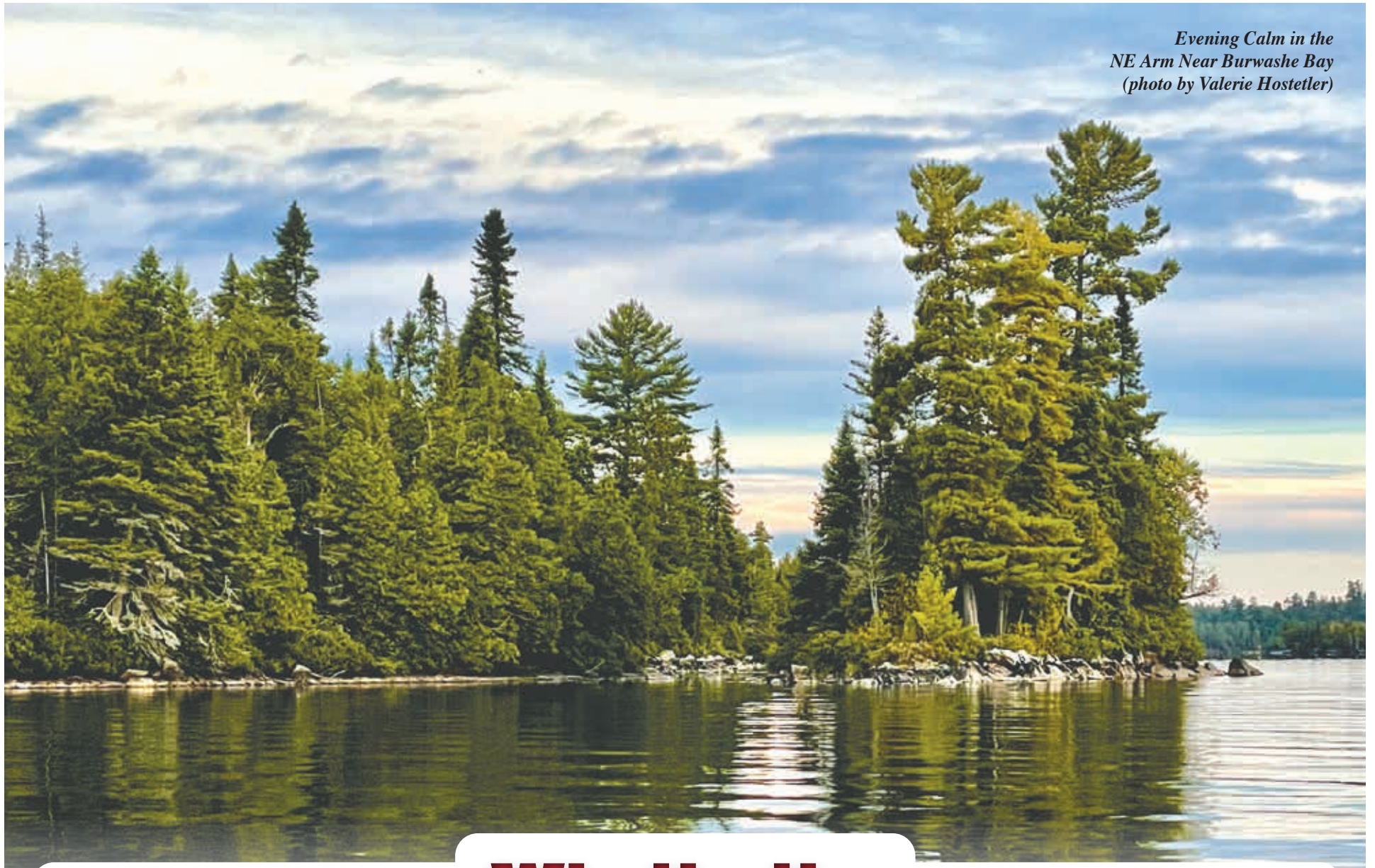




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*Evening Calm in the NE Arm Near Burwashe Bay (photo by Valerie Hostetler)*

## What's the "UNDERUSED HOUSING TAX"?

The "Underused Housing Tax" (UHT) was introduced by the Federal Government of Canada (and implemented by the Canada Revenue Agency or CRA) to address housing issues – especially in Canada's large, urban centres, such as the Greater Toronto Area. Ideally, it will help to ensure that property owners who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents (and who use Canada as a place to store some of their wealth through housing purchases), pay their fair share of federal taxes.

The legislation imposes an annual tax of 1% on

the value of residential property located in Canada that is used less than 180 days per calendar year – unless the owner is a Canadian citizen or eligible to claim a specific exemption.

Non-Canadian property owners on Lake Temagami should be exempt from paying the UHT, however, as their cottage properties are either "not suitable for year-round use as a place of residence" and/or "are seasonally inaccessible". The government website states that: "Even if your ownership of the property qualifies for an exemption, and you do not owe any tax, you still must file a tax return." This form must be submitted **annually** to the Canada Revenue Agency by **April 30th**. There are significant financial penalties if you fail to file an "Underused Housing Tax" return when it is due.

**STEPS TO TAKE:**

1. A detailed overview of the UHT can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency website at: [www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/excise-taxes-duties-and-levies/underused-housing-tax.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/excise-taxes-duties-and-levies/underused-housing-tax.html). Please read this before filing.
2. If you don't already have one, you must apply to the Canada Revenue Agency for an "Individual Tax Number". A form for this can be found at:

[www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/t1261.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/t1261.html).

3. You must also complete and submit the "Underused Housing Tax Return and Election Form" ([www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/uht-2900.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/uht-2900.html)).

Lake Temagami property owners should fall under one (or both) exemptions described above (items # 630 and # 635 on page 5 of the UHT form). Please note that if you are an individual or corporation

in the United States, United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, or Denmark, submit your return to the Winnipeg Tax Centre by standard mail or fax (see details on page 8 of the form). For individuals and corporations from other countries, submit your return to the Sudbury Tax Centre by standard

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mail or fax (see page 8, as well, for details). It's also noteworthy that there is a substantial backlog of returns, and it may take some time to process them.

If you have general inquiries about the UHT, please phone the CRA at 1-800-959-8281 (for individuals calling from within Canada or the United States) or collect at 613-940-8495 (for individuals calling from outside Canada and the United States).

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## President's Letter: What I Have Learned

When I was a kid, my mom and dad taught me to always return something in the same or better shape than I first received it. I continue to follow these words of wisdom, and as my kids know all too well, it drives me crazy when others don't follow the same guiding principle. That being said, onward to Temagami ...

Cottagers think of Lake Temagami as "our Lake" and our own backyard. Partially true, but our backyard is a shared space and a common treasure. We cannot build a privacy fence around Lake Temagami, even if we wanted to. We inhabit the ancestral territory of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA). Temagami First Nation and the TAA are working towards a just settlement with the federal and provincial governments. We share the Lake with permanent residents and commercial operators, and with fishers, canoeists, and recreationalists of all stripes.

So how does the TLA (and, therefore, seasonal residents) remain influential and relevant, and have the strongest voice in protecting all that is so great about Temagami? The answer is by being good neighbours, by being engaged and proactive, and by bringing value to the community.

The TLA has a couple of initiatives cooking that I am proud of. You will be hearing more about them in weeks to come. The first is the Temagami Lakes Association "Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge" 2023 - complete with prizes. Think of it like a fishing tournament, except that the goal is to catch the beer bottles, soda cans, old chunks of dock lumber, and other miscellaneous debris scattered along the shoreline, campsites, and beaches of Lake Temagami.

The second is the beginnings of an "Adopt a Campsite" program. Friends of Temagami (FoT) has 14 thunderboxes that are packaged and ready for easy assembly at campsites on the Lake. If you don't know what a thunderbox is, use your imagination. I can tell you they are sorely needed at certain sites - unless you

enjoy having used toilet paper stuck to your boot sole while you are sitting by the campfire roasting marshmallows.

In other news, our lease for the TLA Headquarters Building expires on December 31, 2024. I think this is good news for a couple reasons. The building is 50+ years-old and has plenty of issues ... and use of the building has steadily declined over the years, as well. We have a good working relationship with the MNRF and are actively developing our exit strategy, with over eighteen months to execute it. Finally, and most importantly, we need to ditch the mainland headquarters. This ends the argument of our hypocrisy in opposing mainland development. After all, very limited mainland development along with the skyline reserve remains Lake Temagami's most unique and valuable characteristic.

Another thing I have learned is that our municipal Councillors are wishy-washy these days. While trying to get elected last year, virtually every one of them said "NO" to mainland development outside of the Town (and excepting First Nation lands). I heard the Councillors, and you heard them in our TLA interviews and at the "All-Candidates Night". Well, at the April 27th Council working session, Councillors hemmed and hawed, using phrases such as, "The town needs to look at all development possibilities," and other noncommittal language. We will follow this closely and learn the details. We must hold our elected leaders accountable to their campaign promises and the municipality to its legal agreements. Just like you and me, they need to be good neighbours.

