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*Temagami Solstice  
(photo by Gooderham Photography)*

## TERAS REPORT for 2023

During the winter of 2022/2023, the Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS) Board received and accepted a proposal to study the sediment at the bottom of Lake Temagami. The intent was to reconstruct the changing environmental history of the Lake over the past several-hundred years. In particular, it was designed to analyze chemical and physical characteristics of the Lake which have been altered by naturally-occurring, as well as human (anthropogenic), causes. Factors such as acid rain, atmospheric pollutants such as mercury, and tell-tale markers of climate change can be evaluated chronologically using radiocarbon dating and other laboratory analyses. This work will complement the water-quality-monitoring initiatives that TERAS (and, prior to that, the TLA) have been

*By Tim Richardson, Chair*

doing for over 15 years, by reconstructing the past 100 to 200 years of environmental change within the Lake.

A proposal from a Masters graduate student from the department of geography at Carleton University was chosen, and TERAS put aside \$10,000 to partially sponsor this project.



**TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH  
AND STEWARDSHIP**

On July 19, 2023, Professor Jesse Vermaire of Carleton – a very experienced paleolimnologist – came to Lake Temagami, and Murray and Tim Richardson chauffeured him by boat to three different locations on the Lake. Using his very-specialized equipment, three long columns of lake-bottom sediment (hopefully, organically rich) were selected from the acquired samples. The tedious and time-consuming work of sub-sectioning and bagging the cores at five-mm intervals was completed in three hours – with each layer representing a specific time period. These



*Professors Jesse Vermaire and Murray Richardson  
Collect Lake-Bottom Sediment Cores  
(photo submission by Tim Richardson)*

samples will then be dried out, carbon dated, and analyzed by the graduate student over the months ahead. Anticipating that the cores will be rich with organic material, we are expecting a full report on the findings in 2024.

Study of the samples may show some fundamental changes in the Lake ecology over the past 200 years – or, perhaps, remarkable ecological resilience compared to much smaller lakes. Either way, we think this information will be of great scientific value to our community.

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## President's Letter:

As I sit here composing this message, waiting out the "storm of the year", and praying for the ice on our precious lake to thicken up so my small family (husband and two pups) can do some winter cottaging, I want to wish you all the very best of what 2024 has in store for you and yours.

I recently read a memoir written by Thomson Highway (Cree author, playwright, and musician from the sub-Arctic) titled *Permanent Astonishment*. I mention this because when it comes to Lake Temagami, I am always astonished by its beauty and challenges throughout the four seasons (like right now, waiting for the ice to form). I admire its water colour - from the deep purples in the north end of the lake to the golden browns in the south - and the way that these waters can, in a heartbeat, change from a smooth surface into wild waves that might keep you island bound. The sun never fails to provide us with amazing mornings and does not disappoint as it sets to offer more beautiful vistas. The purple/blue hues that appear in the skies are, I believe, unique to this landscape we all return to year after year. And let's not forget the night sky, the Milky way, and, every now and again, a "satellite train".

While spending the winter at the cabin and through break-up during the pandemic, a flock of birds (I don't know what kind) enchanted us one day as they feasted on a small bush just outside our side door, before continuing their journey. It was a riot of blues and yellows and reds - truly astonishing. On another day, we woke to see partridge at the very top of a copse of birches feasting on the tender branches. I wondered how on earth they even got there, as I did not know they could fly that high! Then, one day, we noticed that the mergansers had returned, as they floated on the smallest bit of open water. How can one not be permanently astonished by this piece of paradise we all share ... and the haunting call of the loon?

I am also astonished at the volunteerism of our members - many of whom give an enormous amount of their time to serve our Association, as well as sit on committees at the municipal level, to ensure that the "Tenets" and the well-being of the Lake and its community are respected. Without this sense of community and engagement by our mem-

bers, Lake Temagami would not be the place we all love and cherish.

2024 holds a few challenges for our community. The Official Plan still needs to be completed - but before that can happen, a second draft must come back to municipal council and go through another set of public consultations before it is sent once again to the province. The TLA building will either be demolished or re-purposed, as our tenure on the land expires at the end of the year. A new working group of the Board will complete a "municipal tax-analysis initiative" to (hopefully) bring some accountability from the Municipality for the level of taxes that Lake residents contribute, as well as provide an awareness that our contributions make a significant impact toward the viability of the Town. New, municipal, ad-hoc committees must also resolve the "garbage issue" and address parking problems at the end of the Access Road. As I write this, I do not know if these committees (garbage and parking) have all the members they require. If you wish to contribute to one of these committees, please contact the Municipality.

The TLA will continue with the "Lake Temagami Shoreline Clean-up Challenge" (seeking prizes - hint, hint), as well as the "Adopt-a-Campsite program", this year. We are also looking into removing some invasive phragmites and other invasive species from the Access Road and town docks. We expect to be a presence at the Temagami Community Market on Saturday mornings during the summer, as well. 2024 will also see a return to an in-person AGM in July (see further details in this issue). I hope you will consider being on the Lake for this event.

We will forge ahead to build relationships with the TFN, TAA, and Municipal Council, as we share many of the same concerns - invasive species, water quality, fisheries, and fire safety - to name a few. We are an important Association that supports the Town, encourages stewardship of the land, and respects the Indigenous peoples of n'Dakimenan. We can be proud of who we are and what we do for both the community and the Lake.

I remain permanently astonished by this beautiful place.

Nicole (Nickie) Brooker, TLA President



Temagami Sundogs (photo by Gooderham Photography)

### 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.

Editor's Note: as agreed upon by the Township, the TLA, and the Lake Temagami Permanent Residents' Association on March 8, 1994.

# TERAS Report for 2023

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A streamlined water-sample collection effort was also completed this summer, and samples were sent to the Ministry of the Environment laboratory in Dorset for analysis.

You can support our efforts by: sending a cheque made out to "TERAS" to 10-44 King William Street, Huntsville, ON P1H 1G3; adding a contribution to the water-quality-monitoring fund on your TLA membership form; or, sending an e-transfer to [teras1720555@gmail.com](mailto:teras1720555@gmail.com). Thank you!



Professors Jesse Vermaire and Murray Richardson Sub-Section and Bag Sediment Cores (photo submission by Tim Richardson)

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# Highlights of the TLA Virtual “Annual General Meeting” 2023



The 92nd TLA AGM was held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. TLA members provided technical support.

TLA President, Nicole Brooker, hosted the meeting and introduced herself and the other current Board Members: Rob Corcoran, Greg Goodman, Diane Green, Carol Lowery, Terry Males, Alec Morley, Tarik Muzaffar, and Paul Tamburro (most of whom were in attendance).

First VP, Terry Males, summarized TLA activities in 2023: planning for decommissioning of the Headquarters building; modernizing and digitizing communications; investigating options for a boat-washing station to help address the spread of invasive species; monitoring the new “Official Plan”; implementing the first “Lake Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge”; reviving the “Adopt-a-Campsite” program (including the distribution of thunderboxes made by the Friends of Temagami); hosting the annual TLA summer BBQ; assisting members with the Underused Housing Tax; and, the completion of a study of lake-bottom sediment by TERAS.

65 TLA voting members (and others) were in attendance, and 14 voting members were represented by proxies. Motions to approve the 2023 AGM agenda and adopt the minutes of the 2022 AGM were made and carried. Resolutions to approve the 2022 TLA financial statement and the actions of the Directors and Officers since the 2022 AGM were also made and carried.

Daniel Buckles and Brit Hyde were named the 2022 TLA “Members-of-the-Year”. Brit diligently monitored the Municipal “Official Plan” (OP) process and provided regular updates to the TLA, while Daniel spent considerable time and effort in providing recommendations to Council about the Lake Temagami Waste-Transfer Station. Nicole also thanked Paul Tamburro for his Presidential leadership over the past three years, and

for the considerable time and effort that he devoted to this position.

Participants also reflected on the unfortunate loss this past year of 14 TLA members and supporters who have assisted the Association as Board members / families of Board members, committee members, flea-market organizers, an Editor of the *Temagami Times*, and many other roles.

Paul Tamburro (Chair of the “Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee”) provided an update on the new OP for the Municipality of Temagami. It is reviewed every five years and updated every 10 years, and serves as the guiding document for all development occurring in the Municipality. TLA members have provided comments during information sessions, delegations to Municipal Council, a TLA “Town Hall”, and through individual letters. Our comments have been acknowledged by the Municipality, but have not yet been addressed. The first draft of the OP references the “Tenets” (including no mainland development), but there are some contradictions (e.g., a map of several areas on the Lake, including the north shore of the NE Arm, that are listed as “residential waterfront properties”). The Town’s planner, MHBC, has assured the TLA that our comments will be taken into account and represented in the next draft.

