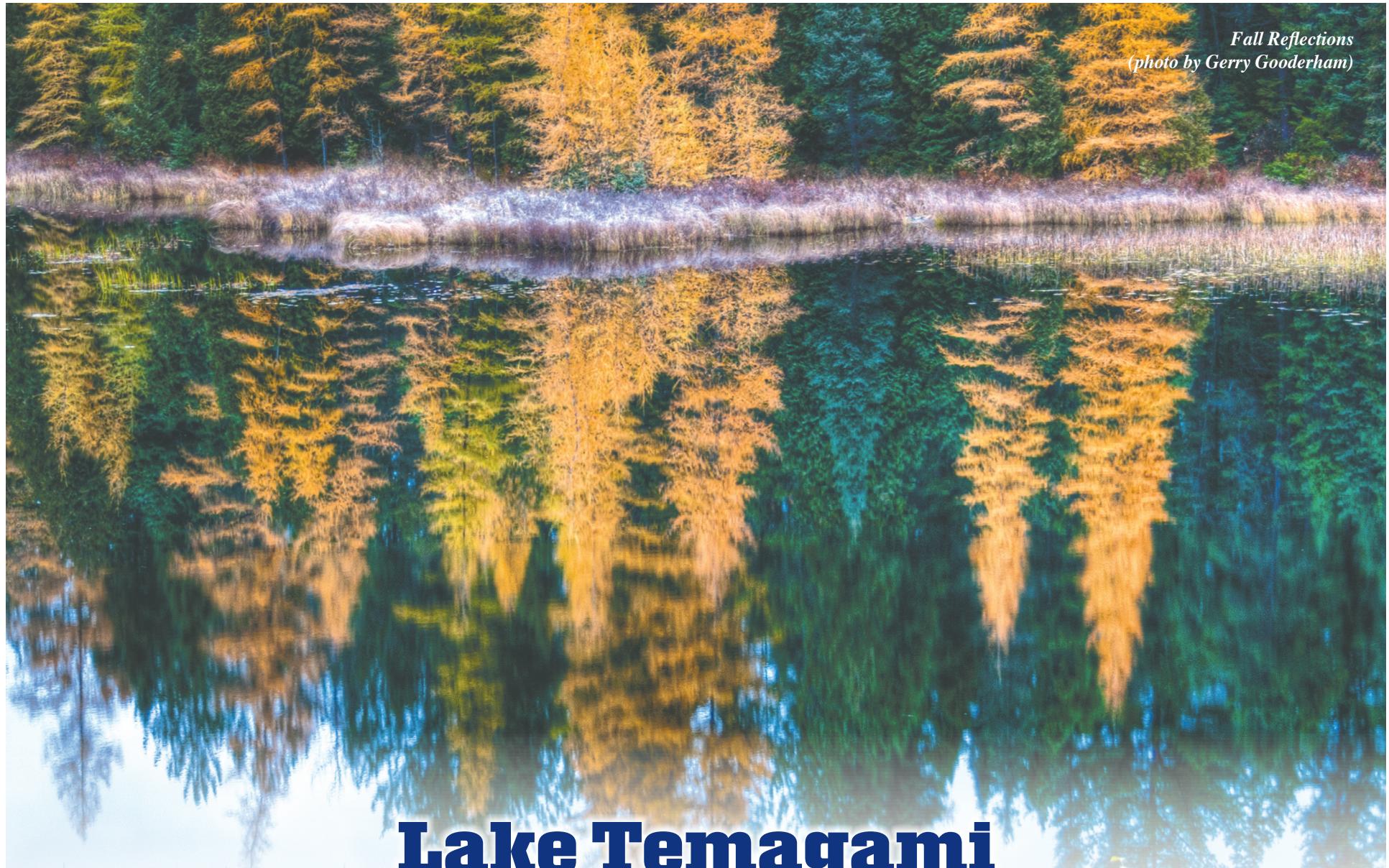


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Lake Temagami Waste-Transfer Station **CHALLENGES 2023**

By Daniel Buckles

On September 3, 2023, a letter to Temagami Municipal Council outlined the many problems encountered in 2023 by users of the

Lake Temagami waste-transfer station. The letter was co-signed by Lorie Hunter (Lake Temagami Southwest Arm), Daniel Buckles (Lake Temagami South Arm), Paul Tamburro (President, Temagami Lakes Association), and William Bateman (President, Lake Temagami Group). A copy was also sent to: the Ontario Ombudsman; the Chief of Temagami First Nation; John Vanthof, MPP, Temiskaming-Cochrane; and, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP).

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The letter was also posted as a petition on Change.org, and within a few weeks was signed by more than 600 Lake Temagami residents and other users of the waste-transfer station. The petition called on the Municipality to reinstate the 24/7 waste service and to make other improvements.

On September 14, 2023, Daniel Buckles and Lorie Hunter presented user concerns at a Temagami Municipal Council meeting and called for reinstatement of the 24/7 service. The main message provided was that Council and municipal staff should work with the community to develop a plan for responsibly managing waste that builds on the 24/7 access model, while mitigating smaller problems in ways that are both reasonable and acceptable to the MOECP.

At a September 28th meeting, Municipal Council agreed to establish a committee, including seasonal and permanent residents, to reconsider plans for the waste-transfer station.

BACKGROUND:

Until May 19, 2023, the Municipality ran a 24/7 waste-transfer station at the landing of the Lake Temagami Access Road without major incidents or service interruptions over several decades.

Provincial orders for improvements in 2015 from the MOECP were addressed in 2016 by the Municipality to the satisfaction of the Ministry. These included the installation of covers to prevent access to the waste by bears, security cameras, and active moni-

toring and education during peak hours. In correspondence dated December 2016, the MOECP advised that "the ministry is satisfied

that the development of the Action Plan submitted by the Municipality fulfills the requirements of the Orders or constitutes a reasonable alternative to the requirements of the Orders." This included approval to operate the site 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week. Since that time, there have been no further orders from the Ministry.

In correspondence dated July 10, 2023, the Ministry responded to an inquiry from the Temagami Lakes Association by indicating that waste-transfer stations can be operated 24 hours-per-day, and that "the presence of 'attendants' is not typically a requirement that is spelled out in the conditions."

Waste-transfer stations that are operated by other municipalities in remote locations in the province have also been granted flexibility by the Ministry, as long as they meet specified conditions.

Given this background, and existing approvals from the Ministry, there was (and remains) no compelling rationale for the drastically-reduced service and significant increase in costs for Lake Temagami residents that were imposed by the Municipality this summer.

IMPACTS:

People from all corners of the Lake rely on the waste-transfer station to safely and responsibly dispose of the waste that they generate. Tourism statistics acknowledge that more than 5,000 people use the Lake Temagami Access Road every summer, along with many permanent residents during the

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Vice-President's Letter: How to Keep the Best Place in the World for Generations to Come

By Tarik Muzaffar

It is a beautiful fall week on Lake Temagami, as I write this – more colours, but pretty much the same perfect place to be. Having travelled all over the globe in both urban and rural settings, my family and I are confident in saying Lake Temagami is the most beautiful place in the world. But it is not just the visual impact of its rugged nature. It is the energy we all feel from the land itself. This summer, we have hosted visitors from around the world who feel the same. Coming from beautiful countries such as Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, England, Belgium, and New Zealand, Temagami is special to them, too.

Aren't we lucky? Thanks is offered to all those good caretakers of the lands and water who came before us. Like the previous generations, we owe it to ourselves, our families and friends, and to all the generations to come, to keep this place pristine and magical.

So, what can we do as residents of the Lake? We can start with our own properties. Let's all check on our sewage management. Is it the best we can do given our circumstances? Can we reduce the amount of garbage we throw away by "smart composting"? Can we limit the use of disposable packaging for foods

and beverages by using refillables? Let's think about how we can all make a positive impact on the land and water around us.

As we look toward community leadership, our Municipal Government, along with First Nations leaders, are the most influential groups that can impact the lands and waters we so enjoy. Unless you are a member of a First Nation, we are all accountable to our municipal leaders, just as they are accountable to us. Your Temagami Lake Association (TLA) Board is about to reach out to all Councillors and the Mayor on an individual basis to have one-to-one conversations. Our intention is to impress upon them the importance of the Lake to all residents, and the value to the Town itself. We also hope to learn of their intentions and commitments to keep Lake Temagami the best place in the world. We will share what we learn on the TLA website and through future articles in the *Temagami Times*.

Winter is coming, quiet and crisp. Soon again, spring and summer will arrive, with more opportunities to live our best, healthy lives. Whatever you do, please do not forget to think and care about the generations to come. They should see and feel the same amazing things that you do.



Long Tree (photo by Gerry Gooderham)

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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.

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI



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

ROAD ACCESS

The current ban on construction of new public road access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is supported by our

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

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

MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

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

Lake Temagami Waste-Transfer Station Challenges 2023

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other seasons. The waste-transfer station has for decades provided an efficient and effective way to manage the large volume of waste generated by Lake user groups, and the flexibility created by a 24/7 service is justified.

Closure of access to the waste-transfer station on Fridays, and the irregular, highly-limited, hours-of-operation (typically three hours-a-day), had the following impacts on the Lake and Lake users this summer:

- Significantly-increased boat traffic and high levels of congestion were encountered at the landing during the narrow hours-of-operation of the transfer station.
- Disruptions were experienced to the operations of camps and lodges that coordinate client pick-ups and drop-offs with waste removal. More frequent trips to the landing, and associated costs, were the related consequences.
- Individuals had to reorganize plans for landing departures and arrivals around the restricted hours of the transfer station – when weather, safety, and other considerations should be paramount to movement on the Lake.
- An increased risk of bear and other wildlife encounters was likely when waste was deposited inappropriately at the landing.
- An increased risk of inappropriate dumping of waste at remote mainland locations was possible due to perceived inconvenience, with serious, long-term implications for water and land pollution.
- Higher taxpayer costs were incurred for a reduced service. This included the purchase of a municipal vehicle – which shuttled between the Temagami Municipal office, and the landing and landfill twice daily (potentially with partially-filled waste bins).
- The direct cost of a round trip by boat to dispose of waste from many Lake areas is approximately \$100 to \$160 per trip. If individuals and businesses couldn't coordinate waste disposal with other travel to the landing, extra costs and hours of wasted time were experienced.

More generally, this drastically-reduced and inflexible service doesn't meet the varied needs of Lake users and collectively imposes on them many thousands of dollars in extra costs and hours of wasted time.

GOVERNANCE:

The decision by the Municipality to reopen the waste-transfer station with restricted hours raises several, broader, municipal-governance issues.

First, the financing of a capital expenditure (a specially-equipped, municipal truck) through a tripling of the "Waste Disposal Charge" for Lake Residents, rather than from general tax revenues, and without any prior consultation with taxpayers, is unfair. (An equivalent action would be to purchase a new garbage truck for the Town of Temagami and cover the capital costs only through the Town's tax-base instead of the broader tax-base provided by all Temagami property owners). Furthermore, the charge is not a true "user fee", as it doesn't reflect actual use of the facility by ratepayers on a waste-volume or other basis.

Second, the records of Council resolutions on this matter refer only to continuing the hiring process for a new, related staff position with the Municipality, and do not provide clear approvals for the restricted hours-of-service at the transfer station. This is a failure by Council to follow due process.

Third, the "working group" of residents previously convened by the Municipality to provide advice on the waste-transfer station was not treated with respect. No clear mandate or Council resolution was provided to members (who dedicated time to the matter over a period of more than a year), and their recommendations and concerns were not conveyed to Council through a report or presentation by the group prior to the Municipality making significant changes for the transfer station.