With these thoughts in mind, I gave it my best shot with the TLA presidency, and I am hopefully returning the position in good shape. I am confident that I am leaving it in good hands. Spring fever has kicked in, and I am looking forward to being back in Temagami. Hope to see you there!

~ Paul ~



*Cedar Trees (photo by Valerie Hostetler)*

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

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

### MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

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

## What's the "Underused Housing Tax"? Update

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"vacation property exemption". This can be determined by entering the P0H2H0 postal code (without a space) into this online tool: [https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/sres/ext/pub/ntrUhtExpnTI?request\\_locale=en\\_CA](https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/sres/ext/pub/ntrUhtExpnTI?request_locale=en_CA). Temagami cottage properties seem to be in a tax-exempt area – assuming that you have stayed at your property for at least 28 days in the calendar year. If not, select your exemption(s) from those described above on page 5 of the UHT form (i.e., items # 630 and/or # 635).

Regardless of whether or not you qualify for an exemption, you must apply for the ITN (by standard mail only), and will receive this number in approximately 4 to 6 weeks. A UHT return must also be filed.

The CRA has advised people NOT to wait for their ITNs, but to "go ahead and fill out the UHT return" (and submit it without the ITN). Include a note which indicates that your ITN application has already been submitted. Apparently, the CRA can access the ITN database and check on the status of your number at any time.

The good news is that the Canada Revenue Agency recently decided not to apply a fine if your return is not filed on time. Here is a statement from the website:

The "UHT Underused Housing Tool" can help to determine whether or not a residential property is located in an eligible area of Canada for the purposes of the

"The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) understands that there are unique challenges for affected owners in the first year of the Underused Housing Tax Act (UHTA) administration. To provide more time for affected owners to take necessary actions to comply, the Minister of National Revenue is providing transitional relief to affected owners. The application of penalties and interest under the UHTA for the 2022 calendar year will be waived for any late-filed underused housing tax returns (and for any late-paid UHT payable), provided the return is filed (or the UHT is paid) by October 31, 2023.

This transitional relief means that although the deadline for filing the UHT return (and paying the UHT payable) was April 30, 2023, no penalties or interest will be applied for UHT returns and payments that the CRA receives before November 1, 2023."

For details on the waiving of penalties and interest, see: [www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/newsroom/tax-tips/tax-tips-2023/underused-housing-tax-penalties-and-interest-waived.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/newsroom/tax-tips/tax-tips-2023/underused-housing-tax-penalties-and-interest-waived.html).

For any TLA members who are still having difficulties in completing either their ITN forms or UHT returns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Association by e-mail at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net).

Source: Government of Canada website (2023)

## Tax Revenue Breakdown for the Municipality of Temagami

By Paul Tamburro

I am pleased to report this information for the first time since 2009. While I cannot vouch for the veracity of each data figure, I am confident that, overall, these are accurate representations of the Municipality's tax revenues.

MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI TAX REVENUE 2021		
Source:	Revenue in Canadian Dollars:	% of Total Revenue:
Seasonal Residential	\$2,447,769	61%
Permanent Residential	\$708,279	18%
Other *	\$870,963	21%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$4,027,011</b>	<b>100%</b>
Lake Temagami Neighbourhood (Seasonal and Permanent) **	\$1,863,784	46%

\* Other includes pipeline and commercial tax revenue.

\*\* Lake Temagami tax revenues were determined based upon conservative assumptions and may well represent a higher percentage of total revenue.

Sources: Municipality of Temagami Budget (2021); Municipality of Temagami Website (2023); Statistics Canada: Municipality of Temagami Census Data (2016)

MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI TAX REVENUE 2009		
Source:	Revenue in Canadian Dollars:	% of Total Revenue:
Lake Temagami	\$1,388,724	45.3%
Pipeline	\$639,122	21%
Marten River	\$95,258	3%
Cassels Lake	\$135,835	4.5%
Rabbit Lake	\$46,251	1.5%
Other Lakes *	\$100,000 (est.)	3%
Remainder of Municipality	\$657,410	21.5%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,062,600</b>	<b>99.8%</b>

\* Other lakes include Angus, Lowell, Rib, Net, and Snake.

Source: Municipality of Temagami (2009)

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# Where's The New Official Plan for Temagami?

By Brit Hyde

N.B., THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN REVISED AND REPRINTED FROM THE WINTER 2023 EDITION OF THE TEMAGAMI TIMES.

The Municipality of Temagami submitted a draft Official Plan (OP) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in the first quarter of 2022. 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 the adoption of a new OP in October 2022.

As reported in the Summer 2022 issue of the *Temagami Times*, the TLA made numerous and substantial suggestions to Council and MHBC Planning regarding the initial draft OP, for incorporation into an improved second draft. Many of these suggestions were appreciated and discussed in detail with MHBC Planning and at an online "Town Hall" meeting hosted by the TLA. The Association was looking forward to reviewing a second draft back in the late spring of 2022.

Now, more than a year later (April of 2023), the MMAH has made no comments on the draft OP, nor on a timeline for when they may respond to the draft OP (which is typically 90 days after submission). Thus, the planning process is on hold until input is received from the MMAH.

## 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 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. The Municipality will still have the ability to implement other zoning standards for additional dwelling units, including maximum sizes, lot coverage, setbacks, etc. Furthermore, 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 the 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?

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 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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## R E M E M B E R I N G

*Mary Christine "Chris" Hindson (nee Robb)*

(December 9, 1932 to June 1, 2022)

*By Donald Hindson*

Chris was born the second of four daughters to John and Mary Robb of Markham, Ontario. She was predeceased by sisters, Marilyn and Joanne, and her son, Robb. She is survived by sister, Myrna, her husband, Donald, and her daughter, Donna Opzoomer (Mark).

Chris grew up and was educated in Markham. She graduated with first-class honours from high school and from the four-year course at MacDonald College (later University of Guelph) in Home Economics.

Chris, always a good athlete, competed in track and field and figure skating through high school, university, and well into married life. She played competitive tennis and golf, enjoyed skiing, and was proud to be a figure-skating judge at the provincial level.

Chris held executive positions in many of Markham's charitable organizations, was President of the University of Guelph Alumni Association, and sat as a director of the University of Guelph for two full terms. She was also on the Board of the Toronto Granite Club for many years and was its president in 1994.

During her working career, she was Canada's "Martha Logan" for Swift and Co. and led cooking schools across Canada. Following the birth of her children, Chris took up television work and taught Home Economics at Markham High School.

Chris' association with Lake Temagami began in 1956 while listening to the stories of her husband, Donald, and his father, Stanley Hindson - who had worked as a fire ranger, fishing guide, and boat liveryman for Donald's grandfather, Clarence Hindson (Chief Ranger for the Temagami Forest Region from 1910 to 1936). This association was cemented in 1969 when Chris, Donald, and their five-year-old son, Robb, spent a week-end in Temagami and toured the Lake on a supply boat that served camps from Wanapitei in the north to Camp Temagami in the south. From the mid 1970s to the mid 1980s, Chris and Don canoe tripped with the late Gordon and Doreen Lak throughout the Temagami, Cross Lake, Lady Evelyn, and



*Mary Christine  
"Chris" Hindson*

Gull Lake river systems. Robb, Donna, Chris, and Don were often week-end guests of the Laks and the Millers.

Through the efforts of the late Walter Kemball and his wife, Jacqui, Chris' son, Robb, was able to acquire an island in the South Arm in 1999. From that time until Chris' passing in 2022, she was a regular visitor at the island and a contributor to its improvement. With the untimely death of Robb in 2019, the family purchased the island from his estate. With the help of Robb's mentor (Donald Ross) and his fellow employees, the "Robb Warren Hindson Memorial Bursary" was set up through the Temagami Community Foundation to assist Temagami-area children in their educational pursuits. Twelve such Bursaries have been presented to date.

On Chris' last visit to the Island with her husband and family during the week after Thanksgiving, all were packed

in the boat and ready to return to the Town of Temagami. The engine, which had previously worked flawlessly, refused to start despite the attempts of all four experienced boaters. After an hour, the engine still refused to start, and a feeling of reality and an element of despair set in (and there was a worry that the battery would soon run down). Suddenly, a loon surfaced about ten yards in front of the boat, looked around, uttered its plaintiff call, and dove. It surfaced again about twenty five yards further east and repeated the same performance. Chris suggested that we try the engine once more, and it started and

ran without incident to the Town. To the day of her passing, Chris attributed the loon's appearance and cry to the spirits of her son, Robb, and his predecessors, which had been expressed through the wildlife of Temagami. Few of us would disagree.

In lieu of other remembrances, and to honour Chris' love and affection of Temagami and its lifestyle, donations to the Temagami Community Foundation - directed to the "Robb Warren Hindson Memorial Bursary" - would be much appreciated.



*Chris and son, Robb, are sitting beside curtains and on cushions that Chris made for the cottages on the island. Chris was very proud of this major contribution, which lit up both the main cottage and the sleeping cottage.  
(photo submission by Donald Hindson)*



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# Eastern White-Pine Forestry

By Marshall ("Marty") Martelle, RPF, Islands 817 and 768

The Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) is the official provincial tree of Ontario, and it happens to be one of my favourite trees to look at, and sit under, on a hot summer day. I suspect you can all relate to this in the Temagami area when you see majestic white pines along the shores of a lake or towering above other species in the forest. The sound of the wind passing through white-pine needles and branches is also quite relaxing.

