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Last Paddle
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Temagami Council Considers a NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

By Brit Hyde

As anticipated, Temagami’s planning advisor from MHBC forwarded a proposed Final Draft Official Plan (OP) to Council in the second week of January. Council considered the draft at a scheduled working session on January 23, 2025. With short notice of

the new Final Draft, the TLA Planning Committee and our planning advisor, Tony Usher, quickly reviewed and submitted input – in the form of a letter to Council – outlining a few remaining concerns.

eration of setback distances from the Lake (from 15 to 30 meters for new properties). The TLA believes that other sections of the OP regarding environmental and water-quality protections should suffice to promote environmentally-sensible development in future.

TLA Submits Input:

The TLA’s January 2025 letter started with the following statement: “The final version has gone a very long way to address the concerns we raised with Draft 2 in our September 29, 2024 letter. TLA ... thanks MHBC and the Municipality for their thoughtful considerations of, and responsiveness to, our input over the last two-and-a-half years.”

The TLA’s January letter went on to identify three remaining concerns with the Final Draft OP, as follows: (1) omission of a “Lot Creation and Development Study”; (2) confusion about the OP’s description of various Lake Trout lakes in the Municipality; and, (3) unclear wording about Lake Temagami Neighbourhood mainland-development “opportunities” for commercial enterprises that support residences and businesses on the Lake

The first point is the most substantive, while the other points are more about clarification. The TLA decided not to pursue a fourth concern: reconsid-

TLA’s primary remaining concern regarding a “Lot Creation and Development Study” is tied to Ministry of Natural Resource’s (MNR’s) Lake-Trout-protection policy – which has resulted in the suspension of development on Crown Land islands in Lake Temagami since 1995. The TLA agrees with the Municipality that conducting a study at this time is not appropriate, given the cost. The Association, however, still advocates for including a provision for such a study in the OP should the MNR’s position about Crown Land islands on the Lake change in the future. We believe that reference to a “Lot Creation and Development Study” in the OP would provide helpful guidance to future Municipal Councils. The TLA’s submission states: “In other words, our proposal is to take out an insurance policy in an uncertain world.”

The TLA’s January 2025 letter closed with the following statement: “So far as the TLA is concerned, the proposed Plan represents a fair and reasonable

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President's Letter (January 2025)

Please let me begin this message by wishing you all the very best in 2025. As I sit and compose this update, our beloved Lake Temagami is just about ready to ice over for those of us who can enjoy it in the winter. After last year's poor ice over, this year appears to be having a better start. The outfitters and lodges that support winter activities must be breathing a little easier.

Your TLA Board of Directors met for the first time on January 22 to chart our course for 2025. A couple of the critical items we need to complete this year include: (a) dismantling the Headquarters building in the fall; and, (b) finding a new location for a land-based HQ that will support our VHF tower and allow us to provide the same level of service(s) that we have in the past. (There are no changes for the summer of 2025.) We will also be looking for volunteers to help with this work! Do not hesitate to put your name forward or ask where you can be of assistance.

On December 12, 2024, I presented to Temagami Council the "Temagami Tax and Budget Analysis" that Tarik Muzaffar (with help from Paul Tamburro and Greg Goodman) prepared for our AGM last summer. I am in receipt of the Municipality's response, which your Board of Directors will review. We will then decide on a course of action. The reply from the Municipality merely listed all the services we receive (whether working or not). This presentation also provided me with the opportunity to give Council a list of requests for them to consider in the 2025 Municipal budget. These requests can be found in the "TLA Business" section of this edition of the *Temagami Times*.

I'll just take a second here to thank Linda Bangay for the terrific work she does on this publication and

acknowledge those of you who send in articles, poems, and memories – items that keep the publication informative, interesting, and relevant.

With every change of TLA President, there is the will to put a "Vision" for our Association down of paper. I would like to share mine with you:

"The TLA recognizes its responsibility toward Lake Temagami and Cross Lake by upholding the 'Tenets for Temagami' – to ensure that future generations may enjoy the semi-wilderness experience that these lakes offer. This can be achieved, in part, by keeping the mainland surrounding these lakes untouched, maintaining the quality of water so that it is drinkable, and ensuring that the lakes themselves remain productive, cold-water lakes by mitigating the pressures put upon them by over-use and the introduction of invasive species."

We can all help to this end. For example, if you have a campsite close to you, have a peek to ensure it has a "thunder box", pick up and dispose of any trash that may have been left behind, ensure that the campfire has been properly extinguished, and report any mis-used/overused sites to the Ministry of Natural Resources. Sadly, no one else is monitoring or taking care of the campsites on Lake Temagami and Cross Lake, as the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is responsible only for campsites in parks and protected areas. If we all put a little bit of sweat equity into preserving these lakes, it will produce big rewards for the future.

You know how to reach me should you wish to comment or talk.

Respectfully - Nickie Brooker (bromnal@ontera.net)

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Ice Blossom Sunset (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.

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accommodation between the concerns we have expressed during the process, and the perspectives of your planning advisors. For the Municipality of Temagami, adopting the proposed Plan will be a major achievement that Council, its advisors, and the community as a whole should be proud of.”

Readers can review any and all TLA submissions regarding the various drafts of the OP (and other relevant details) at <https://tla-temagami.ca/local-news/municipality-planning-history>.

Council Action:

At the January 23, 2025 Council working session, MHBC planners presented their Final Draft OP. There was some discussion among Councillors about whether or not to move the Final Draft as written, and thus forward it to the Ministry of Municipal and Housing Affairs (MMAH). The Fire Chief, though, voiced concerns about incorporating FireSmart™ policies into the OP.

MHBC noted to Council that various comments regarding the Final Draft had already been received from the community (including the TLA). The planners also indicated that submitting this Final Draft OP to MMAH would get Temagami’s OP into the queue, but would not preclude Temagami from sending additional input to the Ministry after submission. While true, this is perhaps not ideal, and it might be better to provide MMAH with a clean draft that considers, and perhaps includes, some of the latest community input.

Ultimately, Councillors voted to receive the Final Draft OP, but decided that it be read only a first and second time. Council deferred a third reading, and final adoption, to the next Council meeting. By deferring adoption of the Final Draft OP, Council and MHBC will have additional time to consider and react to these recent inputs.

Next Steps:

Adoption of a Final Draft OP may occur before you read this issue of the *Temagami Times*. A future *Times* article will bring readers up to speed on any changes to the Final Draft OP submitted in mid-January.

The Municipality’s OP is not really “official” until the MMAH approves it – either as written or with changes. How long MMAH action will take is anybody’s guess, as it was well over a year before they responded to the last draft. Although Council may vote to accept and adopt the Final Draft Plan, MMAH remains the ultimate authority.

Once an Official Plan is approved by MMAH, the Municipality will then proceed to adopt zoning by-laws to implement the OP. This is yet another stage where Municipal policy is created with guidance from the OP. The TLA’s “Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee”, with the continued assistance of our planning advisor, will review new zoning by-laws and provide input during that process, as well. Interested parties can monitor progress on the TLA website.

For more history on past Temagami Official Plans and the MNR’s Lake Trout Policy, visit www.ottertooth.com/Temagami/News/newsbriefs-077.htm#ma12 and scroll down to the March 12, 2008 article.

Editors Note: Temagami Council accepted the Final OP on February 13, 2025.



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REMEMBERING

Robert F. Muhlhauser, Jr.

(June 1, 1945 to April 13, 2024)

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Rick Muhlhauser, who was called home to our Lord on Saturday, April 13, 2024. He was born on June 1, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio and is survived by his wife, Cynthia Sheakley Muhlhauser, and their five children and seven grandchildren: Trey Muhlhauser (Brooke), Leni, and Miles; Ted Muhlhauser (Heather), Kenzie, Wiley, and Sedona; Scott Sheakley, Scott, Jr., and Kaiden; Stephanie (Sheakley) and Christopher Halpin; and, Valerie (Sheakley) and Luke Scharfenberger. He is also survived by brothers-in-law, A. Ralph Navaro, Jr. and Carl F. Tuke, Jr., niece, Ann D. Navaro, and nephew, A. Ralph Navaro III.

He was predeceased by his parents, Bob and Ann Muhlhauser, sister, Sandy Navaro, and wife, Betha Jane Muhlhauser.

Rick was a graduate of The Taft School '63 and Hanover College '67, and a member of Beta Theta Pi. He attended Navy OCS and Navy Supply School, LTJG, and was a naval courier on the USS Denver 1967-70.

He joined his father in the insurance business, and then partnered to form Ferris, Muhlhauser, Shea Insurance Agency (1981-92). This was followed by serving as President of AAA Cincinnati Insurance Services and retiring in 1998. He came out of retirement to begin a new career as CEO of PrecisionTemp, Inc. from 2001 to the present.

His primary focus in the community was youth-at-risk, and he was a founding member and Board President of Youth Opportunities United for 17 years. He also served on the Foundation Board of Lighthouse Youth Services 1994-2004. He was honored by 4C Champions for Children in 2007.

Rick was President of the Cincinnati Racquet Club and Cincinnati Squash Racquets Association, and was a champion squash and tennis player. He was a Trustee at Hanover College, an elder at Knox Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Cincinnati Country Club and The University Club, as well.

In 2002, he spearheaded the preservation of his ancestor's historic 1881 G. Muhlhauser barn. It was restored and moved to its current location in West Chester. Muhlhauser and Windisch relatives from all over the US gathered every five years for a weekend reunion in Cincinnati, which Rick organized with his relatives. They toured Cincinnati Over the Rhine brewery sites, historic family locations, and the Spring Grove cemetery to pay homage to deceased Muhlhauser relatives. Rick and cousin, John Bentley, represented the Windisch-Muhlhauser Brewing Company (their ancestor's family business) when it was inducted into the Cincinnati Beer Baron Hall of Fame in 2015.



*Rick Drives his Boat on Lake Temagami – August 2023
(photo submission by Cynthia Muhlhauser)*



*Rick and Cynthia Watch the sunset from Island 1125 on Lake Temagami in August 2018 – summer of fires on the Lake.
(photo submission by Cynthia Muhlhauser)*

Rick cherished the summer weeks spent with family and friends on the Island 1125 in the Northwest Arm, where he went yearly since childhood. The island was acquired in 1926 by his father, Robert F. Muhlhauser, and several other young Cincinnati men, who went canoeing and fishing on Lake Temagami with a guide to eventually discover and secure Island 1125. Rick visited the island as a young child in 1949 with his parents, Ann and Bob, and sister, Sandy Muhlhauser Navaro.

The Island remains basically the same as it did in the early days. The main cabin was built in the 1930s and set up for four couples to cook, sleep, and entertain. It continued to be the center of island life when each family built their own sleeping cabin (five) on other parts of the island. It was the love of Rick's life. He spent all winter planning for the next season, regarding who was coming and what improvements or repairs needed to be made.

