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FOREST SUCCESSION IN THE EASTERN WHITE-PINE FORESTS OF TEMAGAMI

The Temagami region of northeastern Ontario is home to some of the last remaining stands of oldgrowth Eastern White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) in Canada. These towering trees not only define the skyline of this transition forest – from the Great-Lakes St. Lawrence to the Boreal region – but also serve as a living testament to the ecological and cultural rich-

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By Marty Martelle, RPF

ness of the area.

The Eastern White Pine, Ontario's official provincial tree, is revered for both its beauty and ecological significance. It's not hard to understand why it holds a special place for many people - especially in Temagami. Along quiet lakeshores and ridges, white pines often rise above the forest canopy, with their tall, straight trunks topped by soft clusters of long, fragrant needles. Sitting in their shade on a warm, summer day, and listening to the wind blowing through their branches, can be a very relaxing experience. White pines can live up to 300 years – although most in Ontario's forests tend to be between 100 and 180 years-old. This shorter lifespan is often due to natural disturbances, such as insect outbreaks, disease, forest harvesting, and forest fires. Forest fires, historically, played a crucial ecological role in whitepine regeneration. Without fire, white-pine stands gradually decline due to natural forest succession.

Forest succession is the process through which one type of forest community gradually gives way to another over time – typically in response to changing environmental conditions, disturbances, or the natural growth and competition of tree and plant species. In the absence of fire, the white-pine forest begins to transition, as shade-tolerant species (such as, balsam fir, red maple, white spruce, and eastern white cedar)

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take root in the understory and slowly outcompete the more light-hungry, white-pine seedlings.

This species shift is easy to observe in Temagami's forests, particularly on islands or in the Skyline Reserve areas where fire suppression has been common for decades. In these places, white-pine seedlings are increasingly rare in the forest understory. Instead, young spruce, cedar, and fir trees are thriving in the dappled light beneath the aging pines. These more shade-tolerant species, if left undisturbed, will eventually form a new forest canopy, thereby changing the composition from a pine-dominated to a more mixed forest.

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President's Letter (April 2025)

Let me begin by saying that I am pleased to welcome Bill Bateman (Sharp Rock Inlet) and Brad Sablosky (Wabikon area) to our Board of Directors as of March 19, 2025. This brings the Board back to its full complement of nine members!

We will have another couple of spots available starting on September 1st. If you would like to join the Board, or wish to nominate other members, please do not hesitate to put any names forward! Someone from the South Arm of the Lake might be interested in a Director position – which would then ensure representation from all arms of the Lake.

As many of you may know, the Official Plan (OP) was adopted by the Municipality of Temagami in February and sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review prior its final "stamp of approval". We had a great team that helped to steer the OP into a document that ensures the Lake is protected for future generations, as this plan has a life expectancy of many years.

Speaking of other generations ... We encourage the adult children of members to join the Association to support our efforts in keeping Lake Temagami and Cross Lake as pristine and clean as possible into the future.

By the time you read this letter, I'm presuming that the Lake will be top of mind for many and beckoning you to return. I trust your bags are mostly packed and plans have been put in place for your time here on the Lake.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to the "TLA Member Survey" in January. Our mostexcellent Executive Director (a.k.a. Linda Bangay) has provided a summary of the survey in this edition of the *Times.* Should you prefer the full survey results, please contact Linda.

There have been some requests for extra, TLA summer events – aside from the BBQ and AGM in July. Accordingly, your Board is looking into hosting a first-aid education session, as well as a fire-pump demonstration this summer. I have also been in contact with the Tema-gami Library (via Carol Lowery) to see if we can offer a couple of mornings of storytelling and snacking for youngsters (and their guardians). We will keep you up to date on these developments.

I would like to remind members that the TLA communication platforms (the website's blog postings and the Facebook page) are available to members who would like to promote an activity on the Lake – whether it be a regatta, pick-up baseball, board games, a jam session, or a forest walk. Let your imagination run wild. Activities may require volunteers, though!

Summer 2025 hours and services for the TLA building are listed in the "TLA Business" section of this issue of the *Times*.

I will continue to bring the TLA's concerns to Temagami Council (e.g., regarding invasive species, municipal services, etc.) and will do so until there is some kind of acknowledgement that all ratepayers, regardless of their addresses, deserve equal attention from the Municipality.

If there is an issue that your TLA Board is not addressing, do not hesitate to let us know. You know how to reach me. Safe travels!

- Nickie Brooker (bromnal@ontera.net)



Sunset Down (photo by Gooderham Photography)

TENETS FOR TEMAGAMI

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.

SKYLINE RESERVE

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.

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.



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.

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.

Forest Succession in the Eastern White-Pine Forests of Temagami

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Anyone who has been a cottager or lived in the Temagami area for a long time will have noticed this succession process in action. If the forest overstory of your island is dominated by white pines, think back to this area 20 or 30 years ago. If you have not removed many trees over the years or experienced much blowdown, the understory will be much denser than it used to be. It will also be dominated, not by small white pines, but by shade-tolerant species (e.g., fir, maple, and spruce). Over the long-term, these species will form the new canopy of the forest.

White pines are a "mid-tolerant" species when it comes to shade. They need more sunlight than many of the trees that now compete with them for space and resources. Fire historically created the perfect conditions for white-pine regeneration: it cleared out the understory, reduced competition, and exposed the mineral soil in which white-pine seeds could germinate and grow. Mature white pines that survived the fire would then cast their seeds onto this refreshed landscape, leading to a new generation of trees.

Historically, Indigenous peoples across Ontario used low-intensity, controlled burns to manage the landscape, reduce wildfire risk to their communities, and encourage new plant growth for their own food (and for the wildlife species that they hunted). This historical use of fire helped shape some of the mosaic of forest types seen in the region today.

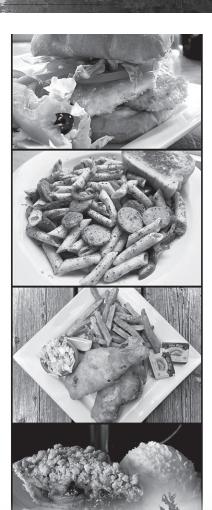
In modern forestry, lessons from these natural processes are applied through a silviculture system known as "shelterwood". In white-pine-dominated areas, this system is designed to mimic the effects of a natural forest fire. Thus, foresters carefully plan staged harvests to open up the canopy in phases to allow sunlight to reach the forest floor. When seed production from the large trees is high – typically every three to five years – natural regeneration can occur. In other cases, tree planting may be required. Because there is often no fire to reduce competing vegetation, additional treatments (mechanical or chemical) are often used to ensure white-pine seedlings get the light and nutrients they need to survive.

As these seedlings grow, the remaining overstory is gradually removed in two or more additional harvest entries. A few tall "super-canopy" trees are left behind to provide habitat and seed sources – mimicking the few survivors of a forest fire – and eventually, a new stand of white pine matures. This sustainable approach allows for long-term forest renewal, while preserving wildlife habitat and cultural values.