White pine can live up to 300 years (although this is rare). Many do not survive this long, however, because of insect infestations, disease, and (most significantly) forest fires. Thus, 100 to 180 years is a much-more-typical age. White pine plays an important role in supporting biodiversity in the forest. It provides food, shelter, protection from predators, and nesting sites to many native insects, small mammals, and songbirds. The large size and height of these trees also offer the perfect perches for ospreys and bald eagles.

White pine is a species that is highly dependent on fire to regenerate. Typically, in a white pine forest without fire suppression, a fire would naturally occur every 100 to 150 years. Fire sometimes burns the entire white-pine stand – but most of the time, it can't because of the thick bark on the trees and the height of the live branches above the forest floor (which might be out of reach of flames). Usually, fire burns in the understory, and kills other trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. Fire also damages some plant seeds that are buried in the soil (the "seed bank"), thereby reducing the amount of vegetation that is competing for resources with white-pine trees.

While all trees require sunlight, each species exhibits a specific level of "shade tolerance". This is the ability of a tree (plant) to thrive in the shade of, and in competition with, other trees/plants. Some species can germinate and grow for many years in low levels of light, while other species cannot germinate or grow in these conditions.

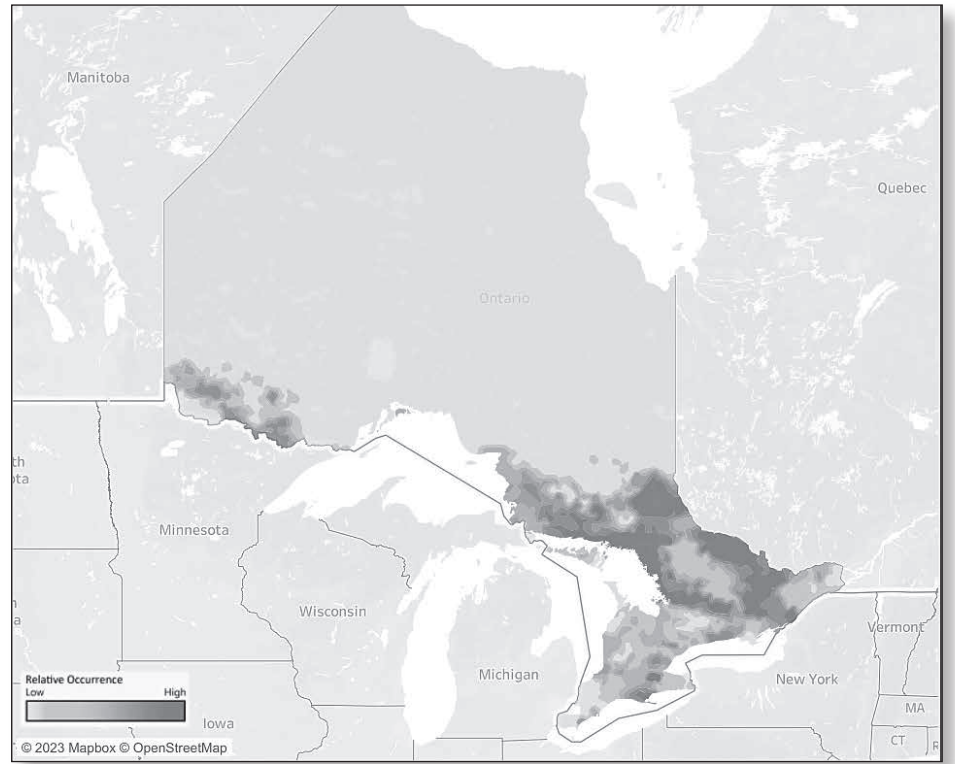
There are three levels of shade tolerance: intolerant, mid-tolerant, and tolerant. Because white pine is a mid-tolerant species (and cannot grow and thrive with too much shade), a reduction in other competing plant species from fire is very important for white-pine forest renewal. Fire also exposes areas of mineral soil upon which white-pine seeds can germinate. The large, overstory, white-pine trees that survive a fire will release seeds that fall onto the ground. These seeds will germinate in the freshly-exposed mineral soil and grow into a new white-pine forest.

First Nation peoples historically used controlled burns to reduce fire risk around their communities and to create browse areas for species that they hunted for food.

Because we humans are such a "short-lived" species, we tend to think of the forest as a static entity. This is not the case. The forest is constantly changing – but, just a little too slowly for us to notice most of the time.

As you may be aware, most of the islands in Temagami and the surrounding skyline reserve have not experienced forest fires in many years or decades. In the absence of fire (or harvesting), "forest succession" will occur, and other species growing in the understory will eventually replace the white pine. You can observe this process on your island, if you have white pine as the dominant overstory. Over time, the species growing in the understory will most likely not be white pine. They will instead be other, more shade-tolerant trees such as spruce, white cedar, and balsam fir. Near the shoreline, where there is more sunlight, however, some white-pine regeneration may continue to occur.

We can use knowledge of the way in which white pine regenerates naturally, and apply it when harvesting and renewing areas where forest products are removed from the forest. A Registered Professional Forester (RPF) will walk through an area being considered for harvesting and develop a forest "prescription" – essentially a plan for how the area will be harvested and subsequently regenerated. This prescription also takes into consideration the presence of other wildlife species in the area, nesting sites and dens, fisheries, and cultural values.



*Ontario Distribution Map of Eastern White-Pine Forests  
(source: Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry)*

For white-pine-dominated areas, the most-utilized "silviculture" method (the science of growing trees) is called "shelterwood". The shelterwood system is designed to mimic a natural, understory, forest fire. The first harvest will remove 40 to 50% of the overstory trees. This reduces the density of the overstory and allows more sunlight to reach the ground. If the white-pine trees are producing seeds at the time (the seed-production interval is three to five years), these seeds can germinate on the ground and grow in the increased sunlight. If no seeds are being produced, then the area will be tree planted. Because there is no forest fire to kill competing shrubs and other plants on the site (or damage the seed bank of these competitors), some type of vegetation-management treatment is usually required to allow the new white-pine germinates or planted seedlings to survive and grow. The treatment will temporarily reduce other vegetation on the site that is competing for sunlight and nutrients with young white pine.

As the white pine grow older, they become more shade intolerant and require more sunlight. Once these newly-seeded or planted trees grow to three to six metres in height, another harvest will occur to remove more of the overstory and allow additional sunlight into the stand.

Finally, when the new trees are six metres in height or more, the final harvest will occur. Even during this final harvest, not all of the white pine are removed. A number of trees are left behind to mimic the residual white pines that would remain after a forest fire. These are often referred to as "super-canopy" trees and provide important wildlife-habitat values.

When implemented in this manner, the approach can continue over and over in the future to provide an ongoing resource of forests (and forest products) for future generations.

*A Mature, Eastern White-Pine Forest  
(photo by Marty Martelle)*



# “Adopt a Campsite” Program

By PJ Justason, Friends of Temagami (FoT) President, and Paul Tamburro, TLA President

There are 96 Lake Temagami campsites noted on the TLA’s “Lake Temagami Shoal Map” and 102 noted on the “Friends of Temagami Adventure Map”. The disparity may reflect former or little-used campsites or, equally likely, our ability to count little triangles on a map.

Some of these sites are heavily used and in varying degrees of hospitability. Accordingly, the TLA is planning an “Adopt a Campsite” program, and we have two goals for this summer.

First, the TLA is partnering with Friends of Temagami on an important project. FoT has built 14 thunderboxes specifically for Lake Temagami, as part of their Temagami-wide initiative to install 30 to 40 of these design wonders across the region in 2023.

The 14 units designated for Lake Temagami will be delivered as prefabri-

cated packages to the TLA Headquarters Building, with easy-to-assemble instructions and FoT signage included. We are looking for TLA members or other residents to install them at campsites of your choosing around the Lake. Ideally, a spade could be left on each site to allow for easy relocation of its thunderbox, as the need arises.

Second, we will begin to update the existing catalogue of Lake Temagami campsites. We ask that you examine the campsites near your island and send information about them to [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net) – including a photo, the site location (with longitude/latitude, or an X on a map), and a description of the site condition (plus a notation about the presence or absence of a thunderbox). We will then be off to a great start.



Friends of Temagami VP, Emily Lebek, Resting on Her Laurels (photo by PJ Justason)

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## 2023 Leefrog Telecom Update

By George Chriss

In 2022, Temagami was the site of one of the largest island deployments of broadband in Ontario – with the goal of covering much of the waters of Lake Temagami. The project was filled with many challenges in the construction of a stable and reliable network.

Leefrog Telecom encountered numerous issues, in addition to the environmental impediments of delivering broadband to this sparsely-populated area of Northern Ontario. We endured equipment failures and malfunctions due to the fluctuations in power from the local utility. This issue was addressed by converting the power at the Access Road landing to DC (direct current) in the spring of 2023.