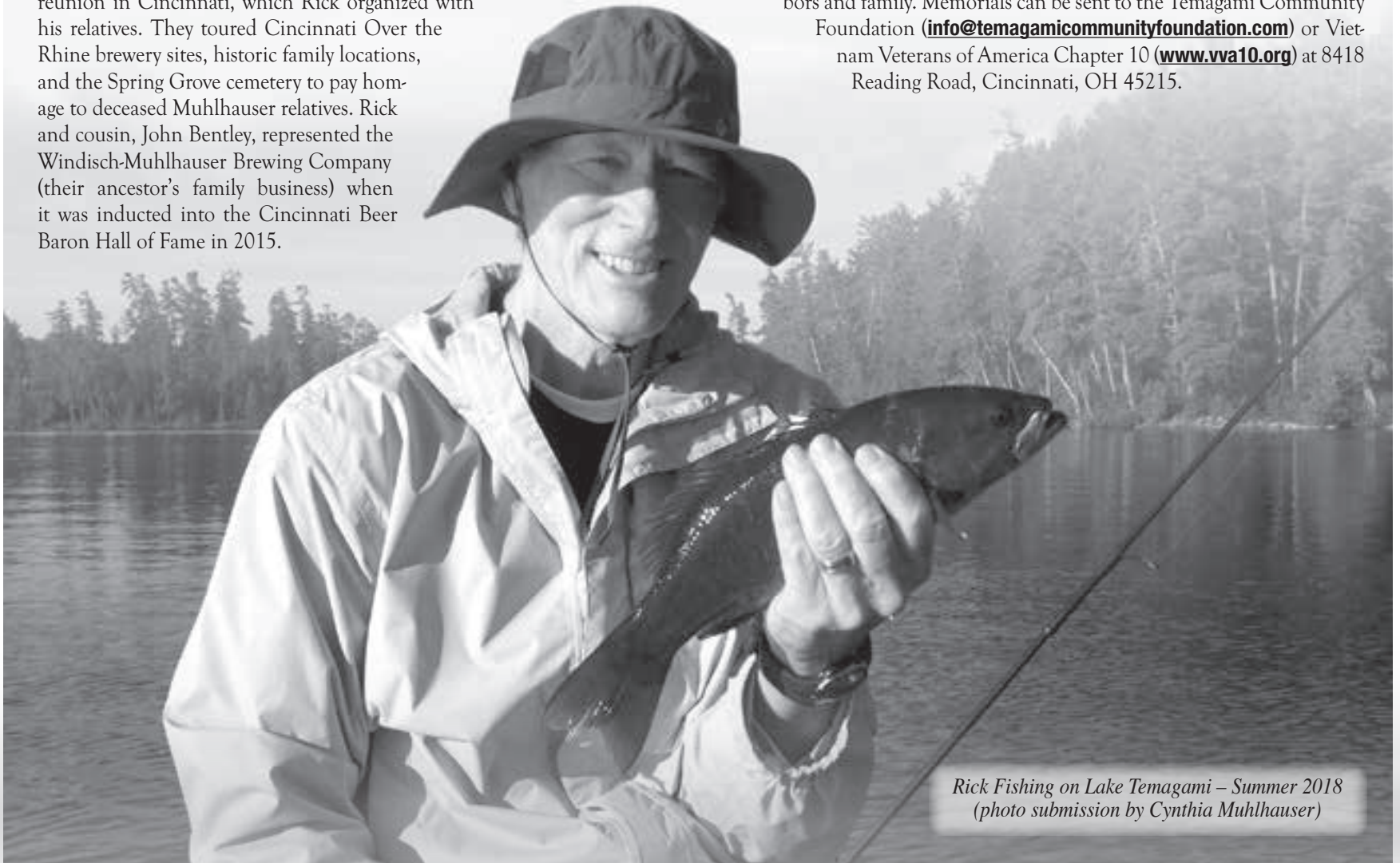
Someone once asked him, "What do you do up there?" He replied, "I don't know, but it takes me all day."

The sleeping cabins on the island never included indoor plumbing, hot water, or electricity. A telephone was added in the late 1980s, and minimal modernization occurred in 2002 when one indoor shower and hot water for the kitchen were added. Rick and family have, however, hosted numerous family reunions, sleeping up to 20 people. Every summer, the kids (and now, seven grandkids) arrive to enjoy a week away from the madness of the modern world. Temagami was where Rick was happiest and at his best. He could be seen enjoying a sunset cruise on the lake, a boat ride to Keewaydin (where he attended camp as a youth), an early-morning fishing trip in the fog, or just lying on the swim dock to watch the Northern lights.

Rick was an eight-year, heart-transplant survivor – better known as "The Miracle Man". His family was paramount to him, and they surrounded him with love in his final days. He was a kind and generous gentleman and always an optimist who motivated others to make the best of every day. He truly lived life to the fullest.

Memorial services were held on April 19th at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, OH.

Rick's ashes were spread at the Lake in August, surrounded by island neighbors and family. Memorials can be sent to the Temagami Community Foundation (info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com) or Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 10 (www.vva10.org) at 8418 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45215.



*Rick Fishing on Lake Temagami – Summer 2018
(photo submission by Cynthia Muhlhauser)*

REMEMBERING

Robert Knox Morrison

Lake Temagami Resident Remembered

By Heather Windrem and Barbara Olmsted

The Lake Temagami community mourns the loss of one of its long-time residents, Robert (Bobby) Knox Morrison (1945-2024). Known to most as “Coach”, Bobby was born in Youngstown, OH, but his heart was truly in Temagami. He spent his first few summers on Island 312 near High Rock with his parents, Catherine (Mamoo) and Robert Sr., and siblings, Sue and Ty. The family purchased Island 731 in 1949, which his daughter, Robin, still owns today. The family would drive all night from their home in Niles, OH, eat breakfast at the Ontario Northern Boat Lines terminal (now the Petro Canada Station) in Temagami, and board the Aubrey Cousins to be delivered to their dock at Island 731.

It was a busy place in the early years, as Mamoo journaled every important event - including birthdays, graduations, and weddings - along with documenting major additions, such as the stone fireplace, boat-house, and septic system.

Robert, Sr.’s untimely death in 1962 meant that Bobby (17 at the time) felt a great responsibility to look after his family. Despite this tragic loss, Catherine became more determined to return to Temagami with her family. She loved Temagami as her first home, claiming that she was only “vacationing” elsewhere. Bobby was the same. He would plan his entire year to maximize his time in Temagami, despite the allowable tourist limit days for US citizens staying in Canada!

Bobby became a fixture on Lake Temagami, as his gregarious personality made him well known in many circles. He was a long-time TLA member and active volunteer, and named member-of-the-year in 2008 for his work with the TLA flea market.

He grew up with many Bear Island residents: Wayne Potts and Mary Laronde, to name a few. He was a frequent attendee at dances at the Community Hall on Bear Island, and was quick to respond to calls for firefighting assistance on many occasions. When he wasn’t volunteering or assisting another cottager, Bobby could be found fishing for trout or pickerel, hosting an impromptu gathering on his dock, or trying a new crock-pot recipe. On other occasions, he could be found on a neighbour’s island clearing trees after a wind storm or towing a canoe and canoeists up to Sharp Rock Inlet to begin their trip.



Bobby married Marty Cartnal in 1965, and she quickly fell in love with Temagami, as well. The purchase of Island 718 in 2001 was a significant event for Bobby and Marty. Just down the channel from Mamoo on Island 731, the island had two, tiny, ramshackle cottages, which were transformed by George Mathias Construction into one winterized cottage that became their Canadian home for nearly a quarter century.

Their son, Rob, purchased Island 808 in 1996 - so, Island 718 adopted the VHF handle of “Halfway House”, as it was located between Islands 808 and 731. Halfway House provided a “refuge”, as many Lake residents could be found on Bobby’s dock “debriefing” from the day’s activities. Though Bobby sadly lost Marty in 2021, he continued to spend as much time in Temagami as possible, cherishing the moments with Rob, Robin, and their families - especially his grandchildren (Spencer, Catherine, Peyton, and Caroline).

With a penchant for networking and recruiting (his skill set in his professional life as a football coach), Bobby was always uniting folks to achieve common goals by calling around the Lake to gather more information or more recruits! He created a lot of University of Michigan football fans from the Lake, who were linked to his football coaching career there for over 15 years. Bobby and Marty invited many Temagami friends to Ann Arbor to enjoy a game. No doubt there are lots of stories about these trips to Michigan football games!

Bobby retired from active coaching in 2002, but he assisted Glen Constantin and the Laval University Rouge et Or football program for several years.

Bobby is survived by his sister, Sue Morrison Jennings, brother, Thomas (“Ty”) Morrison, son, Robert Knox (“Rob”) Morrison, III (Blair), daughter, Robin Morrison Martz (David),

and four grandchildren: Spencer Morrison, Catherine Martz, Peyton Morrison, and Caroline Martz.

There will be a celebration of life for Bobby Morrison on July 17, 2025 on Lake Temagami.



*Bobby With Robin and Rob
(photo submission by Robin Morrison Martz)*



*Bobby and Family on High Rock
(photo submission by Robin Morrison Martz)*

*Bobby and His Mother, Catherine (Mamoo), in Temagami
(photo submission by Barbara Olmsted)*



REMEMBERING

Rusty Hyde

(April 29, 1942 to December 20, 2024)

A.A. Hyde III, known to all as "Rusty", passed away peacefully at his home in Ferndale, WA on December 20, 2024. He was 82 years-old.

Born in Buffalo, NY to parents, Alexander and Lucile Hyde, Rusty and his sister, Sandy, began visiting Lake Temagami at the ages of eight and ten, respectively. They spent most of their youthful summers on island 1076 with either their grandparents, Charles and Mae Bell Hyde, or their Uncle Ted Hyde. Purchased in 1933 by Charles Hyde (shortly after his brother, Paul, purchased property on Cattle Island), the island known as "Minogijikum" became a welcoming gathering place for extended family and friends for generations, and was one of Rusty's most beloved places on earth.

Rusty visited the island every summer he could up until 2016, when age and distance made travel too difficult. From that very first day onwards, Rusty embraced and adored everything about island life. As a teenager, he loved learning how to drive boats - any boat, anywhere - and he memorized the parts of the Lake that weren't on a map, but would sink a boat in an instant. He water-skied with great skill (and abandon), and was even witnessed skiing barefoot. Once, after a huge miscalculation of when to let go of the rope, he ended up having to ski right up onto the rocky shore of a neighboring island, miraculously managing to leap out of his skis and land safely! He loved playing badminton on the sandy court that he, his sister, and his cousin, Annette, took great pains to create. And if rain sadly forced him inside, he would repair or paint weathered furniture, or just build something new. He was never without a project, and remained dedicated to island upkeep and preservation.