Finally, implementation of the new schedule for waste disposal, announced on a Friday before the May holiday week-end, and revised a week later, shows a disregard for users of the facility and taxpayers. Since then, operation of the facility has been uneven and sometimes chaotic.



NEXT STEPS:

Minor problems with the waste transfer station reported by the Municipality can be mitigated within the framework of a 24/7 service. Some options include:

- Detailed signage on policies and procedures for recycling and managing hazardous waste, and other directions for reducing risk and enhancing waste diversion from the Briggs landfill, is required.
- Systematic tracking and reporting on the number of bins (and bin volume), as well as the waste sources (residential, commercial, construction) and waste types taken to the Briggs landfill should be used. It seems that the Municipality is not collecting data at the level

of detail needed to monitor and report on what is entering the landfill – a key requirement for effective waste management.

- An additional recycling bin, which can be accessed from above rather than the end, is needed. The extra bin brought in this summer presents a serious risk of injury, as people must carry their recycling into the side of a dark enclosure that cannot be properly filled.
- Specific policies and signage regarding the disposal of fridges and other cooling devices, including provisions and a budget for Public Works to manage non-compliance, is required.
- Directions to contractors to deliver construction waste directly to the Briggs landfill should be included.
- Designation of a covered bin for non-commercial, construction waste, and accessible only during staffed hours or by appointment, is needed. Repurposing the scrap wood bin for such waste could be considered. This would address the disposal of construction waste from individuals who are unable to transport it directly to the landfill, and would keep the construction waste separate from domestic-waste bins. Tipping fees or other service costs would apply;
- Offering a small, covered area for "reuse" items (e.g., useable furniture), thereby extending the lifecycle of useful items and keeping them out of the landfill, would be useful.
- Development of a more-feasible system for the disposal of common hazardous-waste materials (e.g., paint, etc.) is required. The current system is unworkable and under used because it is too inconvenient and costly for individuals to transport only a few items to the North Bay facilities. Non-compliance cannot be corrected by staffing the current site, as every waste bag would have to be inspected carefully. An alternative, such as one-day, hazardous-waste depots, that are run by Municipal staff and held periodically in the spring, summer, and fall, should be considered. This service is common elsewhere in Ontario, and it is feasible to tender a contract for this provision.
- Staffing, or contracting a person, to monitor the site during peak hours only, and to educate users, would be beneficial. The position could include other relevant services, such as education about invasive species, and distribution of local tourism information. Cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the Temagami Lakes Association could be considered for an enhanced and multifunctional municipal presence at the landing.

Further updates will be provided about this issue, as they become available.



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Temagami's Delayed Official Plan Restarts

By Brit Hyde

By the time you read this article, the TLA expects that a second draft version of the "Official Plan" (OP) may have been presented to Municipal Council. As of the publication deadline, there is very little news to report – except that in July, after almost a year and a half to review and make comments on the first draft (submitted in February 2022), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) finally responded. MMAH submitted no comments, and merely told the Municipality to proceed in the OP process. To use a football analogy, MMAH punted – but only after an extremely long delay of game.

At the time of the Municipality's February 2022 draft submission to MMAH, the TLA reached out to the Municipality and MHBC (Temagami's planning consultant) with two very-detailed and extensive letters of concern. The TLA planner provided comprehensive and specific input to improve the next draft of the OP. Our Association also held a virtual "Town Hall" meeting in March 2022, which was well attended and included some members of Municipal Council. The "Town Hall" aimed to solicit member input, discuss draft details, and share key areas of concern. From those efforts until July 2023, all parties waited patiently for a response from MMAH.

At this year's August 10 Municipal Council meeting, in response to MMAH's go-ahead to the Municipality, MHBC proposed to Council a timeline to produce a second draft

of the new OP by October 2023. Prior to re-drafting, additional stakeholder input was to be solicited, including from Temagami First Nation. The OP process should also include another public hearing on the second draft later in the autumn of 2023. MHBC then recommended delivery of a final draft in early 2024.

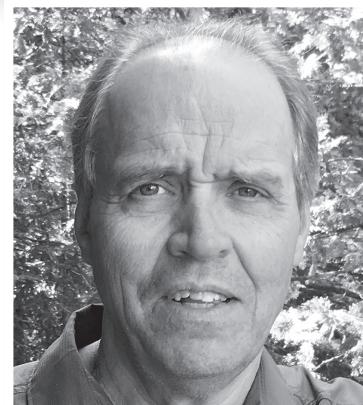
The TLA has consistently asked MHBC for two things as the OP process unfolds: (a) ample time for consideration/analysis of any draft, to allow us to respond to that draft; and, (b) an opportunity for the TLA's planner and MHBC to communicate on the TLA's input to the previous draft prior to publication of a subsequent draft. Municipal planning is a specialized discipline, rich in detail and its own language, and is often not easily understood by non-professionals. Direct communication between planners will help the TLA understand how its input was considered (and included or excluded) and will expedite the planning process.

TLA members and interested parties should expect much more news on the new "Official Plan" for Temagami in the last quarter of 2023 or early 2024. There will be a public comment period on the second draft, where more input from interested parties will be heard. The TLA will be communicating with its members throughout the process.

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TLA Board of Directors Update (Fall 2023)

As no new nominations were received from the Temagami Lakes Association membership by the May 1, 2023 deadline, this year's three open Board seats were filled by current Board members – Diane Green, Tarik Muzaffar, and Alec Morley. Each has generously agreed to sit as a Director for a second, three-year term (beginning on September 1, 2023 and ending on August 31, 2026).

Diane, Tarik, and Alec will join Paul Tamburro, Terry Males, Greg Goodman, Nicole Brooker, Rob Corcoran, and Carol Lowery. The Association is very fortunate to have all of these very knowledgeable people working on behalf of TLA members and the Lake Temagami community.

The Board of Directors has a busy year ahead of them, as a number of important issues are at the fore in 2024. These include:

- the new "Official Plan" for the Municipality of Temagami;
- development on Lake Temagami;
- the Lake Temagami waste-transfer station;
- taxation for Lake residents; and,
- the decommissioning of the TLA Headquarters Building.



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REMEMBERING

Marianne Buck

(1931 - 2023)

By Christian Buck

We are saddened to announce the passing of our beloved Mother and Oma, Marianne Buck, at the age of 92 in North Bay, Ontario on May 14, 2023.

Marianne was born in 1931 in Glarus, Switzerland. The beauty of the natural environment that surrounded her home inspired a lifetime love of nature. Encouraged by her uncles, her childhood was spent hiking and back-country skiing, where she easily ascended the mountains and expertly skied down the powdered slopes to the alpine huts below. She became the ski champion of her Swiss Valley and loved to remark, "I always beat the boys down the mountain."

Upon completion of Swiss vocational school in 1950, she traveled to London, England where she worked for the original editors of *Good Housekeeping* magazine. Mentored by them, she honed her fine cooking skills, and developed an eye for interior design, floral arrangement, and fashion. She loved recounting her fondest memories from this time, including attending the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Paris where she met the love of her life, Diether. His request for directions to the Notre Dame Cathedral led to a walk, which led to a lunch, which led to blossoming love ... and a missed plane. She took the courageous step and accepted his invitation to Canada, where they married in North Bay in 1957.

There were many adventures in the wilderness of the Temagami area. Marianne and Diether had their first home on Salvation Lake at a Gillies Brothers logging camp ... a long way from Paris. They moved closer to Temagami (on Cassels Lake) as their family grew – a busy household with four children. Living on the edge of the wilderness, Marianne was always encouraging of outdoor adventures, whether it was on a skating rink on the lake, exploring a snowshoe trail, finding a hiking/biking trail, or picking blueberries. It was all part of the Temagami adventure.



*Marianne Enjoying Island Time
(photo submission
by Christian Buck)*



*Marianne and Diether on Top of the World
on Maple Mountain, Circa 1975
(photo submission by Christian Buck)*

Building a cottage on Island 300 on Lake Temagami was a natural transition from Town to Lake. Diether and Marianne decided to take the adventure further and live on Island 300 with their kids for three years. The peace of the Lake, the rhythm of the seasons, and the closeness of the family all together in the cozy cottage was a time they treasured. There was endless swimming in the summer, and skating rinks and ski trails on the Lake in winter. And the daily boat rides or snowmobile trips to work or school were a part of that adventure. Marianne was always the beacon of warmth as her family arrived back to the cottage every evening.

Through the years of being on Lake Temagami, Marianne and Diether established many friendships. They looked forward to winter snow festivals, summertime saunas and barbecues with friends, and the island hopping that was part of the journey. This was passed on to the next generation, who continue to have strong connections on Lake Temagami, and who also share the love of the Lake with their own children – through formative canoe-camp experiences at Wanapitei, Keewaydin, Wabun, Northwaters, and Camp Temagami ... and a lot of family cottage time.

Lake Temagami was an integral part of Marianne's life – something etched in her spirit – and a home away from home. She left us with a love of nature and its beauty, and joy that can come from the simple things in life, such as a sunset on High Rock, a loon call in the evening, or her favourite blueberry patch. We were fortunate to have her lead us into the Temagami adventure, something forever etched in our spirits.

She was a loving mother to her children, Christian (Linda), Peter (Seana), Heidi (Iain), and Erica (Roger), and a loving grandmother to ten grandchildren who adored her – Elise, Sarah, Jonathan, and Owen Buck, Lukas and Fiona Buck, Johanna and Ursula Kilbridge, and Aidan and Emma Rose Kehoe.

Douglas Stephen Hyde

(1941 - 2023)

On June 10, 2023, Douglas Stephen Hyde, age 82, passed away peacefully with family by his side at Great Falls Assisted Living in Reston, VA.

Steve was born in 1941 in Wilmington, DE to parents George A. Hyde and Helen McCarthy Hyde. He was the youngest of five children, which included older brothers, George, John, and Arthur, and sister, Elizabeth.

He spent his formative years in Newark and New Castle, DE where he enjoyed playing football, basketball, and baseball. Like most boys growing up in the area, he developed a passion for Philadelphia sports – specifically the Philadelphia Eagles and the Philadelphia Athletics – an unwavering devotion that lasted his entire life.

Steve attended Tower Hill School for thirteen years. There he captained the basketball and baseball teams, and was one of the best football halfbacks in the state. He was also the sports editor of the school paper. After graduating in 1959, he attended Williams College (MA) and majored in American History and Literature. He played football and captained the baseball team. To say that athletics were a big part of his life is an understatement.

In 1962, he met Sally Wright at a party in Seattle, WA, and in 1965, they were married. She then joined him in Missouri where he had begun his lifelong career in teaching and coaching at St. Louis Country Day School (1964-74). There he taught MS Math (briefly!), MS History, coached varsity football and baseball, and was Director of Admissions for three years.

Steve returned to Delaware in 1974 after accepting the head football coaching position at his alma mater, Tower Hill. He moved back to Wilmington with Sally and their three young children – Michael, Alix, and Katie. During his 33 years at Tower Hill, he taught Upper School U.S. History and AP U.S. History, and provided college guidance to rising seniors. Steve served as the head varsity football coach from 1974-88. As the head varsity baseball coach (1981-2000), he led the Hillers to the 1987 state title – the first for Tower Hill. After his retirement in 2007, Steve was deeply humbled to be inducted into the Tower Hill School



*photo submission
by Joleen Hyde*

Sports Hall of Fame in 2021.

In the winter of 2014, Steve and Sally retired to Williamstown, MA, where he relished being back in the Purple Valley, and was able to attend all the sporting events Williams College could offer.

Steve had the best laugh, a great sense of humor, and a love for Mel Brooks movies, Broadway showtunes, and international travel. And he never met a margarita he didn't like. He adored his dogs (six throughout his adult life) and going on family road and camping trips. An avid church-goer, Steve enjoyed reading scripture at Christ Church (DE) and St. John's (Williamstown). He was a bookaholic with an extensive home library and an encyclopedic mind for sports trivia. His favorite place was at the family cottage on Lake Temagami in Northern Ontario.

