnings of Ojibway Lodge date back to 1903 – the year that Keewaydin moved its operations to Lake Temagami. Initially called the “Keewaydin Club,” which offered canoeing, hunting, and fishing trips to the adults who were also interested in the wilderness that Keewaydin campers were starting to explore, it operated out of the south end of Devil’s Island alongside Keewaydin.

In 1915, as more Keewaydin staff and guide families began staying on the island, the Keewaydin Club was moved to the north end of the island, which was also the location of Kishkadeena (Keewaydin founder, Greg Clarke’s, two-story cabin). The accommodations were in platform tents and a small log building that served as the lodge.

By 1923 the clientele was evolving from hunters and anglers to vacationers, and the Keewaydin Club was renamed “Ojibway Lodge”. Two years later, Kishkadeena became the new lodge building and to this day remains a cozy, common area that provides a social space for casual gatherings, board games, and cards. Guides remained on hire to take guests out on canoeing and fishing trips.

The boom in Ojibway’s development started in 1948, with the construction of the Ojibway store and main dock, and continued through the 1950s with a dozen cabins, and a kitchen and din-

ing room, being built. Though the dining room and kitchen were rebuilt after a fire in 1982, the family-style dining remains similar to what the early guests would have enjoyed – though the food offerings have likely improved substantially!

The cabins are largely unchanged, with only a handful of upgrades to make our guests comfortable during their stays. It is compelling to think that a guest from 1923 or 1973 would still feel at home there today. Ojibway Lodge is entirely off-the-grid and without cell service. A solar system provides limited electricity for the kitchen, Ojibway store, and office. You can get Wi-Fi in limited areas around the office and lodge; but for the most part, the pleasures of time spent at Ojibway are grounded in the natural beauty of its location, which still looks pretty much as it did 100 years ago.

What is truly remarkable about Ojibway are the people. Along with those connected to Keewaydin, Ojibway continues to attract new clientele. Our guest list contains a collection of Keewaydin families, anglers, outdoors people, and vacationers. Many guests and staff return year after year to celebrate the camp traditions, build friendships, and enjoy the natural beauty. New guests prove that it is not necessary to have a connection to Keewaydin to develop a love and appreciation for the Lake, the island, and the other people who chose to come there. Ojibway Family Lodge is more than just a vacation destination: it is where friends reunite.

We are excited to mark this milestone and encourage anyone to come and help us celebrate our 100th year! We are looking forward to once again hosting the “Islander Potluck” dinner on Saturday, July 29th and welcome everyone who would like to attend.

Panoramic View of the Dock and Dining Room in 2021 (photo submission by Tanya McCubbin)



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REMEMBERING

Tribute to Adele Brittin Eustis, Island 1076

(1954 - 2022)

Submitted by Allan Eustis

Wife, aunt, sister, friend, Artist, athlete, witch, gardener, and quester. Adele is survived by her husband, Ken Barnes, sister, Annette Jarman, brothers, Britt and Allan Eustis, and many beloved nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Adele first visited her grandfather's island on Lake Temagami as a young teenager in 1970 with her older sister, Annette. She took on the responsibility of planning and cooking daily lunches – which for two weeks included one boiled hot dog and roll and a handful of potato sticks per person per day. (Breakfast and dinner on the island were more luxurious.) Thankfully, over the years, Adele became a world-class chef, but always retained the unofficial titles of “chief family meal planner” and “camp counselor”. No one ever lost weight during island vacations.

Early in her post-college adventures, Adele was determined to: thrive in a sexist, male-dominated world of TV live sports; express herself through art; make the world a better place with plants; provide the most love and care for her animals, and her husband, Ken; and, to love herself and others.

Adele and Ken met while skiing at a backcountry hut in British Columbia. When Ken followed Adele to Tibet for a trek, they fell in love, and Adele relocated from Rhode Island to Seattle. Adele retired from her career as a technical director in live network sports (Barcelona and Atlanta Olympics, among other events) and focused on making brilliant art. She and Ken shared a love of travel, Temagami, and projects – taking on increasingly larger and more imprudent projects, until the completion of their dream art studio cured them of such irrational urges. Adele then focused on improving the soil and plantings in the garden, walking on the beach during a short time living in Port



*Adele in Seattle
(photo by Allan Eustis)*

Townsend (Washington), teaching art to kids, and studying spiritual teachings from many traditions. This study benefitted her and her loved ones when cancer entered her life in September of last year.

Adele enjoyed a final summer on Lake Temagami in 2022, working on art projects with her grandnieces and their friends, swimming, kayaking, and cooking resplendent feasts for eight or more. The memories she gave all of us will live on for our lifetimes, as (most likely) will the 1942 Peterborough Admiral that she rebuilt and restored after it sat under a canvas at the end of the island for more than two decades.

In her memory, Adele would wish that all of her many friends and Lake Temagami neighbors love themselves, so that they can also love others. And if you know a young person who is a bit lost in the world, find them a set of

colored pencils and a pad of paper. Let them know that each of their drawings, lovingly crafted, is a masterpiece.

*The Art Space in Temagami
(photo by Allan Eustis)*



*Adele at the Island
(photo by Georgia Jarman)*



Nancy Ruth MacInnes Timms Davis

(August 12, 1933 - July 13, 2022)

By Shelley Timms

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Shelley Timms, her faithful companion, Foxye, and granddog, Finnegan. She was predeceased by her parents, Stewart and Nita MacInnes, beloved aunts, Emily and Donna MacInnes, and many, many, much-loved canine friends.

Mum graduated from the Wellesley School of Nursing and was a nurse for almost 40 years – working in most areas, but really enjoying psychiatric nursing the most because of its challenge. She nursed in Welland, St. Catharines, Port Huron, MI, and Ashtabula, OH. Following retirement, she moved to North Bay, ON and began Giltedge Doggie Bed and Breakfast. Running the boarding kennel gave her so much joy and laughter. She used to laugh that she could talk about the owners to the dogs and they wouldn't rat on her!

She also had a beautiful soprano voice and a love of opera and musical theatre.

Nancy loved Lake Temagami and sharing the family cottage, and was an avid fisherwoman. Hours were spent measuring lines on the dock so that she could reach the bottom for those trout. Mum was an early supporter of the fish hatchery, hoping it would make her fishing a little more



*photo submission
by Shelley Timms*

productive! She was a member of the TLA Board of Directors in the mid 1980s (and organized the AGM for many years during that time), and made Lake friends beyond our immediate island “neighbourhood”.