Leefrog will move to both solar and wind power in the latter part of 2023 or 2024 – after evaluating the same installation in two projects along Highway 17. We plan to add new TVWS (TV “White Space”) technology to the landing in the early summer, as well. TVWS refers to unused TV channels that exist between active ones in the VHF and UHF spectrum. This initiative is currently in the approval process with Industry Canada and will bring higher speeds on the TVWS band (i.e., to 100/20 Mbps). Leefrog has also been authorized by Industry Canada to use more power in its TVWS deployments, which will allow connections to both the northern and southern stretches of Lake Temagami. We are currently waiting for the final regulatory approval.

Leefrog had a huge response to its VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) telephone offering. This technology allows customers to make calls using broadband Internet instead of a standard phone line, and is substantially lower in price than the service offered by the local provider. We have started the process to have telephone-number portability, which is currently not allowed in Temagami.

Leefrog is also in negotiations with a partner to provide camera and security services. We hope to have this in place in the next few months.



Leefrog Telecom Transmission Tower Near the End of the Lake Temagami Access Road (photo submission by George Chriss)





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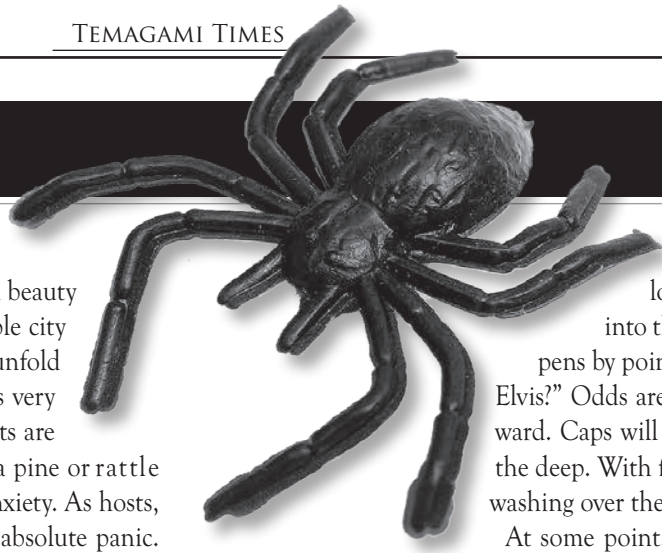
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# How to Entertain Guests

By John Sappington



The first day is easy. Invitees are overwhelmed by the majesty and natural beauty of Temagami, but may also be a bit unsettled. Transition from a comfortable city subdivision to a wilderness can be a frightening experience. Realizations unfold like flower petals. Guests will note that they are on an island, the water is very deep, and wind can stir up dangerous whitecaps. Bears, wolves, and bobcats are not far away. Lightning may strike near enough and loud enough to split a pine or rattle a stack of dinner plates. Besides inspired wonder, there may be a dose of anxiety. As hosts, our job is to take that vague feeling of distress and gently expand it into absolute panic. Every visitor should go home with unforgettable tales to tell. The sooner we begin operations, the better.

Dry ice is very useful. Carefully handled, it will ensure that perishables arrive at the cottage in pristine condition. There is another useful application. While you and your guests unload the boat, secretly move the dry ice from the cooler, where it is safely wrapped in towels. Without being seen, slide the frozen chunks of carbon dioxide into the lake just behind the boat. Immediately, hundreds of smoky bubbles will rise from the bottom. Turn to the guests with a look of dramatic horror and say, "I'm sorry, but we're going to have to evacuate immediately." Of course, your company will want to know why. Point to the bubbles and reply, "It looks like the volcano is about to erupt any minute." The evidence is instantly credible, and there will be plenty of adrenalin spilled.

Predictably, later on, friends will gather in chairs near the boathouse to relax before dinner. This is an opportunity to compliment several of your guests on their youth and impressive fitness. Eventually there will be speculation about who can do what. That's your cue to issue a mild challenge: "Do you think you can get up, run around the front of the boathouse, and sit down again in six seconds?" For an athletic person, it's really not much of a test since the distance is very short. The only complication is that there is no surface to run on in front of the building. If there were, how could we dock our boats? Insight will dawn on the runners in mid stride over the surface of the chilly water.

Outhouses elicit fear and loathing in novices. Magnify both by attaching a colorful toy lizard to one of the walls inside the sanctuary. A more refined version involves a large toy spider. Rest it on the header above the entry on the inside, and attach it by twine to the inner surface of the door. It may take several practice tries to find the right string length. When the guest opens the door, the string will pull the fake spider off its perch, whereupon it will seemingly leap forward. This attraction is even more dramatic if the visitor has already seen a hideous dock spider the size of a blueberry pancake.

Next is a camp favorite known as "short sheet". By day's end, guests will welcome the sight of a neatly-made bed and a few minutes of reading before lights out. When preparing the bed, use only one sheet (folded double) before tucking it in. The two ends should be visible, one atop the other, near the pillow. Try as they may, guests cannot insert their toes more than halfway toward the foot of the bed, because that's where you've placed the fold of the sheet. Be sure to have second sheets waiting once the laughter dies down.

Halloween masks should be a staple at the cottage, since they are just as useful as hammers and screwdrivers. Pullover masks made of rubber are recommended for their durability. Take a skull mask, and secure it around a rock about the size of a human head. Place it on the lake bottom near the dock at a depth of about 10 to 12 feet. Provide flippers and a snorkel, and then encourage a guest to explore the waters near the cottage. The reaction will be utter terror when the swimmer sees the skull. How high will they shoot out of the water with flippers to boost their motivation? Be certain to video.

To ensure a relaxed lull after several hilarious pranks, suggest a boat ride to view scenery. In deference to the sun, advise passengers to wear baseball hats with long bills. Before departing, explain an old Temagami tradition: If your hat falls in the water, you must wash dishes later. Open boats without windshields are ideal for this exercise. After enjoying cliffs, bays, neighboring cottages, and other islands at a leisurely pace, announce a return home at top speed. Your hat is safe as long as you're looking straight ahead. However, if passengers

look up, wind will catch the bills and flip them into the lake before they can react. Make sure it happens by pointing straight up and shouting, "Hey, isn't that Elvis?" Odds are it won't be Elvis, but all heads will turn skyward. Caps will turn end over end in midair on their way to the deep. With four guests in the boat, you're covered for dish washing over the next four meals.

At some point, guests will want to sit quietly at the water's edge, perhaps to read. Suggest a forested spot, then prepare to sneak up behind them with a large rock. Without making a sound, lob the rock high in the air over their heads toward the lake. Begin your clever disappearance before the rock hits water. An enormous splash will result, and the readers will want to explain it to each other. Listen carefully to their accounts, and nod with great interest as they speculate about sturgeons, fanged serpents, or meteorites. The more they speculate, the more remarkable and legendary the story will become. Be sure to practice the lob for several days before company arrives. The goal is to create a sense of wonder, not a subdural hematoma.

Advanced pranksters can acquire large gel capsules and a hypodermic syringe. Neither has to be sterile. Carefully inject food colouring into the empty vessels. After you bathe, unscrew the shower head and place capsules inside, before twisting it back on. The next person in the stall will not notice anything amiss until water dissolves the capsules, releasing the dye. Suddenly, the guest is amazed to see their skin changing hue. Green or blue make excellent choices. Although the dye may linger for several days, it will eventually wear off. Border crossers can relive lake adventures while explaining their new tint to customs agents.

Offer a canoe race with consequences to the losers. For safety reasons, each canoe should carry a large bailing bucket behind the rear seat, firmly attached with a long rope. Select a beginning point that allows your team to paddle up behind the opponents before the start signal. Direct attention to the finish line, while your teammate quietly lifts the opponents' pail and submerges it behind their boat. Shortly after the race begins, slack on the other team's rope will suddenly pay out. No matter how they struggle, their boat seems to drag while yours glides effortlessly to a win.

Egg salad makes an excellent lunch. Hard boil all the eggs you need plus one. Set aside the smallest, but don't crack it. Instead, take a black crayon and draw a huge eye on one end of the shell. Color in the iris, and add pink veins. At cocktail hour, place the eye/egg in your mouth. A gathering of at least six is ideal, so others won't notice how silent you are. Let visitors carry the conversation, while you nod with interest. At the right moment, stand up and slap the table with your eyes wide in astonishment. Point to your face and slowly push the doctored egg out between your lips using your tongue. Guests will be amazed and delighted to see an enormous eye bulging out where your teeth used to be. Plop the egg on your open palm, and throw it far into the woods. Then say, "I hate it when that happens."

After several days of endearing northern pranks, your company may also want to become tricksters. Expect to supply Halloween masks, but require a hoodie for each person. While seated in an open boat, passengers put masks on the backs of their heads and wear their hoodies backward, as well. For safety's sake, the driver must wear the mask and hoodie properly to steer. Putt slowly by people on docks or in other boats. Your crew will look as though they are impossibly contorted with their heads facing opposite the direction of their knees. Bear in mind that some observers will have taken advantage of legal pot smoking after years of abstinence. Their perception may be altered accordingly. The sight of creepy boaters with odd faces and twisted bodies moving slowly should be enough to further loosen their grip on reality.