His greatest love and loyalty was towards his family. Having grown up one of five children, and raising three of his own with Sally, family was always a constant throughout his life. After becoming a grandfather, he thrived in the sweet chaos of the holidays, Sunday dinners, and family vacations. "Grumpy" was extremely proud of his six grandchildren and lit up whenever they were around (except on Eagles game day, when silence was mandatory).

Steve's family will continue to celebrate him by singing along to Motown tunes, relaxing in the summer sun on the dock, cheering for the Birds in the fall and Oakland A's in the spring, and savoring the moments spent together and with friends.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sally, as well as his brother, John M. Hyde, son, Michael (Joleen) Hyde, daughters, Alix (Bill) Barrale and Kate Hyde, and grandchildren, Maggie Rorke, Jude Rorke, Lily Rorke, Bridgett Hyde, David Hyde, and Asher Barrale.

A memorial service was held at Christ Church Christiana Hundred in Wilmington, DE, on Thursday, June 29, 2023. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations made in Steve's memory to the Hyde Family Scholarship Fund at Tower Hill School or to the Alzheimer's Association.

REMEMBERING

Arthur William Plumstead

(March 27, 1933 - July 1, 2023)

By Peggy, Bryan, and Dave Plumstead

Arthur William (Bill) Plumstead was born on March 27, 1933, in Toronto, Ontario. He passed away peacefully, with family by his side, in North Bay, Ontario, on July 1, 2023, at 90 years-of-age.

Dad grew up in the Moore Park neighbourhood of Toronto, attending Whitney Public School as a boy. He entered Upper Canada College for high school in the fall of 1947. In late spring of 1950, a school friend of Dad's, also named Bill, invited Dad to go fishing for a few days on Lake Temagami. Dad drove them north for the trip, and this is what he wrote to describe his discovery of Lake Temagami:

"For me, Bracebridge was the terminus of 'the north', as my parents and I turned off there for summer vacations at Port Carling and Elgin House. Now we kept going – Huntsville, South River, Trout Creek, North Bay, Marten River, Temagami. The Precambrian terrain I had gotten a taste of at Elgin House opened up mile after mile with welcoming arms. Magnificent rock, pines, lakes, log structures. We rented a cedar-strip boat in Temagami; it took us three hours to get to Camp Temagami. The caretaker, Alex, was the only one there. He showed us our bunks, and soon we were frying hamburgers in the big kitchen. I wasn't much of a fisherman, but the bass were biting, and we had some good feeds. We wandered lazily in and out of islands for several days. Some of the islands had cottages; some didn't. I was spellbound. I was in heaven. We came to an island snuggled just off a little bay, in close to the mainland, full of tall pines. No cottage. "That's a cute one," I said. "What number is it?"

Bill had a detailed map of the lake on which every island was numbered. "658."

On our way home, we went into the Department of Natural Resources in Temagami and I enquired about Island 658. "Yep, it's for sale" the clerk said.

"How much is it?"

"\$300 plus the survey". Then he said, "Say, kid, how old are you?"

"Seventeen."

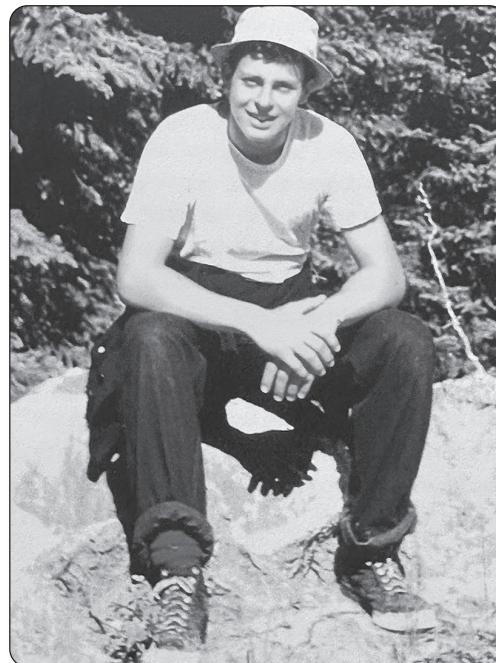
"Well, you can't buy land from the Crown until you are 21." He could see my disappointment. "Tell you what. I will write your name here in pencil next to that island."

Our parents purchased Island 658 in the summer they were married (1955), and the start of Dad's love affair with both our mother and Lake Temagami had begun.

During the summer/fall of 1973, our parents made the decision to leave university life in small-town New England and make Temagami our per-



Bill, Summer of 2005
(photo submission by Peggy Plumstead-McLeod)



Bill, Summer of 1950
(photo submission by Peggy Plumstead-McLeod)

manent home. They purchased what was originally Malabar, and created Loon Lodge. The contrast between life in small-town, historic New England and running a rustic fishing lodge in northern Ontario was vast. Many of our parents' friends found this move to be very odd, and asked them why they would do such a thing. This is how Dad described answering that question:

"Some who asked us why, did so in a way, a tone, that I sensed came from their conviction that the move was senseless, if not stupid. With others, the asking was different, a genuine desire to hear us talk about something they perhaps had thought of, too, moving out of a life that no longer gave them the satisfactions they longed for, yet seemed so fraught with risk, challenge ..."

"My answer to those who seemed genuinely interested began with reference to Henry David Thoreau. A Harvard graduate, Thoreau chose to build himself a cabin in the woods, at Walden Pond, where he planned to read and write. He had a wood stove and grew a vegetable garden. He faced much criticism from the local townsfolk, wondering what a Harvard graduate was doing living alone in a cabin in the woods. From that little cabin in the woods, Thoreau wrote a great classic, *Walden Pond*. In it, he writes that he had another life to live. That became my operative mantra – 'another life to live'."

In 1973, I had tasted all there was to taste in my chosen field. I was a full, tenured professor, I was published, I was directing PhD dissertations, and was part of a group of scholars who were Melvillians and Emersonians whooping it up at prestigious conferences. I wasn't tired of it, but was aware I had hit a ceiling. For us, 'another life to live' was the positive pull of the wilderness we found at Lake Temagami."

As children, we walked with our parents around Walden Pond. We knew well the "cabin in the woods" and the story of Henry David Thoreau.

At Island 658, there is Dad's library with hundreds of books from his academic career. The vegetable garden he grew is there, as is the wood stove.

Dad's recognition, along with our mother's, that there was indeed "another life to live" created a lifetime of rich and life-giving experiences for our family on Lake Temagami that now have deep and lasting roots. The Temagami wilderness Dad fell in love with in 1950 lives within each of us, our children, and our grandchildren.

Temagami is our homeland. Thanks for ALL the life you lived, Dad.

Claire Rannie

(August 9, 1956 to May 29, 2023)

By Tim Roach

Claire was born in Port Rowan, Ontario on the shores of Lake Erie, but was raised mostly in Burlington, Ontario. Claire's father, Robert (Bob) Rannie, was of Scottish heritage and hailed from Chesley, Ontario, while her mother, Francis (Frankie, nee McGowan), was a "war bride" of Irish roots who grew up in Aberaeron, Wales.

Bob Rannie first came to Temagami in the 1930s when he worked at Keewaydin, and after their marriage, he took Frankie on a honeymoon canoe trip through the Temagami area. In the 1960s, they purchased Island 813 in Cross Bay, and Claire promptly fell in love with the Lake.

By 1973, Claire was working during the summer at Ojibway. In 1974, she worked at Camp Wigwasati, and from 1975 through 1977 at Camp Wanapitei. While at Wanapitei in the summer of 1976, she met her future life partner, Tim Roach. They were married in September of 1979.

By the late 90s, Claire was spending more and more of her summers on



photo submission
by Tim Roach

the Lake, and after 1996, for the next quarter century, she was on the island from break-up until after Thanksgiving. During those years, Claire worked in several volunteer positions with the TLA (including on the Board of Directors and on committees), and was Editor of the *Temagami Times*. She was also on the Municipality of Temagami's "Committee of Adjustment" and "Planning Advisory Committee".

In 2020, Claire was diagnosed with Parkinson's, and the disease progressed much faster than expected. She passed away in hospital quietly in her sleep in the early morning hours of May 29, 2023.

Her birthday on August 9th was always a reason to gather friends and family for a celebration, and holds many dear memories. We gathered once more on her birthday this year to remember and say good-bye.

"Sleep gentle my love."

REMEMBERING

Sara Winnifred Roque Richardson

(October 9, 1973 to June 7, 2023)

By Tim Richardson

Sara joined the spirit realm in Toronto at the Kensington Hospice in the early morning of June 7 – at the very moment the sun was rising at 5:37 a.m. She was surrounded by her family.

Sara was the daughter of Louise and Tim Richardson, spouse of Andrew Balfour, sister to Lisa and Murray Richardson, sister-in-law to Nick Purdon and Andrea Mueller, and loving Aunt to Frida and Hugo Purdon, and Lauren and Cameron Richardson – and beloved friend, niece, and cousin to many.

Sara spent part of every one of her 49 years on the Lake – both at the family island (795), as well as years as a camper and worker at Camp Wanapitei. She loved the waters of Lake Temagami: “My favourite place in the world.”

In addition to her artistic practice as a producer and director, Sara mentored, supported, and catalyzed the careers of many artists in the Indigenous community through various leadership roles, including her tenure at the Ontario Arts Council. She was known and loved by her peers for her creative and passionate spirit, and as a powerful force in examining and dismantling colonial structures and practices through thoughtful advocacy in both cultural and healthcare institutions. Her creativity, generosity, laughter, beauty, and style enlivened her work and daily life, and grounded all she did in her love of the land and in strong relationships with family, friends, and community.

A wonderful celebration of her life, abounding with music, humour, stories, and fellowship, was held on June 18, after cremation.



*Sara During Her Wedding Ceremony
on Island 795 in July 2021
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*Sara in the Summer of 2022
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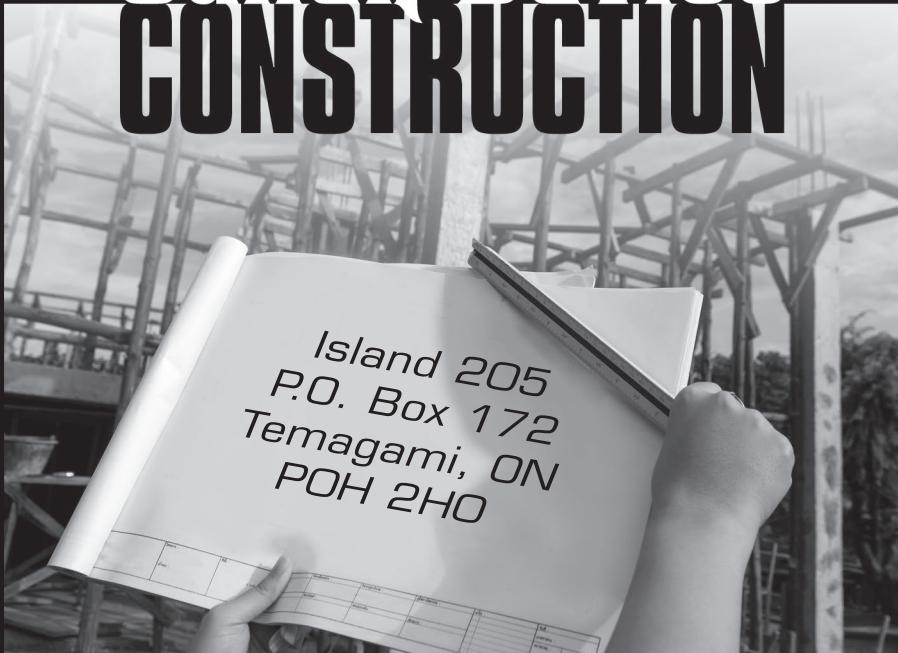