Rusty Hyde on Island 1076 (photo submission by D'Arcy Hyde Family Archive)

As an adult, Rusty would mark his arrival to the island with a ceremonial dive off of the boathouse rooftop "in the buff". Starting in his early 30s - by which time he had become a fine carpenter and craftsman - he beautifully renovated or rebuilt some of the sleeping cabins, and kept them as close to their original 1930s look as possible. His last project was a sunrise deck on the east side of the island - a gathering place for 6:00 a.m. coffee, bird-watching and, in recent years, hunting for an elusive internet signal.

Rusty was, at heart, a frustrated innkeeper. He introduced those of the current generation, including daughters, Kristin, D'Arcy, and Kate, to the charms of island life. He encouraged them to go barefoot while on the island, cooked them glorious meals, and generally made everyone laugh at fishing stories about Charlie or Ted Hyde. Consequently, no one ever wanted to leave. And so now, one way or another, his family and friends always do return - but sadly, the tales of a charming, red-headed, wrestling champion from New Jersey will have to live on in Island 1076 lore.



Rusty Hyde as a Youth on Island 1076 (photo submission by D'Arcy Hyde Family Archive)

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In Memory of Daniel Dechert Carpenter, Jr. '61

By Emily Schoelzel, Keewaydin Director

With great sadness, we remember and celebrate the life of Daniel Carpenter, Jr., who passed away on January 1, 2025 at 74. As a distinguished member of the Keewaydin family, a devoted educator, and a passionate outdoorsman, Dan's legacy will forever inspire those fortunate enough to have known him.

Dan's connection to Keewaydin Canoe Camps was nothing short of extraordinary. From his first days as a camper in 1961 to becoming a revered guide, leader, and lifelong mentor, Dan embodied the heart and spirit of Keewaydin. His life was a testament to the values of Keewaydin.

A Lifelong Connection to Keewaydin:

Dan's connection to Keewaydin stretched across decades, marked by a profound love for the wilderness of northern Ontario and a passion for passing on his knowledge to generations of campers. In recent years, Dan remained an integral part of the Keewaydin community, capturing the beauty of trips paddling in and out from Devil's Island with his avid photography, and sharing encouragement with campers preparing for their adventures.

Volunteering at Midseason, Dan was a trusted judge of the camping contest. He teamed up over the years with Jason Pigeau, Will Percy, and Bill Seeley to guide and teach campers, with his characteristic humor and warmth. His words of encouragement left an indelible impression, whether helping a camper straighten the tumpline on a double pack or providing tips, such as, "The best knot is the square knot."

Dan cherished the familiar sounds of Keewaydin's life. He could always tell a section was arriving, as the distinctive sound of canoe paddles sliding to the bow of wood-canvas canoes signaled their approach. He was quick to welcome them at his dock, eager to hear about their trips, and queried the campers for stories of weather, wildlife, and fish! And when he stopped by Ojibway Lodge in his red tin boat, he delighted in swapping tales or results of his latest butter tart attempts with the crew from the island's north end. The Keewaydin Headquarters team will miss Dan's pop-ins - using the Wi-Fi to share photos with his family and transfer pictures to Doc Bourdelais for our parent photo page or winter yearbook.

Memories from Friends and the Keewaydin Family:

Dan's friends and former campers shared a few vivid memories of his adventures and kindness:

- Bill Seeley remembered Dan's calm and joy in the wilderness: "There was no one happier or more at ease in the bush than Danny Carpenter. He turned obstacles into opportunities, once returning from a fishing derby with two good trout for dinner after a weather delay."
- Paul Parker-Johnson described Dan as, "the quintessential woodsman and voyageur, with a twinkle in his eye for the fun things and a firmly-set gaze for resolving life's open questions."
- Sandy Chivers reflected on Dan's quiet impact on younger campers: "He would lean in and share a story about their parents, leaving campers with memories they'll hold for a lifetime."
- Mike Fish remembered Dan: "Besides his deep wilderness expertise and experience, Dan every day shared and taught his personal philosophy on every trip: You accept what nature - or, poor maps! - hands you and work your way through it ... but always with a smile and extra room in the wannigan for a bit of laughter."
- John Frazier, IV reflected on Dan Carpenter's inspiration for many aspiring young campers and staff. "For most of the more than sixty years I was privileged to know him, his name was almost synonymous with Keewaydin and all that makes it such a special place. Now that he has left us, he surely will be missed, but most certainly not forgotten."



Dan as Keewaydin Camp Director in the Early 1990s (photo submission by John Frazier)



As an avid photographer and lifetime Keewaydin devotee, Dan could always be found on Devil's Island with a camera in hand any time paddlers were leaving, or returning to, camp. (photo submission by John Frazier)

A Legacy of Leadership and Inspiration:

Dan's leadership on trips was notable. From his early days as a camper on the 1967 Eastmain trip - Keewaydin's first journey north of the Rupert - to his years guiding countless sections, he left an indelible mark on the Keewaydin community. Dan was the guide or "staffman" of 15 Bay trips and worked with competent and memorable staff in their own right: Heb Evans, Marshall Clunie, Ted Forbes, and Bruce Ingersoll. Dan "retired" from tripping to become co-director and director of Keewaydin from 1991 to 1997.

He cherished the beauty of Temagami above all, even as he explored more remote northern routes. Dan worked tirelessly to preserve the natural splendor of his family's island after the 1977 wildfire. The family worked for years to bring the island back to a place of beauty - carrying in soil by the buckets and planting trees.

Dan's passing marks an era's end, but leaves a legacy of love, leadership, and inspiration. As Tim Nicholson so eloquently expressed, "Dan has paddled on ahead. Eventually, the rest of us can only pray we catch up one day and find him in the stern of that canoe, enjoying a pipe and the warm summer sun."

Bonne chance, Dan. "Mind the flies, and we'll see you around the bend." Quay quay from the Keewaydin team.

You are invited to send condolences to the family address at 8 Dartmouth Ave., Riverside, RI 02519 or leave a message for the family at <https://beecherandbennett.com/obits/daniel-dechert-carpenter>.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his honor to **The Carpenter Long Trip Fund at the Keewaydin Foundation**, 500 Rustic Lane, Salisbury, VT 05769 or at www.keewaydin.org.



Dan, Jr. (second from right) as a Keewaydin canoe trip leader - probably in the late 1970s - with his parents, Dan, Sr. and Jane, and brother, Bill, on the far right (photo submission by John Frazier)



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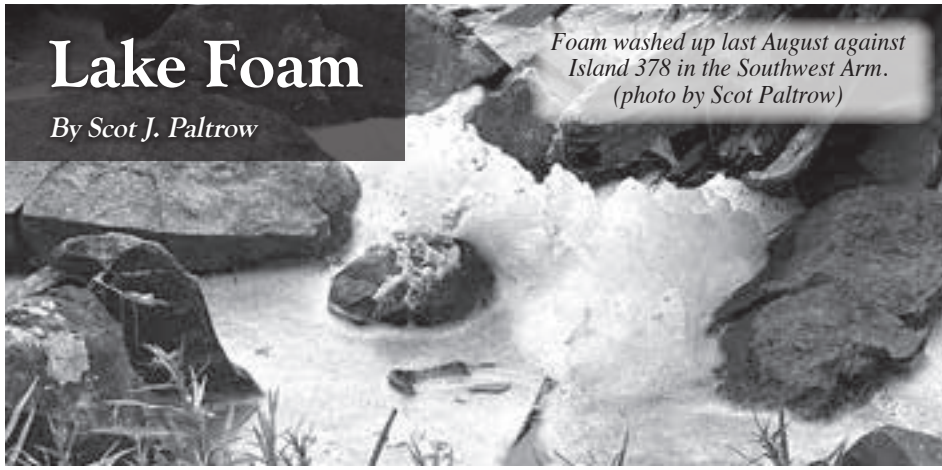
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Lake Foam

By Scot J. Paltrow

Foam washed up last August against Island 378 in the Southwest Arm. (photo by Scot Paltrow)

Few things provoke more frequent concern by Temagami Lake dwellers and visitors than the blobs of foam that stick to stretches of the Lake Temagami shoreline. These accretions can look as though blenders have churned vats of laundry detergent. They typically appear after strong winds – often blown into bays and small coves – and look all the more sinister as they acquire a patina of dirt.

A resident in Cross Bay, Ursula Stock, raised concern at last summer's Temagami Lakes Association AGM that foam recently blown up against her dock was human made. She suspected it came from detergent, soaps, and shampoo washed into the Lake. Guests at my residence in the Southwest Arm have expressed similar worries about foam often blown into a tiny cove near our cabin.

Fortunately, not all that is froth is foul. A deep look into the subject found that solid evidence rules out any pervasive problem from human-made chemicals. Annual analysis of water samples taken from widely-dispersed locations around Lake Temagami show that over at least the last 20 years, the water has remained relatively uncontaminated – with chemical markers extremely steady and at levels that indicate little pollution. Strong historical evidence shows that similar quantities of foam have appeared each year going back many decades.

Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS), a non-profit that receives part of its funding from TLA members' voluntary contributions, took over annual water sampling from the Association in 2014. Each Fall, it tests water from 10 to 15 sites. Dr. Murray Richardson, a Carleton University professor specializing in watershed ecosystems and hydrology, oversees TERAS' testing and does much of the sampling. He said the samples consistently show that the water remains "pristine."

Human-made products, such as detergents, pesticides, and fertilizers, certainly contain manufactured surfactants (compounds that break the surface tension of water) and can create foam. This plagues lakes which, unlike Temagami, have significant runoff from cities and agriculture. Laboratory analysis of the Temagami water has shown no sign of this.

So where does the foam come from? The answer is that while you can't fool Mother Nature, she can fool us by making compounds that have the same visual effects as manufactured pollutants. Dr. Jesse Vermaire, a Carleton University professor who specializes in aquatic ecology, said that nearly all Temagami foam derives from the natural decay of plant materials.

Fallen pine needles and leaves disintegrate into microscopic particles, which rain washes into the lake. As algae and bits of aquatic plants die, this material breaks down in the water and releases natural surfactants. This is especially true when wind whips up waves, allowing water to mix with air and form tiny bubbles, which coalesce into foam-like egg-whites beaten to make meringue.

Residents who have been on the Lake the longest recall seeing foam from the time they first arrived. This weighs strongly against concerns that the phenomenon derives from recent despoiling. Robert Farr, who lives on Bear Island, said that in his 54 years on the

Lake, "I have never known there not to be a time when what we call foam was evident on the Lake." By his estimate "it is no more or no less" now.