Traveling the Lake with Mum was often an adventure. Every year, the first trip of the season began with, “Which side of the red buoy?” But we made it without losing a prop. And there so many other “experiences” (e.g., towing the Annabelle, limping home when a motor fuse blew and she couldn't lower the tilt, and one foggy night in an aluminum fishing boat!). We had many laughs ... once we were safely home! She was a great cook and loved having friends to the cottage for dinner and brunch, and making her salmon mousse and devilled eggs for the Ojibway islander potluck.

One of her greatest lifelong loves was dogs – in particular, St. Bernards in her younger years, and Golden Retrievers in the last few decades, with a few Spaniels thrown in for good measure. There were so many loved pups – from her first, Bucky, to her last companion, Foxye. Mum has joined her pups at the Rainbow Bridge, along with many Lake friends, and together they are keeping an eye over Temagami.

REMEMBERING

Gloria Patricia Sorley

(December 1, 1938 to December 23, 2022)

By Bob Sorley

It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of our mother, nana, and great-nana on December 23, 2022. She was taken suddenly in her home, while preparing for another family Christmas time.

Gloria was the wife of the late Robert T. Sorley (predeceased in 2020) for over 50 years and will be joining him now for Christmas. She was mother to Robert (Bob) and Arlene Sorley, and Heather and Randy Winger, and grandmother to Rachel and Ryan Sorley, Stephanie and Brandon Schilstra, and Jennifer and Alex Brown. She was also a great-grandmother to Elijah and Benjamin. Gloria was a sister to Suellen and Mike Bradfield, Helen (and the late) Bruce Fraser, and the late Ken and Emily Fraser. Nieces and nephews will remember her fondly, as well. She also leaves many life-long friends, including her Bridge friends.

Gloria lived life to the fullest: she was not a spectator. She was the rock that gave my father the opportunity to do all that he did. As a child, she was adventurous and would not let anything stand in the way of what she interested in. She would travel from Dorchester Road to the Cyanamid Pool (in Niagara Falls, Ontario) to swim and dive. Here, she would win some of her first athletic awards. She was also a golfer, skier, curler, and baseball player.

She went to McMaster University's Teachers College and began her teaching at Fallsview Elementary School in Niagara Falls. She taught for a couple of years – until she and Bob began a family. She stayed home while my sister and I grew up. After we returned from living in Ohio, she resumed teaching as a supply teacher with the Niagara South Board of Education. When you are young and sitting in your class, and you see that the supply teacher is your mom, you know your day is going to be tough.

Our Mom had a personality that was larger than life. She was gregarious, while Dad was the quiet one. She forced him out of his shell, and he tried to rein her in. Mom was at Dad's side for everything, and helped him so that he could do his work. On one occasion, she drove the limo to the airport for Dad's Chinese visitors when the original driver became ill. Mom also opened our door to friends and strangers with a warm and welcoming home.

Mom was a very good curler, too. In 2003, during their very first year of curling together, the team of Gloria Sorley, Jackie Lococo, Lynne Coull, and Marg Newton won the Canadian Women's Master's Curling Championship. It was



*Gloria at a Family Wedding
(photo submission by
Bob Sorley)*

a real team effort, with Gloria and Jackie bringing 12 years of experience at the provincial level to the team, and Lynne and Marg contributing energy and grit. These team members from the Niagara Falls Curling Club all shared the philosophy of hard work and fair play. They won again in 2004 and were added to the Niagara Falls Sports Hall of Fame.

Gloria loved Temagami. It was her favourite place in the world. She loved to kayak around Triangle Bay and teach her grandchildren about the wilderness. She loved the peacefulness of kayaking or canoeing at dusk – when the water is glass, and the only sound is a paddle in the water and the breeze in the trees. She loved the history of Temagami and was excited to talk to new visitors about this, including how the area was developed. Island 510 will be a little more quiet without

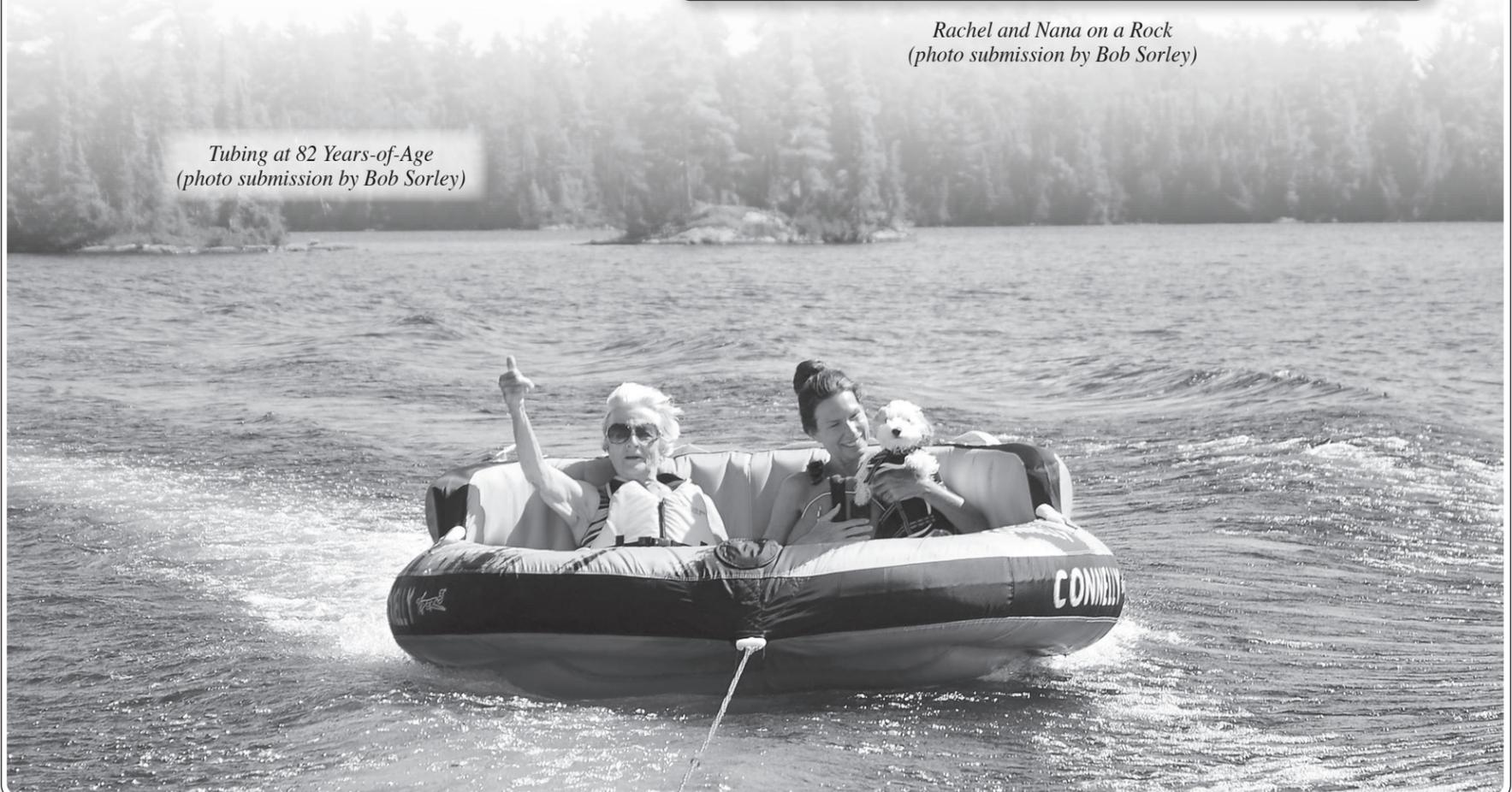
her there, but she would like to think that she passed on the love of the area to her family and friends to enjoy for many years to come.