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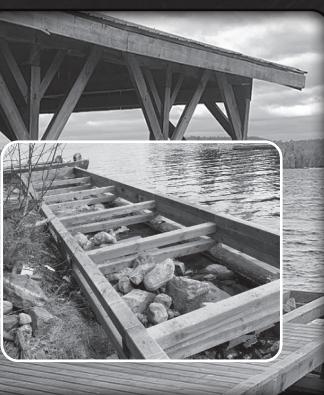
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“Lake Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” 2023

The first “Lake Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” was a great success. The TLA received 45 entries – 34 of which were in the categories below. Prizes were awarded, as follows:

1. Mike, Abby, and Massey Drenth won an Abu Garcia fishing rod from Gramp’s Place (www.facebook.com/GrampsPlace), and two dozen worms from Charley’s Worms at Drifter’s General Store (www.facebook.com/groups/6036056656406876), for the “Most Trash Collected”.
2. Joan Seivold won a gift basket (with a shoal map, wall map, history book, and cookbook) from the Temagami Lakes Association (<https://tla-temagami.ca>) for the “Most Unique Piece of Trash”.
3. Kristy Wilhelmsen won a \$50.00 gift certificate from Loon Lodge and Adam’s Outfitting (<https://loonlodge.com>) for the “Oldest Piece of Trash”.
4. Nicole Brooker won a full 20-lb., BBQ propane cylinder from K & S Natural Gas & Propane Services (www.facebook.com/p/K-S-Natural-Gas-Propane-Services-100057419232203) for the “Most Useful Piece of Trash”.
5. Rebekah Waddell won a \$100.00 gift certificate (dinner for two) from The Outfitter (<https://theoutfitter.ca>) for the “Largest Piece of Trash”.
6. France Gingras won another full 20-lb., BBQ propane cylinder from K & S Natural Gas & Propane Services in the “General Raffle”. Another participant won an “Adventure Planning Map” from the Friends of Temagami (www.friendsoftemagami.org) in this same category.

A big “Thank You” is extended to the local businesses and organizations who generously donated these awesome prizes!

11 of the 45 entries were in the “Children’s” category. Cash prizes were awarded to all of the children who participated. We wish to thank John Shymko, who generously contributed \$250.00 cash to this end. \$50.00 was also provided by the TLA.

We very much appreciated the energy devoted to this challenge by these amazing young people:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seija and Elliot Belanger • Fiona and Heidi Healy • Misha S. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maple Violet Moore • Alexandra and Esme Smith • Rebeccah Bancroft |
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The time and effort put forth by everyone who entered our challenge is commendable. Ideally, all Lake users will keep their eyes open for trash along the Lake Temagami shoreline on an ongoing basis, and will collect, and properly dispose of, it when found.

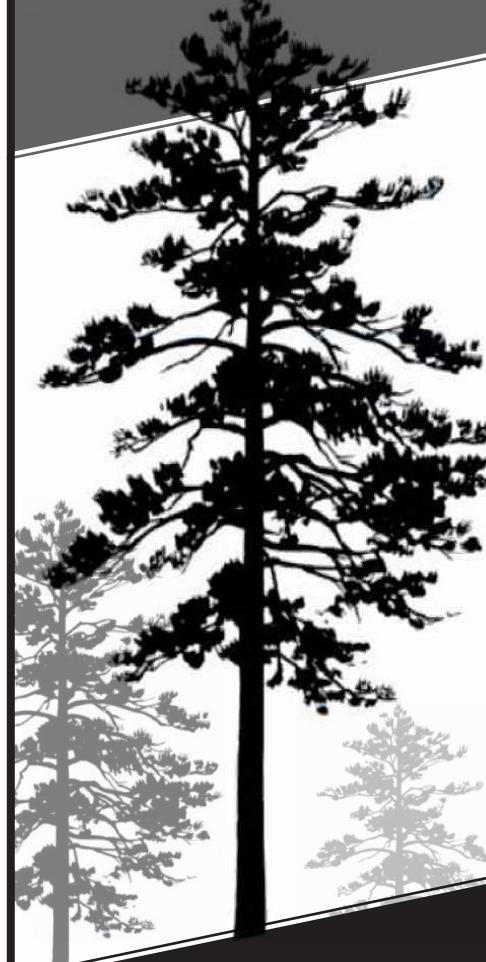


Misha used a kayak to collect a significant amount of trash from the bays near Island 725.
(photo submission by Sara Ross)



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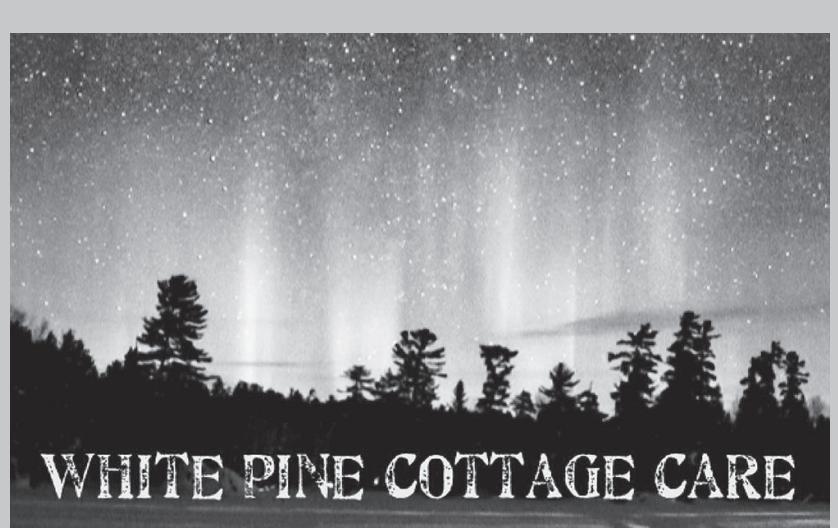
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TLA Business



Welcoming New TLA Members in 2023

The quality of the “Temagami Experience” is preserved, in part, by the Temagami Lakes Association and its members, who provide support through their membership dues. Accordingly, the TLA is pleased to welcome the following new members and their spouses/families in 2023:

NAME	ISLAND #
George Archer	758
Beth Armstrong	48
Eriks Bredovskis	1071
Judy Grout Comp	943
Barb Culham	11
George Dickson	721
Anna Gerson	1104
Charlie Islam	76
Sarah Keating	79
Alex McNeil and Verity Tulloch	777
Thomas Meyer	166
Monica Mulrennan	725
Susan and Jeff Parr	852
Alan Savage	298
Colin Scott	435
Lamaro Rose Matchett-Short	988, 989, 990
Craig Standen	887
Hunter Standen	887
Dave Szasz	691
John Szasz	301
Meagan Yuncevich	1226

Update on TLA Headquarters Building (September 2023)

The TLA's land-use permit with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) for the Headquarters Building ends on December 31, 2024 and will not be renewed going forward. Thus, we will be looking for a new home. Luckily, this was anticipated, and the Board has been investigating other options.

Regarding the existing site ... the TLA will be required to: remove tiles from the septic bed; pump the septic tank and fill it with sand; remove the current building (including foundation and footings); cap the well; and, dispose of waste materials at an appropriate landfill.

The money in our investment account will cover the costs of completing these tasks. Board members are currently seeking suitable contractors who can handle this type of work, and will continue to pursue other options for the Headquarters Building.

At some point, certain items in the building will be sold or given away to TLA members. We will keep you posted about this.

If you have any questions, please send a message to tla@onlink.net.

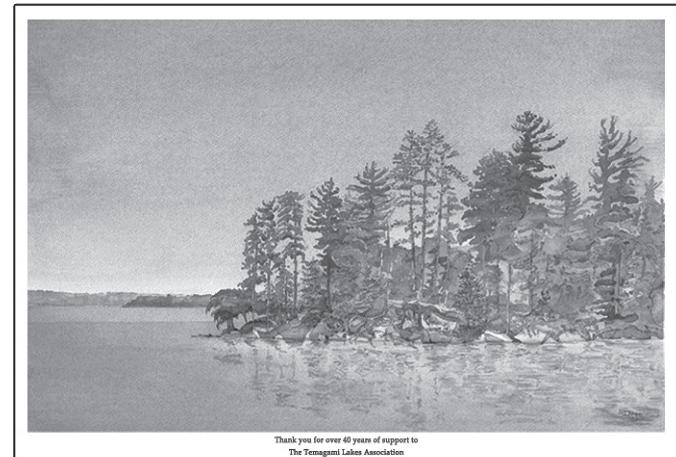
Watercolour Prints for TLA Members of More Than 40 Years

In 2006, Bobby Morrison suggested to Peter Healy that the Temagami Lakes Association acknowledge its long-term members with some sort of recognition. A number of ideas were considered, but Peter thought that a plaque or trophy wasn't fitting.

Later that fall, Peter received a framed collage of the buildings on his property that was painted by former, seasonal Lake resident and artist, Steve Drake. This gave Peter an idea. Perhaps long-time TLA members of more than 40 years would appreciate something equally unique and special as a “thank you” for their ongoing support. The TLA then commissioned a watercolour painting from Steve titled, “Tripper’s Paradise”.

Prints were created and framed, and presented to long-term TLA members over several years at successive AGMs. Recipients loved them! (The original painting was sold at a TLA silent auction.)

Currently, seven (7) of these prints remain at the Headquarters Building. If you have been a TLA member for over 40 years and have not received a print (but, are interested in acquiring one), please contact us at tla@onlink.net for more information. The prints will be distributed on a “first-come, first-served” basis.



“Tripper’s Paradise”
– Watercolour Painting by Steve Drake

Price Increases for Property Patrols in 2024

Due to the increased price of boat and snowmobile fuels, and for the maintenance of such vehicles, the Temagami Lakes Association has made a corresponding increase to the wages that are paid to our property patrollers.

Accordingly, the Association must pass along a modest price increase to property-patrol subscribers, as follows:

Service A (spring and fall): \$70.00

Service B (January and March): \$70.00

Service C (combination of A and B): \$130.00

Please note, as well, that if you own multiple properties and are not already doing so, a separate patrol fee should be paid for each property that is receiving patrols.

Feel free to contact us at tla@onlink.net if you have any questions.

WANTED: Your Favourite Temagami Photos!

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TLA Business

“TLA Summer BBQ” 2023

The “TLA Summer BBQ” was held on Saturday, July 22nd from noon to 2:30 p.m. We were again fortunate to have a warm, sunny day for the Association’s seasonal get-together. Going forward, most Annual General Meetings will likely be virtual – so, the chance to see Temagami friends and neighbours in person was a real treat.

Approximately 70 TLA members (including five Board members) were in attendance during the event. Councillors Carol Lowery and Jo-Anne Platts, Mayor Dan O’Mara, and O.P.P. PC Cole Ritz were also present to chat with our members and answer questions.

Attendees were given the opportunity to look up their respective islands in the “Doomsday” (“Timagami Islands”) book. This book offers historical data (including some ownership records) of islands on the Lake.

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

We look forward to hosting this enjoyable member event again in 2024.