Dr. Richardson's father, Tim, said, "I remember foam at times on the Lake, particularly in the fall, 70 years ago." He, too, thinks that there has been "no change" in the amount. Don Johnson, who first came to the Lake at age seven in 1960 recalls noticing roughly the same quantity since he was a teenager.

Dr. Richardson indicates that TERAS doesn't test directly for surfactants. Instead, it measures chemical markers, including phosphorus. High levels could be an alarm for pollution, including synthetic surfactants. The annual, water-quality analysis shows that going back to at least 2004, the Lake's readings have been remarkably consistent, with phosphorus hovering steadily around four (4) micrograms per liter. This demonstrates that the Lake is well within international standards for the cleanest lakes with little pollution. These "oligotrophic" lakes [those with relatively-low plant nutrients and abundant oxygen at depth] have phosphorus levels below 10. Levels above 24 are considered warnings of pollution. Measurements show that the Lake's low phosphorous levels are consistent with what is expected from natural sources, such as phosphorous-rich rock and ordinary bottom sediment.

TERAS tests also measure chlorophyll *a*, produced by algae. These reading have also been rock-steady at concentrations well below any indication of concerning levels of pollution.

Testing does not give 100% assurance that scattered, human-made, surfactant inputs may contribute to isolated bits of foam; but, Dr. Vermaire said that they would not account for a lake-wide phenomenon. "It would take quite a bit of detergent to make that sort of foam."

TERAS, however, has not taken any samples of foam for chemical testing. Dr. Richardson said, "I can't think of any reason to test foam, since it is naturally-occurring when the surface is agitated." Water-quality testing also suggests that the water is not sufficiently polluted for such sampling to be necessary. In addition, there has been no scientific effort to assess whether, contrary to eyewitness impressions, that the quantity of foam has changed over time. This would be a formidable task, requiring development of methods for counting blobs, along with measuring their volume and duration, and would have to be completed over a long period of time to rule out random, year-to-year variations.

Despite evidence that the Lake is relatively unpolluted, there are reasons to be wary. Dr. Vermaire reveals that leaky septic systems could release some household surfactants into water close to their sources and could contribute to isolated foam blobs. Such inputs, though, would be cause for concerns besides foam, as septic leakage would contain *E. coli* and other potentially disease-causing bacteria from human waste.

The Ontario Building Code imposes rigid standards for septic systems. They are restricted to islands big enough for them to be located at least 15 m (50') away from the water in locations that would keep leach fields well-contained. It also tightly regulates



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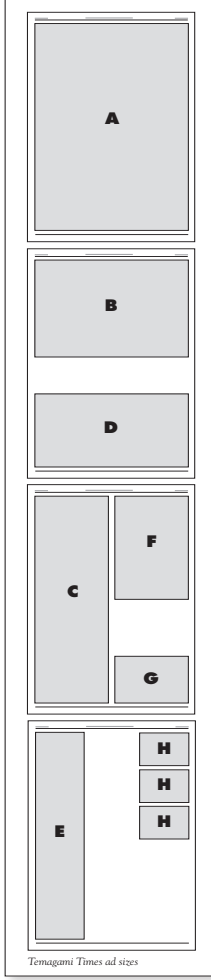
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Septic tanks on Temagami islands haven't been systematically inspected since 1996. Teams of inspectors sent out at that time by the Province did find leaking and improperly-located septic systems, and ordered repairs or replacements. Tim Richardson said an order that year from what was then the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Energy required him to replace his own septic system.

Prospects seem dim for another such provincially-sponsored inspection. Informal contacts with legislative officials have indicated funding is unlikely.

We, of course, have a strong interest in ensuring that Lake water near our residences stays pristine and pure enough to drink, and does not cause illness. **Individual test kits for *E. coli* and similar bacteria are available online in Canada for around \$30.**

The founding generation of the White Bear neighbourhood, rising on the dreams and memories of children and youth from Camp White Bear, has matured into venerable old age. Inevitably, we must depart. But how often it is said by each of us, "If only I can be in Temagami again."

John Eberhard wrote in the final pages of his memoirs: "We have just returned from our spiritual home in Temagami in August 2024. It may be our last time, but I feel good that Wigwind will remain in good hands through our children, Rob and Kelly, and their children - all of whom are bonded to White Bear and the SW Arm of Lake Temagami." John died on November 25, 2024 in his 80th year.

Alongside Curlie Willoughby, John began his Temagami life as a junior staff person (too young for any work except dishwashing and garbage disposal) for Ron and Mickey Johnstone, who were evolving this former resort into Camp White Bear in 1961. Both boys grew into roles as senior camp staff, and John's friendship with Ron eventually perceived the community as it now exists. A camp motto - "friendships that are true" - has carried this island into the cooperative spirit essential for communal life based on consideration for all. For his part in getting us to this place, and organizing a way of keeping us here, John has earned the lasting gratitude of a generation that recalls the challenges of construction, caretaking, and essential wilderness adaptations.



John in 1961 in a Camp White Bear Staff Sweatshirt (photo submission by Margaret Eberhard)

Tribute for John Eberhard

*O my country, never more will I see you!
O blue skies, O sweet native breezes
Where the morning of my life shone peacefully
~ O Patria Mia (from Aida, by Verdi) ~*



John at the Annual Island BBQ 2023 with a New White Bear Sweatshirt (photo submission by Margaret Eberhard)

His larger-than-life being to those close to him was captured in a poem, "The Felled Giant", by one of his nephews who lamented:
*Yet though the giant now lies still
Its root remain, its strength will fill
The ground, the air, the hearts that knew
The love he so freely grew.*

John lived life large in his hometown of London, Ontario and on the international stage. Long is the list of his accomplishments, awards, and recognitions. It would take a book (and there are two) to describe the work and initiatives - from his law practice, aviation, Western University, various tribunals, to limitless service through his church, Rotary International, and the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association (now Paddle Canada) that he co-founded with Ron, and so much else. His honorary doctorate and Jubilee medal came for his amazing capacity to harness the power of volunteerism - at home and where needed around the

world. So, his impact multiplied.

But with all those triumphs and honours, his greatest coup was winning the heart of a long-time friend, early White Bear cottager and celebrated athlete, Fran Wigston - his beloved wife. She will return to be in Temagami again in their dream, off-grid, timber-frame cottage on a point of island 472.

John loved attending Temagami gatherings - whether on island 488, in town, or at Bear Island or the TLA Headquarters. Lake folks who met him remember that he gave you his full attention, with genuine interest in your stories. He likely invited you back to the cabin for dinner. If you came, you'd have been greeted by an astonished Fran, who then produced a fabulous meal however many of you there might be. In 1985, he invited a whole world of international canoeists to paddle Lake Temagami. And they came! Thus, may he be remembered by those who value Temagami.

The White Bear community remembers. So, goodbye to those waving from the dock and those already gone. Goodbye Johnstones and Johnsons, Eberhards, McGuigans and Wigstons, Russells and Raithbys, Willoughbys and Old Boys, Griebenows and Paynes, McAskiles and Sheridans, Talbots and Ruddocks, and all of your extended families - now of many names and countries of origin. Goodbye, Temagami.

Rest in peace. Goodbye, John.



Fran and John on a White Bear Dock (photo submission by Margaret Eberhard)



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All Aboard To Lake Temagami

By Russ Doyle, Island 27



So, we made the cut ... not that there should be any question. As a newbie on the Lake, I'd include Temagami by any measure. But in this instance, the powers that be (Queen's Park, Doug Ford, John Vanthof, Vic Fedeli, Ontario Northland, etc.) have included Temagami as one of fifteen proposed station stops on the re-incarnated Northlander passenger train route. A well-deserved congratulation is in order to all of us - Town folk, Lake residents (seasonal or permanent), and Temagami First Nation.

This project is a long time coming, somewhat politically motivated, and falls more in line with the ambitious Southern Ontario Metrolinx vision than it does the Ontario Northland of late. Metrolinx is a provincially-charged entity responsible for nearly thirty billion dollars worth of public transportation infrastructure within the greater Toronto area. With the new Northlander's emergence being spread over two or three provincial elections, right up until the 2024 commitment to procure, the project appeared on the provincial "to do" list only as a "strong maybe".

Now, the "strong maybe" has gained inertia and graduated to "very likely" status. As a life-long Steel City resident, I've seen Go Transit projects under Metrolinx with equally tortoise-like progress out of the gate; but, other Metrolinx projects achieve fruition at a lightning pace. This isn't Southern Ontario, though.

The reluctance to commit to passenger rail infrastructure in the North is a constant. The cost of three state-of-the-art Siemens trains, approximately a dozen four-season station shelters, and the required rail-safety protocols is just north of \$200 million. This figure doesn't include crews, maintenance, negotiated CN track fees south of North Bay, and the Timmins rail shuttle link to Cochrane. But by comparison, the affectionally titled "Hazel McCallion LRT" linking Port Credit to Brampton is projected at \$5.6 billion and is just one single north-south artery among many in the vast Metrolinx network. The bottom line is that Southern Ontario public transit is funded head and shoulders above its Northern cousins at every turn.

Usage, on the other hand, depends on the North. The easiest argument to make

involves the increasing dangers around Highway #11. This one and only through artery for most northeastern Ontarians is dangerous at the best of times, and absolutely treacherous at others. The train adds a dependable alternative to reach North Bay and the GTA. Among the new stops on the proposed route are established Go Transit stations at Gromley and Langstaff, which add proximity to Markham, Thornhill, and Vaughan.

This Northlander re-emergence is unique in another way. The 1990s were a bleak era for Canadian intercity rail travel. Sweeping federal cuts to publicly-funded Via Rail were particularly harsh to Northern Ontario. Amid the fallout, east-west service through Cochrane and North Bay was not only discontinued, but the right-of-ways into Northern Quebec and the Ottawa Valley were physically removed. The night train from Toronto to Cochrane was axed, as were all station stops on Lake Superior north of White River - including Thunder Bay. The following years saw the discontinuation of the Algoma Central Railway (ACR) service linking Sault Ste. Marie to Hearst, and inevitably, the original Northlander - which was nixed in 2012. Via Rail's lone transcontinental, "The Canadian", was reduced to a meager twice-weekly schedule through Washago, Parry Sound, and Greater Sudbury.

The new Northlander will be the first, northern, rail-passenger service re-instated since the Via cuts of 1990. This project gives traction to other emerging hopefuls, such as the First-Nations-backed lobby to restore the ACR passenger service to Hearst, a Via Rail push to resume service through Peterborough, and the long-standing federal lobby to re-include Thunder Bay among intercontinental station stops.

So, I'm thrilled that Temagami has a part in all of this. There are added benefits to increased accessibility - the obvious being an alternative to Highway #11. The bigger potential gain would, however, be the added stability to established businesses (tourist-based and otherwise). The increased public exposure of our beautiful Lake is not a bad thing, and for me, future treks from the Steel City may soon be getting easier.