MHBC’s work is behind schedule, but the second draft should be released shortly. At least one more public comment period is required before the new OP can be approved by Council. It will then guide Municipal development over the next 10 years, and it may be difficult to reverse its content. Thus, the long-term ramifications are of concern. The TLA’s own planner, along with our “Planning Committee”, will review the second draft thoroughly and may ask TLA members to submit additional comments.

Daniel Buckles provided an overview of the problems experienced with the Lake Temagami waste-transfer station during the 2023 season, along with some background details regarding operation of the site in previous years. He noted that Council will strike an ad hoc committee – including terms of reference, a timeline, and a reporting mechanism – to address issues at the site. This committee will attempt to develop a solution that meets

the needs of Lake residents and is cost effective. One option is to return to the previous 24/7 service plan, while implementing improvements, as needed.

A “Q & A” and comments session was then held. Discussion occurred on these topics: the skyline reserve and the number of lots made available on the Lake per year for development; provincial review of the first draft of the OP; status of the TLA building; the “Schedule A” map from the most-recent version of the OP; leveraging the Municipality re: the OP; review of garbage service for NE Arm residents; de-amalgamation; the balance between what Lake residents consume in services and what they pay in Municipal taxes; the downloading of certain expenses from the Province to the Municipality; a municipal tax-analysis initiative by TLA Board members; the Lake-Trout fishery designation of 2009 (which paused future Crown-land releases on the Lake, and which the MNR has indicated that they do not intend to retract); the necessity of having seasonal residents on Council; and, the need for qualified seasonal residents to vote in Municipal elections. As there wasn’t time to address all questions/comments during the AGM, follow-up occurred after the meeting concluded.

The following poll was also conducted during the meeting: *Regarding the format of the Temagami Lakes Association’s next “Annual General Meeting”, do you prefer: (a) an in-person AGM in the summer of 2024 (53% of responses); (b) a virtual AGM via Zoom in the fall of 2024 (21% of responses); or, (c) either option (26% of responses).*

Nicole thanked TLA members for attending, and welcomed feedback about the AGM. The meeting was then adjourned at 9:05 p.m.





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## REMEMBERING

*Bradford Hall*

(July 10, 1928 – January 6, 2024)

*Submitted by Brad Hall, Jr.*

Bradford Hall died in San Francisco on January 6, 2024 after a long illness. He was in his 96th year.

Bradford was born on July 10, 1928 in Wichita, Kansas as the third son to Standish and Helen (Brooks) Hall. Brad attended Wichita public schools, the Hotchkiss School, and the University of Arizona, and graduated from the University of Wichita. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and, upon completing flight training, was assigned to a fighter squadron flying F-86 Sabre jets. His last assignment was as commanding officer of the England AFB Instrument Flying School.

Brad began his business career in 1955 at the Union National Bank of Wichita. He was on the board of directors of the Metropolitan YMCA, chairman of the City Zoning Board of Appeals, and a member of the Planning Commission. In 1964, he joined Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles, becoming Vice-President in charge of a lending division. Later he was Vice-President of Corporate Finance for the investment firm, Glore Forgan Staats, Senior Vice-President of Shareholders Asset Management Company, and Senior Vice-President of Trust Company of the West. He was a member of the board of Art Center College of Design and chairman of the audit and finance committee. In 1977, he became a partner at the San Francisco investment counsel firm, Wentworth, Hauser and Violich, where he worked for 35 years until his retirement in 2012.

In 1999, Brad raised the founding donations for a successful community health program in Laikipia, Kenya. Now region-wide, the health service was initially

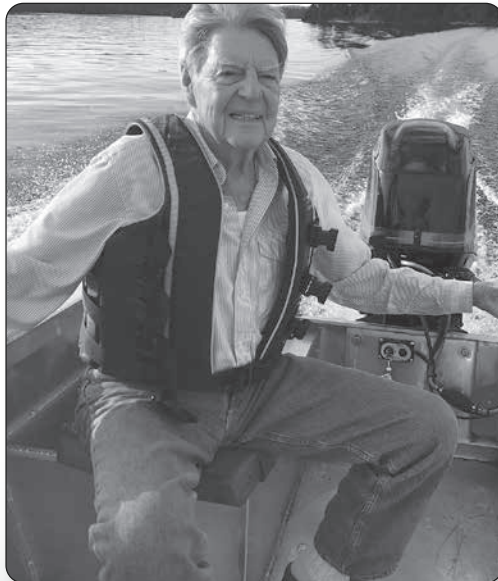


based on Mpala ranch, once owned by a friend and now by the Smithsonian. He also served on the Wichita State University Foundation's national advisory council and investment committee.

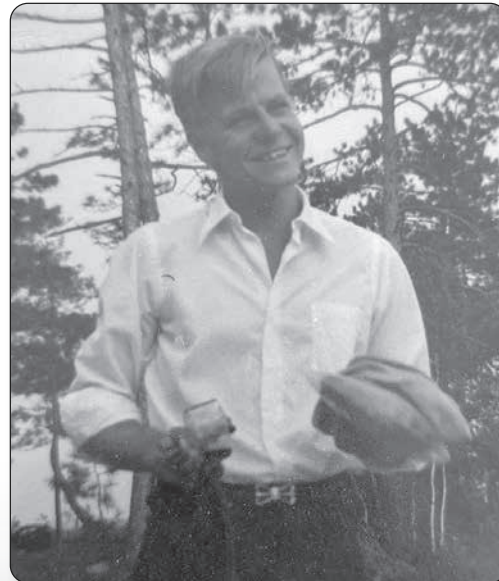
Whether for business or pleasure, Brad could almost always find something of mutual interest that enabled him to talk with anyone (and have them enjoy it) – usually because it was about them, not himself. He liked good order, making people smile, and leaving things better than he found them. The telephone was among his favorite tools, and he loved driveable machines – cars, boats, a cane cutter, and especially the airplanes he flew with skill and authority. He was master of the J-stroke in a canoe and was perhaps happiest on the island he claimed in 1948 on Lake Temagami, where he made a vacation retreat for his family and close friends. His time in Temagami included summers as a youth at a canoe tripping camp, Keewaydin, and two years as President of the Temagami Lakes Association.

Bradford was predeceased by his older brothers, Brooks and Wolcott, and by his ex-wife, Kelsey (Browne) Hall. He is survived by his and Kelsey's three

sons and six grandsons: Bradford, Jr., his wife Kim, and sons Bobby and Buddy (Bradford III) of Pasadena; Bill, his wife Carol, and sons Jimmy and Will of Denver; and, Jim and sons Henry and Jonathan of Atlanta. He is also survived by his nephews, Fred, Boots, and Kirk Hall, of Oklahoma City, and by his long-time companion, Deirdre. We miss him.



*Brad Driving the Outboard in Temagami  
(photo submission by Carol Hall)*



*Late 1940s: Brad on his Island – 1067  
(photo submission by Brad Hall, Jr.)*

*Ottilie Rose Matchett*

Ottilie Rose Matchett (Huycke), died peacefully at the age of 93 on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in her Thornbury, Ontario condo. She now joins her beloved late husband, J. Boyd Matchett, in the afterlife, along with her parents, George Meredith Huycke, QC, and Ottilie Wells Huycke (Avery), as well as her predeceased brothers, Fred, Ed, and Graeme (twin). Her sister, Susan, and sisters-in-law, Kit, Margaret, and Katherine, share in our grief. Rose leaves behind her children John, Robin, and Rosalie (Richard), and her cherished grandchildren: Jonathan (Lara), Leo (Emilie), Jesse (Marta), Katya, Robin, Jr. (Raven), Anarie (Jon), Victor (Irene), and Ottilie (Nellie), who mourn her loss. Her great-grandchildren Ella, Kasper, Jasper, Cedric, Elodie, and Lamaro will also miss her, along with numerous cousins and dear friends. We come together to celebrate her rich and abundant life.