Gloria lived her life fully to the unexpected end. She was planning another summer at the cottage with her grandson, Ryan, and with Marcia, Gail, and other friends. She was also planning a trip to Calgary with her grandson to visit her granddaughter, and to Halifax to visit her sister. She was preparing for Christmas and a night out with the family to see the lights, and wanted to golf more this summer. She was still living at home, driving, and playing Bridge with her friends. She experienced her life with adventures, love, and friendship, and will be missed by all who knew her.



*Rachel and Nana on a Rock
(photo submission by Bob Sorley)*

*Tubing at 82 Years-of-Age
(photo submission by Bob Sorley)*



REMEMBERING

In Memory of Richard Evans

(1967 - 2022)

Submitted by Yvette Evans

Richard Virdin Evans, Jr., a Keewaydin camper, trip staff, and parent, who spent many summers in a green canoe and as an islander, suddenly passed away at the age of 55 on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. His heart proved too big for this world. He is survived by: his devoted soulmate of 35 years, Yvette; children, Brittany Evans and Jordan Evans; sisters, Dorothy Evans, Sally Evans, and Margaret Evans; nieces, Meagan Yuncevich and Mia Musselman; and, a community of beloved Keewaydin friends.

Rich was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 19, 1966, to Richard (Dick) Virdin Evans and Elizabeth (Whizzie) Morgan Evans. Rich will be greeted by his mother, father, Uncle George Heberton Evans III, and his furry companion, Hobbes.

Rich spent many memorable summers at his beloved island retreat in Temagami, Ontario. He shared his love of



*Richard in 1983
(photo by Bill Carpenter)*

He worked at State Farm as an infrastructure engineer for 20 years. He earned his bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation, and a master's degree in Industrial Technology from Illinois State University. He was an alumnus of the University of Illinois and Illinois State University lacrosse clubs and a member of the Keewaydin Temagami Foundation. He enjoyed sharing music and his love of books with others.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Keewaydin Foundation in memory of Richard

will be directed to the G. Heberton ("Heb") Evans Scholarship Fund at: <https://keewaydin.org/keewaydin-foundation>. This was established in 2004 through a grant from the Seraph Foundation, as a tribute to Richard's Uncle Heb's dedication to Keewaydin and to exploring the Canadian wilderness.

In the summer of 2023, there will be a celebration for Richard in Temagami. Details are to be announced. To offer support, stories, pictures, music, or t-shirts that remind you of Rich, please send e-mails to: evansfamilyjr@gmail.com.



*Richard Wearing a Keewaydin Staff Jacket in 2021
(photo by Brittany Evans)*



*Richard Kayaking in Sharp Rock Inlet With Hobbes in 2019
(photo by Yvette Evans)*

the outdoors as he dedicated his summers to the Keewaydin Temagami Foundation camp. His proudest moment was helping his uncle, Heb Evans, build an outpost in the Canadian wilderness. Rich was empowered by the generational legacy learned from his parents, and he passed this legacy on to his children.

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Aquatic Invasive Species: Focus on Eurasian Water-Milfoil

By Diane Green



Eurasian Water-Milfoil
(photo source: Wikimedia Commons)

As previously reported in this publication, Eurasian Water-milfoil has been seen in Lake Temagami – particularly around the Town docks. From there, it has spread to at least the shore of the first island as one exits the docks and travels into the NE Arm. It has also been spotted at multiple other sites on the Lake, including one report of possible Eurasian Water-milfoil at a cottage in the Hub area.

Why is this plant a concern? For cottagers who do not see this plant near their cottage, it may seem like a distant issue. There are some lake associations and municipalities in neighbouring Quebec, however, that view this species as a serious threat and are taking action to help prevent its spread. For example, the Lake Louisa Property Owners Association (LLPOA) has produced a presentation on this topic. Key points are highlighted below.

Eurasian Water-milfoil grows in shallow water from 0 to 15 feet (4.6 m) deep, but is found mostly at depths of 4 to 10 feet (1.2 to 3.0 m). The LLPOA has produced a map showing the areas in their lake that could fit this habitat, and it should be no surprise that any lake or island shoreline area is potential habitat for this species. They describe four significant impacts from this species. Swimming, boating, fish populations, and cottage property-values can all be negatively impacted on lakes where Eurasian Water-milfoil is spreading.

The distribution of this invasive species extends throughout North America, as far

north as Alaska. Furthermore, it is known to hybridize with the same, native, Water-milfoil that we have in Temagami. Studies have shown that even small fragments can spread and start new growth elsewhere, and can stay alive for five to seven days outside of the water.

Motorized boats (including wakeboard-style boats, which have internal, water-reservoir systems used to generate waves) and trailers may contribute to the spread of Eurasian Water-milfoil. In addition, the floats on float planes can pick up vegetation as they taxi across infested areas, and interior float compartments can carry water which contains this invasive plant. Non-motorized craft – including everything from kayaks and canoes to paddle-boats and windsurfers – may also pick up fragments of this species and carry them to new locations.