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TLA Board of Directors Update (Winter 2025)

Three of the open seats for the 2024 to 2025 TLA Board of Directors were filled by new members on September 1, 2024 - **Christopher Brooks, Lynn Buckham, and Scot Paltrow**. These new Directors have varied expertise and a wide range of backgrounds that benefit both the Board and TLA members.

Christopher, Lynn, and Scot have joined **Nicole Brooker, Rob Corcoran, Carol Lowery, and Alec Morley**. The Association is very fortunate to have all of these very knowledgeable people working on behalf of TLA members and the Lake Temagami community.

Much appreciation is again extended to **Greg Goodman, Diane Green, Terry Males, Tarik Muzaffar, and Paul Tamburro** (whose terms either came to an end

on August 31, 2024 or whose schedules no longer permitted their participation on the Board). Their considerable time, effort, and expertise over the past several years has been quite valuable to our Association.

Currently, we are looking to fill two (2) extra vacancies on the 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 our Association.

This is a three-year commitment and involves approximately one meeting per month (usually via Zoom) and any committee work with which you can assist. A sitting Director may run for re-election for one (1) additional, three-year term.

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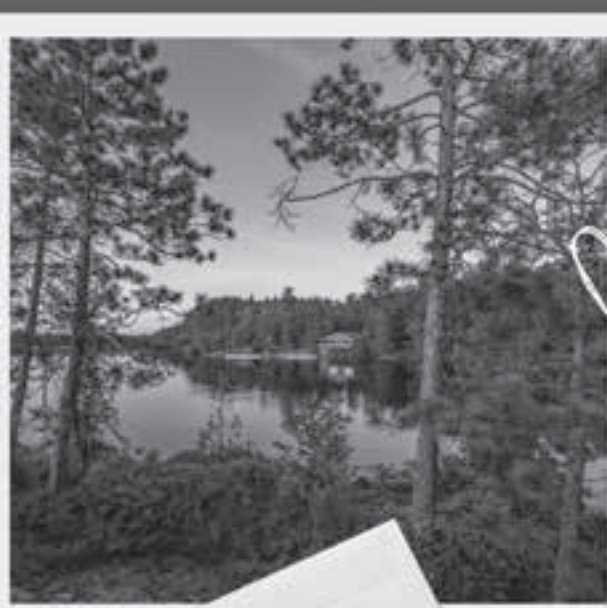
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TLA Business

TLA Summer BBQ 2025

To assist in planning for the upcoming summer, the Board of Directors has selected a date for the **TLA Summer BBQ: Saturday, July 5, 2025** from **noon to 2:30 p.m.** (rain date: Sunday, July 6th).

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

- **Location:** TLA Headquarters Building front lawn
- **Boat Docking:** TLA docks and Manitou Landing docks
- **Food:** BBQ fare – including vegetarian options and non-alcoholic drinks
- **BYOC + M:** “Bring Your Own Chairs + Mugs”
- **TLA Merchandise for Sale:** maps, books, apparel

Once again, the TEMAGAMI ISLANDS (“DOOMSDAY”) book will be available for viewing by members. This book was produced by the Ministry of Natural Resources and contains a history of island ownership on Lake Temagami. Come and find out more information about your property!

Please **RSVP by Monday, June 30, 2025**. This will assist us greatly in organizing food and beverages for the event.

TLA Membership Directory 2025

In 2025, the TLA Membership Directory will be offered in a paper format in June. If you would prefer a digital version, please send a message to tla@onlink.net, as soon as possible.

Please take a minute in the near future to review your Directory listings (i.e., alphabetical, by island number and Lake community, VHF radios, fire pumps), and those of your family members, to ensure that all information is correct and up-to-date. Any changes should be sent to the TLA by **April 15, 2025**.

Likewise, if you find anything that should be revised in the “Useful Information” and “Area Businesses and Services” sections, please notify the Executive Director.

TLA Municipal Budget Requests for 2025

N.B., as presented to Temagami Municipal Council on December 12, 2024

1. Environmental Initiatives for the Long-Term Health of Lake Temagami:

- funds to assist with the eradication of invasive species (e.g., invasive *Phragmites*, Eurasian watermilfoil, spiny waterfleas, banded mystery snails):
 - ✓ resources (e.g., tools, people) to assist in removing these species
 - ✓ placement of boat-washing stations and paddler-washing stations within the Municipality
 - ✓ signs at all access points advising boaters to check watercraft for invasive species before accessing the Lake
- addressing poor water-quality testing results (e.g., low dissolved oxygen at depth) in the NE Arm, as measured by Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS)

2. Enhanced Lake Policing and Security:

- enhanced OPP visibility, especially during peak times (e.g., holiday week-ends)
- development of an emergency alert system for the entire municipality

3. Higher Level of Maintenance for Lake Temagami Access Road Year-Round:

- required for safety and useability

4. Lake Temagami Transfer Station:

- offer services to meet the needs of the Lake community by significantly increasing the current hours-of-operation
- include hazardous-waste disposal days for electronics, batteries, paints, etc.
- introduce a levy for non-taxpayers for waste and recycling disposal

TERAS Facts

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

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

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

New and Improved TLA Website

TLA members may have noticed the updated look of the TLA’s website (<https://tla-temagami.ca>). In November and early December of 2024, Stephanie van Doleweerd from AloeRoot Web Services refurbished our website to give it a much more modern look – and make navigation a little more straightforward.

The homepage retains the following headings:

- About • Blog • Store • Environment • Photos
- TLA Business • Municipal Information

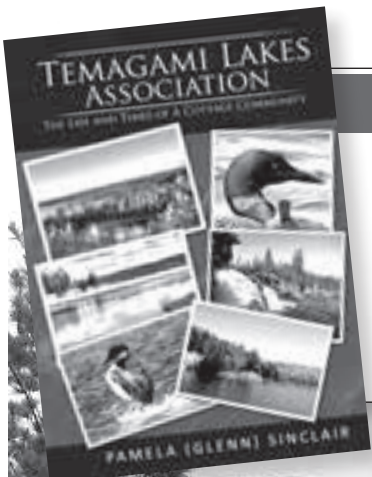
At the request of our members, however, there is now another feature: the “Buy & Sell” section. This will allow TLA members to advertise items and services to buy or sell at any time – instead of relying solely on the “Classifieds” section of the *Temagami Times* newspaper, which is printed only three times a year.

If you wish to post something in the “Buy & Sell” section, please send a message to tla@onlink.net with a brief description (50 words or less) of your item or service. It would also be helpful to have a time frame during which the posting should remain on the website.

As always, if you find a typo on the website or have a suggestion for improvement (e.g., additional links for the homepage), please contact the Executive Director.



The Blues
(photo by Gooderham Photography)



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TEMAGAMI LAKES ASSOCIATION:
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The book is available at the TLA Building and at TLA events.

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.

Temagami Forest Management Corporation
Société de gestion forestière Temagami

Enhancement Programs

Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC) offers three Enhancement Programs to:

- First Nations
- Municipalities
- Local organizations and residents

These programs are open to applicants for scholarships, workforce training, events and projects that enhance the quality of life within the Temagami Forest and meet the criteria presented for each Program.

For more information:
Temagami Forest Management Corporation
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Events & Sponsorship Program Up to \$2,000

Eligibility Criteria:
First Nations, Municipalities or not-for-profit organizations within the Temagami Forest, or a community with one of TFMC's primary receiving mills. The activity must contribute to TFMC's corporate mandates and be consistent with the Strategic Plan themes. The following criteria will be considered: Youth activities; Young adult and sports related; Education, literacy and "stay in school"; Health & Wellness; Culture; or Forest-Based Activities that promote forest health and public awareness.

Scholarship & Workforce Development Program Up to \$2,500

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:
Permanent resident within the Temagami Forest or graduate of a secondary school in Englehart, Temiskaming Shores or Sturgeon Falls and entering a post-secondary program in Forestry, Environmental Sciences, Biology or a related field.

Workforce Development Eligibility Criteria:
Residents within the Temagami Forest, employed in the field of natural resource management, sponsored by a community, First Nation or employer to participate in a recognized training program.

Partnership Program Up to \$10,000

Eligibility Criteria:
First Nations, Municipalities or not-for-profit organizations within the Temagami Forest, or a community with one of TFMC's primary receiving mills. The activity must contribute to TFMC's corporate mandates and be consistent with the Strategic Plan themes. The following criteria will be considered: Community improvement; reconciliation; activities that promote culture; forest recreation; or forest health and public awareness. Minimum 50% cash or in-kind contribution required.

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Branch 408 Temagami

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 408 – Temagami Update (January 2025)

By Ike Laba

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our Mission is to serve Veterans (including military and RCMP members and their families), to promote remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country.

THE TEMAGAMI LEGION:

The Temagami Legion's original charter was established in 1946 to honour veterans from the First and Second World Wars. The current Legion building was originally the site of a public school, which burned down in 1968. At that time, veterans and other community members constructed a Legion building to support war veterans within our community. Temagami's Legion has always been, and will be, an essential central structure within the Temagami area, which caters to many user groups within and outside the community.

From 2019 to 2022, the Temagami Legion was only minimally operational due to Covid concerns. With a major change to the existing executive, along with strong promotion, the Temagami Legion has re-opened and is very active within the community. It currently has 93+ members and provides many essential functions within the community.

LEGION EXECUTIVE:

President:	Ray Richmond
Past President:	Carol O'Mara
1st Vice President:	Ike Laba
2nd Vice President:	Marilyn Macleod (+ Membership and Bar Chair)
3rd Vice President:	Barry Turcotte
Treasurer:	Lorna Mobbely
Secretary and Poppy Chair:	Rose Collins
Sergeant at Arms:	Charlie McDougall

ACTIVITIES:

Each November 11, there is a Remembrance Day Service – including a supper. The Temagami Legion also hosts: small weddings; "Darts Night" with a bar on Fridays; Wednesday-night card games; various club meetings (e.g., Lions Club); exercise activities; a small railway-car luncheon in the fall; and, the "Fish Fry". In addition, the Legion supports school activities in Temagami and on Bear Island, is open as an emergency site during highway closures, distributes Christmas baskets to people in need, and assists with July 1st events.

We are pleased to work with all residents, organizations, and visitors in the community.

LEGION BUILDING UPGRADES:

Recently, the back stairs have been rebuilt, fundraising is occurring to refurbish the basement and purchase a new air conditioner, and basement plumbing has been upgraded through financial support from the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF).

2024/25 PROJECTS:

1. The Temagami Legion recently partnered with an Indigenous-led organization, Sic Sox Circular, which has provided a pink container (placed at the south end of the Legion building at the top of the stairs) to collect all types of unusable textiles that would typically be discarded in the landfill. These are collected regularly and then shredded for use as insulation in housing projects.