Rose lived her life with unwavering determination and a unique single-mindedness that left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Her generosity was steadfast, and though she didn't mince her words, her outspokenness was always taken with a grain of salt. In her own way, she was a woman of letters, always writing to her friends and family in her distinctive scrawl – a touch of nostalgia that we will dearly miss. She immersed herself in various interests, from supporting the Bruce Trail Conservancy to the World Wildlife Fund, and many more. In



*Ottilie Rose Matchett  
in Temagami, 2023  
(photo submission  
by Robin Matchett)*

her younger days, she engaged in international-affairs group discussions, bred Miniature Schnauzers, mastered embroidery, and remained an avid stamp collector. Friends and family will fondly remember her request to save the stamps on the envelopes of her letters and send them back to her.

In her early years, Rose exhibited athletic prowess in field hockey, played tennis as a member of the Badminton Racquet Club, and was a skier at the Osler Bluff Ski Club. It was during a sleigh ride on the original ski lift at Osler Bluff that she met her future husband, Boyd Matchett. Although she spent most of her life in Toronto, she thrived for nearly a decade in Paris, France, where she raised her young family in the 1950s. Later, after Boyd's retirement, they lived semi-permanently in *Fontarèches dans Le Midi*, where they restored their cherished petit chateau. These years brought her immense joy, as she hosted social gatherings, welcomed family and friends, and took pride in showcasing their achievements. She was a force of nature and, in her own way, lived a life that might be likened to an heiress.

Winters were spent in Tucson, Arizona, and summers were reserved for the family cottage on Lake Temagami. Even this past summer, with her usual loving reverence, she entertained family and friends, and maintained a pet cemetery with inscribed stone plaques. An extraordinary individual, she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace, dear Mom and Granny.

R E M E M B E R I N G

*Barry Douglas McCarthy*

By Eric Bremner, Island 402

Barry Douglas McCarthy of Stratford and Island 402 passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the age of 80.

Barry was born in Montreal to parents, Ruth and Malcolm. He spent his school years in Renfrew, Ontario on the Ottawa River. After high school, Barry graduated from the University of Western Ontario and Althouse College (both in London) with teaching qualifications, and soon married his love, Janet Bremner. The two met at CFPL Radio while working as university students.

They travelled the world for a few years on a shoestring before settling in Stratford, Ontario to raise their family. Barry was a dedicated teacher of Geography. He taught at Westminster Secondary School (London), C. W. Jeffrey's Collegiate Institute (Toronto), and Mitchell District High School, but spent the majority of his years teaching at Northwestern Secondary School in Stratford (Geography Department Head). Recently related to Janet by the Stratford mayor (a former high-school teacher and principal) was an experience that illustrates Barry's above-and-beyond manner with his students. Mayor Martin Ritzma says he owes his success in life to Barry. He admits he was a laggard as a student, and Barry took him aside and told him that he had what it took to be a success in life, but that he was squandering it. Martin took it to heart. And, as they say ... the rest is history.

Barry was a devoted husband to Janet, loving father of Lorraine and Chad, and proud papa to his seven grandchildren.

Barry cherished our cabin in the woods, where he spent every summer with family and friends. He helped build the cabin with Eric in 1966-67 without the use of power tools! The simplic-



Barry Douglas McCarthy  
(photo submission by Eric Bremner)

ity of time in nature with basic amenities was something he always looked forward to and took delight in. During a few months away from teaching because of painful arthritis, he became the home chef, and this carried through to Temagami Island 402 summers. For a number of years prior to 2014, Barry was island-bound with arthritis and unable to get into either our V-hull, 14-foot aluminum or flat-bottom, 16-foot steel boats. When a 20-foot pontoon boat joined the fleet, life changed. It was just a walk-on from the dock, and that he could handle. Tours of the Lake, visits with neighbours, and occasional on-board parties were now possible.

His children and grandchildren have spent most of their summers on 402; many of them every summer of their lives.

An avid fan of hockey, Barry also played for the Stratford Oldtimers for many years.

For the last year of his life, he was bed-bound after a serious stroke; but, that did not dampen his participation in life, and he enjoyed the many visits of his friends. Thanks to the internet, Amazon, and online banking, he kept up on news, looked after family financial affairs, and did the Christmas shopping.

Barry is lovingly remembered by: his wife of 55 years, Janet McCarthy; daughter, Lorraine (and husband, Chad Park); son, Chad (and wife, Ashley); grandchildren, Xavier, Tasman, Rheo, Dezmond, Eliot, Ethne, and Evie; brother-in-law, Eric Bremner (and wife, Kori, and family); and, sister, Hazel Legate (and husband, John, and family).

A private celebration will be held with family and a few friends in July.



Barry, Janet, Lorraine, and Chad  
(photo submission by Eric Bremner)

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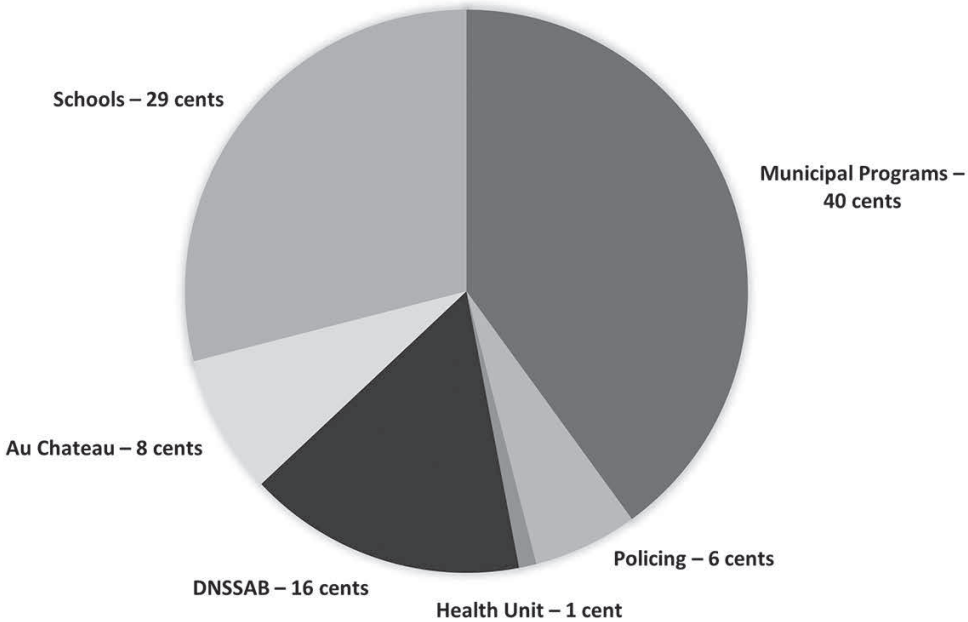
# Where Your Tax Dollars Go (June 2023)

N.B., This information was obtained from a message sent by the Municipality of Temagami to taxpayers with their June 2023 tax bills.

For every dollar paid in property taxation:

- the school boards receive 29 cents;
- 8 cents is our levy from Au Chateau Home for the Aged;
- the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board [DNSSAB] receives 16 cents for their programming;
- 6 cents is our cost of policing; and,
- 1 cent goes to the Timiskaming Public Health Unit.

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Where Your Tax Dollars Go  
(Source: Municipality of Temagami, June 2023)

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# Invasive Species Update: How TLA Members Can Help Protect Lake Temagami



*Eurasian Watermilfoil*  
(photo source: Wikimedia Commons)

By Diane Green, TLA Board Member

The Temagami Lakes Association continues to monitor several invasive species in the Lake Temagami area.

## INVASIVE PHRAGMITES:

A substantial stand of Phragmites has been located along the Lake Temagami Access Road. At this point in time, we are assuming that it is the invasive form of the species (*Phragmites australis subsp. australis*) rather than the native variety (*Phragmites australis subsp. americanus*).

Invasive Phragmites can spread quite quickly and has become a problem in southern Ontario – particularly along roadways. This invasive species has the potential to invade wetland areas, where it overwhelms native vegetation and alters habitat for other wildlife. It is difficult to eradicate once established.

The TLA is planning a project this summer to cut down this stand. We would welcome volunteers to assist in this work, and expect to set three dates, roughly a month apart (starting in June), for successive cutbacks – prior to the plants going to seed in the fall.

## EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL:

Eurasian Watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) has recently been added to the Ontario Invasive Species list. It is already established in certain sections of Lake Temagami (e.g., at the Town docks). It spreads when floating stem sections are blown around the lake, or become attached to boat motors that are docked in

shallow water and get tangled in the underwater vegetation.

One simple step that boat owners can take to avoid spreading this invader is to check the water around their boat before they leave the docks and use a net to scoop out any visible floating stems. These can then be deposited on the shore away from the water. If left on shore to dry out, the plant will die.