Though we often think of forests as fixed landscapes, the reality is that they are always in flux. The process is just slow enough that most of us don't notice the changes until decades have passed. By understanding the dynamics of forest succession and the specific needs of white pines, we can better conserve and manage these iconic forests for future generations.



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Temagami Eastern White Pine on Island 817

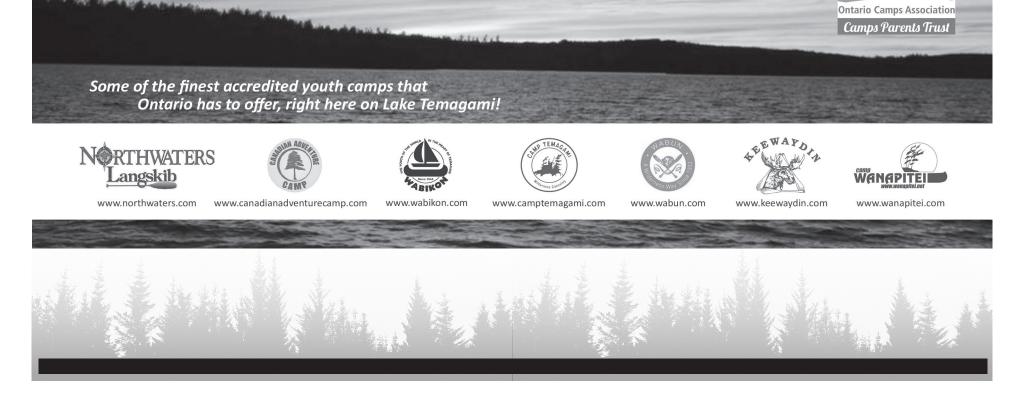
(photo by Marty Martelle)



	Aquatic Invasive Species in the Temagami Area		
Species	Impacts	Locations	What You Can Do
Invasive Phragmites	 This plant crowds out native vegetation, thereby resulting in decreased plant biodiversity. It generally provides poor habitat and food supplies for wildlife, including some "species at risk". It grows very quickly. In doing so, it lowers water levels – because water is transpired (given off as water vapour through the leaves) faster than it would be by native vegetation. It increases fire hazards, as stands contain a high percentage of dead stalks. It can affect agriculture, cause road-safety hazards, and impact activities, such as swimming, boating, and angling. (<i>image credit: USDA NRCS PLANTS Database, Bugwood.org</i>) 	 roadside areas of Highway 11 (from North Bay to Temagami) Lake Temagami Access Road Jumping Cariboo Lake Wasaksina Lake 	 (i) Report sightings to the "Invading Species Hotline" at: 1-800-563-7711. (ii) Visit EDDMapS to map and report invasive species sightings at: <u>www.</u> <u>eddmaps.org</u>.
Eurasian Watermilfoil	 Reduced oxygen levels in the water from decomposing Eurasian Watermilfoil plants can kill fish. Thick mats of this plant can hinder recreational activities, such as swimming, boating, and fishing. Dense stands can create stagnant water, which is ideal habitat for mosquitoes. (<i>image credit: University of Florida / IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants</i>) 	 Temagami Town docks other shallow, shoreline areas near the Town docks 	 (i) Before leaving the Town docks, ensure that all plant material is removed from your motor's lower unit and propeller. Avoid other affected areas. (ii) "Clean, Drain, and Dry" all watercraft when moving between waterbodies. (iii) Report sightings to the "Invading Species Hotline". (iv) Visit EDDMapS to map and report invasive-species sightings.
Spiny Waterflea	 Researchers believe that Spiny Waterfleas are the greatest threat to the biodiversity and structure of native zooplankton communities on the Canadian Shield since acid rain. Because their main diet is zooplankton, they reduce food supplies for small fish, and the young of sport fish (e.g., bass, walleye, and yellow perch). A few animals can quickly multiply into a large population. They are easily spread between waterbodies on angling equipment, and from bait buckets, live wells, and bilge water. Spiny Waterflea introductions result in an average 30% to 40% decline in native populations of zooplankton. (<i>image credit: Government of Manitoba</i>) 	• Access Road boat launch areas	 (i) Wipe down angling lines and equipment after use. (ii) "Clean, Drain, and Dry" all watercraft when moving between waterbodies. (iii) Report sightings to the "Invading Species Hotline". (iv) Visit EDDMapS to map and report invasive-species sightings.

Sources: Invasive Species Centre Website (2025) / Government of Ontario Website (2025)





Carol Lee Cochrane

By Linda Bangay

Carol Lee Cochrane was born in Toronto on March 17, 1937 and passed away in North Bay on December 17, 2024 with her daughter and son-in-law by her side.

Carol's favourite place in the world was Lake Temagami. She spent most summers of her life on the Lake – first at the original Camp Temagami (founded in 1903 by her grandfather, A. L. Cochrane) and later at her own property (Island 817 in Cross Bay). As Carol's grandfather also founded the Royal Life Saving Society Canada or RLSSC (now the Lifesaving Society) in the early 1900s, swimming and lifesaving skills were a big part of her life. Carol would go on to earn Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit, and Distinction awards from the RLSSC.

While caring for her two, young children in North Bay in the 1970s, Carol was also a parttime swimming instructor with the YMCA and a yoga instructor with the Department of Parks and

Recreation. She spent hundreds of hours volunteering for the Temagami Lakes Association and several environmental organizations. She retired in 1994 after a decade of work in the "Bridges to Community Living" pro-



Ivy (Laronde) Goodwin With Carol on Lake Temagami – Circa 1957 (photo submission by Linda Bangay)

gram at the Canadian Mental Health Association North Bay and District, where she provided support to clients with mentalhealth and addiction issues. Carol was also an avid crosscountry skier, canoeist, reader, and writer.

Sadly, Carol had dementia for several years, and since 2016 lived on Pier One at Water's Edge Care Community in North Bay. The nurses, personal support workers, and other frontline support staff at this facility are truly wonderful people and provided Carol with kind, compassionate, and dignified care for eight years. As Water's Edge is situated on Lake Nipissing, Carol would sometimes think she was at her treasured Lake Temagami cottage.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Linda Bangay (Marty Martelle), husband, Jim Hasler, best friend, Ivy (Laronde) Goodwin, and friends and cousins in *ch* Canada and the U.K.

> Carol was predeceased by: her grandparents, Arthur and Annie Cochrane; mother, Margaret Cochrane (nee Baker); father, Gilbert Cochrane;

step-mother, Louise Cochrane (nee Smith); aunts; ex-husband; and, son.

Carol was passionate about the cats and dogs (and other companion animals) that were such a large part of her life – so, donations made in her memory to the North Bay and District Humane Society (**www.northbayhumanesociety.ca**) or All Heart Pet Rescue in Powassan (**www.allheartpetrescue.com**) would be very much appreciated.

Travelling to the Temagami cottage won't quite be the same this year. But, Carol's memory will always be present as we listen to the loons calling and the wind blowing through the pines, watch the glorious sunsets, go swimming off the dock, search for turtles in Turtle Bay, climb High Rock, and paddle a canoe to her favourite Lake haunts.