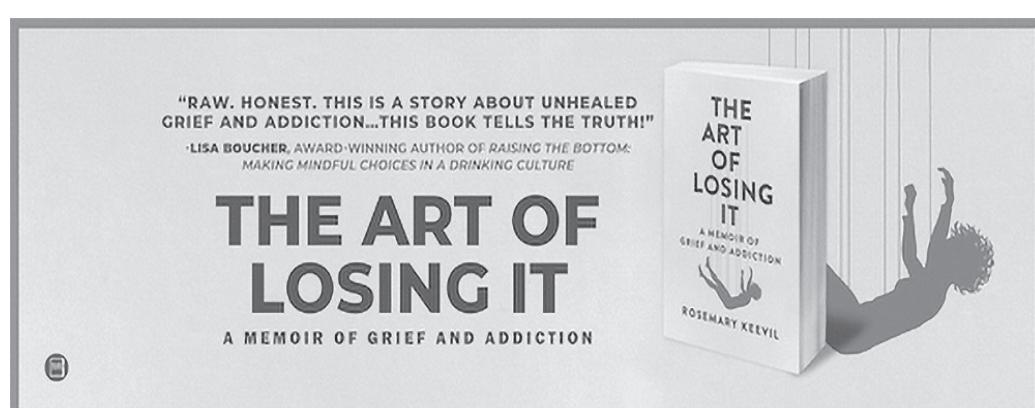
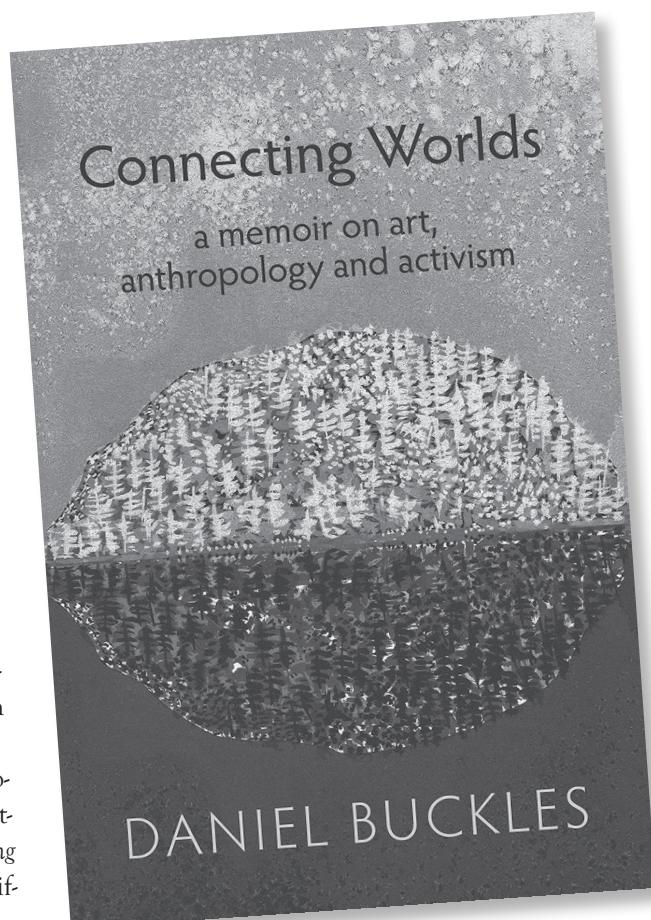


*TLA Members Socialize at the Summer BBQ on Saturday, July 22nd
(photo by Debra Huron)*

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Participation in the bush lifestyle of the 1970s Yukon, exposure to the complex culture of Mexico, and a battle with cancer at the age of thirty-two prompted the author to work with people living on the edge: Honduran peasants inventing new technologies for hillside agriculture; landless Bangladeshi women gleaning nutrient-rich food from their surroundings; small, religious communities standing in solidarity at the centre of disaster-relief efforts in the Philippines and Burkina Faso; and, grassroots organizations fighting to protect urban forests in Ottawa, Canada.

Richly illustrated, with professional photography, paintings, and drawings, *Connecting Worlds* shows how to make a difference, from the inside out.



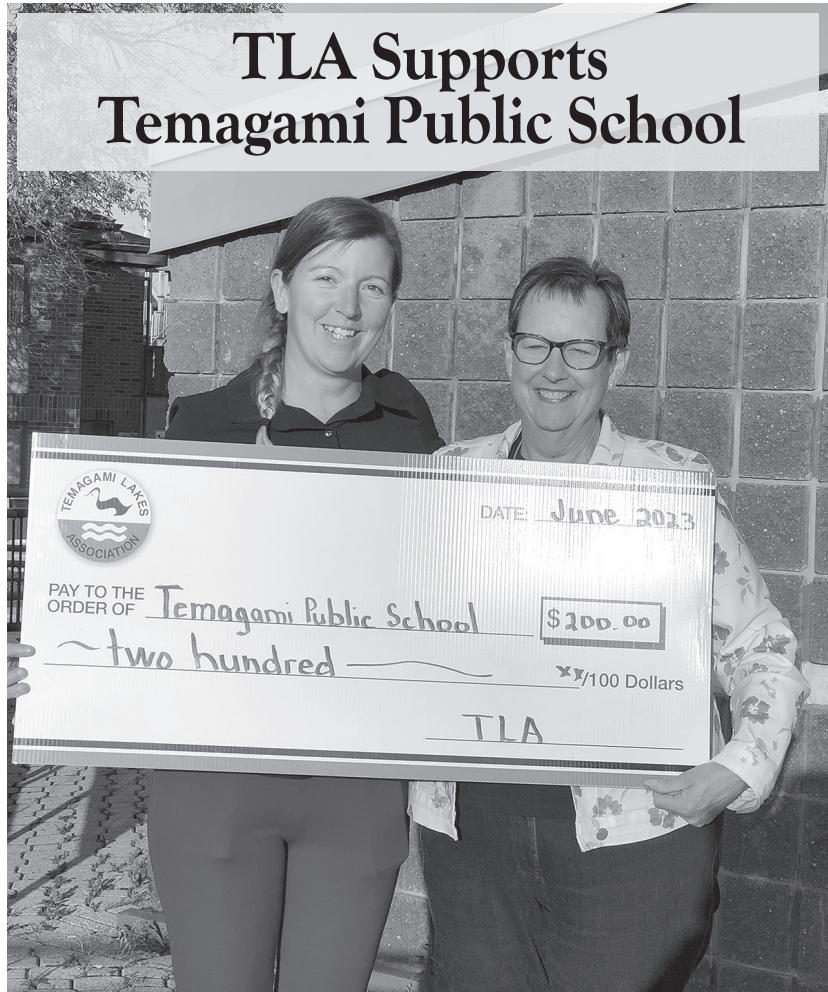
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5. stimulate a broader interest in environmental monitoring and research in the Temagami region among college and university environmental-science departments.

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*TLA Director, Carol Lowery (right), presents a \$200.00 cheque to Sabrina Pandolfo, Chair of the Temagami Public School Parent Council. The Council held a fundraiser in June 2023 to help cover the cost of school trips and extra-curricular activities.
(photo submission by Carol Lowery)*

Call for Writers

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



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

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

FIRE at Langskib

by Brit Hyde, Island 1248 and 1245

Just before 7:00 p.m. on July 12, 2023, a large plume of dark, black smoke was visible from Whitefish Bay. Unsure of the source, my nephew, his fiancéé, and I jumped in a skiff and raced towards Sharp Rock and the column of smoke. Heading south into Sharp Rock, it didn't take long to realize that the source of the fire was Langskib Island # 1222. We could see that the main lodge was ablaze, and spotted a bank of propane tanks on the dock just below the lodge.

Some nearby Sharp Rock islanders had arrived just before us. We paused to take a video from the water (www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNvj0ZnCQdQ), and spoke to them in their boat just off shore to learn what they knew and to make a quick visual assessment. We then headed to the dock and found Ian Carswell moving canoes and paddles away from the blaze. Ian had established that there was no one on the island.

Together a few of us went through the Langskib boathouse building looking for buckets. A bucket brigade wouldn't stop the fire, but we could at least douse hot spots from embers in an effort to contain the blaze and keep the fire from spreading across the island. The prevailing wind was light, and it was likely to push the fire towards the lake, instead of inland. A fire creates its own wind, however, and in short order, the fire was spreading to other buildings.

Keewaydin staff and other islanders started arriving promptly after seeing the same blaze, and by 7:30 p.m., the first portable fire pump started pumping water. Hudson McCubbin had previous firefighting experience and knew enough to douse himself with water before getting too close to the flames.

Hudson and Ian led the fight against the main fires

*The main lodge was ablaze upon arrival.
(photo by Brit Hyde)*



*A bucket brigade wasn't going to stop the fire, but could at least douse hot spots from embers.
(photo by Brit Hyde)*

- directing hoses and personnel, working to organize more hose extensions, and figuring out nozzles, all while operating hoses almost non-stop from the time the pumps arrived. Keeping cool heads throughout, Hudson and Ian are the kind of people you want leading a team.

At 8:00 p.m., more pumps and hoses were arriving - but it was clear that the building at the top of the hill was now in full blaze, as previous efforts to prevent the fire from spreading uphill were unsuccessful. By about 9:00 p.m., only the lodge fireplace and wall were still standing. At that time, almost a dozen fire pumps were pouring water all over the burned area to continue taking the heat out of the embers and rocks. Professional firefighters had arrived at the scene and were planning to spend the night on the island to make sure the fire stayed out.

Many people from around the Lake raced to the fire and brought personnel, fire pumps, energy, and determination to contain it. By 9:30 p.m., the fire was fully out, and many of us who had boated there began the process of getting off the island and home before dark.

Here are a few thoughts I'll take away from the experience:

- Temagami folks from around the Lake showed up and jumped into action - a great group effort.
- Portable water pumps, some subsidized by the Municipality, were crucial tools. More is almost always better when fighting a fire.
- Not all hoses and nozzles are interchangeable - know the equipment you've got and how to use it.
- Timing and weather are critical. If it had been windy or dark, the outcome would have been very different.

In the end, some historic property was lost, but no one was hurt, and the island flora was saved so that rebuilding can begin.



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Temagami Lions Club Funding for “Jaws of Life” (September 2023)

By Ike Laba



The Temagami Lions Club recently lost three of our more active members who passed away due to health issues. These members are: Lion Bill Howell, Lion Mike Duhn, and, most recently, Lion Wayne Adair (40 years).

At present our club consists of 12 members who are working on many large community projects, such as: fundraising for the “Jaws of Life” (\$20,000.00) to assist with vehicle accidents along Highway 11; operating the Temagami Food Bank; gathering clothing for the diabetes program and for people experiencing homelessness in North Bay; and, supporting the Amelia Rising Centre in North Bay. We also support many other programs, including the Lions Hockey Tournament, annual Flea Market, Christmas events, and the eyeglasses program.

The Temagami Lions Club is in the process of raising funds for “Jaws of Life” vehicle-extraction equipment that is required in some roadway accidents. The Lions initiative to purchase this equipment, along with your financial support, will greatly assist the Temagami Fire Department in rescuing persons who are trapped inside damaged vehicles. We have been working hard to raise money for the “Jaws of Life” through various events over the past six months. We’ve already received some funding from private sponsors towards this project, as well.

The Lions Club has been working with the Municipality of Temagami to issue receipts for all donations of \$50.00 or more. All contributions should be sent to the: Municipality of Temagami, 7 Lakeshore Drive, P.O. Box 220, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0. All donations must identify the intent of the donation (i.e., “Jaws of Life”), along with your address. “Jaws of Life” donors will also be asked to fill out a short information sheet. For further details, please contact Lion Ike Laba at 705-569-3252 or the Municipality of Temagami at 705-569-3421. With your financial support, the Temagami Fire Department will be able to assist vehicle-accident victims with quicker extraction times.

TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK:

The Temagami Food Bank supports local residents who have difficulties in making ends meet due to rising rent, fuel costs, and other issues. All transactions between a family and the Food Bank are kept confidential. If you require assistance from the Food Bank, please contact Lion Brian Koski at 705-569-4522.

TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB FLEA MARKET:

The Temagami Lions have a local flea market every August long week-end (Civic Holiday) at the Temagami Train Station. Proceeds from the sale of all donated items are used to assist citizens in need or for special projects within our community. For more information, please contact Lion Bob Sykes at 705-569-4412 or Lion Ike Laba at 705-569-3252.

DIABETES, HOMELESSNESS, AND AMELIA RISING:

1. The Temagami Lions continue to collect unwanted clothing in support of the diabetes research program. By collecting clothing, we secure some financial benefits, which remain within the community. This initiative also aids the municipal landfill site by diverting unwanted items. For more information, please contact Lion Bob Sykes or Lion Ike Laba.
2. The Lions also collect clothing for people experiencing homelessness in the North Bay area, where there are more than 300 persons in need of support. All donated clothing must be clean. For more information, please call Lion Ike Laba or Lion Bob Sykes.
3. The Temagami Lions also support Amelia Rising Sexual Violence Support Centre in North Bay. Clean clothing, footwear, bedding, and personal-care products are gathered for anyone who receives services from the centre (i.e., people 12 years-of-age and older who have experienced sexual or gender-based violence). Donated items are delivered by the Club to the North Bay area. Financial donations received by the Temagami Lions are appreciated and will be forwarded to Amelia Rising. For more information, please contact Lion Ike Laba or Lion Bob Sykes.

LIONS VOLUNTEERS:

The Temagami Lions are in desperate need of new members in order to continue providing community services. The recent loss of three key members within the Club was a major setback. If you are interested in joining, please contact Claude Boisonneault (President) at 705-569-3202, or any Lions Club member.

Summering in Temagami

By Rebecca Danvers

"Summer" (a noun) in Temagami. "Summer" (a verb) in Temagami.

My husband and I grew up having very different experiences of the time between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. For him, it was a time to summer (verb) at the family compound in Canada on Lake Joseph, Muskoka. By comparison, I was in Texas enduring the summer (noun). I spent time at home in Fort Worth, at my grandmother's farm in Bowie, and at my aunt's home in Wichita Falls – all in the Texas heat.

At school year's end, my husband and his five brothers and sisters, parents, and nanny left their Philadelphia home in multiple vehicles for a day's travel north to summer at the lake. After arriving, the kids were let loose for the next three months. My husband and his brothers became semi-amphibious by taking to the water, mostly in boats.

As younger boys, they were restricted to their own power and sometimes a little wind power – canoes and sailboats, but no kayaks then. They went all over the lake, gaining independence and confidence, and having a great deal of fun. As they aged, horsepower replaced "boypower". The more they aged, the bigger the motors. My husband began racing hydroplane boats, but quit racing at 18 when he crashed and crushed his sternum.

As for me, I moped about the house until my mother drove my sister and I three hours to her mother's farm. My mother happily left us there and wouldn't see us again for about six weeks. Oddly, she didn't seem to mind. At the farm, my grandmother kept chickens, goats, horses, cows, and dogs. I learned to care for all the animals, how to milk (not very well), make butter, and gather eggs, and other common farm chores (yes, mucking out the stalls, too). Two horsepower was all the aged nags could provide, reluctantly, to me and my sister. Best of all, my grandmother was nearly always ready to play a game with us. Parcheesi was my favorite. The clever woman also taught us to play solitaire.



As my sister and I grew older, we also enjoyed time at my aunt's city home. We went to the country club for swimming and bingo. There we learned to swim and dive. We also had a sidewalk for roller skating (remember the skates that clamped onto your shoes?).

After high school, three months of guaranteed free time vanished as college, work, and family eventually took over. A two-week "vacation" replaced a three-month "summer".

Decades after those youthful days, both my husband and I are retired (have been for a while). Vacation means nothing, as all our time is essentially "vacation". But, summer still looms large. Our lives have merged, and now we are both summering (verb) in Temagami. We live in Texas, with the promise of escaping the heat of summer (noun), while enjoying the mild winters there. Horsepower for our boats and peoplepower for our canoes and kayaks are routine now.

I don't regret my growing-up summer experiences at all. I am, however, very glad that my husband showed me a more delightful way to spend this special time – in, of course, Temagami.

[Thoughts for word nerds: All the common words for seasons are nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Only "winter" and "summer" include spending a season somewhere. You can "winter over," if you are stranded in Arctic ice. You can also "spring over" if you are spritely or "fall over" if you are clumsy – but the meaning clearly changes.]



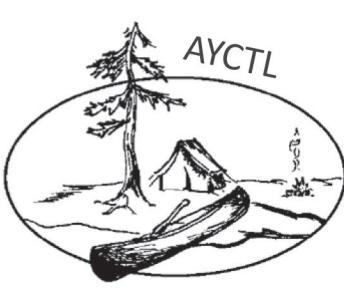
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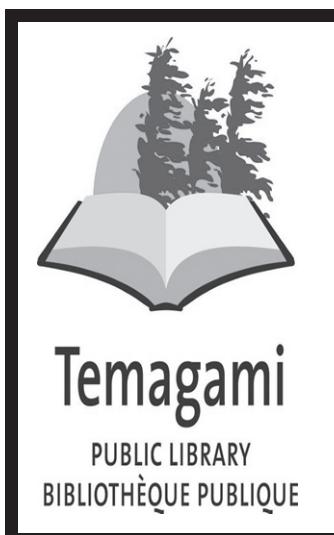
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Temagami Public Library Update

By Carol Lowery, Chair,
Temagami Public Library Board

What a summer! As we move toward the fall and winter seasons, I cannot help but look back at the great summer programming our Library staff provided. Indeed, we had a lot to offer both permanent and seasonal residents, as well all of our town's other visitors. I hope you all had an opportunity to visit our Library and meet our dedicated, enthusiastic Library staff: Debra, our CAO, along with Librarians Ashley, Laurel, Mark, and Diane.

In case you missed it, our July 1st book sale was a success. We would like to thank all who attended for their donations, and we hope everyone enjoyed their book and puzzle purchases.

This summer, the Library introduced a new programme for young people ages 13 and older. Those who attended "Fishin' With Mark" learned the ropes (or the lines, rather) from Librarian Mark, with all equipment supplied by the Library. Hosted on Thursday evenings, Mark and his group of enthusiastic fisher folk could be seen outside the Library trying to catch "the big one".

When the fishing rods were put away, the books came out. The "TD Summer Reading Programme" attracted children from ages 0 to 12. The programme was free and was intended to help build a lifelong love of reading. Of course, all reading materials were available both at the Library and online.

For the past two years, we have also offered the "Preschool Reading Programme", which introduces young children to the joy that comes from books. Now that it has concluded, we would like to thank the individuals and organizations who donated the funding required to run this popular programme.

Although our fall schedule is just getting started, we have many exciting things in the works. The Library is always a presence at community events, including Hallowe'en and Christmas celebrations, and we will be hosting additional in-Library events, as well.

Planning is underway to set up an afternoon book club on the second Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. It will cater to those readers who would like to belong to a book club, but don't want to be out on cold, snowy, winter evenings. We will continue to run an evening book club, as well, for those who have commitments during the day. In addition, we are also hoping to start a youth book club. As always, our book clubs welcome new members.

This fall, we are happy to report that we will be replacing five of our older computers. This will provide our patrons with faster, more-reliable service, as well as improved printer connections. Moreover, we have iPads available for loan, and don't forget that the "Libby App" can be accessed from home to check out books with your Temagami Public Library card. Please contact our Library staff for assistance.

To stay in touch, follow Temagami Public Library on Facebook, and visit our website for coming events, programmes, book inventories, and more.

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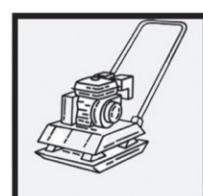
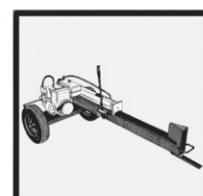
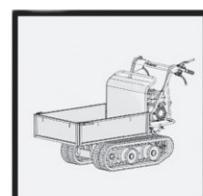
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Living Temagami: Your Community Hub for Arts and Culture

By Amber Nussey
& Mary McTavish



What an incredibly productive, exciting, and encouraging summer it's been for Living Temagami! Our **Community Market** was a huge success, especially due to our devoted volunteer organizers, Laura Irvine and Mark Beardmore (the "Butter Tart Guy!"). The steady attendance of cottagers, locals, and travelers made for a bustling market each Saturday. We had an incredible line-up of musicians, each bringing superb sound and vibes to the market, and phenomenal entertainment. We were also proud to feature young, local entrepreneurs who certainly made their marks this year!

Raven's Nest Soundstage, our intimate and high-class music venue (located on the mezzanine floor of the Temagami Train Station), is gearing up for an exciting fall and winter concert series. Kicking us off for our premiere Friday event was artist and musician, Tasheena Sarazin, in October. The concert series will take place on the first Friday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and will feature an art exhibition as well as a concert. All of our concerts will offer 25 "VIP Nest Seat" tickets, as well as unlimited livestream tickets, since we will produce and stream the concert virtually.

Our newest, monthly, family-oriented "**FamJam**" event is taking place on the third Wednesday of the month. It includes dinner, so that families can take a fun night off and make a craft or home décor project together. October's event is a Harry Potter theme, with a sorting ceremony and wand making.

Our Jury members, Judy Gouin, Gerry Gooderham, Heather Reid, and Victoria Wilde continue to work with artists in the community to showcase local Temagami talent.

Our main-floor gallery and gift shop are constantly evolving and updating to include new works and art installations. If you haven't seen the station since the summer, we encourage you to come by and see what's new.

Starting in October, we will also be hosting the first **Northern Ontario Photography Meet-Up Group**. Hosted by our own board and jury member (and resident artist), Gerry Gooderham, this event is open to anyone in the north who is interested in, or practices, the art of photography.

Photographers are welcome to submit images for a show-and-tell slideshow.

We also plan to continue hosting high-end workshops with local artisans over the winter months, including making stained glass, mitts/moccasins, cold-process soap bars, leather purses, and jewelry, as well as mindfulness and art-journalling workshops.

Northern Arts Connection (NAC) is an initiative that Living Temagami 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 created an interactive website for networking, streaming, and generally supporting the artistic economy of the north. The NAC team is currently planning the details of the **Hidden Gems Project**, where we plan to physically visit at least a dozen locations across the north to film and feature talented artists and art organizations, through a series of episodes. We attended the **Fringe North Festival** in Sault Ste Marie in August and were deeply encouraged by the reception and quality of artists they were able to connect with and feature. Stay tuned for more Hidden Gems content on our socials.

White Bear Holistic Healing and Wellness Centre features therapeutic treatment and spiritual healing by Victoria Wilde. She continues to welcome past and new clients here in the Station. For further details, please contact Victoria by phone at **705-477-4755** or by email at gentlebirdwoman@gmail.com.

We are currently accepting applications for additional **Board of Directors** members. The Board meets four 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 e-mail Amber at amber@livingtemagami.ca.

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Indigenous Forest-Management Techniques

By Victoria Winsor

The Temagami First Nation (TFN) and Teme-Augama Anishnabai (TAA) oppose the practice of aerial spraying as a forestry-management technique.

N'Daki Menan is the home of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai. It includes the traditional lands and waters that have been occupied and used for more than 6,000 years. There is a sacred relationship between the TFN/TAA and n'Daki Menan.

As Indigenous peoples who have been inhabiting the land for thousands of years, we have always stewarded the lands and waters. We have our own methods for forest management that ensure sustained life for future generations. The application of traditional knowledge accounts for all aspects of the ecosystem through methods that include prescribed fires and manual tending.