By departure day, you will have crafted a series of unforgettable Temagami experiences. Of course, all of these suggestions can be reused later with different guests if this year's group should decline a return visit.

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# TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Save the Dates

By Ronda Potts, Board Member, Temagami Community Foundation

Every day, for one week in July, you can hear the excited voices of children chant during the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) "Arts Camp": "Temagami, the place to be! We love Temagami!"

Temagami summers display glorious, glistening waters and sun-kissed, fluorescent pines! It is the place to be!

The Temagami Community Foundation Board of Directors and other volunteers are already busy with the planning of 2023 TCF summer events, which will soon be upon us. As always, we have you in mind. Whether you are a TCF grant recipient, Lake or Temagami-area resident, or a summer visitor, you are why we do what we do, year after year.

Many of the TCF events will raise funds to help folks like you achieve goals and dreams. Temagami is a hub of activity in the summer, and we could not run our events without faithful volunteers who show up each season to lend their time and talents. Won't you be part of our dedicated team of volunteers, who offer their time, talents, and skills now and then? We could really use your help!

Typically held every year (but postponed for a time due to Covid 19), many wonderful donors and volunteers witnessed the tremendous success of our annual "Temagami Comes to the City" fundraising event, which was held in Toronto in November 2022.

Please consider volunteering for our next event, the 2023 "Arts Camp", which is being held July 3 to 7. We are always looking for new ideas. As you come and give your time to the children, you'll find that their smiles are your greatest reward!

Saturday, July 22 is the "Fish Fry" at Camp Wabun, and we will be looking for willing hands to help set up tables, serve beverages, or dish out a delicious pickerel feast. Some volunteers choose to stay behind the scenes to pick up, and transport, dinner supplies or the equipment it takes to present the live music. Many hands make light work when empty baked-bean pots are calling out to be cleaned, and supplies must be returned in the early evening via the shuttle.

Of course laughter and fun naturally follow when reconnecting with old friends, or making new ones, from Lake Temagami communities and beyond. So, whether you are working with the "Arts Camp" kids, participating in our "Council of 100", "Temagami Comes to the City", or "Fish Fry" events, or are considering joining the TCF Board of Directors, you will always find joy in volunteering in Temagami - the place to be!



Shown is an excerpt from Red Sky Performance – choreographed and directed by Sandra Laronde – during the TCF's "Temagami Comes to the City" fundraising event in November 2022. (photo by Ronda Potts)



A child learns the art of drum making while attending the TCF "Arts Camp" in the summer of 2022. (photo by 2022 "Arts Camp" Staff)

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If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bangay, TLA Administrative Coordinator, at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net).

## TLA Property-Patrol Report (Winter 2023)

Winter 2023 property patrols for TLA members were completed in late January /early February and in March.

In January and February, a couple of problems were discovered (e.g., a suspected break-in, and a known break-in reported to the TLA by the property owner). In March, however, only minor issues were found – such as unlocked/open doors in cottages and boathouses, fallen trees, and beaver activity.

Lake travel was mostly excellent in March. For this time of the year, though, the amount of snowfall (especially during the final week) made it a little more challenging.

## TLA Summer BBQ 2023

**Date:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 (rain date: Sunday, July 23rd)

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 > choose Service A, B, or C for each island with buildings/structures
  - Service A (spring and fall): \$60.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Service B (January and March): \$60.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Service C (combination of A and B): \$115.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- CONTRIBUTION FOR VHF MARINE-RADIO SERVICES:**  
 > minimum \$45.00/property requested for radio-service users ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- MERCHANDISE:** (available for pick-up at the TLA Headquarters Building)
  - 2021 Lake Temagami Shoal/Navigation Map: \$30.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Full-Colour Wall Map of Lake Temagami: \$25.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - History Book (*TLA: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community*): \$30.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Cookbook (*Temagami Cooks*): \$20.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Plastic Name Plate: \$50.00 (or free for new “Class A” members) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## TLA Board Members (2023 to 2026 Term)

The deadline for nominations to the TLA Board of Directors ended on May 1, 2023, and no nominations were received from the TLA membership.

We are very pleased to announce, however, that the three open Board seats will be filled by current Board members – Diane Green, Tarik Muzaffar, and Alec Morley – who have generously agreed to sit as Directors for their second, three-year terms (beginning on September 1, 2023 and ending on August 31, 2026).

The Association is very fortunate to have these very knowledgeable people on our Board!



# 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](mailto:tla@onlink.net).

# TLA Business

## Temagami Lakes Association “Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” 2023

Over the years, the amount of garbage floating in Lake Temagami’s waters and sitting on its shorelines has increased. Of particular concern are plastics, as they can take hundreds of years to break down. They may never do so completely, but can instead disintegrate into smaller and smaller pieces – which can have negative impacts on wildlife (especially when ingested).

According to the World Wildlife Fund, plastic bags, for example, can take 20+ years to decompose, plastic water bottles – 450 years, and disposable diapers – 500 years.

To help address this issue, the TLA would like to issue a “Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” to its members – and anyone else who resides on, or enjoys, Lake Temagami. During the Summer of 2023, we encourage year-round and seasonal residents (and visitors) to seek out, and collect, garbage in the water, or on mainland or island shorelines.

We will award prizes at the “TLA Summer BBQ” on Saturday, July 22nd, in these categories:

- (a) most garbage collected (by volume or weight)
- (b) largest piece of garbage (Hopefully, it won’t sink my boat when I’m taking it to the transfer station.)
- (c) strangest piece of garbage (What on Earth is this?)
- (d) most-artistic piece of garbage (Michelangelo would be jealous.)
- (e) oldest piece of garbage (This thing is older than I am.)
- (f) most-useful piece of garbage (This isn’t garbage – it’s something that I can use!)

Please dispose of all items appropriately, and simply bring photographic proof of your efforts to the event, or e-mail them to the TLA. Although, the BBQ will mark only the half-way point of the season, we urge everyone to continue with the clean-up initiative throughout 2023 and beyond.

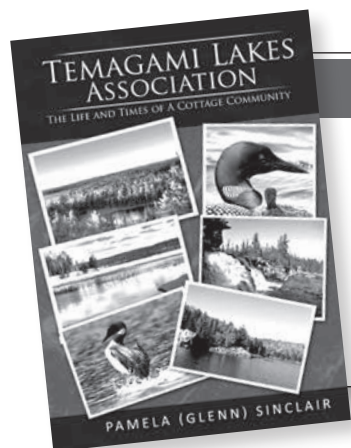
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## Lake Temagami Water Levels 2023

Date	Water Level (m>sea level)	Flow (m³/s)	Operating Range (m>sea level)		Trend up/down
			Min. (m)	Max. (m)	
January 14	293.60	-	293.00	294.00	-
February 20	293.40	-	293.00	294.00	down
March 18	293.20	-	293.00	294.00	down
March 24	293.19	26.3	293.00	294.00	down
March 30	293.17	25.4	293.00	294.00	down
April 8	293.15	2.1	293.00	294.00	down
April 15	293.21	11.6	293.00	294.00	up
April 22	293.50	13.9	293.00	294.00	up
April 27	293.64	17.7	293.00	294.00	up
May 2	293.85	11.6	293.00	294.00	up
May 10	293.96	50.3	293.00	294.00	up

**LEGEND**

**Date:** date on which measurements were recorded  
**Water Level (m>sea level):** water level (elevation) of Lake Temagami on that date  
**Flow (m³/s):** rate of water flow through the Cross Lake Dam  
**Operating Range (m>sea level):** ideal, operational, water-level range  
**Trend (up/down):** water level trend compared to the previous measurement  
*N.B., Note that the water flow out of Lake Temagami was measured downstream from the Cross Lake Dam and reduced in late March 2023 – to begin a slow, gradual refilling of Lake Temagami.*



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## 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.

## 92nd “Annual General Meeting” of the Temagami Lakes Association Fall of 2023

**DATE AND TIME:** To Be Announced (likely on an evening in mid October)  
**FORMAT:** Zoom webinar  
**CONTENT:** The AGM will consist of short presentations and updates, as well as a Q & A session. If possible, please submit questions, comments, and suggestions for topics of discussion by the first week of October to [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net).

## 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](mailto: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.

# Temagami the Beautiful

By Gerry Gooderham

What an unimaginably-complex two years it has been. We are all aware of the challenges that have occurred, so one need not expand upon describing the state of the world, with the Covid virus, global warming, and the war in Ukrainian at the forefront. Through these difficult times, the world's beauty has not gone away – and Temagami is a perfect example of that.

Temagami is a wonderful place to view the beauty of the world. Let's begin with recent evening events. Venus and Saturn, with the crescent-moon conjunction, could be seen at dusk. What a beauty that was! In March, Venus, Jupiter, Mercury and the moon had another interesting conjunction! On a great many evenings, there were also views of the Milky Way and (ooh, yes) the Aurora. There was even an eclipse of the moon. Astrophotography and Temagami are the perfect match, with darks skies and pristine views being an everyday or evening event. Please remember to turn off your lights at night to help everyone view the night sky!