Carol and Linda Paddle Near Their Cross Bay Cottage in 2016 (photo by Marty Martelle)

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Carol Sits on the Sleeping Cabin Porch

of Island 817 in 1983

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REMEMBERING

Albert David May (May 6, 1933 - December 24, 2024)

With immense sadness, we said good-bye to David May on Christmas Eve 2024 at the age of 91. He died peacefully at the Algonquin Nursing Home in Mattawa, Ontario.

Born in Toronto, David was the third of four brothers of Albert and Marion May. Albert was the Supervisor of the A & P Tea Company for territories in both Northern and Southern Ontario, but the boys spent their formative years in Haileybury and North Bay. Through his travels, Albert fell deeply in love with the Temagami area and built a cottage on Island 25 in 1945. The graves of Albert and Marion remain there to this day, and Temagami became an indelible part of the May DNA.

David graduated from Haileybury High School as the top Ontario Scholar and then went on to attend the University of Toronto, completing the honours

physics program as an undergraduate. He continued as a graduate student with Professor J.C. Stryland and received his PhD degree in 1957. He joined the University of Toronto faculty as a professor in the early 1960s, taking on a vigorous experimental research program in spectroscopy, as well as undergraduate teaching. In 1981, David was named a Fellow of the Optical Society of America (now known as Optica) – the professional society of researchers in the physics of light.

At the age of 36, David took his first wife and their four children to France on a nine-month sabbatical, where he taught and conducted research at the University of Grenoble. When he returned to Ontario, he built a four-bedroom cottage on Island 1090 with the help of his father. David never had the thought that "this can't be done" about anything. Family lore has it that while working on the foundations of the cottage, there was a particularly difficult stump in the way – so David and his father thought it



David Building the Cottage, Circa 1968 (photo submission by Catherine May)



May Brothers on Island 25: Left to Right – David, Larry, Roy, John (photo submission by Catherine May)

would be a good idea to use dynamite. Albert lit the fuse and then ran to the dock where they jumped in the boat to get farther away. With an ear-shattering explosion, the stump sailed up and over the towering pines and splashed into the bay. Clearly, it could be done ...

> David continued working on the cottage, the docks, the boathouse, and the water tower / woodshed. He enlisted his four young children, who spent many summers collecting rocks for the cribs in the little "seven and a half" – a 14-foot aluminum boat with a 7.5-hp Evinrude motor.

> As he got older, David found that the cottage becoming less of a focus in his life, and he made the decision to sell it in 2009 – but his heart still longed for Temagami. He continued to return to the Lake every year to enjoy canoe tripping, although after one particularly

> > difficult portage at Fat Man's Falls, he is known to have written in his journal, "Improvements for next year: STAY HOME!"

David is predeceased by his parents, Albert and Marion, by his brother, Roy, and by his first wife, Nancy. He is survived by: his second wife, Desiree (with whom he shared a deeplyloving and supportive relationship of 37 years); his brothers, Larry and John; his four children, Lawrence (Iveta), Peter, Patricia (Tim), and Catherine; his grandchildren, Darien, Ryan, and Dominika (Dave); and his great-grandchildren, Iris and Jack.

David's life was rich and full – truly welllived. He was that unique combination of "Doer" *and* "Thinker". He could read a book of nothing but physics equations in the morning and then go out and chop wood all afternoon. David will be lovingly remembered for his kind, gentle manner, and his playfulness, sharp intelligence, and can-do attitude towards life.

David in Cross Bay on a Canoe Trip en Route to Cross Lake (photo submission by Catherine May)



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Donald Clarence Hindson, KC

(March 1, 1932 – January 25, 2025)

With great sadness, we announce that Donald Clarence Hindson passed away peacefully in his 93rd year on January 25, 2025 at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood, Ontario, with his daughter, Donna, at his side. Don's enormous enthusiasm for life and sly wit only faded in his last hours. The Loons had called.

Don was predeceased by his loving wife, Mary Christine Robb (Chris), and his best friend and son, Robb. He is survived by his daughter, Donna (Hindson) Opzoomer, and son-in-law, Mark Opzoomer.

Don was a lifetime lover of Temagami. He maintained his connection with Temagami where his grandfather was the Chief Ranger, and where his family and son had an island cottage for decades. He cherished his annual canoe trips on the lakes, hearing the loons, and visiting his friends on the islands of this special place. The (photo

family would like to thank all those who met Don and supported him throughout his many years in Temagami. He loved it so much!

Don was born on March 1, 1932 to the late Theo and Stanley Hindson in Timmins, Ontario. He was a northerner at heart and often made it clear! Don graduated as Class President from Timmins High School in 1949 and went on to study at Carleton University, where he played football, skied competitively, and graduated with a BA. After a brief stint in the Canadian Army, he chose to pursue law school at Osgoode Hall and graduated in 1957.

While at law school, he met the love of his life, Chris Robb, of Markham (then still a farming community). Not

a city boy, he joined a law firm in Markham, which became Cattanach Hindson Sutton VanVeldhuizen. Here he practiced law for over 60 years and was a force to be reckoned with. Don was a widely-recognised expert in planning law and OMB [Ontario Municipal Board] matters, and contributed significantly to the commercial development of the Markham Unionville area. Don was appointed to the King's Counsel (KC) in 1971. Many of Don's clients became lifelong friends. Don was proud to walk into the office every day to help clients, friends, and family, and to serve his community.

Forever true to his smalltown roots, Don was generous in his commit-



Don – The Proud Owner of the Family Island 944 – by the Boathouse Door (photo submission by Donna Hindson-Opzoomer)

Don Drives His Boat on Lake Temagami

(photo submission by Donna Hindson-Opzoomer)

ment to community and civic matters, including providing local, legal-aid services. Some of his positions included: Chair of

Legal Aid for Civil Appeals Metropolitan Toronto; board member of the Police Services Commission; Chair of the Foundation Board of Directors York Region Policy Business Plan; board member of the Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery; and, President of the York North Law Association. He also received the Markham Board of Trade 2009 Business Excellence Award, and was an active participant in the Lions Club. His extensive volunteer work culminated with Don being named as the 2022 recipient of the prestigious Anthony Roman Award, which honours an individual who

> is a community leader, has been successful in their own business, has helped other companies succeed, and has taken a very active part in contributing to

the Markham community.

Don and Chris settled in Markham, and later in life they moved to Collingwood to be closer to the outdoor life, Temagami, and their cottage on Lake Rosseau - where Don paddled his red canoe every summer morning until he was 90 years-old. Chopping wood, hauling rocks, and building "something" were essential activities until 5:00 p.m. when cocktail hour became the priority. Don was an avid skier (which started with him helping to build the Kamiskotia Ski Club at Mount Jamieson in Timmins), a founding member of the Hidden Valley Ski Club in Huntsville, and, later, a member of Craigleith Ski Club in Collingwood.

Don was a great Canadian, true gen-

tleman, devoted husband, proud father, and uncle. Don was selfless, thoughtful, and compassionate toward others to the end. He will long be cherished.