The LLPOA is not the only association in Quebec which is well ahead of Ontario in addressing aquatic invasives. The Blue Sea Watershed Association and the Municipality of Blue Sea have implemented a mandatory boat-washing program since 2017. Their system is a self-serve one, with an automated payment machine.

To view the Lake Louisa Property Owners Association video on Eurasian Water-milfoil, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMS4ikifall, or visit the TLA website page on “Invasive Species” at <https://tla-temagami.ca/environment/invasive-species>.



George Gordon “Monty” Becker (August 1, 1950 to October 20, 2022)

Submitted by Jessica Bender

It is with great sadness that our family announces the passing of Monty on October 20, 2022 at the age of 72.

He was the son of the late Florence “Chick” Becker and George Becker. He will be greatly missed by his loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Flo (Chartrand). He was a loving and devoted Papa to daughter, Jessica Bender (Mike), and son, Daniel Becker (Casey).

Monty was an amazing Papa to five wonderful Grandchildren – Jasper Bender (Olivia), Tyson Bender (Alicia), Zack Bender, Tiana Bender, and Huxley Becker. He was also the loving brother of Betty Barwell (Gary), Francis Becker, Sarah Barteaux (Len), Alan Becker, Robert Becker, Karen Becker, Barry Becker (Cheryl), Sharon Merkley (Dave), Dean Becker, Dorothy Becker, and Carrie Dunlop (Dave), and predeceased by Brenda Chum (Pat).

He was a loving brother-in-law to Amy Lemoine (Ray, predeceased), Theresa O’Shaughnessy (Mike), Fern Ouellette (Claude), Germaine Stewart, Rachel Stinkoji (Emel), Roger Chartrand (Vivian), Pauline Wadge (Les, predeceased), Paul Chartrand (Linda), Rick Chartrand (Margie), Joanne Fauvelle (Brian), and Louise Chartrand. He will be greatly missed by his many nieces and nephews, as well as extended family and friends and the many people he knew and loved in the community of Bear Island.

Monty spent many years working for George Mathias Construction, where he built and renovated homes on the Lake. He also operated his own construction business called “Northridge Construction”. He worked for Temagami First Nation as medical transportation driver and volunteered as an Emergency First Responder on Bear Island, as well.

He was an amazing man who excelled at whatever he put his mind to, and would never give up on anything. He was a man of many talents, and was the number-one, log-home builder on the Lake, as well as being a gifted carpenter, woodworker, and tree feller. He built his own log home, and his current home, as

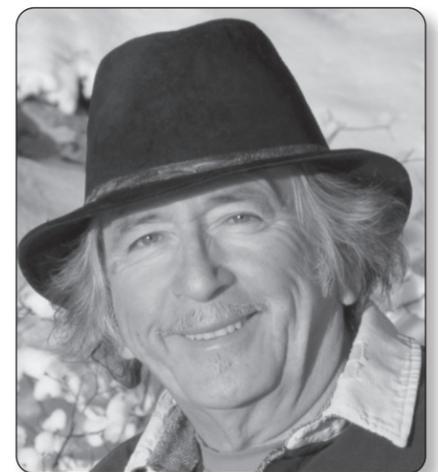


photo submission
by Jessica Bender

well as many other buildings and docks on the Lake, including on Bear Island.

He had many hobbies, such as drumming, playing and watching hockey, sketching, painting, and photography. Monty loved to photograph the beautiful sunsets he watched from home. He had a love for music and played various instruments, and also enjoyed dancing. He was a gifted storyteller and loved to spend time with friends and family telling stories and laughing over a few beers or a glass of red wine.

Monty loved living on Bear Island, Lake Temagami. He spent countless days on the Lake with his children and grandchildren and taught them about the land and the Lake. He enjoyed fishing and exploring, having shore lunches, hiking, and taking the kids tubing, wakeboarding, water skiing, ice fishing, and snowmobiling.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Temiskaming Hospital for their compassion and care.

A “Celebration of Life” was held at the Lakeview Gathering Place (Minowaabandan-gaming Maawanjihidwining) on Bear Island on Friday October 28, 2022. Memories and stories to celebrate Monty’s life were shared. His final care was entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home in Haileybury. Expressions of sympathy can be made in Monty’s honour to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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TLA Business



Highlights of the TLA Virtual "Annual General Meeting" 2022

The 91st TLA AGM was held via Zoom webinar on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) provided technical support.

TLA President, Paul Tamburro, hosted the meeting and identified current Board Members: Nicole Brooker, Rob Corcoran, Greg Goodman, Diane Green, Carol Lowery, Terry Males, Alec Morley, and Tarik Muzaffar. He also introduced new Board members, Nicole Brooker and Alec Morley, and Diane Green (who acted as his co-host).

76 TLA voting members (and others) were in attendance, and 14 voting members were represented by proxies.

Motions to approve the 2022 AGM agenda and adopt the minutes of the 2021 AGM were made and carried. Resolutions to approve the 2021 TLA financial statement and the actions of the Directors and Officers since the 2021 AGM were also made and carried.

Brit Hyde was recognized for serving six years on the Board, and Margaret Langfitt for serving five years. Allan Eustis and Kelly Romans Bancroft were named the 2021 "Members-of-the-Year". They co-founded the TLA Facebook page, and were thanked for their ongoing efforts in monitoring and updating it.

Participants also reflected on the loss of nine TLA members/supporters since the 2021 AGM.

Paul provided updates on activities completed this past year to address these sections of the "TLA Vision 2020-2022": #1 – *Invigorating Stewardship* (e.g., the "Natural Resources and Environment Committee" shared information re: control of invasive species, main-

tained contact with the Municipality and the MNR on this issue, and proposed a boat-washing station at the new Marten River rest stop); # 2 – *Bridge Building* (e.g., groups listed in the vision were contacted by Board members; individual TLA members and the Board were involved consistently in Municipal affairs); # 6 – *Modernizing the TLA* (e.g., the Administrative Coordinator overhauled and consolidated databases; membership for the Facebook page increased; Paul created a TLA YouTube channel; work was completed to modernize, streamline, and make TLA information more accessible).

Although the 2020-2022 goals will continue to be pursued, Paul outlined additional TLA goals for 2022-2023: (i) ensure that the new municipal Official Plan (OP) aligns with the TLA's vision, including the principles agreed upon with amalgamation; and, (ii) develop and enhance our role as seasonal residents in Temagami municipal affairs.