Small, collapsible, butterfly nets can be used for scooping such plant materials and are available for purchase online. If members show sufficient interest, the TLA can place a group order.

## BOAT WASHING:

We remind everyone that recent, provincial regulatory changes make it an offence to transfer invasive species between water bodies. Boat owners, including canoe and kayak owners, are asked to “Clean, Drain, and Dry” their watercraft prior to placing the craft back in the water. Likewise, boat trailers should also be cleaned appropriately. These steps are important to prevent the spread of known invasive species (e.g., Eurasian Watermilfoil) to the Temagami back country, and to prevent the introduction of new invasive species from points further south in the Great Lakes watershed. This watershed is known to harbor over 180 non-native species.

For further information on invasive species, to volunteer in removing Invasive Phragmites, or to obtain a butterfly net, please contact us at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net).



*Invasive Phragmites*  
(photo credit: Dr. Janice M. Gilbert)

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# Five Generations of the Lewis Family at Camp Wabun

By Rosemary Keevil, from an interview with Dick Lewis (Richard Plimpton Lewis III)

"I don't know of another camp that has four generations of directorship from the same family and five generations of campers," says Dick Lewis, whose grandfather was one of the founders of Camp Wabun.

Richard Plimpton Lewis, Sr. was one of the eight Keewaydin Camp staff members who, in 1932, decided to branch off on a new venture. All eight founders were teachers. Dick says that in those days, "Teachers had to get other jobs in the summer because the salaries were not quite sufficient for maintaining a standard of living."

Dick names the eight original directors: William (Andy) Anderson, Walter (Whitey) Canon, Ted Fellows, Richard Plimpton (Dick) Lewis, Sr., Mac McClellan, Harry Munson, William (Bill) Roberts, and William (Russ) Russell. They all pitched in \$1,250 (for a total of \$10,000) to launch the camp. They hired guides from Mattawa and Bear Island who had tripped with them at Keewaydin. Then, in the winter of 1932-33, a team "travelled by train to the town of Temagami ... loaded dogsleds with materials needed to start the building of the camp's facilities, munched their way up the eighteen miles of ice to what would be Wabun's future site [Garden Island], and started laying foundations and pounding nails." (*Camp Wabun Website, 2024: <https://wabun.org>*)

Wabun's eight-week inaugural season was launched in July 1933. Campers travelled by train to the town of Temagami, where each boarded a boat and took a two-hour journey to the base camp on Garden Island. Now a fast boat can make the trip in about 40 minutes.

Dick's father, Richard Plimpton Lewis, Jr., became a director, as well. He first took Dick to Wabun in the summer of 1945 when Dick was eight months-old. Dick became a camper when he was nine and staffed from 1962 through to 1965. Then he took a year off to complete a graduate degree at Harvard and returned as head staff in 1967 until 1973.



Richard P. Lewis, Sr.  
– First Generation and Founder  
(photo submission by Rosemary Keevil)

Dick and his wife, Marg, who currently live in New Hampshire, lived on Garden Island year-round from 1970 to 1974. "I trapped with Mark McKenzie for four winters, and I taught at the Bear Island School one day a week for four years."

Dick became President and Managing Director in 1976. He seems very proud when he talks about a certain "transformational" meeting. "My first year, we decided to open up the program to young women, mostly because of all the pressure coming from our alums. Oh my gosh ... one of the best decisions we have ever made." Since the summer of 1977, Camp Wabun has been a coed camp.

In 2015, Dick's daughter, Jess Lewis, became Managing Director. She quit her job as a teacher in Missouri in 2023 to work full-time for Wabun. Her two children, Abel and Hazel, are fifth-generation campers.

The original eight founders believed in the importance of the Wabun experience for the campers: "They felt even then that the technologies of the times were insulating their student-athletes from a true connectedness with the comforts they enjoyed in their everyday family lives – many buttons, levers, keys and switches. They sought to formulate an experience that would put kids in touch with their own strengths and abilities, while enjoying a close and powerful relationship with the natural beauty of a Lake Temagami lake and riverscape." (*Camp Wabun Website, 2024*)

Dick sums up the importance of this experience today: "The essence of 2023 is, we are more important as an experience now than we ever were even in 1932. It is traveling through life at four miles an hour. You go from 70 miles an hour to four miles an hour, and you do it overnight ... And I can't even prioritize these essences: no screens, no extension cords, no plug-ins."

As the mother of a daughter who was a camper for three seasons and staff for three seasons, I can attest to the fact that Wabun builds strength, stamina, character, competence, independence, self-reliance, and the ability to work (and play) with others. She is what we call, "a real Wabun woman" – which is the greatest of compliments. Thank you Richard Plimpton Lewises.



Richard P. Lewis, Jr. – Second Generation; and, Corrine M. Lewis  
(photo submission by Rosemary Keevil)



Dick Lewis – Third Generation; Jess Lewis and Jason Lewis – Fourth Generation; and, Marg Lewis  
(photo by Sarah Flotten)



Jess Lewis  
(Fourth Generation),  
with Fifth-Generation  
Wabun Campers, Abel  
Lewis-Murphy (11) and  
Hazel Lewis-Murphy  
(9). (photo by Sarah  
Flotten)



# TLA Business

We are very pleased to announce the 93rd "ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING" of the Temagami Lakes Association on

Saturday, July 27, 2024 at CAMP WABUN.

Coffee: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

Complimentary Lunch: after the meeting ends

Please send questions and potential topics of discussion to [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net) by July 13, 2024.



## IN SEARCH OF... Candidates for the TLA Board of Directors 2024

The Lake community needs women and men who care about Lake Temagami to join the TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION (TLA) Board of Directors.

### Qualifications Include:

- ✓ membership in the TLA;
- ✓ a desire to become involved in the activities of the Lake community; and,
- ✓ some time to contribute to the Association.

**Commitment:** This is a three-year commitment and involves approximately one meeting per month (usually via Zoom) and any committee work with which you can provide assistance.

**Process:** Each year, three (3) seats on the TLA Board of Directors come open for election. A sitting Director may run for re-election for only one (1) additional, three-year term. Nominations close on **May 1** of each year. The election, if required, is completed through confidential ballots that are sent to TLA voting members. The results will then be announced at the "Annual General Meeting" in July.

**For Further Information:** Contact the TLA at [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net).

## BLOG POSTS: Keep Up to Date with TLA and Temagami News

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1. Go to the TLA's website at: <https://tla-temagami.ca>.
  2. Scroll down to the bottom right-hand corner of the homepage to "Subscribe to Updates".
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## 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.

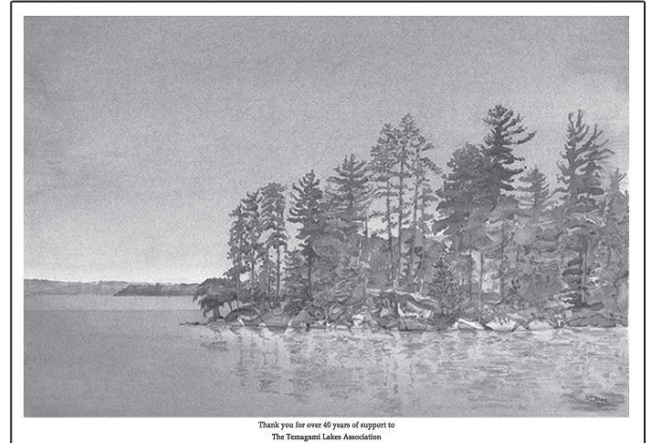
A number of ideas were considered, but Peter thought that a plaque or trophy wasn't fitting.

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](mailto: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



### 2024 TLA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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## WANTED: Your Favourite Temagami Photos!

Please consider submitting photographs to the TLA so that we can share them in our various publications and via online media.

Photos must be high-resolution PDF, TIFF, or JPEG images – with a minimum of 200 dpi (dots per inch) at 100% photo size. For further information, or to submit a photo, please send an e-mail to: [tla@onlink.net](mailto:tla@onlink.net).

# TLA Business

## TLA Supports the Temagami Community



TLA President, Nicole Brooker, presents Brian Koski and Ike Laba of the Temagami Lions Club with a donation for the 2023 Seniors' Christmas Dinner. (photo contribution by Carol Lowery)

## TERAS Facts

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

1. organize, fund, and participate in environmental monitoring and research projects which are designed to preserve and protect Lake Temagami and its surrounding lands;
2. educate about, and increase public understanding and appreciation of, Lake Temagami's environment and ecosystems, with particular attention to long-term environmental monitoring;
3. take over and expand the water-monitoring activities that were initiated by the TLA;
4. work closely with the TLA, by participating in environmental projects suggested by its members;
5. stimulate a broader interest in environmental monitoring and research in the Temagami region among college and university environmental-science departments.