The capacity of n'Daki Menan to support its users has possibly been reached or exceeded. Yet, the pressure of various groups to meet their own ends continues to be applied to the detriment of n'Daki Menan. Although the government regularly requests information about our cultural history, they consistently fail to account for the future of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai in this area. Future generations of TAA are dependent on the sustained continuity of the forest.

We believe that it is incumbent upon the province to plan for the success and inclusion of Indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge with respect to resource development and management, yet they continue to perpetuate consistent and systematic exclusion regarding Indigenous consultation and accommodation.

Without prior and informed consent, activities on n'Daki Menan are contrary to the TAA's inherent rights and responsibilities from the Creator to protect, occupy, use, and govern n'Daki Menan. The TAA have stewarded the forests here for more than 6,000 years and have applied their own practices, so that the land would always provide for future generations.

It is important to understand that n'Daki Menan is not inherited from past generations – it is held in trust for those not yet born. While many see our interest as environmental commitment, our goal is to preserve our culture. Our culture is given by the land, and gives to the land in turn.

We are not entirely opposed to the practice of forestry, as we have our own needs met by the forest. Our insistence is simply that the province lacks the knowledge and experience required to manage the forest. Their practices will neither ensure the survival of the forests for seven generations, nor adequately provide for all users of the forest. The provincial goals are economic, and do not account for sustainability.

If you have read Leanne Betasamosake Simpson's *A Short History of the Blockade*, you will be familiar with the concept of comparing a beaver dam to a blockade. Both are inseparable from the land in the way that they nourish the land by creating space behind



them for life to flourish.

The land caution for n'Daki Menan was filed in 1973, and remained in place until 1995. This was a 22-year period that gave n'Daki Menan a chance to flourish and support a life for everyone. The Red Squirrel Road blockades from 1988-89 were another such occurrence.

Many people speak about Temagami as a unique and special place. This is no accident and is due, in part, to the hard work of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, who filed the land caution to prevent industry from developing Temagami. The land caution is one reason that Temagami exists as it does today. Our active disagreement with the province over forest use and management created benefits that everyone in the area – especially the province – reaps today.

Lumber companies are one user of the forests, but we need to expand our frame to include everyone. Campers and canoeists come to Temagami for recreation, and both the TAA and settlers live here permanently and depend on this place to be their home.

Respect for the land does not mean n'Daki Menan should be frozen in time – there is nothing wrong with using the forests, as long as we do so in a way that sustains itself. Consider the needs of everyone, and realize that timber is not the only thing of value (economic or intrinsic) within the forest. Trees also have a strong spiritual value.

Aerial spraying targets broad-leaved plants. This removes some of the plants that we value most – including many of our medicinal plants, as well as the berry plants used for food. It also interrupts the cycle that Teme-Augama Anishnabai have been relying on for thousands of years. Likewise, Ontario has not invested in much research to determine the effects on moose.

We live in a fire-dominated landscape. We cannot keep avoiding this fact. As climate change continues to worsen – and it will – forest fires will increase in frequency, size, and unpredictability. If we continue to suppress fires, then we will end up with fires of uncontrollable sizes that threaten towns. Traditionally, prescribed fires were conducted in the spring, while patches of snow were still around to prevent fires from spreading. These prescribed fires were done to increase the quantity of berries. If we manage fires, we see an increase in food and medicinal plants, habitats for insects, birds, and moose, and the addition of nutrients back into the soil.

Manual tending allows for selective work to occur in sensitive areas. It is an incredible way to work around areas of cultural significance or traditionally-important plants. Working directly on the land increases a connection to cultural teachings. Manual tending also provides jobs. The Daki Menan Lands and Resources Corporation is an inspiring example of hiring Teme-Augama Anishnabai youth to apply manual tending practices to the forests of n'Daki Menan. Manual tending is a more expensive option, but it brings incredible cultural benefits and reconnects people with the land.

There are clear and effective alternatives to aerial spraying that have stood the test of time. The application of traditional-management techniques allows for the land to support culture and all of its users.

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Northern Ontario Photography Meet-Up Group

By Gerry Gooderham

Hello, and happy autumn. I am excited to let everyone know about a new photography idea: the "Northern Ontario Photography Meet-Up Group". I've considered a follow-up to my original idea of a photography group, and this has now come into being. We have expanded the idea with the help of Living Temagami Arts and Culture, who are taking the lead and hosting meet-ups and events.

We encourage anyone interested in photography to take part. The group invites and encourages everyone from North Bay to Temagami to Temiskaming Shores to join us. It will involve meet-ups in person, as well as Zoom meetings, outings, events, and workshops, and we now have a venue in which to hold regular meetings.

This meet-up group will derive ideas, styles, and tastes from a diverse range of photographers, and will be more interactive in person than online. To get things rolling, we scheduled our introductory meeting for Saturday, October 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Temagami Train Station.

Membership is open to anyone from Northern Ontario – permanent, seasonal, and First Nation residents. We also aim to include seniors and youth. Professionals and amateurs are welcome.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Various presentations and discussions on the creative and technical topics of photography will occur, as well as basic techniques for beginners. Some of the meetings/workshops will be via Zoom or the Facebook group. Regular group meetings with other amateur photographers allow people to socialize, exchange ideas, help others, and learn new things. Join group members on outings (including regular photo walks), where there will be opportunities to practice and learn more about photography.

Monthly meetings that are scheduled from October to March will occur during the day, on week-ends, or at other times by group request. April to September meetings will be held in the evenings, on week-ends, or at other times, as needed.

Each meeting will address both the creative and technical aspects of photography and include the following: a featured topic and/or speaker presentation, tech talk and assistance, training, and problem solving, as well as a Q & A session.

LOCATION: Meetings will typically be held at Living Temagami (but we are open to other venues).

WORKSHOPS AND TALKS: These will be led by in-house or guest photographers. We will cover various topics, such as the art of photography, techniques, image management, creative output, cell-phone photography, editing images, photography software, etc.

FACEBOOK GROUP:

www.facebook.com/groups/northernontariophotographymeetupgroup

SUPPORT: We are looking at different ways to support this group (e.g., through memberships, volunteers, donations, or sponsorships).

So, that's it. This is a long-time dream of mine that is still developing, so suggestions and comments are welcome. Please come out to our meetings or look at the Facebook group for discussions. We would love your input on this idea. Thank you!



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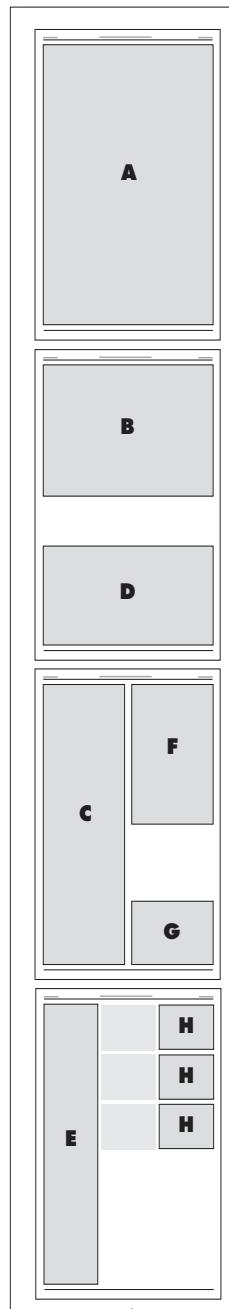
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The “**Doomsday**” (“Timagami Islands”) Book

By Pam Sinclair

Considering the wildfires and floods that ravaged Canada and other parts of the world last summer, we should be addressing global warming as a major threat to humanity in order to avert “Doomsday”.

King William the Conqueror had "Doomsday" on his mind back in 1086, so he commissioned a royal survey. "All the king's horses and all the king's men" were summoned to gallop across England and Wales, asking 268,984 heads of household some personal questions. "Holdings and dues" in every shire were recorded. The results were collected in the "Domesday Book". Domesday is the Middle English spelling of Doomsday. The name refers to Judgment Day, a time when the book's findings become "unalterable".

The Ontario government modelled its own “Doomsday Book” after this ancient tome. The province opened up Lake Temagami islands to leasing in 1906. Each title was recorded, and the practice continued when island ownership became available in the 1940s. Each entry lists the surveyor’s name and date, the grantee’s name and date, and the acreage. The original 1904 surveyors were Alexander Niven and T.B. Speight. They inspected 1,258 islands, missing only one! Commencing in the 1930s, private surveying companies and the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests conducted surveys when island lots were being offered. These were also recorded in the “Doomsday Book”, as were some late 19th-century mining patents.

One amongst a few “Doomsday Book” anomalies is Northeast Arm Island 99. Hamilton’s John Gibson leased it in 1906. John purchased his isle in 1909, some 35 years before any other cottagers were allowed. The deed bore his own signature as Ontario’s lieutenant-governor. The island still belongs to the Gibson family who are long-standing TLA members.

In the early 1980s, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) placed custody of this public record with the Temagami Historical Society. The society offered the “Doomsday Book” to the TLA for display purposes at its headquarters building. It was attached by chain to a table in the lobby. Hundreds eagerly thumbed through this hardcover text to discover their properties’ provenances.

The Temagami MNR kindly gifted a computer-generated equivalent of the “Doomsday Book” to me in 1990. Called *MNR Land Index Listing*, this updated document was an invaluable trove of information. I referred to it constantly while writing *Temagami Lakes Association: An Historical Perspective* and *Temagami Lakes Association: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community*. These were published by the TLA in 1992 and 2011, respectively. When unfolded, the accordion-style index is longer than my house!

The TLA “Doomsday Book” display closed in the 1990s because headquarters building usage had evolved and diversified. It was stored there, along with the vast archive collection. The archives included letters, photos, memorabilia, official plans, *Temagami Times* editions, and other documents. The materials were, however, vulnerable to theft and temperature fluctuations.

Immortal Shoals

By John Sappington

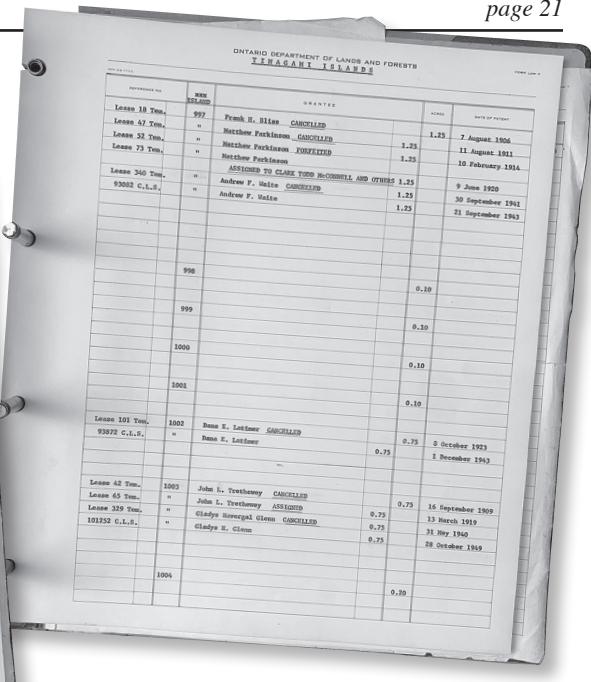
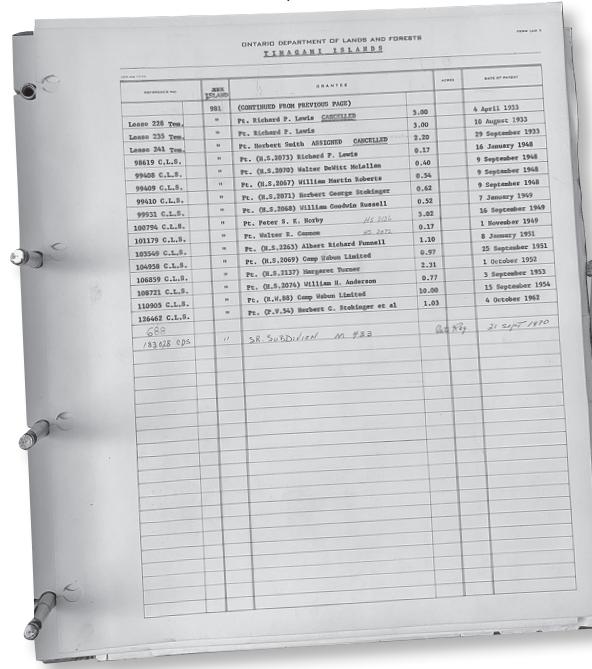
land and the Arctic Ocean. Scientists believe that it is somewhere between 2.5 and 4.5 billion years-old. In all, this ponderously-immense feature covers more than eight million square kilometres of the planet's surface.