Brit Hyde (Chair of the "Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee") provided an update on the OP. The process is currently on hold as the Municipality awaits feedback from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on Draft 1.2. Once input is received, the newly-elected Council will continue to develop the new OP, and further drafts, public meetings, etc. will occur.

Paul outlined the newly-developed "Scientific-Guidance Policy for the TLA" (to assist with objectivity in decision making – e.g., regarding water-quality testing, environmental concerns) and "Economic-Development Policy for the TLA" (to be used as a guide for evaluating economic initiatives in the Municipality – e.g., short-term rentals, floating accommodations).

A "Q & A" and comments session was then held. Discussion occurred on these topics: the fish-habitat project in the NE Arm; status of the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey; internet connectivity; problems identified in the draft OP; maintaining a good relationship with Municipal Council; lake-trout legislation; floating accommodations; voting in the Municipal election; possible changes to local ambulance services; status of the TLA Headquarters building; member input on the new OP; and, helping all people in the Municipality to value the attributes of the Lake and surrounding lands. As there wasn't time to address all questions/comments during the AGM, follow-up occurred after the meeting concluded.

The following poll was also conducted during the meeting: REGARDING THE FORMAT OF TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGMs) GOING FORWARD, DO YOU PREFER: (A) AN IN-PERSON AGM (29% OF RESPONSES); (B) A VIRTUAL AGM VIA WEBINAR (33% OF RESPONSES); OR, (C) EITHER OPTION (37% OF RESPONSES).

FOCA provided a slide presentation on its strategic priorities, and activities and services for member organizations. Terry Rees, Executive Director, encouraged members to vote in the Municipal election, and highlighted the Lake Partner Program, invasive-species initiatives, waterfront etiquette, wake awareness, short-term rentals, rural roads, cottage succession, the *Lake Stewards Newsletter*, and a virtual conference on November 19, 2022. He also revealed the annual economic impact of waterfront properties (i.e., 57,000 properties in NE Ontario have an overall household spending of \$2.7 billion).

Paul reminded members that there are 1,000 seasonal properties, which account for over 75% of all properties in the Municipality of Temagami. He thanked members for attending, and welcomed feedback about the AGM.



TLA Members Enjoy the Summer BBQ at the Headquarters Building on August 6, 2022 (photo by Marty Martelle)



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TLA Business

Status of the TLA Headquarters Building 2023

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has renewed the land-use permit (LUP) for the TLA Headquarters building to December 31, 2024. They have, however, decided not to re-issue the LUP past this date – so, before the end of the permit term, the TLA must take down all structures on the site, remove the septic system, and cap the well. The land must be left “in a clean, safe condition and restored to its original state.”

Fortunately, this was anticipated by your TLA Board of Directors, who have already begun working on the issue.

Members were notified about the situation via e-mail and standard mail in early January. In 2023, the Board will develop a detailed action plan – including other Headquarters options – and will consult with a contractor(s) regarding costs and a timeline for the work that is required.

Your Board will keep you apprised of all developments. If you have questions/comments, please send them to tla@onlink.net.



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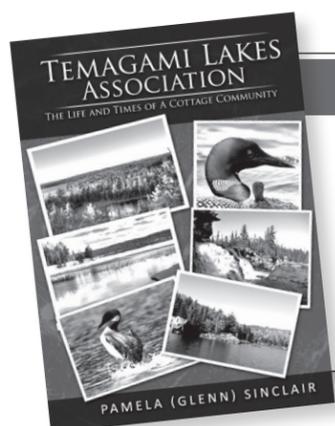
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3. take over and expand the water-monitoring activities that were initiated by the TLA;
4. work closely with the TLA, by participating in environmental projects suggested by its members;
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Cottage 911 Numbers

By Peter Healy

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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.

Memorable Moments

By John Sappington

What's dumber than a mud kayak? Answer: making colossal mistakes with full confidence. But then, looking back over years of Temagami history, what memories stand out? Probably not washing dishes, sweeping pine straw, or dental hygiene. Events that linger are often the idiotic blunders. Children and teens are especially good at creating these priceless treasures of memory.

What, for example, would happen if unsupervised kids lit a wad of paper and dropped it into the dark abyss of a dry outhouse? The surprising result is a towering fire, not unlike a volcano, erupting in full view of the kitchen window.

Then there was the case of brothers who fell in love with water skiing behind an inboard. While the adults were in town, the boys had a burst of inspiration. Maybe they could make do with a small, aluminum boat propelled by a ten-horsepower outboard. Given seniority, the older (hence heavier) one got to be the first skier. The outcome was described as a 14-foot exclamation point in mid-air, with the motor forming the dot below. Rather than moving forward, the boat stood upright on its transom and flipped over. Being immortal, neither of the boys were hurt; however, the motor had to be revived after its dunking.

No one wants to own the next tale – perhaps because the storyteller was widely known for creative embellishment. It seems a teen and his father travelled

north by pick-up truck. Since it was the first day of their season, they stopped in Town to buy groceries and fill containers with gas. Employees at the hardware store helped them stack brand-new, custom-sized, cottage windows into the truck bed, where they lay horizontally. Per tradition, the Access Road was like a WW I battlefield that day. Soon, the teen and his father smelled gasoline in the cab. They wondered if gas might be sloshing from the cans and ruining bags of precious food. Dad stopped so the teen could check. With an effortless, athletic vault, he sailed from the ground over the side and into the truck bed. Sure enough, the groceries were ruined. Worse yet, the boy landed boots first directly on the topmost custom window. Momentum and gravity carried him down through every single one. Now the cargo consisted of spilled fuel, unusable food, stinking luggage, and broken glass.

Grown-ups aren't immune to mistakes either. One cottage guest was eager to learn the routines of boating and fishing from her experienced hosts. Both owners were teachers, with plenty of know-how in making the complex seem easy, by careful explanation. At a promising spot for fish, they offered a clear-cut instruction to their guest: "Throw the anchor overboard." The guest did as she was told and did it well. Sadly, the teachers had neglected one step: "First, tie the rope to the strut." Baffled bass watched as a heavy

Municipality of Temagami Council (2022 to 2026)

Municipal Council elections were held in the Province of Ontario on Monday, October 24, 2022.