A private service was held in Collingwood. A "celebration of life" will be held later in the summer. The family requested that, if inclined, donations to the Temagami Community Foundation, specifying the "Robb Hindson Bursary Fund for Education", would be appreciated. Don participated in this organization for the last five years and, as always, found great joy in helping others.





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Peter Drenth

(1940-2025)

Peter Peters Drenth was born on April 1, 1940 to Jerry and Mary Drenth in Ludjegast, Netherlands. Peter loved the Netherlands, but was proud to be Canadian and proud of his parents' hard work to make a better life for their family. He never stopped dreaming of eating salted herring and freshly-caught ocean fish, walking the cobbled streets, and revisiting the places he knew so well in his childhood. If there was food on the table that he didn't want, he would say that his mother didn't make it in Ludjegast - as though that was the only reason he needed for not eating it.

Peter married Annemarie DeKlerk in 1963, and they enjoyed 62 years of partnership and working together to create a beautiful life - first in the Dunnville, Ontario area and then in Temagami. Early in their marriage, they vacationed at Bambi Lodge, never imagining that they would come to rent, and later own, that property.

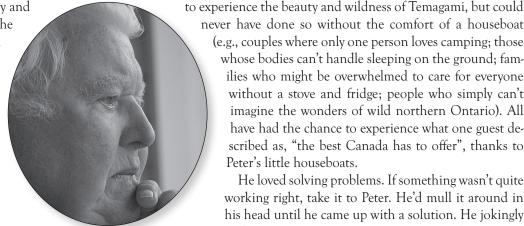
They made great memories vacationing in Temagami by fishing, swimming, water skiing, and enjoying time with family.

They moved to Temagami in the fall of 1979 with a dream to run a houseboat business. People told Peter he was crazy and that he would fail. He refused to believe them. Peter took his "grade 12 education" (to grade 6 in the Netherlands and again to grade 6 in Canada) and did "the impossible".

The early days of life in Temagami weren't easy, and the houseboats cost more than they made - but, he wasn't afraid to work hard. He worked at the liquor store, drove a school bus, cleaned the MNR building, and provided icefishing and charter-fishing trips to finance the building of his houseboat fleet. Peter designed the houseboats in his head and

made very few modifications to the original design after an initial prototype. Forty-five years and twenty-two houseboats later have proven that Peter's dream was worth every frustration and every hour of hard work. Peter and Annemarie created something people loved: cozy, little, brown houseboats that pilot them toward adventures on beautiful Lake Temagami.

People who have travelled the world keep saying that Peter's dream provided the best vacation they've ever had. Many people have had the chance



Peter enjoyed designing and problem solving, which made his houseboats loved by his customers. (photo submission by Gwen Drenth)



Peter enjoyed fishing and was a guide in the 1980s on Lake Temagami. (photo submission by Gwen Drenth)

bornness) and a humour that kept us all laughing. We will remember him always, as we hear the houseboats singing at the dock and welcoming guests to enjoy boating on our beautiful Lake. Thanks, Peter, for dreaming and for working hard to make your dream a reality!

(e.g., couples where only one person loves camping; those

whose bodies can't handle sleeping on the ground; fam-

ilies who might be overwhelmed to care for everyone

without a stove and fridge; people who simply can't imagine the wonders of wild northern Ontario). All

have had the chance to experience what one guest de-

scribed as, "the best Canada has to offer", thanks to

He loved solving problems. If something wasn't quite

working right, take it to Peter. He'd mull it around in

his head until he came up with a solution. He jokingly

said that the answer often came to him while sitting on

the toilet. He enjoyed building things, usually designed

in his head. Peter loved his houseboats, and until he

turned 81, he came to work every day to lend a hand.

Lake Temagami.

He loved to make people welcome and tell

them tall tales of fishing and boating on

Peter served his community on Temaga-

mi's Town Council for two terms. He was

especially proud of his hard work, which

resulted in the professional ambulance service our community enjoys today.

Peter was determined and a fighter.

Over the past two years, he resolved to

walk again three times, and worked hard

to make it happen. This past fall, as he was

getting back on his feet, his body started to

give out. He had a stroke, which began a

gradual decline that ended with his pass-

While Peter didn't enjoy the loss of in-

dependence that he experienced over the

past two years, he met his struggles head

on with determination (or Dutch stub-

ing on February 19, 2025.

Peter's little houseboats.

Peter with his wife, Annemarie, and granddaughter, Abby, enjoying their favourite spot in Cross Lake. (photo submission by Gwen Drenth)





Larry was the son of the Dave and Metta Gerstner, original owners of Island 830 in the hub of Lake Temagami (and purchased for \$75 in 1950). Larry is survived by his wife, Joyce Gerstner, and three sisters, Susan Picker, Linda Berteau (Paul Berteau), and Nancy Leggett (Bill Leggett) - all of whom have enjoyed many great experiences with Larry on the Lake.

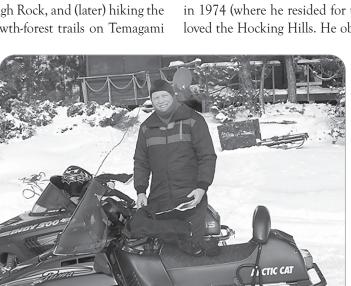
Larry first experienced Lake Temagami and island living when he was six years-old. At that time, the family's primitive cabin had a generator for electricity, a honeybucket latrine, and an ice-box refrigerator, and they drank water from, and bathed in, the Lake. Larry loved to catch goggle-eye fish from the island's point, but quickly mastered catching pickerel, bass, an eight-pound pike (1975), and lake trout.

Larry was always involved in designing and implementing improvements to island living. Creativity was usually needed to find solutions to the challenges of daily living on the island. He had a great talent for thinking "outside the box".

Larry always looked forward to spending time almost every summer on Island 830 with family, friends, and pets. He enjoyed the island and Lake activities of fishing, picking blueberries, wiener and marshmallow campfire roasts, fish fries, hikes to the top of High Rock, and (later) hiking the mosquito-infested, old-growth-forest trails on Temagami

Island. Many games were played when the water was rough or it was raining. Happy hours and star gazing were always great pastimes.

During several winters, Larry led a group of family members and friends on snowmobile trails around Lake Temagami, the "merry-go-round" on Temagami Island, and over the Lake to stay on the family island. Larry's creativity was

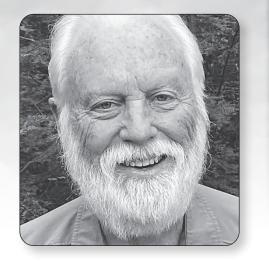


Snowmobiling On and Around Lake Temagami in March 2004 (photo submission by Joyce Gerstner)

especially apparent in the winter while creating "luxury" living in the cabin - with only the heat of the woodburning stove and water retrieved from under the lake ice.