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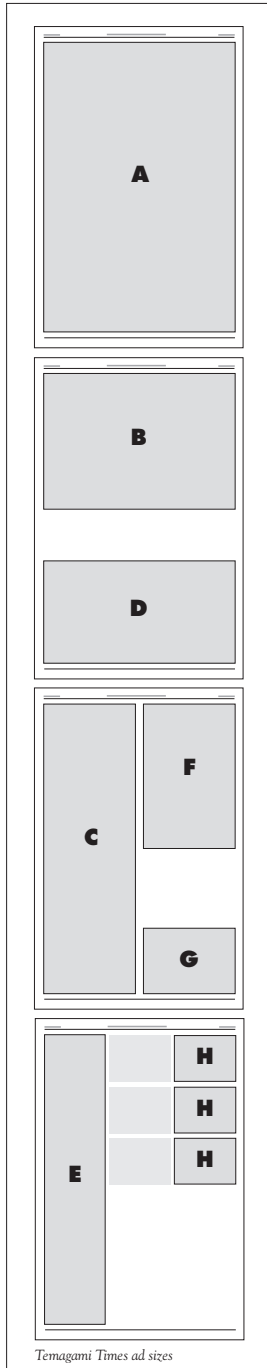
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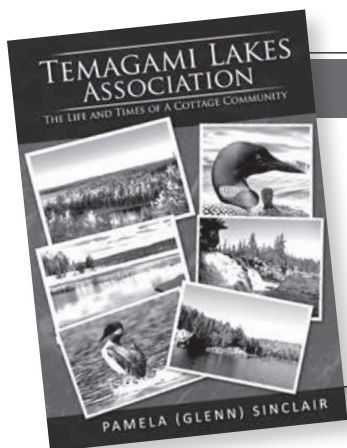
TLA President, Nicole Brooker, presents Temagami Public Library Board Chair, Carol Lowery, and Debra Kitts, CAO, with a donation for 2023. (photo contribution by Carol Lowery)

## 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](mailto:tla@onlink.net). The editor can help with the formatting and editing details. Also, remember that photos – high resolution and original in size – really add to a story.



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## TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community

The book is available at the TLA Building and at TLA events.

# Scotiabank Temagami to Close in 2024

N.B., The following information is from Mayor Dan O'Mara's message to the Municipality on January 9, 2024:

The Municipality is being forced to deal with the closure of the Scotiabank Temagami branch - the only bank in town. In-person services will be relocated to the branch at 1500 Fisher Street (Northgate Square) in North Bay, effective July 16, 2024.

According to Mayor O'Mara, the Municipality has been reaching out to other banking institutions in the hope that one of them might set up a branch in Temagami, and has received some interest. The Municipality will have to find out who owns the building that Scotiabank currently occupies and determine whether or not something could be worked out there. "It's not fair for our community to go without some kind of banking services," he said.

On November 6, 2023, Temagami Talk Facebook page administrator, John Shymko, started a petition asking for names of residents and businesses - to create a potential customer base for financial institutions who might be interested in establishing services in Temagami. Those who sign the petition will be pledging "to support a brick and mortar financial branch within the Municipality of Temagami by moving account(s) and financial dealings to an institution willing to invest in our community." As of February 1, 2024, over 115 signatures have been gathered.

Although all Scotiabank customers have been notified in writing of the closure, the Temagami Lakes Association will continue to track this issue and report any new information to our members, as it becomes available.




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# Temagami Lions Club Report

## (January 2024)



By Ike Laba

The Temagami Lions Club desperately requires help in recruiting future Lions members. In the last two years, we have lost four active members to illness. At present, we have 10 active members who are involved in many projects such as: hosting the annual Lions Hockey Tournament; planning and implementing the “Breakfast with Santa” event for local children; holding “Flea Market” and BBQ fundraisers; collecting used eyeglasses for people in underdeveloped countries (100 pairs); operating the Lions Facebook page; and, supporting community members with items required for daily living (e.g., refrigerators, wheelchairs). Other initiatives include:

### TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK:

There is an increased use of the Food Bank within our community this winter. If you do require assistance, please contact Lion Brian Koski at 705-569-4522.

### SENIORS’ CHRISTMAS DINNER:

This is the first seniors’ sit-down dinner that we have held at the Community Centre since the pandemic hit in 2020. Thanks to Lion Jane Dougall for providing an excellent event. We also appreciate the support of local businesses and organizations, volunteers, and the Municipality of Temagami in making this event a great success. There were 166 dinners served – including 32 that were delivered to seniors in their homes.

### DIABETES, HOMELESSNESS, AND AMELIA RISING:

We require clothing and winter items for these three services. The diabetes program has already collected 206 bags of clothing, which are ready for shipment. In addition, unhoused people in North Bay require heavy clothing, tents, tarps, and boots, while the people sup-

ported by Amelia Rising (North Bay) need winter apparel, such as jackets and boots. All clothing must be clean and in good condition. If you have items to donate or require further information, please call Lion Bob Sykes at 705-569-4412 or Lion Ike Laba at 705-569-3252.

### FLEA MARKET DONATIONS:

We are accepting items for our next Lions Flea Market, which will be held in August of 2024. If you would like to donate anything, please call Lion Bob Sykes or Lion Ike Laba.

### FUNDRAISER FOR VEHICLE-EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT:

Vehicle-extraction equipment for highway accidents consists of the “Jaws of Life”, the “Cutter”, and the “Hammer”. Thanks to all of the donors who have already supported the Lions Club in raising funds so that the Temagami Fire Department could purchase the first two pieces of equipment (“Jaws of Life” and “Cutter”) in December 2023. As of January 2024, these items have already been used for quick extraction.

With your continued financial support, we will also purchase the “Hammer” (at a cost of \$17,500). This will allow more highway accident victims to be extracted quickly, and lives will be saved.

Tax receipts will be provided from the Municipality of Temagami for donations of \$50.00 or more. Donation options include the following:

1. Send a cheque to the Municipality of Temagami (7 Lakeshore Drive, PO Box 220, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0). Please note on the cheque that it is for “Vehicle-Extraction Equipment”.
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The “Jaws of Life” and “Cutter”  
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## Choosing a Roof

By John Sappington

Most cottagers don't mind getting wet as long as it's voluntary. We didn't choose lake life to avoid water. However, it's a mixed blessing when rain splats on your forehead and pillow during a midnight storm. That was my situation soon after buying a beautiful, but needy, property. Extensive renovation would include a new, black roof and rain gutters. If I had my way, Temagami roofs would all be black so as to vanish amid the splendor of the forests. The human eye can discern more shades of green than any other color, so green roofs do not disappear among trees. Ironically, a green cottage roof is equivalent to a bagpipe solo in a quiet library. Other colors are worse.

The builder that installed my roof was a strong advocate of asphalt. However, as I learned later, shingle texture and pine straw have a fatal attraction for each other that borders on obscenity. Eventually, pine acid became the enemy of my shingles, and they didn't last very long. Pine needles that escaped the roof then conspired to choke the gutters. Who was to blame? Was it my fault, the builder's fault, the manufacturer's fault, or the asphalt? We may never know.