Incumbent Mayor, Dan O'Mara, ran unopposed, and was acclaimed to the position for another four years. Three Councillors were re-elected, and three new Councillors joined their ranks for the 2022 to 2026 term. The certified results are as follows:

Dan O'Mara	Mayor
Jamie Koistinen	Deputy Mayor
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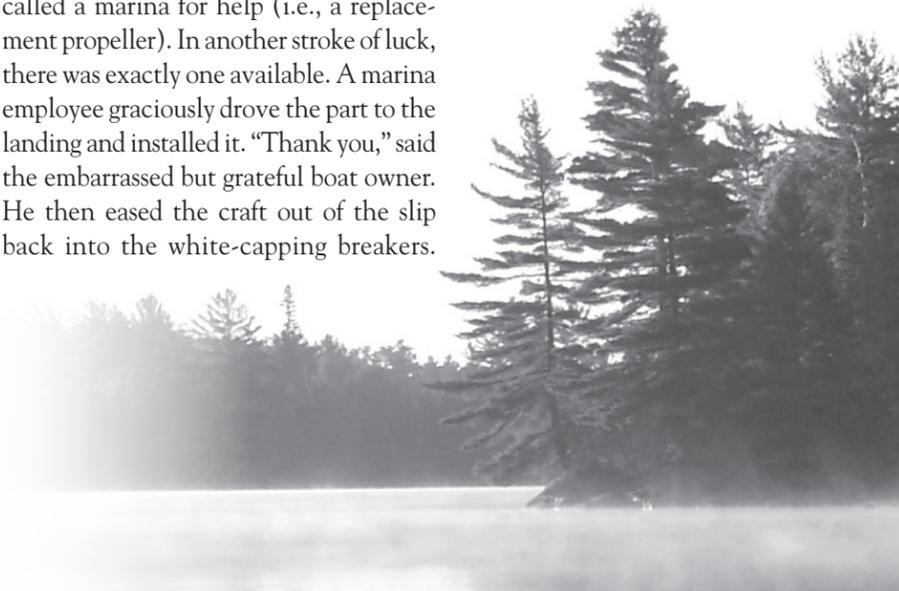
Regular Council meetings will be held both in person and via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month. The 2023 schedule can be accessed on the Municipality of Temagami's website at: www.temagami.ca/municipalgovernment/mayorandcouncil/councilmeetings.

weight and a 40-foot line sank forever to the rocky bottom.

Do you recall your very first day at your new cottage? A freshman family went boating on Day One despite a very strong wind. Not knowing where shoals lay, the novices soon wrecked a faultless propeller. Following impact, the prop looked more like a tangle of coat hangers than a marine device. Luckily, they were in sight of the Manitou Landing, and the wind deposited them very close to a phone booth. They called a marina for help (i.e., a replacement propeller). In another stroke of luck, there was exactly one available. A marina employee graciously drove the part to the landing and installed it. "Thank you," said the embarrassed but grateful boat owner. He then eased the craft out of the slip back into the white-capping breakers.

Temagami wind is not easily defeated. Again, the boat was cruelly seized and shoved into yet another line of shoals. The replacement propeller had lasted only minutes and wound up looking worse than the original.

Such is the core of cottage memories – bad and good. But no matter how disastrous a day may seem, passing years will patch it and paint it until it joins the rest of the unforgettable moments that define life on the Lake.




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Temagami Elders PORTRAIT PROJECT 2023

By Gerry Gooderham

The project consists of photographing as many community elders/seniors as possible from area First Nations, the Lake Temagami community (permanent and non-permanent residents), and the Municipality of Temagami (urban and rural) to produce a collection of portraits. These are the details:

- The project will be a community effort involving myself, assistants, and possibly other photographers from Temagami. Volunteers may also assist with this project.
- The initial project will attempt to archive 200 portraits.
- This began in the winter of 2009. To date, I have over 40 framed portraits and 75 which are unframed.
- Portraits will be a permanent record made with digital equipment.
- Archival DVDs of the final project will be produced and kept at the Library or Municipal office.
- All portraits will be frame and display-ready images from digital formats (raw-image and TIFF files), and will be printed in 9" x 13" sizes, matted, and framed with acid-free materials. They will then hang as 16" x 20" framed works.
- The framed portraits will be donated and displayed "gallery style" in public halls, and municipal and administration buildings, and may also be available to businesses that apply to display them.
- The initial approach to gathering photographs will be a public request to come to my studio and have a portrait taken – but also may involve personal invitations and requests, and attendees from group meetings. I will also depend on the advice of the community, as to which people might qualify.
- The long-term goal is to keep this as a living project/archive.
- I have already made 40 framed portraits which are hanging in the community: 12 in the medical building, 12 in the Library, 12 in the Bear Island seniors' building, and four in the Temagami Train Station for the Temagami Community Foundation.

Are you a senior or elder of the Temagami community?
Be part of my project and receive a free 8" x 10"
portrait for your time.

For more information, please contact
Gerald Richard Gooderham of Gooderham Photography,
Temagami, Ontario at 705-237-8080 or grg@ontera.net.



Mary Laronde with Liz Moes
(an Island Bay summer resident) in 2017

Mary Elizabeth Laronde

Mary is the eldest of five children born to Barbara Mary Ellen Turner and Willis Dave Laronde. Mary was raised on Chimo Island and Island 725 before her family moved to the Town of Temagami. She attended New Liskeard Secondary School, the University of Toronto, and the University of Western Ontario.

She is a journalist, an environmental and social-justice activist, and an advocate for Indig-

enous rights. At the time this photo was taken in 2017, she was serving as an elected Councillor representing the Temagami Anishnabai and employed by the Union of Ontario Indians (representing the Anishinabek Nation) as a communications specialist and policy analyst.

Mary resides in North Bay, Ontario. She has one child, Barbara (Bobbie) Maureen Laronde Maxwell.

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Temagami Lions Club Update (January 2023)



By Ike Laba

NEW TEMAGAMI LIONS MEMBERS:

The Temagami Lions Club has a new President this year (Claude Boissonneault), along with new members – Lions Cheri Arnew and Jeremy Taylor.

TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK:

Due to the continued rise in food costs, many residents (e.g., seniors, young families) are finding it difficult to survive these hard times. Since COVID hit in 2020 (and with the high rate of inflation), many people require food-bank services. If you require assistance from the Temagami Food Bank, please contact Brian Koski at 705-569-4522. Appreciation is extended to the Frog's Breath Foundation, North Bay Real Estate Board, Knights of Columbus, and many other individuals for their generous donations.