Tribute to Larry Gerstner

September 2, 1947 – February 16, 2025



Larry attended Hilliard High School and the University of Cincinnati - where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Larry joined the Peace Corps in 1971 and spent three years in the Kingdom of Tonga in charge of road and airport construction and maintenance for the country. He moved to Hocking County, Ohio in 1974 (where he resided for the rest of his life), as he loved the Hocking Hills. He obtained his registered En-

> gineer and Surveyor licenses. In 1976, he was elected Hocking County Engineer.

One of Larry's great pleasures was finding the need for, and starting, new business enterprises. His many business startups helped build the Hocking County's tourism industry and employed many local people. He was a founding partner in the Hocking Valley Canoe Livery - one of

the first tourism-related businesses in the area. He was also the driving force behind the development and operation of Hocking Hills Canopy Tours - the first zipline in the Midwest. Larry was a founder and partner is many other businesses, most of which are still operating, and Larry enjoyed being involved with them until his death.

Larry also donated much of his time to serving on several boards in Hocking County and organized the restoration of the Logan Theater and Community Arts Center. His proudest accomplishment was in transforming a swamp in West Logan into Mingo Park for the recreational needs of community youth.

Larry started skiing at age 13 - on the first day that commercial snow-skiing opened in Ohio. He continued his love of downhill skiing throughout his life. He was also a scuba diver. Since he began traveling around the world in 1974, he managed to cover most of the globe during his frequent travels.



Larry With His Dad in July 1993 (photo submission by Joyce Gerstner)

Larry lived life to its fullest. He always looked forward to the blue waters, tall pines, sunsets, sound of waves and loons, and smells (especially of fish frying and blueberry pies/pancakes) of Lake Temagami!

Fire Safety in Remote Areas

Forest fires are a fact of life in Ontario, and cottagers are among those who are potentially at risk from the threat of fire.

cies, communities, and individual property owners. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) plays a leading role in forest-fire prevention and response. Collaborating with provincial agencies and the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, the MNR supports programs such as FireSmartTM Canada (https://firesmartcanada.ca) to assist communities and homeowners in reducing wildfire risks.

Due to the increasing wildfire threats, the MNR introduced Bill 228 - the proposed Resource Management and Safety Act, 2024 - last November. This Act modernizes wildfire management and replaces the outdated Forest Fires Prevention Act (1999) with the Wildland *Fire Management Act –* which introduces key updates:



To Report a Wildfire:

- ◆ Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario: Call 310-3473.
- ◆ Central and South Ontario: Call 9-1-1 or your local fire department.
- Access a map of current forest-fire hazard-levels across the country from the Canadian Wildland Fire Information System at: https://cwfis.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/interactive-map
- The "Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating" is a national system to rate the risk of forest fires, based on a variety of factors, such as ease of ignition and difficulty of control.
- The Province of Ontario posts general information about "Restricted Fire Zones", which limit the use of open fires in specific areas, at: www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-firerestrictions.
- Municipalities post current fire-danger ratings and fire restrictions during the fire season (April 1 to October 31 each year) and impose fines for failing to comply with local fire bans.

November 2024:

Ontario's waterfront communities are valued for their proximity to forests, but many face a growing wildfire risk. Managing this threat requires collective action from agen-

- Definition of Wildland Fire: expands to include fires in diverse vegetation types, such as grasslands, peatlands, and agricultural areas;
- Municipal Wildland Fire-Management Plans: require fire-prone municipalities and specific organizations to create comprehensive fire-management plans;
- Enhanced Emergency Powers: empowers the Minister to declare wildfire emergency areas, set restricted fire zones, and extend the fire season year-round, if necessary;
- Wildland Fire Officer Powers: authorizes officers to extinguish fires, enter private property, investigate wildfire causes, and issue fines for violations.

Take Action to Protect Your Property:

Even with the measures above, homeowners play a role in reducing wildfire risks and keeping their families and properties safe. Simple steps, such as clearing flammable debris and creating fire-defensible properties, can make a big difference. Review this guide for exterior property suggestions: www.intactcentreclimateadaptation.ca/wp-content/ uploads/2023/12/IntactCentre_3-steps-to-a-cost-effective-FireSmart-Home-QR.pdf. For more forest-fire prevention tips, visit www.ontario.ca/page/how-prevent-forestfires.

Source: Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations Website, 2024

EMEMBERING

Lorie Elizabeth Hunter

Lorie Elizabeth Hunter passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at the North Bay Regional Health Centre on Saturday, February 15, 2025 – after a brief, but courageous, battle with cancer. She was 68 years-old.

Lorie was born and raised in Toronto. Her parents were both educators, which gave Lorie and her two sisters the opportunity to live and attend school in Kenya while their parents taught during their sabbatical leave. Lorie had fond memories of her experiences in Kenya, and there she made lifelong friendships.

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Lorie spent her summers at their family cottage in Washago, Ontario. It was here that she learned to drive boats, paddle canoes, and swim! All of these skills came in very handy for her future life on Lake Temagami.

After Lorie completed her education, she settled in the Kitchener/Waterloo/Cambridge area and worked as a bookkeeper for several firms. She then met the love of her life, Don Johnson. Don brought her to Lake



Lorie With Her Grandchildren (photo submission by Don Johnson)

municipal politics. Lorie served with distinction as a Councillor for 11 years, and as Mayor for six years, and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service and municipal governance. Throughout her tenure, Lorie played a key role in shaping local policy, advancing community initiatives, and foster-

Temagami (where he spent summers), and Lorie fell in love for a second time. They made the decision to make Lake Temagami their permanent home – one that Lorie never regretted.

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Lorie's happy place was in her chair on their dock (with a good book). From break-up to freezeup, she loved swimming in our pristine lake. Don and Lorie raised their two boys, Spencer and Braydon Johnson, on Lake Temagami. When the boys reached school age, Lorie stayed in town with them during the week and returned home to the Lake on week-ends. It was at this time that Lorie became active in ing growth in Temagami, while always defending the "Tenets For Temagami". Even after leaving Council, Lorie continued to contribute her time and expertise to numerous boards and committees. Her extensive service to the community included: President: Lake Temagami Permanent Residents' Association, Vice Chair: District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board, Chair: District of Nipissing Non-Profit Housing Corporation, Chair: Police Services Board, Board Member: Au Château Home for the Aged, Member: Temagami Public Library Board, and, Member: Planning Advisory Committee.

Lorie was predeceased by her parents, Garth and Helen Hunter, and her in-laws, Garth and Donna Johnson. She will be forever missed by: her partner, Don Johnson; their children, Spencer (Kass) and Braydon; and, her two precious grandchildren.

She will be lovingly remembered by her sister, Joanne Shaw (Ed), and her brother, Don Hunter. Lorie was also a younger sister to Lesley Pearson (Brian). She will be missed by Don's brother, Mark Johnson, and Don's sister, Cheryl Johnson, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Those who worked alongside Lorie are grateful for her years of dedication to the Municipality. Those who loved Lorie will miss her always and are thankful to have had her in their lives.

On the first nice day this summer, do what Lorie would have wanted us all to do ... Sit on your dock, and then go for a swim!