2. The Temagami Legion is now the official beer-can-and-bottle return depot for the Temagami Beer Store. A steel container is located on the Legion property for the storage of all returns. Bottles and cans are collected every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Legion members on site either purchase the returns or accept them as donations. Let's collect as many bottles and cans as possible, so that they don't end up in the municipal landfill.

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

- upgrading the Legion parking lot and installing a new floor in the building

TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

Special thanks is extended to the TCF for their past funding for Christmas baskets. This year, water and sewer upgrades in the Temagami Legion's basement will be possible through TCF support. The basement has not been functional for a number of years due to past water issues – so, with the support received, the Legion will repair its basement to provide an area for larger community events.

The Legion building is accessible to many people in the area (especially elderly persons), as it is located in the centre of the Temagami community. With a very active executive and members, and upcoming improvements to the facility, we hope to make the Legion a "go to" site.

Thanks to the Temagami Community Foundation for a great start in helping to move the Temagami Legion forward.

TERAS Update 2024

By Tim Richardson, Chair



**TEMAGAMI ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH
AND STEWARDSHIP**

TERAS contributed \$10,000 towards a limnology project conducted by the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University. This is being carried out mostly by Jose Atienza, a M.Sc. student, as part of his thesis, and under the supervision of Dr. Jesse Vermaire. They are collaborating with Dr. John Smol, a world-renowned paleolimnologist at Queens University.

In late August 2023, three lake sediment cores were collected by Dr. Vermaire - one in the NE Arm close to the Town, a second in the NE Arm where the North Tetapaga River enters the Lake, and a third one from a very deep location in Cross Bay near the hub of the Lake.

All three cores are being analyzed for chlorophyll *a* (an indicator of algae growth), diatoms (an indicator of water-nutrient levels and water-column stratification), and metals. These are being used to build a chronology of the lake's ecological history using "radioisotope dating" with lead 210 (Pb 210). Cores one, two, and three were dated back to the years 1896, 1890 and 1858, respectively. Dr. Vermaire said that the dating may be slightly impacted by the Cross Lake Dam, constructed in 1912, which altered the sedimentation rate. Additional work will improve dating and extend the historical record.

Early results for chlorophyll *a* levels show that algal presence is low throughout our Lake - common

for a nutrient-limited, clearwater lake. The amount of chlorophyll *a* in the NE Arm cores, however, has increased in the past several decades. This can be attributed to increasing algal abundance in the water column - possibly related to climate change impacts that cause warmer water temperatures or longer periods of summer thermal "stratification". Despite this trend, the current chlorophyll *a* concentrations are still very low. A similar trend was not observed in the deep-water core in the hub.

Over the rest of the university year, Jose will work on finalizing the data collection and analyses on the three sediment cores. He should complete the study by the end of the summer of 2025, and the report will be made available through the *Temagami Times*.

During the Labour Day week-end of 2024, Dr. Murray Richardson carried out the annual water-quality monitoring in each arm of our Lake. As part of the Lake Partner Program, samples from 16 sites were sent to the provincial laboratory in Dorset. With the data amassed through this ongoing annual effort, the possibility of another university project on lake modelling - to examine the aforementioned changes in the NE Arm - will be discussed by the TERAS board.

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR
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**Temagami
Public Library
(Winter 2025)**

By Carol Lowery, Chair,
Temagami Public Library Board

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Seasons are fascinating. Like a favourite colour, everyone has a preferred month with its own respective weather. But Temagami people are different. Here, when asked, our favourite season is whichever one we are in. Right now, it is winter – therefore, as far as we are concerned, winter is the best. The ice-and-snow-covered landscape is obscure yet familiar, but it is no less beautiful than its defrosted self. Along with an added tranquility, there are “cool” activities for all: hockey, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, snowmobiling, or just walking. However, sometimes, it is nice to relax with a book. It is also nice to participate in the winter programs offered by the Temagami Public Library. There is a lot of news to get to, so let us now get to it.

First up, we have a personal/personnel announcement. For the past three years, the Library Board was fortunate to have had Debra Kitts as our CEO. Debra joined the Library staff after retiring from her full-time job and, alas, she has always told us there would be a day coming when she would retire from the Library. Since our last update, Debra, now twice retired, has left us to pursue retirement activities (again). We shall miss her, of course, but we are grateful to have one of Debra’s protégés, Ashley Bailey, assuming the CEO duties. Ashley will be familiar to many of you because she has been a member of the Library staff for several years. She is eager to continue our programming for all age groups. As you read this, Ashley is already working on the summer reading program, as well as many other special summer activities.

A lot is happening, indeed. For instance, once again we are participating in the CBC Canada Reads annual “Battle of the Books”. Everyone is invited. All you have to do is read as many of the five contending books as you can, and join our online meeting in March – where we will discuss the books and choose the winning tome. Our pick will be the book we think everyone should read. It is always fun!

In addition to Canada Reads, Ashley and the Library Board are planning activities for Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, and Easter. As always, theme-based books for all ages will be available. Also, for the younger ones, crafts and contests are in the works.

Summer might seem far off, but we like to think ahead. Our annual book sale is worth “bookmarking” on your calendar. We have some other special events, too (e.g., a local authors night). More information regarding our warm-weather programs will be available on our website, as well as in the summer edition of the *Temagami Times*.

Please remember, the Library is an Internet “hot spot”. Even when we are not open, you can access the web from our parking lot. We also have new computers and iPads available for your use. If you are not in the vicinity of the Library, you still have access to our “Libby” app, which can be used to borrow e-books, audiobooks, and magazines ... for free.

For the latest Library information, please visit our website (<https://temagami.library.on.ca>), and follow us on Facebook.

In closing, the Library Board and Staff would like to thank all those who made financial donations to the Library, including the Temagami Lakes Association and the Temagami Lions Club. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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- Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
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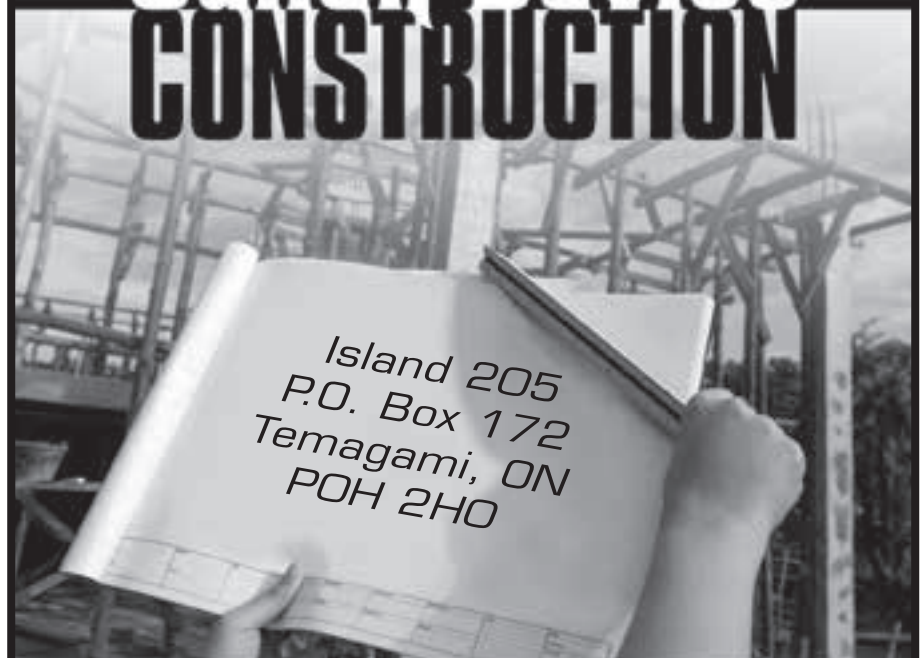
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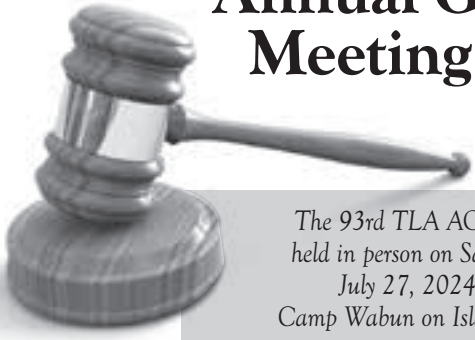
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Highlights of the TLA “Annual General Meeting” 2024



The 93rd TLA AGM was held in person on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Camp Wabun on Island 981.

TLA President, Nicole Brooker, welcomed TLA members and provided updates on: the extension of the Headquarters land-use permit (to December 31, 2025); demolition of the TLA building in 2025; the upcoming TLA members’ survey; recent water-monitoring activities by TERAS; Board discussions with TFN and TAA re: their “Notice of Jurisdiction”; and, other TLA initiatives (e.g., removal of abandoned snowmobile from the water in the NE Arm).

Nicole introduced the other Board Members in attendance (Terry Males, Paul Tamburro, Carol Lowery, and Tarik Muzaffar) and those who couldn’t attend (Greg Goodman, Alec Morley, Rob Corcoran, and Diane Green), as well as new Board members whose terms begin on September 1, 2024: Lynn Buckham and Scot Paltrow (and Christopher Brooks – not in attendance).

Terry, Tarik, and Paul’s terms end on August 31, 2024. Nicole thanked them for the considerable time and effort that they devoted to the Board of Directors on behalf of TLA members and the Temagami community.

48 voting members (and others) were in attendance, and 22 voting members were represented by proxies. After quorum was confirmed, Nicole called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Motions to approve the 2024 AGM agenda and adopt the minutes of the 2023 AGM were made and carried. Resolutions to approve the 2023 TLA financial statement and the actions of the Directors and Officers since the 2023 AGM were also made and carried. In accordance with the new requirements of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Cor-

porations Act, a motion to adopt the TLA’s new “Articles of Incorporation” (formerly, “Letters Patent”), which were amended on May 15, 2024, was made and carried.

Paul Tamburro provided an update on the Municipal “Official Plan” (OP), which is being monitored by the TLA’s “Planning and Municipal Affairs” committee and planner. Paul also mentioned that the “Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge” is a good community outreach project.

Nicole congratulated Allan Eustis and Marty Martelle for being selected as the 2023 “Members-of-the-Year”. Allan diligently monitors the TLA Facebook page and makes postings frequently to provide information for members. Marty is the TLA’s de facto IT person and has assisted with many technology issues (e.g., hosting the 2023 virtual AGM) and during TLA special events.

Carol Lowery spoke of the unfortunate loss this past year of 15 TLA members and supporters who have assisted the Association in a wide variety of roles over the years.