Temagami has it all – with amazing vistas, sunsets, sunrises, and natural scenes of sky, water, land, flora, and fauna. Jump into your canoe, or onto your snowshoes or skis, and go! Visit the Tower on Caribou Mountain or the White Bear Trails to see amazing old-growth forests, or enjoy the many remarkable vistas on Lake Temagami.

Drive up any of the many side roads, and you will be surrounded by beauty. Travel the Lake Temagami Access Road to view a number of small rivers, lakes, and trails. Here, you may see eagles, moose, deer, bears, and beautiful scenery. In the summer, travel by boat to the many amazing islands and bays, walk the Temagami Island Old-Growth-Forest Trails, or go to Obabika Lake to see many huge, wondrous trees, ancient rock formations, and pictographs. Camp on one of many campsites, take an early-morning boat or canoe ride, go fishing to see a beautiful, foggy morning or sunrise, or sit quietly to watch loons and hear them calling.

As a full-time photographer, I have travelled the world and photographed some of the most incredible scenery imaginable; but, Temagami never fails to shine for me. It is filled with uncrowded, open spaces that are full of surprises and magnificence. Do not be surprised if you run into me or another photographer out there also trying to capture that beauty.

Please visit the Gooderham Photography website (<https://gooderham.photoshelter.com/index>), or message me about tours, workshops, or private lessons.



*The Old and New*  
(photo by Gerry Gooderham of Gooderham Photography)



*Morning Mists Awaken*  
(photo by Gerry Gooderham of Gooderham Photography)





*Hall of the Mountain King*  
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## Temagami Lions Club Update (April 2023)



By Ike Laba

The Temagami Lions Club consists of a small group of volunteers working on improving the lifestyle of the Temagami community.

Within the last five months, we have lost two key Lions members due to illness and passing away. Lion Bill Howell and Lion Mike Duhn will be greatly missed by the Club.

**TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK:**

The Temagami Food Bank was established to support families in our community. It is difficult for some people to make ends meet due to the increasing costs of food, gas, and heating, as well as many other items that are required on a daily basis.

All transactions between families in need of assistance and the Lions designated representative are highly confidential. If you or your family require assistance from the Food Bank, please call Brian Koski at 1-705-569-4522.

**TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB FLEA MARKET:**

The Lions of Temagami are hosting our annual Flea Market sale on the Civic Holiday week-end (August 6th and 7th). It will be held at the Temagami Train Station.

A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who assist the Lions members in making the Flea Market a success. Proceeds from the sale of items during this event will be used to assist the various needs of individuals, or for special projects, within the community.

For more information, contact Lion Bob Sykes at 1-705-569-4412 or any member of the Temagami Lions Club.

**DIABETES CLOTHESLINE PROJECT**

The Lions Club continues to collect unwanted clothing in support of the diabetes research program. Through these efforts, we benefit by securing revenue - which is then used for projects within the municipality.

Prior to this initiative, unwanted clothing would have ended up in municipal landfill areas, thereby shortening the lifespan of these waste sites. For more information, please contact Lion Bob Sykes at 1-705-569-4412.

**HOMELESS SUPPORT IN NORTH BAY:**

The Lions has initiated the collection of used and clean clothing, tents, tarps, and many other items required for the survival of up to 300 people experiencing homelessness in the North Bay area.

At this time, we are in the process of collecting summer wear, such as light clothing, rain gear, etc. This spring, the Temagami Lions provided \$200.00 for the purchase of undergarments and personal-care items, such as soap and toothbrushes.

If you are interested in donating anything, please contact Ike Laba at 1-705-569-3252, Bob Sykes at 1-705-569-4412, or Brian Koski at 1-705-569-4522. Please note that all clothing must be clean and in good condition, and any undergarments provided must be brand new.

**TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE:**

The Temagami Lions Club is establishing a Facebook page, which should be completed by the end of May 2023. The Facebook page will provide information on the various events and workings of the Lions Club (e.g., Annual Hockey Tournament, Flea Market, Diabetes Program, Food Bank, Homeless Support). For more information, please call Cheri Arnew at 1-519-365-3492.

**JOIN THE TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB:**

The Temagami Lions Club is in search of new members. Although the Club is small, the membership is very active.

If you are interested in getting involved in the community, then the Lions Club is for you. For further information, or to join, please call Claude Boissonneault at 705-569-3202 (or contact any Lions Club member).

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# Snow Survey Report for Temagami – Winter 2023

Report Date:	Average Snow Depth (cm):	Average Water Content (mm):	% Normal:	Reading Date(s):
January 15	34	66	-	January 15
February 1	40	79	94%	February 1
February 15	56	106	107%	February 12 and 15
March 1	65	113	93%	February 26 and March 1
March 15	54	119	92%	March 13 and 15
April 1	79	91	80%	April 2

Source: Ontario Power Generation website (2023)



*Assistant Patroller, Merlot,  
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Conditions During March 2023  
TLA Property Patrols  
(photo by Dan O'Mara)*

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**Temagami Public Library Update (Spring 2023)**  
 By Carol Lowery, Chair,  
 Temagami Public Library Board

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It is so nice to look out the window and see the sun shining and the snow beginning to melt, as we all wait for those much-anticipated summer days to arrive. I can't think of any better way to enjoy summer than with a great book. Pay a visit to the Temagami Public Library, and then relax on your deck, dock, or lawn with a summer read.

The Library has been a busy place all winter. Our patrons have participated in several programs, including our "Book Club", movies, and several events for both children and adults.

We had difficulty on St. Patrick's Day with leprechauns hiding in the library and had to ask the public for help in finding them. Fortunately, they were all located, and our lucky "Leprechaun Hunt" winners were: Susan (winner of the children's draw) and Omar (winner of the adults' draw). Each winner was awarded a \$20.00 gift certificate from Chat Noir Books and our thanks for their assistance!

Our "Book Club" continues to meet monthly on every third Saturday of the month from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Library. This year we held a "mini" Canada Reads. Participants read as many of the selected books as time allowed. Then we met, discussed the books, and chose our favourites. Although the CBC panelists didn't completely agree with our rankings, we were close with our #1 pick - *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands*, by Kate Beaton. All five books are available at the library.

The Temagami Public Library partnered with Temagami Parks and Recreation to provide Easter activities for the community, including an egg hunt, crafts and games, make your own button, and a selfie booth. We also showed an Easter movie at the theatre. In addition, we held a draw for two beautiful Easter baskets purchased from Temagami Pharmasave. Sabrina was the winner of the adult basket, and Vodka won the children's basket.

The "Temagami Preschool Reading Club" (a reading program for young children) ran from April 2022 to February 2023. A special thank you is extended to everyone who donated and helped to make this program a success.

The Temagami Public Library will be offering the "TD Summer Reading Club" program for the duration of the summer. The program is free of charge, and the goal is to inspire children (ages 0 to 12) to explore the fun of reading their own way - the key to building a lifelong love of reading. Registration opens on June 12th.

Please make time to visit the Library to check out our books (new releases and new additions), our display boards, our new "Temagami Events" bulletin board, games, puzzles, DVDs, and crafts. Spend some time using our computers and iPads. Use the Libby App to check out eBooks and more with your Temagami Public Library card. Please contact our Library staff if you need any assistance.

Follow the Temagami Public Library on Facebook and/or our website for upcoming events, programs, an inventory of books, and more. We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual "Canada Day Book Sale".




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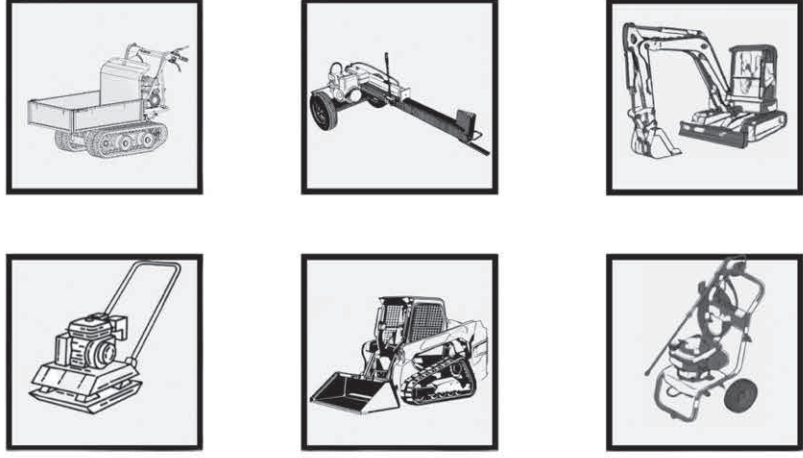
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# Living Temagami: Uniting Arts and Culture and Community Spirit

By Mary McTavish



The Living Temagami Board of Directors and engaged community members continue to work on many fronts to support and celebrate our rich arts, cultural, and historical resource-base within and beyond our local community.