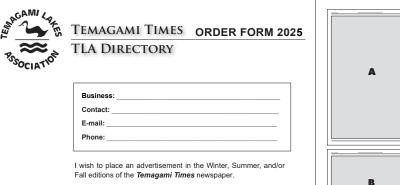


Lorie With Sons, Braydon and Spencer, Husband, Don, Daughter-in-Law, Kass, and Grandchildren (photo submission by Don Johnson)

Temagami "Good Reads" List

Here are several recommendations for books about the Temagami region: Books by TLA Members (Past and Present):

- ✦ Blockades and Resistance: Studies in Actions of Peace and the Temagami Blockades of 1988-89 edited by Bruce W. Hodgins, Ute Lischke, and David T. McNab
- Camp Temagami: A Summer Camp for Men and Boys by Arthur L. Cochrane
- ◆ Paradis of Temagami: The Story of Charles Paradis, 1848-1926: Northern Priest, Colonizer, and Rebel – by Bruce W. Hodgins
- ✦ Temagami poems by Jim Flosdorf
- ✤ Temagami Cooks: A Collection of Recipes Compiled by the Temagami Lakes Association
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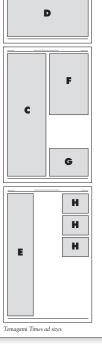
- The Temagami Experience: Recreation, Resources, and Aboriginal Rights in the Northern Ontario Wilderness – by Bruce W. Hodgins and Jamie Benidickson
- ✤ Walleye: An Ecothriller in Temagami by P.W. Ross

Books by Other Authors:

- ✤ Bill Guppy: King of the Woodsmen by Hal Pink
- ✦ Canoeing, Kayaking & Hiking Temagami compiled and illustrated by Hap Wilson
- Grey Owl and Me: Stories from the Trail and Beyond by Hap Wilson (illustrated by Hap Wilson and Ingrid Zschogner)
- ♦ Spirit of the Red Pine by Partners for Wolf Lake
- ✤ Temagami by Michael Barnes
- ✤ Temagami: A Wilderness Debate edited by Matt Bray and Ashley Thomson
- ✤ Temagami: A Wilderness Paradise compiled and illustrated by Hap Wilson
- ✤ Temagami Canoe Routes compiled and illustrated by Hap Wilson
- ✤ Temagami's Story by John E. Guppy
- ✤ Temagami's Tangled Web: Race, Gender, and the Making of Canadian Nature by Jocelyn Thorpe
- ✤ Temagami Stories: Alex Mathias as told to Chris Beeman
- ✤ The Cabin: A Search for Personal Sanctuary by Hap Wilson
- ✤ The Singing Canoe by Eva-Lis Wuorio

Of course, this inventory is not exhaustive. If can think of any books that are missing, please send a note to **<u>tla@onlink.net</u>**, and we'll add them to the list in the upcoming Fall issue of the *Temagami Times*.

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Temagami's New Official Plan – A Long Journey

By Brit Hyde

As anticipated, Temagami's Municipal Council voted to adopt a new Official Plan (OP) in February 2025. The new OP is now at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), which must also approve the plan before it becomes "Official". The new OP is the result of a long (and Covid-prolonged) process, and the investment of much time and expense by many parties.

Some Background:

In anticipation of a new OP, the TLA's "Planning and Municipal Affairs" committee had been thinking and learning about municipal planning leading up to the 2018 Municipal elections. Then, for many months in 2019, the TLA and our planner, Tony Usher, engaged with the Municipality's planner (MHBC) and Council on amendments to the previous OP. The TLA had an inkling that energy was afoot for more aggressive development in and around Temagami – based in part on some of the amendments to the old plan, which included: development of secondary-dwelling units; severance of properties; allowances for home industry; and, permitting equipment-storage yards throughout the municipality.

While the TLA is not anti-development, it is passionately focused on smart development and recommends that most development should be focused in the urban area. The TLA prioritizes protection of the Municipality's treasured cold-water lake resources, consistent with principles of the "Tenets for Temagami". There is simply no comparable resource in the rest of Ontario, and the ecosystem is fragile.

With much feedback from the TLA and our planner, amendments to the old OP (eventually adopted by the Municipal Council) were substantially improved through our engagement and input. Further, there were important lessons learned in that amendment process, and principles were established for the next big step: development of the <u>new</u> OP. Amending the old plan also reinforced a good relationship between the Municipality's planner and the TLA's planner. Both planning experts would work closely going forward, making for a strong, new Official Plan.

Applied Learning:

In 2019, the newly-elected Municipal Council began the process of developing a new OP – with considerable work performed by MHBC from 2021 to 2025. Not only was the previous OP aging, but the Province had been making many policy changes (some of which were addressed in the amendments mentioned above). This meant that Temagami's OP needed to be updated to become compliant with evolving Provincial policies.

On July 27, 2019, MHBC organized an "Open House Planning Session" in Temagami to kick off the development of the new OP, by collecting public input and discussing the process. That gathering was held in the afternoon – immediately after the TLA AGM (which was at Wabun earlier the same day). At the Open House, much was made by some attendees about how the current OP impeded development – and how long, confusing, and conflicting the OP guidelines were for people doing work in and around Temagami. There was direction from Council to simplify the OP, and to move away from the often-redundant, "many-neighborhoods" model of the previous OP.

In a burst of optimism, there was a general expectation that over the fall/winter/spring of 2019 and 2020, MHBC would develop a new draft OP. The new draft OP would then be available for discussion and input at a statutory public meeting (anticipated for the summer of 2020), and a final draft would likely be presented in the spring of 2021. Of course, no one could then anticipate how disruptive the Covid-19 pandemic would prove to be, or its collateral damage to governance.

Various *Temagami Times* articles over the years have detailed the long, and sometimes torturous, journey in developing the new OP. Past reports are available on the TLA website at: <u>https://tla-temagami.ca/localnews/municipality-planning-history</u>. Interested parties can also find the link to a comprehensive cache of TLA submissions to the various draft OPs on the website's homepage.

A Big Investment:

What may not be well appreciated is the substantial investment of volunteer hours by the TLA's Planning Committee and Board members, the many hours invested by Temagami Municipal Council and staff, and the consultant fees attributable to developing the new OP. The Municipality contracted with MHBC to provide a new OP for about \$128,000 (some of which was offset by Provincial funding). Separately, the TLA invested approximately \$20,000 in coordinating with our planner to develop the <u>new</u> Official Plan. This spending, while substantial, reflects the significance of a plan that will guide development in Temagami over the coming decades.

The Final OP Product:

It is worth noting that the vast majority of the TLA's recommendations on improving Version 2 of the Draft Official Plan were accepted and incorporated into the Final Draft presented to Council by MHBC in January 2025. Specifically, the TLA's submission regarding Version 2 (dated September 29, 2024) included over 30 detailed comments across 13 pages.

After MHBC presented the Final Draft of the OP to Council in January 2025, the TLA submitted an additional three-page document proposing further changes to that Final Draft. We requested deliberation of three remaining concerns, which Council asked MHBC to consider before final passage.