Tarik Muzaffar presented an analysis of Temagami Municipal taxation and budget issues – focussing on 2023 Temagami consolidated revenue, 2023 Lake-Temagami-related financial items, conclusions for Lake Temagami residents, and key financial topics for discussion. It’s unlikely that taxes will be reduced, but Lake residents can request better allocation of the money that we pay in property taxes (approximately \$2 million) in terms of the services we receive.

There is a minor expense burden imposed on the Municipality by Lake Temagami residents (~ \$176,000) – primarily from operating the Lake Temagami Transfer Station and maintaining the Access Road. Lake Temagami residents, however, contribute at least 55.6% of Municipal tax revenues and, therefore, have a strong position to advocate for budget provisions that benefit us directly. Currently, the Lake Temagami Neighbourhood does not receive the services it deserves relative to the significant taxes it pays to the Municipality. Financial priorities for the Lake should include allocating more money for environmental initiatives, policing and security, extended hours for waste/recycling collection, and suitable maintenance of the Access Road.

Scot Paltrow added that Ontario is legislating the costs for collecting recycling to industry – which could remove these costs from Municipal responsibility.

A “Q & A” and comments session was then held. Discussion occurred on these topics: increasing member use of VHF radios; inequities in the costs for garbage disposal by Lake residents and other problems re: transfer-station operating hours; appreciation of the services provided by the TLA; mill rates for Lake and town properties; high Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) assessments; unfairness in municipal taxation; upkeep of buoys and lights on area lakes; bringing in new business to create more revenue for the Town, and the value of ecotourism initiatives; the spread of aquatic invasive species (e.g., Eurasian watermilfoil, invasive *Phragmites*, spiny waterflea); boat-washing stations (and their potential to generate revenue for the Municipality); establishing paddler-washing stations to prevent the spread of invasives into the backcountry; the Municipality’s new CAO/Treasurer; recent approval of a local Economic Development Board by Council; an upcoming TLA presentation to Council re: member concerns (e.g., health and safety, environmental issues, invasive species); the TLA Board of Director’s “Priorities for Lake Temagami”; the possibility of implementing parking and boat-launching fees for non-taxpayers to generate Municipal revenue; how water quality is effected by grey-water pits and the disposal of grey water from boats; lake foam; encouraging the use of environmentally-friendly products and practices; water-quality monitoring by Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship (TERAS); the use of incineration toilets to reduce environmental impacts; negotiating effectively with the Municipality re: services for seasonal residents (and value for our taxes); the fact that the Town would not exist without the Lake and its residents; a suggestion that TLA members should attend Council meetings and express their concerns directly to Councillors; and, the importance of Lake residents spending money locally, when possible.

As there wasn’t time to address all questions/comments during the AGM, follow-up occurred after the meeting concluded.

Nicole thanked Wabun for hosting the meeting and TLA members for attending. She also welcomed feedback about the AGM. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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Temagami Lions Club Season Summary (January 2025)



By Ike Laba

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Thanks to Lion Jane Dougall and her supporters for doing an excellent job in the organization of the Temagami Lions Seniors' Christmas Dinner, which was held on December 2, 2024. The Lions Club have always honoured the many seniors in the Temagami and Marten River areas who have made these communities great places to live, work, and play over many years.

The 2024 Dinner had an excellent turnout of 150 persons, with a large group from the Marten River area. There were also nine pick-ups, along with 32 home deliveries – for a total of 191 seniors and 17 Lions members. Special thanks is extended to the many youth who participated in serving and cleaning tables after the meals.

We are also grateful to these sponsors who generously supported the Dinner: Dan and Carol O'Mara, Municipality of Temagami, Temagami Electric, K & S Natural Gas and Propane Services, Temagami Lakes Association, Nancy and Terry Wiles, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 408, Northern Marble & Granite, J & J Plowing, Temagami and District Chamber of Commerce, Red Pine Propane, Petro Canada, Happy Holiday Campground, Lakeland Airways, and Wilson Lake Cottages.



Seniors' Christmas Dinner – December 2, 2024
(photo by Heather Reid)

TEMAGAMI LION'S FOOD BANK:

Lions Brian Koski and Rolande Boissonneault must be congratulated for their operation of the Temagami Lions Food Bank. The Food Bank is in fairly good shape due to generous donations from the Frog's Breath Foundation (Temiskaming Shores), the North Bay Rotary Club, and Sisters by Choice (Marten River). There has been a 10% increase in the use of the Food Bank this past year due to various circumstances. Anyone who requires this service should call Lion Brian Koski at **705-569-4522**.

DIABETES RESESEARCH PROGRAM:

Thanks to Lion Bob Sykes for his ongoing work in collecting clothing for the Diabetes Research Program. The clothing collection has a two-fold purpose: it raises monies for diabetes research and reduces the amount of unwanted clothing that is discarded into the landfill. The Lions Club clothing donation bin is beside the Catholic Church and is available to the public. If you are not able to bring the clothes into the Temagami area, call Lion Bob Sykes at **705-569-4412** or Lion Ike Laba at **705-569-3252** for a pick up.

TEMAGAMI LIONS FLEA MARKET:

Lion Bob is also the key organizer of the Lions Flea Market – which is held on the long week-end in August every year. The 2025 Lions Flea Market will again be held in August, and we will be accepting donations at any time prior to August, as well as on the day of the event. If you would like to donate at any time of the year, please call Lion Bob or Lion Ike for a pick up.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:

Thanks is offered to Lion Jane, along with Santa's helpers and Santa himself, who provided gifts to all of the children attending Breakfast With Santa. The event was offered by the Temagami and Marten River Firefighters' Associations on December 15, 2024.

NEW LIONS MEMBERS REQUIRED:

The Club requests your support by inviting new members to join the Temagami Lions. Lions members are very active within the community in the projects described above and support persons in need. If you are interested and would like to get involved, please contact Lions President, Claude Boissonneault, at **705-569-3202**.

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By Bill Kitts, Chair,
Temagami Community Foundation



Sitting on the Board of Directors of the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) is an honour and privilege that I've enjoyed since October 5, 2016. I am now in my ninth and final year – eight years as a Co-Chair with Jack Tuomi and several months as sole Chair since Jack's retirement in June of 2024. I am now excited to introduce Sarah-Jane Pearce as Co-Chair. The by-laws were updated along the way to permit a 12-member Board and extend Board service to three, three-year terms (or any part thereof).

Currently, the Board has 11 Directors, which allows space for another Director – and volunteers who wish to sit on TCF committees. It has always been the intent of our Founders and Nominating Committee to have representation from permanent and seasonal residents, and Temagami First Nation (TFN).

With other Directors' terms ending in the next few years, we could certainly use your help to keep the momentum of the TCF strong and fruitful for our community at large. Our function is to raise money through donations and a few fundraisers. As you can see in the introductions for our Board members, everyone is very busy, but takes the time to give back to the community. When you want to get something accomplished, you ask the busiest people to pitch in. If you can help, please consider contacting us to discuss this.

Students, individuals, service clubs (including the Lions and Legion), medical centre, fish hatchery, public school, TFN, two fire departments, or any non-profit can apply for a grant. The Grants Committee reviews each application meticulously and makes a recommendation to the Board, which then awards appropriate grants to the successful applicants. We are basically caretakers of the money (with a part-time administrator and bookkeeper) and are bound by strict guidelines.

In the past five or so years, we're proud share that we have provided a total of \$433,378.02 in grant approvals, and our investments are growing tremendously (which must occur to guarantee ongoing support for the Temagami community).

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Lori Stuttard: Lori is currently the Accounting Manager for SB Simpson Industrial Supplies, where she has been employed since 2020. Lori and her family (including children aged 16 and 14) have spent the last 15 summers at their family cottage on Jumping Caribou Lake. Lori joined the Board in 2024 and sits on the Finance Committee. She is eagerly looking to help in other areas.

Sarah-Jane Pearce: Sarah-Jane is currently a Real Estate Broker for Royal LePage in Toronto. She has been coming to Temagami and Jumping Caribou Lake with her family all of her life, and was pleased to join her mother, Jane, on the Board in 2024. Prior to her career in real estate, Sarah-Jane was a Director of Marketing and Events at Rogers Media. She is now Chair of the Finance Committee.

Ashly Legacy: Ashly is the local Canada Post Postmaster. Along with her husband, Omar, they raise two young children in Temagami. Ashly is an active community volunteer and often helps with local Parks and Recreation events. She joined the TCF Board in 2024 and sits on the Personnel and Events Committee. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Temagami Public Library and a member of the Temagami Legion.

Will Goodman: Will is the current President of Guidance Associates / The Center for Humanities in Mount Kisco, NY (where he resides). Will's father, Jack L. Goodman (who recently passed away), began visiting Lake Temagami in 1953. Jack purchased a cottage in the SW Arm in 1966 and brought his family to Temagami annually since that time. Will has been coming here since he was just five years-old. He joined the TCF Board in 2022, and currently sits on three committees: Finance, Communications, and Nominating. Will is also a Past President of the Temagami Lakes Association.

Wayne Potts: Wayne and his wife, Ronda, live on Bear Island, where he has completed his career as a Health Services Manager. Wayne earned a B.A. in Native and Cultural Studies at Trent University and B. Ed. at Nipissing University. Wayne and Ronda met while working as educators in remote, northern First Nations. Wayne was born and raised on Bear Island and has been involved in the TFN and Temagami communities his entire life. Wayne joined Ronda on the Board of Directors in 2022. Although Ronda is no longer on the Board, she still plays a major role in organizing the "Annual Fish Fry".

Meghan Hope: Megan and her husband work in education in the Waterloo Region, where they raise three children aged 15, 12, and 9. Meghan's grandfather, William Detenbeck, purchased a cottage on Jumping Caribou Lake over 80 years ago. Since then, her family has enjoyed this amazingly vast and beautiful area. Free time is very important to Meghan, which is why she chose to be a part of the TCF. Meghan now chairs the Grants Committee and also sits on the Executive and Communications Committees.

Jane Pearce: Jane is a retired Senior Account Executive after a lengthy career at Torstar Media Group. Jane is a seasonal resident of Temagami, and her family has been on Jumping Caribou Lake since 1932. She joined the Board of Directors of the TCF in 2021, and has moved from Co-Chair to Chair of the Events Committee. Jane continues to play a major role in organizing both the "Temagami Comes to the City" dinner and the "Council of 100" ("C100") brunch.

Joanne Van Manen: Joanne and her husband, Dirk, own and operate Our Daily Bread, Northland Traders, and Docks Plus Temagami. Joanne joined the TCF Board in 2019 and is an active member of the Grants Committee. Her family first settled in Temagami in 2011.