The following is what we have been up to over the winter months and are planning for the 2023 season ahead:

## Community Market – Saturdays from July 1 to September 2, 2023:

Laura Irvine, Market Manager, and Mark Beardmore (“The Butter Tart Guy”) are already actively planning for the return of the summer Community Market, which is situated at the north end of the Train Station. We always welcome new and returning vendors. Our line-up for featured musicians will be ready by the end of May. For further information, connect with Laura or Mark through the Market Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/TemagamiCommunityMarket](http://www.facebook.com/TemagamiCommunityMarket).

## Raven’s Nest Sound Stage (Once a Month in the Winter, Spring, and Fall):

Four high-quality, music events with Esther Pennell/Scott Langill, David Laronde/Dylan Schigwadja, Julien Cote, and Wayne Potts took place over this past winter and spring in the mezzanine level of the Train Station.

During the fall of 2020 and throughout 2021, David Laronde worked persistently, despite the many trials and frustrations of live-feed vs pre-recorded sessions and within the framework of the low-quality internet available to us. With a switch to Leapfrog Telecom and some new tech equipment over the fall and winter, we are now able to host a large, virtual audience with high-quality audio and video from the Raven’s Nest Sound Stage, while simultaneously hosting a live performance for up to 25 people.

## Workshops:

Workshops and “Sharing Circles” will continue to be part of our community programming. Lindsay and Tina Cote facilitated a “Sharing Circle” last month, while introducing Lindsay’s recently-published book, *Spirit Talks*.

Reina Leudke, Debby Burrows, and Maranda Mathias brought their artistic presence, expertise, and passion to the Train Station over the last few months. Each of these workshop facilitators ensured that beginner or advanced participants took home high-quality pieces of stained glass, mitts/moccasins, or cold-process soap bars, respectively.

Heather Reid is scheduled to share her love and passion of photography in an upcoming workshop – “Through the Eye of the Lens” – on May 6. Debby Burrows is running a self-care workshop – “Lavish Repose” – on May 13. Sign up for either of these workshops, upcoming workshops, and/or other events through the Living Temagami website at: <https://livingtemagami.ca>.

## Main Floor Gallery and Retail Store:

Our jury members – Judy Gouin, Gerry Gooderham, Victoria Wilde, and Mary Laronde – continue to work with artists in

the community to facilitate the display and sale of original pieces of art in our main-floor Gallery and retail store.

Victoria is spearheading and enhancing the development of our retail and gift product-lines in the Gallery and retail store, as well. We encourage anyone who hasn’t been to the Train Station in the past four months to come and see our “new look”, and to give us your input – including other items you wish to see in the Gallery and store.

Victoria also looks forward to welcoming all past and new clients of White Bear Holistic Healing and Wellness Centre to the Train Station to experience therapeutic treatment and spiritual healing. For further details, please contact Victoria by phone at 705-477-4755 or by e-mail at: [gentlebird-woman@gmail.com](mailto:gentlebird-woman@gmail.com).

## Northern Arts Connection Virtual Hub:

This is funded by the Canada Council for the Arts and FedNor, and is also supported through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The Northern Arts Connection ([www.northernartsconnection.ca](http://www.northernartsconnection.ca)) has become a key component of the hybrid, program-delivery model that Living Temagami has been developing and will be using going forward. This initiative was designed to develop a connection between our Temagami community (and similar, small communities in Northern Ontario) and larger, northern-Ontario communities, to share expertise, resources, and common challenges. We have created an interactive and professional website for networking, streaming, and generally supporting the artistic economy of the north.

“Support” and “Member Sign-up” is being conducted through a “virtual-road-tours” model. So far, we have completed or planned virtual “stops” in Timmins, North Bay, New Liskeard, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, and Manitoulin Island. We have also created an Indigenous Advisory Committee for our virtual community with representation from the North Bay, Thunder Bay, and James Bay communities. We are experiencing great enthusiasm in the communities with whom we have connected.

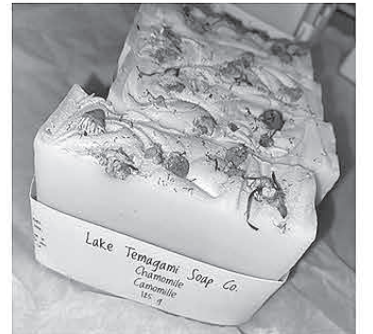
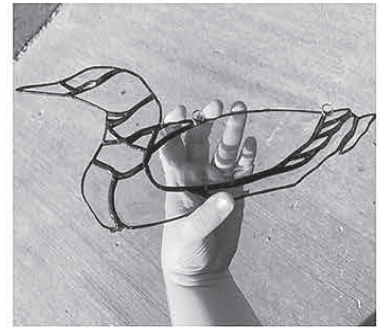
## Looking for Additional Board of Directors Members:

We would welcome expressions of interest from community members to join our active Board of Directors.

The Board meets four (4) times a year to manage and set the direction of our non-profit organization. Board members, along with other interested community members, participate throughout the year in aspects of our community programming (that match their interests and available time), for the promotion and delivery of arts, culture, and heritage initiatives.

If you share a passion for promoting the Arts in our community, we would love to hear from you. Stop by the Gallery, reach out to a current Board member or engaged community member, call us at 705-650-1191, or just drop us a line at [livingtemagami@gmail.com](mailto:livingtemagami@gmail.com).

We look forward to engaging more fully with interested community members throughout the summer and in the months to follow.



photos by Living Temagami Staff

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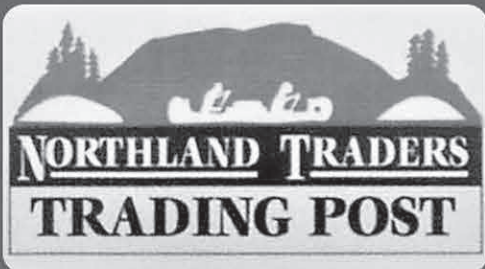
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# Those Were the Days: Part 2

By Doug Portmann



What follows is the second installment of excerpts from the journals that Clarence (Sam) and Frances Seaman (née Anderson) kept on their vacations on Lake Temagami, from the late 1920s to the 1940s. Allyne ("Chub") was their daughter, who died only this past year. Marie Nibecker was Frances' sister, and Marilyn (Lyn) and Angenette (Angie) were the adopted daughters of the Nibeckers (and are both still living). The Andersons and Nibeckers were the owners of "Happy Isle" (Island 977) in the 1930s.

The following 1934 journal entries contain the first reference to automobile driving, which was made easier when Highway 11 was paved in the 1930s. Before that time, the Seamans took the train to reach Lake Temagami. In the last 1934 entry, "Snooky" is the Seaman's nickname for Chandler, their young son. He died of pneumonia soon after.

**August 11, 1934:** Father, Marie, Frances, Marilyn, & Chub met Sam upon his arrival at Temagami. Marie drove us to Cobalt & [Haileybury] in her Olds. We arrived home at 3:00 p.m. We attended Granny Turner's square dance that night.

**August 15, 1934:** Trout Streams Trip – 3 days – Marie, Frances, Sam, & Tom Potts [guide]. Departed 8:14 a.m. with Chris Craft & a freight canoe. Weather – no wind, but skies overcast. [Arrived] Sharp Rock [portage] 9:27. [Arrived] Lady Evelyn [Lake] at 11:10, lunch 12:20 to 1:30; sighted Windabin's [Wendaban's] Cabin 2:03, altho[ugh] nothing of structure remains. [Arrived at] Frank's Falls at 3:00 p.m. Caught 1 pike & 1 pickerel.

**August 16, 1934:** Arose at 4:45 a.m. & started for trout holes at 5:47 using kicker to Golden Stairs. Arrived [at] trout hole in Mud [Graymud Lake ?] at 8:50. Caught 6 speckled trout to lunch on (largest 1 1/4 lbs.). Left at 2 p.m., stopping at other likely-looking holes with no success. [Arrived at] camp 5:15 for a feast of trout & fried potatoes & bacon & a slug of Canadian Club.

**August 23, 1934:** Frances & Sam, with Tom Potts, started on a 3-day trip to Kibble [Lake] at 8:35 a.m. with nicest weather in 10 days. Father with Marie, Michel [guide], & Chub & Marilyn kindly took us as far as [Obabika] narrows in the Chris Craft.



The Anderson's Chris Craft in the 1930s  
(photo submission by Doug Portmann)

**August 24, 1934:** After listening to the rain all night, we arose at 4:45 for bass fishing in Kibble [Lake]. Got there at 10 a.m. In the morning, Frances caught a 5 [pound, small-mouth] bass, the biggest Tom Potts had ever seen in his life. During p.m., Frances caught another weighing 4 1/2 lbs. & so did Sam – 3 bass in all, but whoppers! We arrived back at Camp at 6:45 p.m., tired, but contented.



Laying a Bed of Spruce Boughs Before Erecting the Tent in 1935  
(photo submission by Doug Portmann)

**August 30, 1934:** Our most beautiful day since Aug. 11. All of us, except the maids & Angie [Marie's daughter] & Snooky started for Whitefish Bay at 9:10 a.m. with the Chris Craft, 2 canoes, & Tom & Michel for an all-day picnic. Caught 6 trout & 1 pickerel. [Marie – 2, Dad – 3, Francis – 2, Sam – 0].