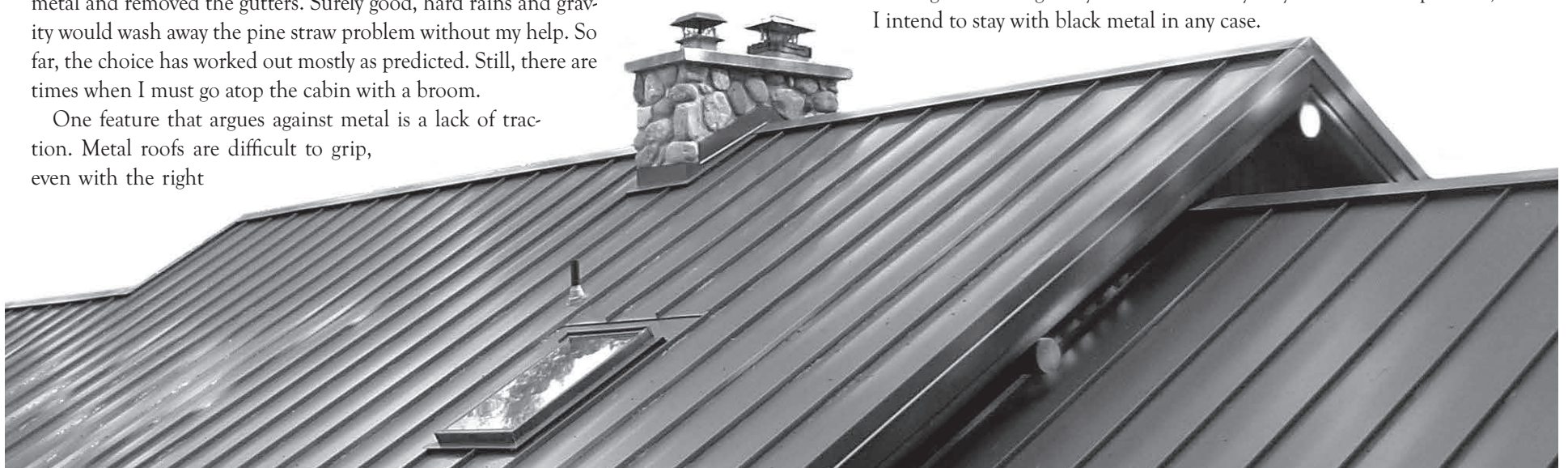
Thereafter, someone had to scramble from deck to roof in order to clear away haystacks of clinging pine straw. Evidently, Mary Poppins does not have an Ontario franchise – so, I had to do it myself. Year after year, the climbs became more frightening and more risky. Furthermore, the football-sized nest of hornets in the peak of a gable was not at all comforting. When the time came for yet another roof, I ordered black metal and removed the gutters. Surely good, hard rains and gravity would wash away the pine straw problem without my help. So far, the choice has worked out mostly as predicted. Still, there are times when I must go atop the cabin with a broom.

One feature that argues against metal is a lack of traction. Metal roofs are difficult to grip, even with the right

soles on your shoes. I discovered this one afternoon while wearing the wrong shoes and accidentally poking the hornets' nest. My response was much like Wayne Gretzky streaking across the ice – except that I was headed down a 30-degree slope toward a nine-foot drop. I had only a broom, whereas Gretzky had a helmet, pads, athletic ability, and a sturdy hockey stick. Contrary to the folklore of witchcraft, it is not possible to fly off a cottage roof on a broomstick. Hornets aside, it's not a good idea to walk on a metal roof in the midday sun unless you are an award-winning tap dancer.

Also, squirrels apparently have no shame or scruples regarding the rights of deeded landowners. When finished stripping pinecones, they callously throw the axles down on my roof with loud bangs. At busy times, it sounds like a Sasquatch pounding on the door to demand lunch. I suspect the squirrels may be protesting the fact that I, my dogs, and my cats spend summers on their property. Don't be fooled by the cute, little, grinning faces of these tree rats. After I leave the Lake in autumn, they pull insulation out of my walls and install it in a shed where they hunker down for winter. That alone should signal that they are capable of devious planning and coldhearted theft. All of us need to be aware of the threat posed by demon squirrels. Be grateful that pines reproduce with cones rather than hand grenades, or we would all be in deep trouble.

Happily, it turns out that my newest cottage lid is musical. Whether deliberate or not, the roof is tuned to D minor – the ideal key for singing along with Gordon Lightfoot during hailstorms. My more-recent contractor assured me that metal roofs last around 35 years, compared to the 20 or so for asphalt ones. That's very comforting to know, except that I will probably have to replace my current roof shortly after turning 105. Doing it myself to save money may be out of the question, but I intend to stay with black metal in any case.







**Temagami  
Public Library  
(Winter 2024)**

By Carol Lowery, Chair,  
Temagami Public Library Board

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Winter is not easy. It may be too cold to go outside, and there is nothing to watch on television. At this time of year, visiting the warm and cozy Temagami Public Library is an easy decision to make. We have books, puzzles, crafts, computers, iPads, and DVDs to help you survive until springtime. Even if you are not in the Temagami area, you still have access to our Libby app, which can be used to borrow e-books and audiobooks ... for free!

Aside from books, we have other new and exciting things to share - for example, our new computers. Yes, we have five, brand-new computers ready and waiting for our patrons. We also have 20 iPads with both Apple and Libby apps, as well as games. In addition, the library is a "hot spot", so if we are not open, you can still access the Internet from our parking lot.

Once again this year, we are participating in CBC's "Canada Reads" initiative. We have the five shortlisted books available in the library, and we welcome anyone who would like to participate. The idea is for you read all (or as many) of the books as you can, and then we will meet in order to discuss the books and decide which ones other Canadians should read. It is fun to see if the CBC panelists agree with our choices. If you are interested, please call the Library staff and let them know, and we will advise you of the meeting date. If required, Zoom access may also be possible.


We also have a Book Club that meets on the second Thursday of the month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Over coffee and tea, Book Club members share a short review of their favourite or most recent read. It is a wonderful way to spend a winter afternoon in the company of fellow book lovers.

Looking ahead, the Library will be offering the "TD Summer Reading Program" for another entire summer. The program is free, as always. The goal is to inspire children (ages 0 to 12) to explore the joy of books - which is the key to building a lifelong love of reading. Registration will begin in mid-June.

For the latest Library information, and book reviews submitted by patrons, please visit our website (<https://temagami.library.on.ca>) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082329371720](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082329371720)).

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# TAFIP Update

By Gord McCart, TAFIP Secretary/Treasurer

For anyone not familiar with the TAFIP, it is a registered, charitable organization – operated entirely by volunteers who provide their time and effort to support the local fishery. Our two primary activities are walleye stocking and shoal cleaning. Stocking is a way to replenish the fishery, and shoal cleaning is a great way to give nature a hand. We operate with the approval and oversight of the MNRF. In 2023, we completed another year of egg collection, hatchery operations, and rearing and stocking activities (although there was no shoal cleaning).

The year was not without some challenges, and although some new executive personnel took up their roles in 2022, 2023 was the first full year with an entirely new executive team. We were fortunate to have the support of those who previously held these positions, which was particularly helpful to the most-recent additions. With the new executive finding their footing and a strong group of volunteers, we expect to see more improvements in 2024. We are always happy to engage with new volunteers who would be interested in joining our organization.

Besides our core activities on the long week-end in August, we held a very successful kids' fishing derby. This is an annual event that is held at the town docks in Temagami. The weather was perfect, and the kids had a great time (and a few might have taught us a thing or two about catching fish).

In addition to our volunteers, Temagami First Nation members provided valuable assistance with our efforts. We could also not operate without the support of many donors – including associations such as CALA and the TLA – as well as a number of individual contributors. The "Ling Fling" got 2023 off to a great start with a significant number of donations, which is something we hope to repeat in 2024.


Our volunteers not only provide labour. Their knowledge and input also allow us to correct and improve our operations on a continuous basis. As we look forward to a successful 2024, we are always happy to answer questions – whether it is from people interested in how they can assist us or from those who just have questions on what we do or how we work.

If you would like to know more, you can always send an e-mail to [tafipmail@gmail.com](mailto:tafipmail@gmail.com), or send us a letter at: Box 88, Temagami, ON POH 2H0.