Michelle Dickson, Mike Duhn, and Donnie McElwain With Entries for the Temagami Food Bank 50/50 Draw (photo by Cheri Arnew)

50/50 DRAW:

Thanks to Lion Mike who initiated a 50/50 draw to raise funds for the Temagami Food Bank. The draw was made on January 10th at the regular Club meeting, with two non-members in attendance (Michelle Dickson and Donnie McElwain). The winner of the 50/50 draw was Tim Hines, who won \$1,207.50 in total.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Lion Jane Dougall was instrumental in organizing the Seniors' Christmas Dinner on very short notice (due to unforeseen circumstances). With assistance from eight volunteers, who prepared the meal at the arena, and seven delivery persons, the event was a success and appreciated by all who received the Christmas dinners. In total, 185 meals were delivered to Temagami residents. We gratefully acknowledge businesses and donors who supported this event. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR KIDS:

Thanks again to Lion Jane Dougall. She worked closely with Ashly Legacy, who purchased all toys for the children's Christmas gifts. These are typically presented at the “Breakfast with Santa” event at the Temagami arena; but due to COVID, the format was changed. The fire department delivered the toys (along with pancake supplies) to families with kids for a “virtual” Christmas with Santa.

LION BILL HOWELL:

On a sad note, Lion Bill Howell passed away on December 28, 2022 due to illness. Bill was a very socially-active person. He will be missed by Jane and the rest of his family, the Lions Club, and everyone in the Temagami community.

DIABETES CLOTHESLINE PROJECT:

The project began on December 8, 2012 to raise funds for diabetes research and the Lions Club. Over a 10-year period, Lions members have collected 3,329 bags of clothing. Thanks Lion Bob!

CLOTHES FOR THE HOMELESS IN NORTH BAY:

The North Bay area has approximately 300 homeless persons. Over the past two years, Lions have assisted by delivering winter clothing to the Aids Committee of North Bay and the Canada Mental Health Association. We've collected clean winter items, such as pants, parkas, snowsuits, tarps, sleeping bags, new underclothing, and any items that can be used during the cold weather. If you wish to donate clothing, please contact Ike Laba at 705-569-3252. Arrangements can be made for a pick-up or delivery.

LIONS CLUB STORAGE CONTAINER:

The Temagami Lions Club has been struggling for several years to find a location to store clothing for the diabetes project and homeless people in North Bay, as well as items donated for the Lions' Flea Market. In the past, we've stored clothing at Temagami Marine, and flea-market items were stored in Lion members' basements. During COVID, we used the arena dressing room (as the facility was not in use), but recently had to move out of the arena because it is now occupied. Thanks to an anonymous donor, we were able to purchase a 40' x 8' steel container. JPL Storage provided the container, but did not charge the Lions Club for delivery or set up. Longshot Diamond Drilling provided a location for our trailer at their mill site, at no cost to the Club. We now have a great storage area for many of the items that we accumulate throughout the year. We appreciate the support given to the Lions Club for this venture.

“Bucket List” Bird Photos

By Heather Reid

I was fortunate enough to have two, thrilling wildlife encounters this past year – both of which have been on my “bucket list” of birds to photograph for quite some time now.

I was told about an Osprey rookery on Lake Temagami, so I went out in the boat one day to find them. What I encountered, though, was beyond my expectations. I found the female in the nest almost immediately, but the presence of the boat alarmed her. She quickly called for her mate, as she flew off the nest onto a nearby branch. Within minutes, her mate flew in and landed on her back. I had never seen this before and was later told that it was likely a mating behaviour. Luckily, I was able to capture the entire sequence of him

flying to her, landing on her back, and then flying off. It was an amazing experience – one that I will likely never see again or ever forget.

My second “bucket-list” wildlife encounter was with Sandhill Cranes. Someone told me that they had seen four of them at one of our municipal dumps. So, off I went again and was lucky enough to capture three of them with my camera (both on land and in flight). They are huge and colourful birds with a very distinctive call. Later in the year, I went with a group of photographers and was able to get more photos of literally thousands of them in farmers’ fields.



Perfect Landing
(photo by Heather Reid)



The Stopover
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Public Library
Update
(Winter 2023)**

By Carol Lowery, Chair,
Temagami Public Library Board

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As winter sets in, the wind blows, and the snow falls, what could be better than an afternoon or evening relaxing in front of a fireplace with a book? Although we cannot supply the fire, we do have a wonderful selection of books, puzzles, and DVDs to help while away the long winter months.

If you are not in the Temagami area this winter, you are not forgotten. You have access to "Libby", the newer library reading app by OverDrive, for borrowing e-books, audiobooks, and magazines free of charge. All you need is your own device and a library card.

Speaking of devices, the Library has twenty iPads that will be available for loan shortly. These devices will have preloaded apps, including Libby. We are very excited to be able to offer this service to our patrons.

If you have a new device/tablet and need help in learning to navigate the basics, download e-books, or access online resources, call the Library and book an appointment. We can help you get up and going!

The Temagami Public Library Book Club meets the third Saturday of every month from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Attendees have the opportunity to discuss and recommend books to others. It's a great way to hear about what members are reading and to be exposed to authors who you may not have considered.

We also have some exciting news! This summer the "TD Summer Reading Club" for students (both permanent and seasonal residents) will be offered once again. The theme is: "Check This Out: Cool Stuff, Amazing Facts, and Mysterious Fiction". We will be providing more information, including how to sign up, in the next issue of the *Temagami Times*.

As a final note, retired teacher Sandra Firman, our Head Librarian, has retired from the Library. Sandra was a wonderful addition and a great help during COVID. Enjoy your retirement Sandra!

For more information on any of our programs, please visit our website at temagami.library.on.ca or our Facebook page ("Temagami Public Library").

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Those Were the Days: Part 1

By Doug Portmann



These are excerpts from the journals that Clarence (Sam) and his wife, Frances Seaman (née Anderson), kept about their vacations on Lake Temagami. Their journals cover 1927 to 1945 (with some gaps), and I utilized other sources to extend the coverage to 1952. This first installment covers the years 1927 to 1933.

The Andersons and Nibeckers were Americans and leased "Happy Isle" (Island 977) near Bear Island, starting in 1910. The Andersons lived near Cleveland, and the Nibeckers lived near Chicago. The following journal entries mention Marie Nibecker (Frances' sister) and Bud (her brother). Karl Nibecker sailed Lake Michigan in his yacht and served as commodore of the Chicago Yacht Club before WW II.