Family Trip on Cross Lake, 1934: Frances in Background, Allyne and Marilyn Holding Fish, A Young Girl, and Chandler  
(photo submission by Doug Portmann)

In the following entries for 1935, Mr. Thorpe is mentioned, and was the factor of the Hudson's Bay Trading Post (which existed on Bear Island until 1970). Sam Seaman made a point of getting to know the factors. Forest fires were no recent concern, as the last entry attests. Dr. Charles Stone lived on Island 988. His cabin is still there and is now owned by the Matchett family (also of Island 989).

**August 8, 1935:** The family with Tom Potts met Sam at Temagami with the Chris Craft. Beautiful weather. Sam fished for two hrs. before supper & got 2 trout on a pearl wobbler. Chub has the care of a Husky Puppy, named "Cinders", which Mr. Thorpe loaned Jane & Peggy [nieces of Frances]. Visited the Stones in the evening.



Frances With Guide, Tom Potts, En Route to Trout Streams, 1935  
(photo submission by Doug Portmann)

**August 9, 1935:** Arose at 5:45 and all of us off at 7 for Whitefish Bay, with Michel & Tom & the Chris Craft, the outboard, and one canoe. Weather perfect, fishing terrible. 1 trout & 2 small bass & Father got all 3. The Stones called in the evening. Marie & family with a maid arrived at Happy Isle at 9:00 p.m. – having driven 418 mi. from Montreal since morning.

**August 18 (Sunday), 1935:** Went to church [at St. George's Anglican on Bear Island]. Nice weather, but hot. Badly in need of rain. Two forest fires within 50 [miles].

## Maintenance and Safety Tips for Portable Fire Pumps

Good maintenance is essential for safe, economical, and trouble-free operation of your portable fire pump. It will also help to reduce emissions.

Routine inspection and simple maintenance with basic tools can be performed by the owner. This does not, however, require disassembly of the pump. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and maintenance schedule to ensure the viability of your warranty.

More-complex servicing (especially anything requiring specialized tools) should be performed by a professional. In addition, your fire pump should be tested on a regular basis to ensure that it is in good working order – should it ever be required to extinguish a fire.

### GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

1. Read the instruction manual before operating or maintaining the pump.
2. Operate the pump outside – away from windows or doors – to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning from the pump's exhaust.
3. Make sure that engine is off before beginning maintenance or repairs.
4. Let the engine and exhaust cool before touching the pump.
5. Add fuel in a well-vented area before starting the engine. If the engine has previously been running, allow it to cool before re-fueling. Wipe up any fuel spills immediately.
6. To reduce the possibility of a fire/explosion: take care when operating the pump around gasoline; use only non-flammable solvents to clean pump parts; and, keep sources of flame away from the pump.
7. When in doubt, do **NOT** perform maintenance on the pump yourself. Instead, take it to a professional.

### BEFORE OPERATION:

- ✓ Check on, and around, the pump for signs of oil or gasoline leaks.
- ✓ Remove excessive dirt or debris – especially around the engine, muffler, and recoil starter.
- ✓ Look for signs of damage to the unit or its accessories.
- ✓ Ensure that all nuts, bolts, screws, hose connectors, and clamps are tightened.
- ✓ Check the condition of suction and discharge hoses, and ensure that they are in operating condition before connecting them to the pump.
- ✓ Confirm that the hose-couplings are in good condition.
- ✓ Ensure that connectors and clamps are securely installed.
- ✓ Make sure that the strainer is in good condition and properly installed on the suction hose.
- ✓ Check the oil level, as running without sufficient oil can damage the engine.
- ✓ Examine the air filter, and clean, if necessary. Replace the filter if it is damaged.
- ✓ Ensure that the fuel tank is full to eliminate or reduce operating interruptions caused by refueling.



TLA's Honda WH20XT Portable Fire Pump  
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### AFTER EACH USE:

- ✓ Visually inspect the pump unit and all accessories.
- ✓ Examine the pump for external leaks, signs of wear, or any other problems.
- ✓ Check the condition of the flexible buffer coupling. Replace if worn.
- ✓ Remove any dirt or debris from all areas of the pump unit.
- ✓ Clean the air filter and spark plug.
- ✓ Confirm that the throttle and choke control are operating properly.
- ✓ Make sure that the ignition switch is free of debris, and verify the condition of wiring and connectors.
- ✓ Note any performance irregularities or any abnormal mechanical sounds.
- ✓ Confirm that all necessary tools, spare parts, and accessories are with the pump.



Fire-pump accessories (suction hose and strainer, camlocks, discharge hoses, couplings, and hose nozzle) are stored with the TLA fire pump in the red wooden box on the fixed dock at the Headquarters Building.  
(photo by Rob Corcoran)

### LONG-TERM STORAGE:

1. Learn about, and follow, all of the manufacturer's instructions before placing the unit and accessories in storage.
2. Completely drain all water from the pump, and then reinstall the drain plug.



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3. Dry all accessible surfaces with a clean cloth.
4. Touch up damaged paint, and coat areas that are susceptible to rusting with a light film of oil. Lubricate controls with a silicone spray lubricant.
5. Drain the fuel tank and carburetor.
6. Store the unit and accessories in a protected area – ideally, with low humidity.

For further information on any of the items listed above, please read the operating manual for your fire pump.

Sources: Honda Canada (2015); Waterax, Inc. (2015)

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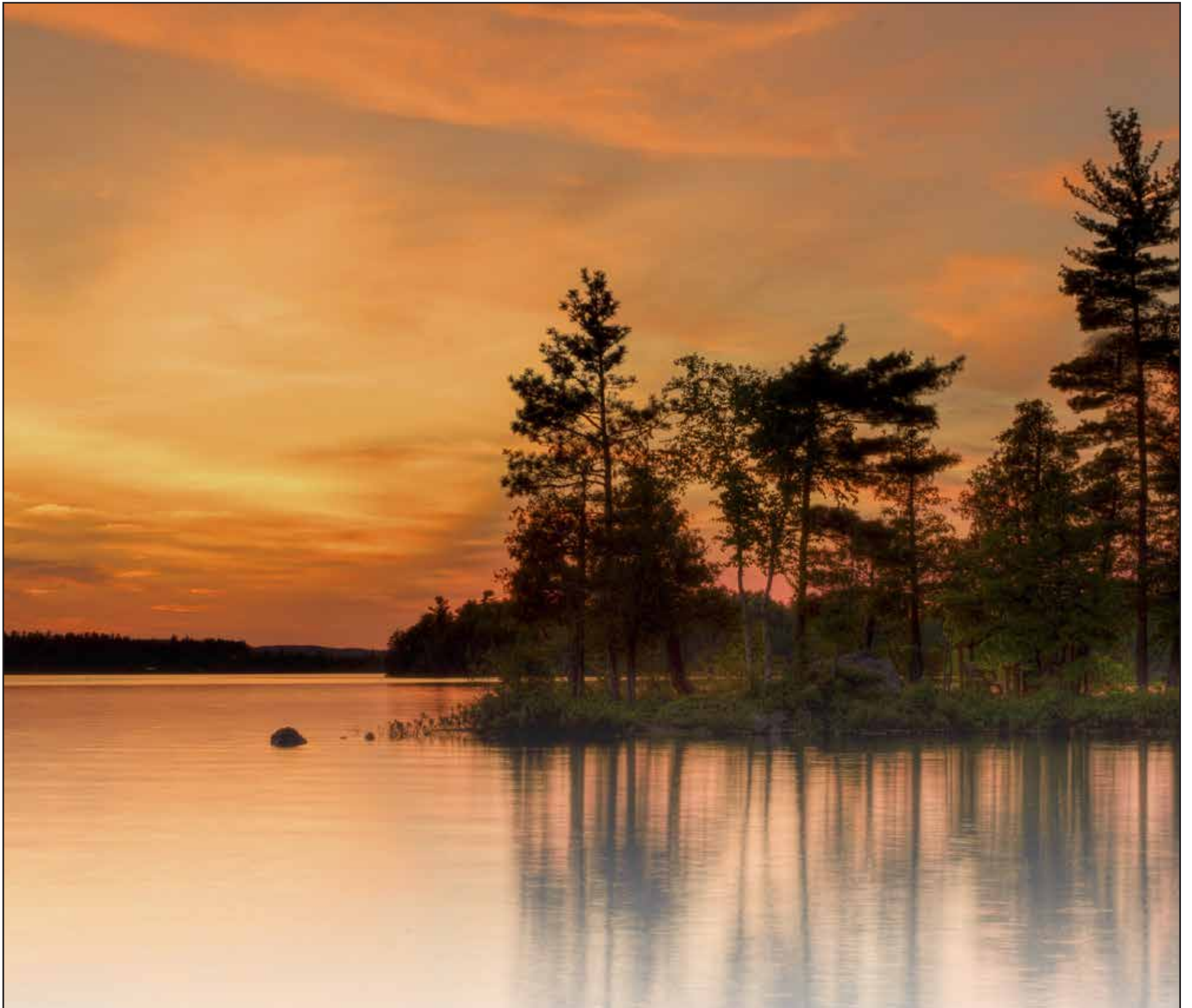
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