"Whump!" is the sound it makes when you try to move it with your boat. Or maybe "whump, whump, whump" – before your propeller hangs up and your motor stalls. Cottagers often call this approach the Braille Method of navigation. There is no noise more depressing to us boaters than steel on rock. At the very least, it's going to cost you some money. Worse yet, you might be seen by some gossipy person who knows the waters better than you, or by someone who actually read the shoal map.

Since the arrival of gasoline engines to power lake boats, there have been thousands of rocky accidents – but still not enough to wear down the prehistoric shield to harmless levels. A century of impact is nothing at all to a massive, multi-billion-year colossus created by nature.

In defense of the guilty, most boaters are very savvy about familiar routes and the value of navigation buoys. Errors usually occur on exploratory trips or first-time invitations to other cottages. Of course, charts are available, but they are about as helpful as aerial photos of the moon once the lander has settled in the bottom of a crater – they just don't look the same at eye level. Also, water tends to distort perception of depth. Deep rocks look closer to the surface than they are, promoting a false sense of security where the water is truly shallow. Mother Nature is not without a sense of humor.

One time, a careless boater sped through Hake's Narrows where the phone cable rested on the bottom and cut it in two. A mere eight days later, a work crew repaired the connection, but saved several feet of cable by laying it outside the deeper trench where it sat before. Unexpectedly, it was no longer handy as a visual marker for safe passage. Experienced navigators had to rely on familiar boulders, outcrops, and fallen trees to make it through unscathed. On a recent occasion, the shaft of my stern drive became wedged in those narrows. It was not my fault. In fact, I have successfully passed through the opening hundreds of times without incident. I strongly suspect a subtle shift in the Laurentian Plateau or possibly someone practicing witchcraft in the vicinity. So solidly was I marooned that the shaft acted as a sort of axle on the rock. Using a paddle in the bow, I was able to spin the craft around and around 360 degrees very easily, but that was of little help in



Historical Ownership Information About Islands 997 Through 1004

The collection found a new home at the Temagami Train Station in the late 1990s. In a deal with the Temagami Station Restoration Trust, it would remain TLA property - but station

coordinator, Claire Smerdon, could use material, stored in about eight filing cabinets, for public programs. A few years ago, the cabinets were transported to the Temagami Public Library, with permission from the Library Board and the Municipality of Temagami. The TLA believed the Library was a safer and more accessible locale.

So, what happened to the beloved “Doomsday Book”? Nobody really knew. Did it get left behind at the TLA building? Had someone pilfered it? Had it become a prized, cottage, coffee-table book? The mystery was unravelled last May when Carol Lowery, a TLA Board member and municipal Councillor, located the keys and went through the archives filing cabinets in pursuit of photos. Low and behold, she unearthed the “Doomsday Book” beneath several items. The volume saw the light of day once again when it was exhibited at the TLA’s annual summer barbecue this year. The TLA plans to publicly display the book at other venues in the future.

In the meantime, the “Doomsday Book” has journeyed to Linda Bangay’s home. The TLA Administrative Coordinator and *Temagami Times* Editor is “going to find a business that can repair the binding and make the book less fragile.”

You may be wondering why Carol was seeking old photos. The award-winning CBC TV series, *Still Standing*, was coming to town later that month. It stars actor and comedian, Jonny Harris, as he travels across Canada and discovers hidden gems in small places. Carol wanted Jonny and the production team to get a sense of the Temagami area's history through photos. After meeting up with interesting locals, Jonny staged a live show at the Temagami arena. The episode is set to air this fall.

getting home. The long shaft would gladly pivot, but just wouldn't budge. Marine engines are not without a sense of humor. Fortunately, another cottager came along and rescued me from peril.

My considerable skill at navigating results from decades of Temagami water travel and map reading. In all of that period, I doubt that I have smashed into more than 13 or 14 submerged rocks. Of course, the total does not include contact involving a canoe or kayak. Festive, colorful stripes on sunken boulders will confirm that many others have done the same.

The Canadian Shield must be protected from spinning propellers. To minimize risk while boating, always consult a shoal map, and putt very slowly through unfamiliar waters with the motor tilted. Just in case, tell a friend where you are going that day and when you expect to return. Or better still, just sit on your dock and read a book with a soft cover.



In a previous *Temagami Times* issue, I reported our decision to replace an aging, sagging, dock / boat port – where the timbers were rotting away from the cribs, rocks had fallen out, nails no longer held the decking, and the ice had pushed the deck 15" off the crib base. We were afraid further delay could bring it crashing down. We solicited bids, made a selection, and waited until summer (2022) for the work. This article relates this summer's experience with the process.

It's now late June 2023, and we see the dock for the first time. (We left last summer in mid-September with the dock incomplete.) It is a lovely dock – moderately altered and extremely solid. The cribs were built off site, and pairs are connected with a 6 x 6 underwater beams. Each decking board is secured with 10 screws and neatly edged for a finished look. So far, we're happy with it.

That is not to say that all went smoothly or as expected. We've all had experiences working with contractors on jobs big and small, and know how things often go. I'll include only the more significant factors for this job.

We had the old cribs and decking removed and replaced, but kept the "superstructure" roof and supports over the boat port. Dealing with the superstructure compounded the difficulty. Strategies for handling it evolved from removing and stowing it on a barge or jacking it up in place, and finally to leaving it in place and working section by section to remove the old, and install the new, cribs underneath. We lost a few inches of roof height in the process.

Permits from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF):

I highly respect the purpose and work of the MNRF

We Had To Do It: Renovating Our Dock – Part 2

By Rebecca Danvers



The New Dock (photo by Arthur Townsend)

and fully understand the need for permits for this kind of job; but, because of the brief time period that they allow for this type of work (July 16 to August 31), waiting for the permit was quite stressful. The application process started in mid-winter, but the permits were not completed until early August.

Project Work:

Work didn't start until August 11, when a two-person crew arrived and removed all of the upper deck, leaving the boat-port roof and supports and the cribs. They worked hard all day. Except for two hours on another day, no additional on-site work was done for another 11 days.

On August 24, work started in earnest. A large barge with new, pre-built cribs and an excavator arrived; but mid-afternoon, the excavator broke. The crew returned 24 hours later and worked until after dark. Work con-

tinued daily (late days and the week-end) until the underwater work was finished on August 31. We had new cribs – well built of milled hemlock and heavily weighted with size-graded stone – but, there was still lots of work that had not been done.

The work crew took a well-deserved, five-day, Labour-Day holiday, then returned September 7 for the above-water work. After about another week – and more maneuvering around the superstructure – work was still not finished. But, we had to leave for the season.

The nearly every-day, all-day excavator noise was exhausting, and the building strategies were often surprising to us – but I was glad to have seen so much of the work. I have confidence that our new dock will last for decades. I must say here that I was very much impressed with the work crew – the same four guys, in varying combinations – each workday. They not

only worked very hard, but were also clearly experienced and exacting. Moreover, they were extremely nice and friendly.

If you've worked with the public in any way, you know that managing expectations leads to higher client/customer satisfaction. We would have been happier overall if we had been better informed on the work schedules and changes from what we were originally told. We definitely feel that communication was inadequate.

Now, right now, we are enjoying our new dock (and lots of compliments on it). You'll have to wait for our grandsons' opinions, though, as to whether it will last for 50 or 60 years – like the old one did.

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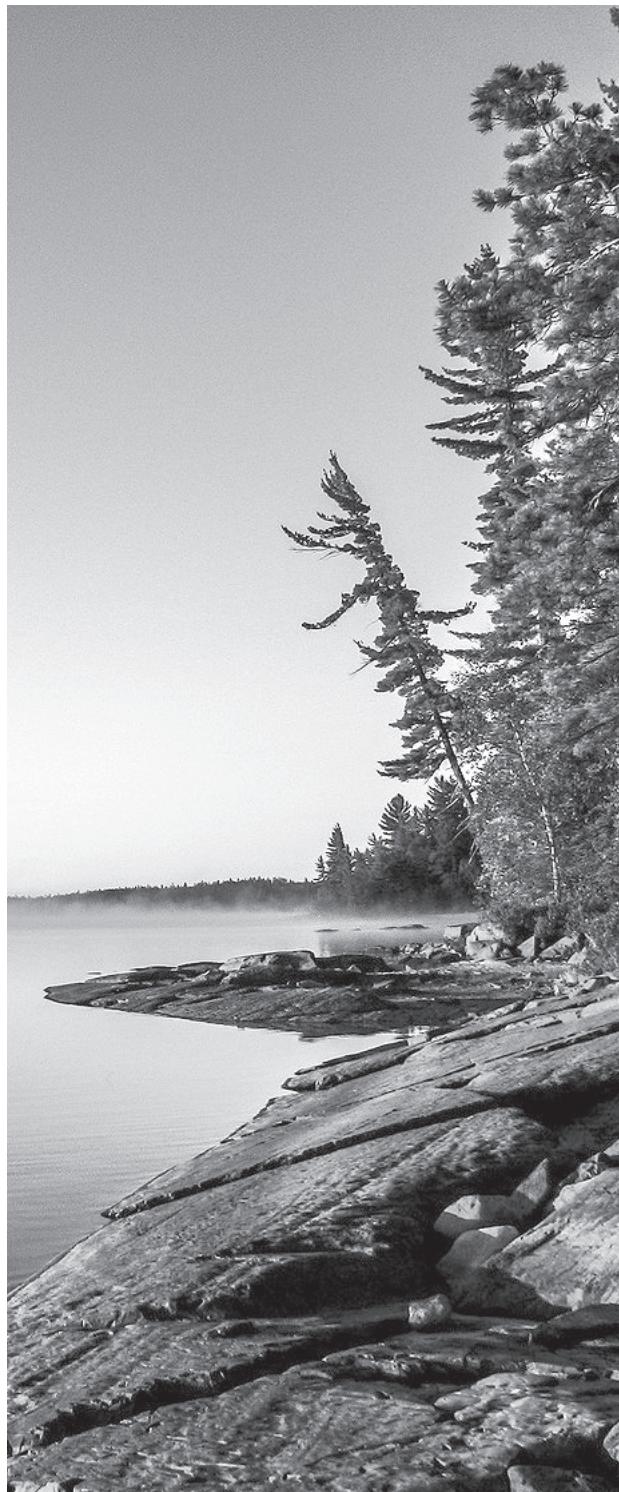
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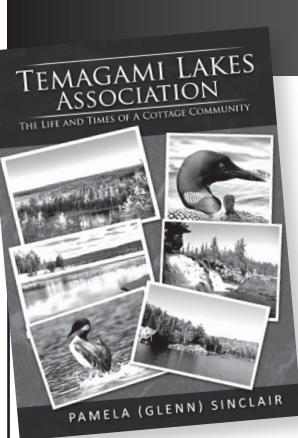
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