Happy Isle, Lake Temagami (July 27, 1927): Marie and Karl, with Tom Potts as guide, started on a trip to the bush outside of Gull Lake and in general visiting some of the smaller lakes, notably Lake Kibble [South of Emerald Lake].

July 28-29-30, 1927: Fishing for pickerel around the island, for bass off the dock, and for trout off the point afforded some pastime for Frances and [her] father [Frank Anderson].

July 31, 1927: Marie and Karl, with guide, returned from a pleasant trip in the bush with a report of excellent bass fishing. One catch of five weighing 16 lb., although an affidavit is lacking to that effect. Sam arrived.

August 1, 1927: Karl handled the outboard off Cattle Is. while Sam caught 11 trout this morning.

August 10, 1927: Bud and Irene, with the two children and a maid, arrived. We attended dance at Tom Petrant's [Bear Island].

Much of their journal is given over to fishing – namely, where they fished and how many they caught. Perhaps their favorite place to fish was the Trout Streams, as seen in these following excerpts. These are located northwest of Lake Temagami, and flow from Lady Evelyn Lake (Monz-kaa-nawning). They are (or at least were) notable for their abundance of speckled trout. This called for fly fishing.

Among the many Indigenous Canadians on Bear Island who appeared in their journal, Tom Potts deserves mention. He was the Seamans' lifelong guide, friend, and helper, and a veteran of WW I.

July 25, 1931: Arrived via "Arrow" [train].

July 29, 1931: Father, Bud, Sam, and Tom Potts started this a.m. on their 4-day trip to the Trout Streams. Permanent camp was made at Frank's Falls at the end of the first day. While supper was being prepared by the Guide, Father and Sam fished. Father caught 2 pickerel and 2 bass; Sam caught one bass. Each bass weighed 2 1/2 [lb.]. Between 9 and 9 p.m., the guide and Sam fished at the bottom of the falls and got 6 pickerel out of 10 strikes using a luminous plug.

July 31, 1931: We arose at 4:45 a.m. and at 6:10 were started for the speckled trout holes. We fished 2 1/2 hrs. and got 43 on worms. While supper was being prepared, Father caught 4 pickerel and Sam (1) nice bass. Our supper of speckled trout, fried potatoes, and Oxo bouillon was fit for a king.

Note in the following entries that Sam Seaman was in attendance at the first annual meeting of the Temagami Lakes Association (TLA), which was held on Bear Island. The Divide Lake referred to below is also known as Katherine Lake, and is located close to the Trout Streams. Windabin's [Wendaban's] House in the entry of August 6th was shown in one of their photos as a flooded ruin. It was apparently named for a prominent Indigenous chief who once lived there. "Chub" was the Seaman's nickname for their young daughter, Allyne.

August 5, 1932: Frances and Sam, with Tom Potts, fished in Gibson's Bay this a.m. and caught 4 trout. With Father and Chub, we attended the Association [TLA] meeting at Granny Turner's in the afternoon.

August 6, 1932: Father and Sam, with Tom Potts, started on a 4-day trip to the speckled trout holes near Divide [Lake], leaving Happy Island at 8:06 a.m. [Arrived at] Sharp Rock [portage] 11:15 a.m. and Lady Evelyn Falls 12:55 p.m. Lunched here and left 1:55 p.m. [Arrived at] Windabin's House 3:35 p.m., where we camped for the night. We fished pickerel for supper and caught 4 - releasing 2. It rained hard during supper.

The "Golden Stairs/Staircase" are a series of waterfalls on the Trout Streams. The family would not have been legally able to indulge in Seagram's rye in the U.S.A. at the time because Prohibition didn't end until December 1933. The Clarksons were good friends of Clarence. Their large Island (985) was just west

of Happy Isle, and was subdivided around 1970. The Pleasances were related to the Seamans and lived nearby on Island 974. As numerous entries attest, the Seamans were very social and had many friends on the Lake. Other entries show that they were keen observers of wildlife.

August 4, 1933: We consumed the a.m. in picking approx. 6 qts. of blueberries [opposite] the Golden Stairs. They are very plentiful here. We also re-examined the same lake of last evening for speckled trout, but gave up without a strike. Had lunch at the Stairs.

August 5, 1933: We arose at 4:10 a.m. and left for the trout holes at 5:30 - arriving at our destination at 8:00 a.m. Before lunch, we caught 24 speckled trout and after lunch 27 more. We left at 4 and arrived back at camp at 6:30. At 7:20 p.m. we sat down to a king's feast of speckled trout (4 each) and fried potatoes and sliced pineapple, with an appetizer of Seagram's rye. After dinner, Bud and I each caught a pickerel. Weather ideal.

August 11, 1933: Frances and Sam, with Tom Potts, discovered a new trout hole in SW Arm off the northern point of an island just east of the big burnt island near Skunk [Lake] portage. We got 11 nice trout. We visited the Clarksons in the evening.

August 12, 1933: [George] Pleasance, Sam, and Tom Potts fished in the a.m. in vicinity of Cattle [Island] point and got 8 small trout. Marie and her family arrived on the Belle [a lake steamer]. The Marshalls and Morehouses came over for cocktails. Marie, Frances, Sam, and the Pleasances went to

Granny Turner's for square dances, and all of us joined in.

August 15, 1933: Frances, Sam, and Tom left at 8:17 a.m. (weather fine) for a 3-day trip into Silver [Lake] at foot of SW Arm. Arrived end of lake [Baie Jeanne] 10:50 a.m. We camped down 2 mi. on Silver Creek and observed many moose and deer tracks.

August 16, 1933: We arose at 5:30 a.m. and struck out for Silver [Lake] for the day. We saw partridges, mink, and 6 deer - of which one was in Silver [Lake] - and Sam touched his back as we paddled alongside of her. We lunched on a lovely point and had a 3-lb. bass and a pickerel to eat.

August 17, 1933: We arose at 4:30, broke camp, and departed for home at 6:00 a.m. We fished in Echo [Lake] and caught 3 nice bass and 1 pickerel. We saw a pair of otters in this lake.

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The next journal installment will cover the years 1934 to 1937.



The Seamans Touched this Deer in Silver Lake
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Sam Seaman with His Catch in Gull Lake, 1927
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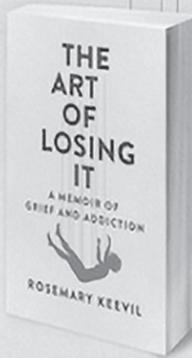
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