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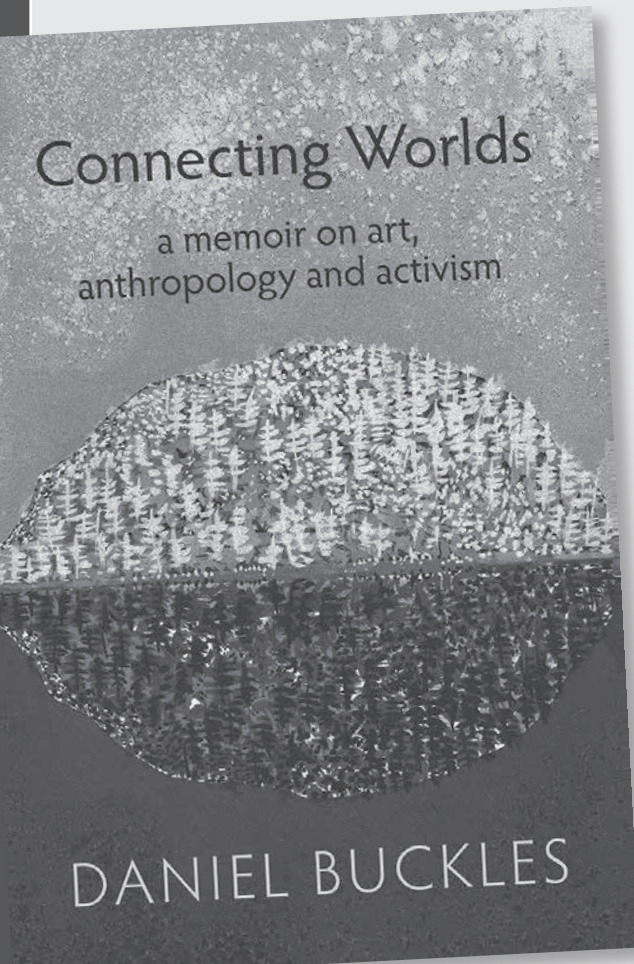
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# Winter Reflections on Canoe Tripping in Temagami

By Hannah Sourisseau, Program Director at Northwaters & Langskib

Recently, I've been settling into the rhythms of winter as a Program Director for Northwaters & Langskib, one of the canoe camps on Lake Temagami. The summer is a season of constant, busy movement and excitement. The fall and winter, by comparison, are seasons of wrapping up, looking back, and looking ahead. The work continues - but it moves from the hustle and bustle of being with kids, training staff, maintaining basecamps, outfitting trips, and planning all kinds of logistics to the slower, yet still constant, tasks of planning ahead, reaching out to prospective and returning campers, and recruiting and reconnecting with staff. These changes of pace are welcome - in addition to the other winter rhythms that include layering up for evening or early-morning snow shovelling, watching big snowflakes fall with a cup of tea in hand, and planning outdoor ventures that involve skis or crampons or hot chocolate (or all three)! With more light already returning in the evenings, however, I've found myself thinking about the summer, and more specifically, the rhythms of a canoe trip.

For many Temagami locals, whether year-round or summer residents, the sight of a group of four to six red (or blue, or green) canoes during the summer months is probably fairly familiar. And for many of the folks who cherish the region, it is often because they had the opportunity to experience its wild beauty via canoe. For many, canoe-tripping offers a chance to slow down and to connect to the world around you - whether it's the waves that lap against your canoe in the wind, the warmth of the sun on your back, the intricacies of patches of moss along a portage, the way the light shines through a grove of cedars, the long, sloping rocks along the shore that seem to perfectly fit the contours of a tired body, or even the ever-present buzz of

mosquitos outside your tent. When you slow down, it becomes a lot easier to notice and appreciate moments of beauty. These little rhythms of noticing bring feelings of closeness and belonging, and, ultimately, care and appreciation. The same is true for your fellow paddlers. Just as a canoe trip encourages us to notice the special and beautiful things about the world around us, it also helps us to notice those same things about the people we paddle with.

As much as the above-mentioned is true, though, canoe-trips can be equally challenging and a way to "test your mettle" (so to speak). It takes perseverance, patience, and strength to paddle for hours into the waves that lap against your canoe in a headwind. Portage trails can be slippery, muddy, or even just exceptionally long. Warm weather doesn't always last, and it's difficult to remember what it's like to feel dry after days of rain. Sometimes the mosquitos outside your tent don't stay outside it. But, it's the duality of the experience that makes canoe-tripping so appealing to me: the rain can both test your mood and be beautiful. A portage can be challenging and fun. We learn about the others we paddle with and we learn about ourselves.

This is exceptionally apparent when working with kids. As a canoe guide for many summers, watching and helping facilitate this experience for kids was something that never got old and always felt like magic each time. As a teenager who grew up canoe-tripping in Temagami with Northwaters, it was powerful to realize that I could be a bit homesick and still be having fun, that I could struggle with a portage and still feel proud of myself, and that I could help those around me and ask for help myself. The little rhythms of a canoe trip create the foundations for a lot more introspective work that can be done with a group (youth or otherwise!) and may prove to be a fruitful opportunity for focusing on group processes and community-building - both of which rely on noticing the important things about others.

So, as I busy myself in the little rhythms of off-season work, I'm also looking forward to all those rhythms of summer and canoe tripping, and all the wonder, change, excitement, and growth they bring.

*A Group Paddles Back to Northwaters Basecamp After a 3.5-Week Canoe Trip (photo by Jen Zahorchak)*



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# TRAIN LORE AND WHAT REMAINS: A Brief Journey from Parry Sound to Englehart

By Gerry Gooderham

Hello and Happy New Year. I am a photographer from Lake Temagami and have started a new photography project called, "Train Lore and What Remains: A Brief Journey from Parry Sound to Englehart". This involves doing research on some of the train stations of Northern Ontario.

## ONLY A STORY:

The rhythmic clatter of train wheels marked the beginning of my adventure as I departed Parry Sound, Ontario. Settling into my seat, the journey unfolded like an old novel – filled with nostalgia and the allure of the unknown.

Winding through the landscapes, the train connected communities and their stories. It was a modern vessel on ancient tracks. The conductor, a seasoned navigator, shared anecdotes that became threads in the tapestry of "Train Lore", like stories echoing through generations.

Approaching the village of Sundridge, which is embraced by lakes and hills, the train's whistle signaled a moment to savor the simplicity of small-town life. As the journey continued, the scenery transformed into a patchwork quilt of fields and forests, narrating the tales of Northern Ontario.

Englehart awaited – a destination wrapped in the mystique of arrival. Stepping off the train, I found myself in a town suspended in a bygone era, where time moved at a gentler pace. Englehart's streets, lined with history, revealed a treasure trove of stories, and I became part of the narrative. I was a character in a story echoing with laughter, commerce, and shared history.

"Train Lore", spun through the journey from Parry Sound to Englehart, celebrates the communion of landscapes and stories, and the dance between destinations and connecting tracks. As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting a warm glow on Englehart, I marveled at the magic of the day. This had been a journey not just between many small towns, but through the corridors of time, where each whistle narrated the tales of a timeless adventure.

Alas, the trip was only in my imagination. A horn blared, and I woke up in the parking lot of the old CNR train station in Parry Sound. I had fallen asleep in my truck after a long drive. It was time to leave for to Englehart, and I was sure that there would be a few whistle stops on this trip!

## THE PROJECT:

What I actually propose to develop is a photographic exhibition of the train stations of Parry Sound, Sundridge, South River, North Bay, Mattawa, Temagami, Cobalt, and finally, Englehart. This photographic essay will be comprised of 18 to 24 framed images (16 x 20 and 24 x 28) – with different views of each station (and including a brief history and at least one historical photo). I will make this journey by road, although I so wish I could make it by rail.

If anyone has information on these train stations or on the stops in between, please contact me at [gerrygooderham@gmail.com](mailto:gerrygooderham@gmail.com) (or message me on Facebook at Gerry Gooderham). Any information would be wonderful.



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# Timiskaming District Secondary School Graduate and Hilliardton Marsh Volunteer Awarded Scholarship

By Mark Stevens, General Manager



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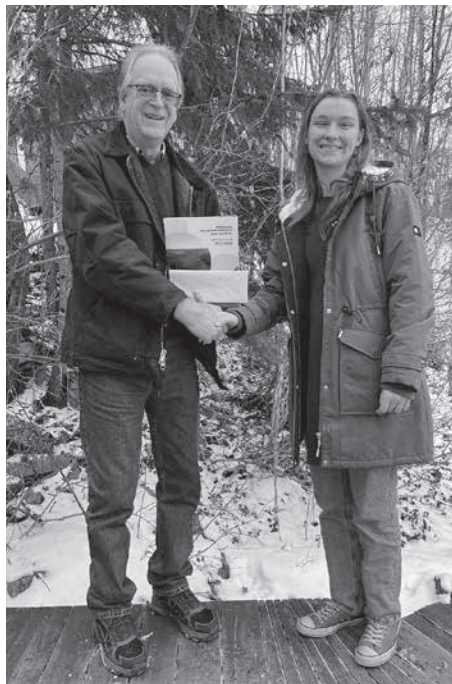
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While going to high school in Temiskaming Shores, Julia volunteered and worked at the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre. Bruce Murphy, Research and Education Coordinator at the Centre, noted that Julia "is passionate about the research we are doing at the marsh and has a penchant for helping young visitors at the marsh."

He also noted that Julia returned to volunteer with some owl banding research at the marsh. This experience, along with a childhood affinity for the outdoors, led Julia to pursue her studies in environmental sciences. She explains, "My love for environmental issues, commitment to finding solutions, and a desire to preserve our planet's biodiversity and beauty are what has put me on the path of having a career in environmental science."