In the TLA's final submission to Council, our planner wrote: "So far as the TLA is concerned, the proposed Plan represents a fair and reasonable accommodation between the concerns we have expressed during the process, and the perspectives of your planners. 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."

While not all of the TLA's concerns were addressed in a manner that we would deem optimal, they were fairly considered, and the OP ultimately approved by Council satisfied the TLA's Planning Committee and Board. But that's not the end of the story! Once "officially" approved by MMAH, more work must be done to translate the new OP into a "Zoning By-Law". The Zoning By-Law will take direction from the new OP, and specify in detail how the OP will be applied. Throughout this next step, it's anticipated that the same planners, the Municipal Council, the TLA Planning Committee, and other interested parties will remain engaged as the Zoning By-Law is developed.

The TLA's "Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee":

Several of the TLA's past leaders serve on the TLA Planning Committee, which is now headed by new Chairperson, Lynn Buckham. Lynn has a professional background in planning and, together with the Planning Committee and Tony Usher, she will monitor development of the Zoning By-Law. There's still plenty of work to be done and much to evaluate. Lynn also serves on the TLA Board of Directors, and TLA members are encouraged to reach out to her with questions, concerns, or any interest to serve on the committee.



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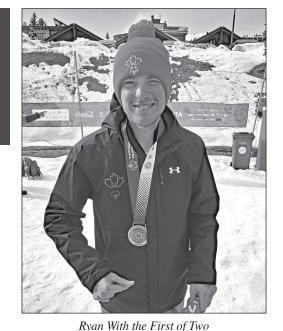
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Ryan Sorley at the Torino Games 2025

By Bob Sorley

Ryan Sorley, who has grown up vacationing at the family cottage on Island 510 in Triangle Bay, participated on the Team Canada Alpine Ski Team at the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Torino, Italy. He was invited to join team Canada after first being successful at the Provincial Games in 2023 and then again at the National Games in 2024.



Silver Medals in Alpine Skiing

(photo by Bob Sorley)

From March 8 to 15, 2025, the

Special Olympics held their World Winter Games in Torino, Italy. There were 102 countries which were represented by more than 1,500 athletes. Team Canada sent a team of 130 athletes from across the country, to compete in five of eight events: Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoe Racing, Figure Skating, and Short-Track Speed Skating.

The snow events were held in Sestriere – the location of the 2006 Winter Olympics and current FIS ski championships. The opening ceremonies were covered live on TSN, and some of the other events were covered online. The games were very successful for Team Canada, as we came home with 116 medals from our athletes. The Alpine Team accounted for more than 30 of those medals.

Ryan competed in the Giant Slalom, Super G, and Slalom races in the advanced division. He had a fifth-place finish and won two silver medals for his efforts. This was the experience of a lifetime for Ryan. He said that his favourite part was meeting and hanging around with the other athletes on the Canadian team, as well as working with the volunteer coaches and staff from Team Canada.



Ryan Competes in the "Super G" Event (photo by Bob Sorley)



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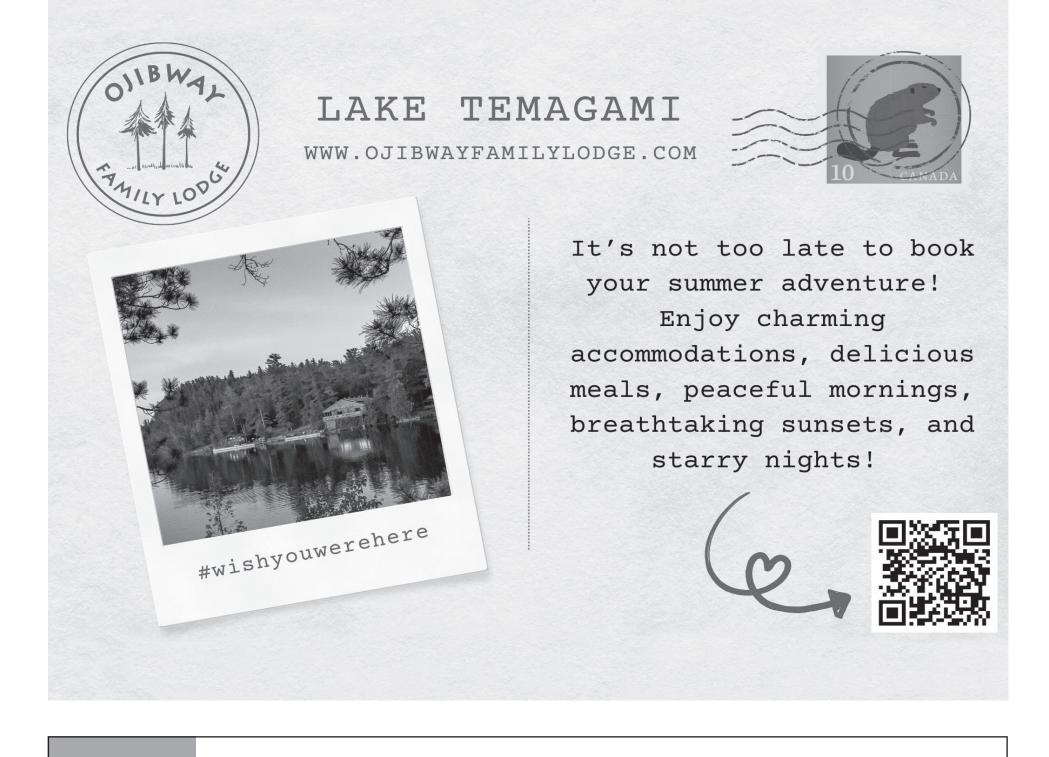
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Saturday, July 26, 2025 at CAMP WABUN.

Coffee: 9:30 a.m. Meeting: 10:00 a.m. Complimentary Lunch: after the meeting ends

Please RSVP and send questions and potential topics of discussion to <u>tla@onlink.net</u> by July 11, 2025.

TLA Welcomes New Board Members in March 2025

The vacant positions on the TLA Board were filled on March 19, 2025 by Bill Bateman (Islands 1230 and 1213, in Sharp Rock Inlet) and Brad Sablosky (Island 741, in the Hub).

The Bateman family has had a long history on Lake Temagami since purchasing Island 1230 in Sharp Rock Inlet many years ago. Four generations of the family have enjoyed the Lake, and Bill has been coming here since he was four years-old. Bill recently retired after a 42-year career in the telecommunications industry where he held management and consulting positions. Currently, he and his wife, and their children, spouses, and grandchildren spend as much time as possible on the Lake. Bill's other interests include becoming a better chef, aviation, playing and listening to music, and being a jack of all trades.

Brad has been coming to Temagami since he was a teen camper at Langskib canoe camp. He spent many years on the Lake as a trip leader and camp director, followed by a career as a professional firefighter/paramedic year-round and seasonal ski patroller in Southwestern Colorado. Brad has led wilderness medical training in the US, Canada, and Europe and worked for several professional and volunteer rescue organizations. When Brad and his wife bought their cottage four years ago, he retired from everything except ski-patrol work. With their two children, they intend to spend as much time as possible on the Lake. Brad is also a pilot and bases his Cessna float plane at Island 741 in the summer.