Carol Reeder: Carol and her husband, Ken, own Boatline Bay Marine and have operated the family business from its current location on Lake Temagami for over 35 years. They continue the lifestyle of Ken's parents, Charlie and Georgette, who raised their family on a Lake Temagami island through the 1960s into the 1980s, and operated Reeder's Marine and Electric. They've worked for several years with the third generation – their son, Davis, and his wife, Madison. Carol joined the TCF Board in 2019 and has worked on the Grants Committee and Nominating Committee.

Jessica Lewis: Jess lived year-round on Lake Temagami for the first five years of her life before moving to the US with her family. She and her two children, Abel (12) and Hazel (10), live in Missouri, but return to spend each summer on Lake Temagami, where Jess works as Director of Camp Wabun. Wabun was founded by Jess' great-grandfather and seven other teachers in 1933, and the Lewis family (including Jess' parents, Dick and Marg Lewis, and brother, Jason) still feel that Temagami is home. Jess has been Communications Chair since joining the Board over seven years ago.

Bill Kitts: Dick Grant and I joined the Board together in 2016. We immediately recruited members from Temagami and Bear Island, as well as seasonal residents, and assembled a Board to help CG Stephens and a few others who were holding the TCF together by a thread due to the economy and a lack of volunteers. We will be forever grateful for CG's dedication. It took half a year to build a very hard-working and well-functioning Board. These greenhorns did what was necessary to get the TCF back on its feet and operating as it is currently (and was previously). Once this was accomplished, Dick resigned as Director, Co-Chair, and Finance Committee Chair due to work commitments, but still sits on Finance and assists whenever he can. As a result, relatively-new Board member, Jack Tuomi became Finance Chair. Shortly after, he would become Co-Chair with me for six years, during which time we worked side by side and never wavered or turned down a challenge. Jack still sits on three committees.

I was born in Temagami and never left. I married Billie Louks in 1967, and we raised our two daughters in Temagami. As youth, the girls attended Canadian Adventure Camp and worked summers at our family business. Corry has raised three outstanding grandsons (Dylan, Jake, and Braden) in Callander, where she and her husband live and operate their family business. Kim spent her career working at, managing, and then owning our family business, Temagami Marine – which has seen involvement by three family generations over sixty years. Kim has two children (Tyler and Tori) and was a Co-Chair and Grant Chair in the TCF's very early days. Our five grandchildren are presently members of the TCF "C100". It's been a rewarding and fulfilling run, to say the least, and seeing the smiles on so many faces has made every minute worth it.

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Children visiting in the summer, whether from Town, Marten River, or Bear Island, have been singing this joyful refrain every summer for the past 21 years. It's a testament to the spirit of community that defines our beloved Temagami.

Arts Camp 2024 saw the largest group of participants in the camp's history, with 65 to 72 campers attending over the five-day session. Volunteers worked steadily to keep campers engaged, and despite the high energy and occasional chaos, there were few disagreements – just a beautiful display of children coming together, forming bonds, and creating lasting friendships.

Quelia Cormier, a dedicated volunteer, says she looks forward to the Camp every year. “Arts Camp 2024 will forever stay in my memory ... not only because of the record number of participants, but also because they created a perfect blend of passionate volunteers and enthusiastic campers, as well as the wide range of activities – making an unforgettable camp for all.”

Another participant shared, “Awesome in so many ways – creative activities, chances to socialize with new and old friends, great snacks, and fun outdoor play / sports. My grandchildren loved it!”

The TCF Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge the incredible contribution and unwavering commitment that Laura Irvine has made to the Arts Camp. Laura was a participant in the first Arts Camp back in 2003, and since then, she has been involved every summer but one. As she transitioned from camper to volunteer, she took on the responsibility of leading the drama workshops. Laura has been the camp leader since 2019, and her impact is felt by all who attend. With her patience, approachability, and dedication to the overall well-being of each camper, she has created a nurturing environment that reflects the values of TCF.

Supporting Laura in this work is her co-lead, Michael Grant. Michael brings energy and enthusiasm to the camp through physical and sports activities, which help to channel the campers' natural energy. A towering figure in both stature and personality, Michael is a bit like the Pied Piper: wherever he goes, a trail of campers follows, eagerly joining in on the fun! Regarding the 2024 Camp, Michael shared this:

“The big takeaway I noticed this past season of Arts Camp was the “sleepover / play dates. The point of the camp is to foster relationships among the youth of the Temagami community, including cottagers, locals, and the Anishnaabe children from Bear Island. Every day, it seemed, a different camper would tell me about going to another camper's house for a sleepover or to hang out after camp. Kids from town visited Bear Island for sleepovers, while cottagers crossed the Lake to spend afternoons with fellow campers. This past season, many of the kids who have been attending for years now see each other beyond the camp – on different days and in different parts of the summer. The new kids have also quickly made lasting connections. For example, my daughters say their favourite part of Arts Camp is swimming and spending time with Laura's daughter. This summer, my nephew, visiting from Whitehorse, made a friend from Orillia. I truly believe many of these friendships will continue to grow along with these kids.”



Laura shares her reflections on Arts Camp 2024:

“On behalf of everyone at Arts Camp, Miigwetch to the Bear Island community and the Temagami First Nation (TFN) Council for hosting the 2024 TCF Arts Camp and for sharing your beautiful space at the Minowaabandan-gamiing Maawanjihidiwining (Lakeview Gathering Hall). We also extend our thanks to the Health and Social Department of TFN, who have organized and provided our water transportation and nutrition breaks over the years – with special thanks to Alice and Jayne, who were there daily. A heartfelt thank you to Mike, Arnold, and the shuttle drivers who safely and kindly welcomed the campers into the community.

We are also deeply grateful to the Board of Directors of the TCF for their ongoing support. Miigwetch to Doug Stamper, his family, friends from Appleby College, and all the generous donors to the Arts Camp Forever Fund. A special thank you this year to Liz Rykert, who donated her winnings from the 2023 Truck and Boat Lottery to the fund. Miigwetch to Jennifer, our groovy bus driver, and to Wyatt and Becca, staff members of the TCF, and volunteers from Camp Wabun for their contributions. Chi Chi Miigwetch to Miss Quelia, Miss Vicky, Miss Heather, Miss Kimberly, Wayne, Patsy, Julia, Tessa, Miss Amber, and all the helpers who made the 2024 Arts Camp possible. We are so grateful for the gifts of time and knowledge you shared with us – from ribbon skirts and dreamcatchers to slime-making, photography, music, computers, beading, and medicine bundles. It was so much fun! Mike and I, along with our amazing team of helpers, have already started planning for Arts Camp 2025. We're excited to announce that we'll be expanding the Lego station, and we welcome any donations of Lego! We can't wait to see you in July 2025 and look forward to more wonderful moments together. Your input, ideas, and suggestions are always welcome.”

As we reflect on the success of Arts Camp 2024, we are reminded of the incredible strength of community here in Temagami – where friendships are forged, creativity flourishes, and everyone (young and old) plays a role in nurturing the vibrant spirit that makes this place so special. From the dedicated volunteers to the supportive families and generous donors, it is through your collective efforts that this camp continues to thrive. As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited to build on this momentum, expand our programming, and continue fostering connections that will last a lifetime. Thank you for being a part of the Arts Camp journey, and we can't wait to see you this summer!

Registration for Arts Camp 2025 will soon be available at www.temagamicommunityfoundation.com.

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- **Membership Directory:** contains listings of member names, addresses, island numbers, and Lake communities

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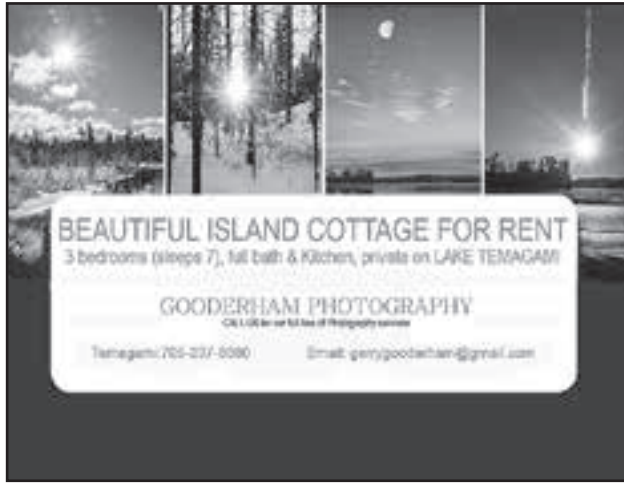
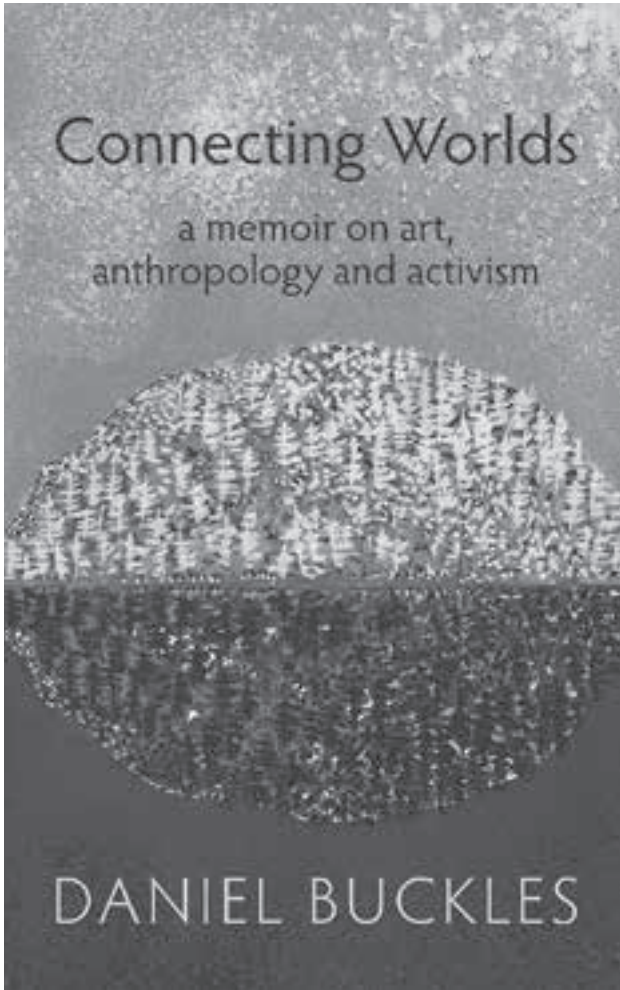
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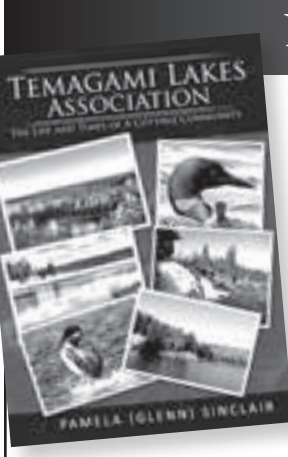
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