In addition to TFMC's work to sustainably manage the Temagami Forest, we are pleased to provide this annual "Scholarship Program". TFMC also offers a "Workforce Development Program" for young people who haven't pursued post-secondary education, but require work-related training in the forestry and environmental sectors within the Temagami Forest. For more information on any of TFMC's programs, please e-mail us at [admin@tfmcforestry.ca](mailto:admin@tfmcforestry.ca).



Mark Stevens, TFMC General Manager, congratulates Julia Turner on being awarded a TFMC scholarship to support her ongoing post-secondary studies. (photo submission by Mark Stevens)



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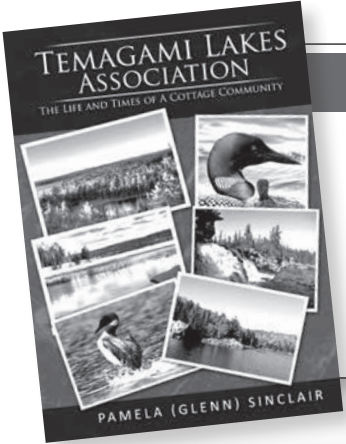
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## Nancey (Quigley) Gooderham's Flea Market Blueberry Muffins

Submitted by Nicole Brooker

When the TLA used to host its annual Flea Market, Nancey (Quigley) Gooderham had a table where she offered coffee and blueberry muffins. Nancey had copies of her recipe, should anyone care to avail themselves of it. I did, and these muffins are a "must" whenever friends and family visit. I know we're in the doldrums of winter, but maybe mixing up a batch of these muffins will take you to the Lake (if only for a few minutes). Mmmmm!

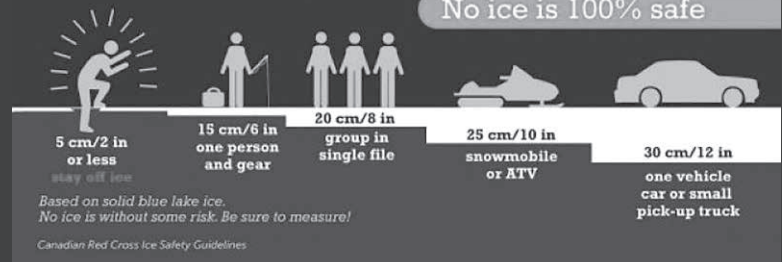
### Blueberry Muffins:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Use small frozen or fresh blueberries. If using frozen berries, do not thaw. Just stir them into the batter quickly. Do likewise for fresh berries, as they are the last ingredient before putting the mix into muffin tins. Baker's Secret or a similar muffin tin is a good one to use. Medium-sized tins make 12 muffins, and using a spray oil allows muffins to be easily removed once baked.
3. In your working bowl, beat well:
  - 2/3 cup of white sugar
  - 1/2 cup of vegetable oil
4. Add 2 large or extra-large eggs to the working bowl. Again, beat well. If you wish, you can add the zest of 1 lemon to the mixture at this point. If you're using frozen blueberries, the muffins will have a yellow/purple hue when you crack them open.
5. In a separate bowl, sift together:
  - 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
  - 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
  - 1/2 tsp. of baking soda
  - 1 tsp. salt
6. In a third bowl, create a liquid mixture by combining 2/3 cup milk and 1 tsp vanilla extract.
7. Using your working bowl, add the dry ingredients alternately with the liquid into the oil-sugar-egg mixture.
8. Quickly mix 1 cup of frozen or fresh blueberries into batter. Fill muffins tins to 3/4 full. You can add a few more blueberries or fill the cup to the brim, if you wish.
9. Prepare cinnamon sugar as a topping, according to your personal taste. Sprinkle the cinnamon sugar on each muffin before baking (and add a bit more after baking).
10. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. All ovens vary, and a convection oven will take a few more minutes.

Note: If storing muffins for a day or two, don't wrap them tightly, as they tend to get soggy. The muffins freeze well, but should be aired after being removed from the freezer or placed in a warm oven for a few minutes to dry out. Bon appétit!

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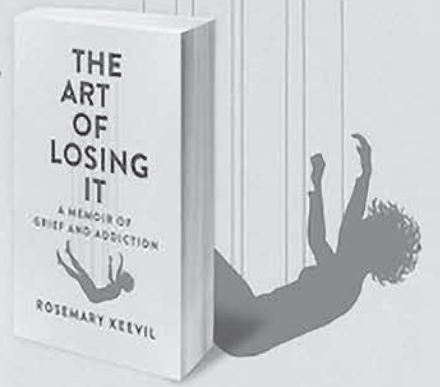
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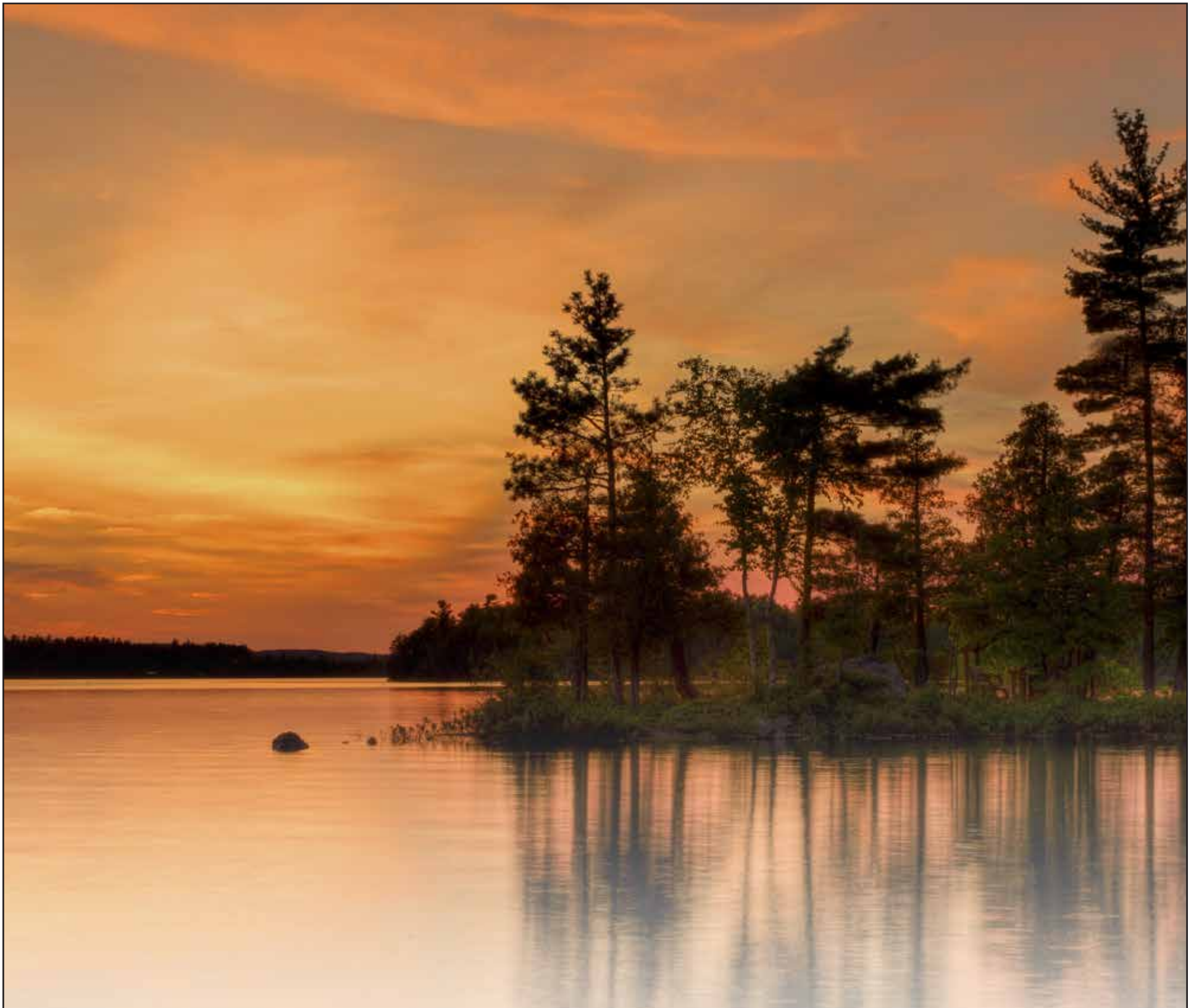
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