BLOG POSTS: Keep Up to Date with TLA and Temagami News Are you receiving blog posts from the Temagami Lakes Association? Don't miss local news, announcements, photos, and articles as they are displayed on the TLA website. Register to receive such items through your e-mail, by following these steps:

TLA Headquarters Building: Hours and Services (Summer 2025)

In 2025, the TLA Headquarters Building will be open from Saturday, June 28th to Saturday, August 30th – as follows:

- Tuesdays: noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursdays: noon to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: noon to 4:00 p.m.

A number of services will be offered in July and August:

- ✓ daily, VHF, marine-radio announcements on Channel 68
- ✓ incoming and outgoing mail for TLA members on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- ✓ Wi-Fi access inside the HQ, or outside the front door even when the building is closed (contact <u>tla@onlink.net</u> for the password)
- ✓ copies of the *Temagami Times* (Summer 2025)
- ✓ 2021 Lake Temagami shoal maps (\$30.00/map for members)
- 75th-anniversary (2006), decorative wall maps of Lake Temagami (\$25.00/map for members)
- Temagami old-growth posters (\$25.00 for members)
- ✓ TLA t-shirts (\$20.00 for members)
- ✓ TLA ball caps (\$30.00 for members)
- ✓ TLA: The Life and Times of a Cottage Community history books (\$15.00/book for members)
- Temagami Cooks cookbooks (\$5.00/book for members)
- Lake Temagami placemats, TLA licence-plate frames, and TLA window decals
 outdoor privy
- ✓ drop off for unopened, non-perishable food items for the Temagami Food Bank

It's best to phone ahead (705-237-8927) – to ensure that the Headquarters staff will be on site when you arrive.

If you have any questions, please contact the TLA at **<u>tla@onlink.net</u>**.

Correction to "TERAS Update 2024" (from the Winter 2025 *Times*)

By Tim Richardson, TERAS Chair

Please note that in my "TERAS Update 2024" article in the Winter 2025 issue of the *Temagami Times*, a reporting error occurred.

During collection for the TERAS-sponsored paleolimnology project, the second lake-sediment sample was, in fact, taken from a point in the NE Arm of Lake Temagami, southwest of Ferguson Point (rather than, as reported, near the mouth of the North Tetapaga River).

Results of all three samples collected will be available in the late summer of 2025.

For Sale: TLA Board Table and Benches

Because the Ministry of Natural Resources has ended the land-use permit for the TLA Headquarters (HQ) building as of December 31, 2025, we will be required to take down the building and other structures this Fall.

Accordingly, we must find a good home for the TLA Board table and four benches (see accompanying photo). Dimensions are as follows:

TABLE:147" long x 51" wide x 31" high (with a 4" thick
'skirt/edge' around the top surface)BENCHES (X 4):74 3/4" long x 14 3/4" wide x 18 1/2" high

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onlink.net. Bidding starts at \$500.00, and the highest bid received by August 15, 2025 will win. The table and benches must then be removed from the building by August 22, 2025. Members are more than welcome to view the table and benches at the HQ during operating hours in July and August. If you have any questions or

would like to see additional photos, please send a message to **<u>tla@onlink.net</u>**.

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

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

TLA Business

TLA Summer BBQ 2025

The TLA Summer BBQ will be held on **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 to assist us in organizing food and beverages.

"Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge" 2025

Over the years, the amount of garbage floating in the water and sitting on the shorelines of lakes in the Temagami area has increased. Of particular concern are plastics, as they can take hundreds of years to break down. They may never do so entirely, but instead disintegrate into smaller and smaller pieces – which can have negative impacts on wildlife.

To help address this issue, the Temagami Lakes Association (TLA) is once again inviting anyone who resides on, or enjoys, Lake Temagami and other area lakes to participate in the

"Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge". From July 1 to August 31, 2025, we encourage year-round and seasonal residents, as well as visitors, to seek out and collect trash that is in the water or on mainland or island shorelines.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the summer season in these categories:

- (a) "Most Trash Collected"
- (b) "Most-Unique Piece of Trash"
- (c) "Oldest Piece of Trash"
- (d) "Most-Useful Piece of Trash"
- (e) "Largest Piece of Trash"
- (f) "Children's Entries"

Please dispose of all items appropriately, and e-mail a photo(s) of your trashcollection efforts to the TLA at **tla@ onlink.net** by **August 31st**. Let's help to



In 2024, Kevin Brown of Angus Lake Won a Gift Basket from Blooms 'N Loons in the "Most Trash Collected" Category. (photo by Kevin Brown)

keep Lake Temagami, and area lakes and shorelines, trash free!!

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

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.

Thank You to the TLA "Planning and Municipal Affairs" Committee

A well-deserved "Thank You" is extended to the "Planning and Municipal Affairs" committee for their tremendous work on the Municipality's new "Official Plan" (OP). The TLA is grateful to Paul Tamburro and his team of Brit Hyde, Lynn Buckham, Daniel Buckles, Will Goodman, and Andrew Healy. We also wish to acknowledge and thank the TLA's Planner, Tony Usher, for his time and effort over the past several years.

The new OP has now been sent to the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Housing for final review. Once approved and returned to the Municipality, it will then be time for the Planning Committee to monitor the process of translating the new OP into a Zoning By-Law.

As Paul Tamburro is now focussing on the TERAS (Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship) Board of Directors, the Chair position for the Planning Committee has been taken on by Lynn Buckham (who is a professional planner by trade).

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Brit Hyde for keeping everyone informed on the progress of the OP over these many years through his *Temagami Times* articles.

Lastly, a debt of gratitude is owed to those members who submitted their own comments on various drafts of the OP to the Municipality's planner, MHBC, or who assisted in correcting mapping errors within these drafts.

The TLA Board of Directors

Cottage 911 Numbers

By Peter Healy

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LAKE TEMAGAMI COTTAGE 911 NUMBER IF YOU NEED TO USE IT IN AN EMERGENCY?

For example, my cottage is located on "Island 981", and my 911 number is "150". Thus, if I must call for help, I am at "981-150 on Lake Temagami".

For safety reasons, write this number on, or near, all of your

- 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

cottage phones. Also, store this information in your cell phone, so that you always have it on hand.



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: <u>tla@onlink.net</u>. 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. CENTURY 21.

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Branch 408 Temagami

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 408 – Temagami Update (April 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. Temagami's Legion has always been, and will be, an essential, central structure within the Temagami area. The Legion recognizes War Veterans with Remembrance Day Celebrations. Other events and services include: darts on Friday nights; card nights on Wednesdays; providing a stop-over during emergency road closures; and, support of local schools. The Legion building is also available for weddings, exercise classes, meetings, and, birthday parties.

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 Mobbley
Secretary and Poppy Chair:	Rose Collins
Sergeant at Arms:	Charlie McDougall

TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

The Temagami Legion Branch 408 has had significant issues with the plumbing that supplies water to the upstairs and basement sections of the building. Due to the many leaks in the 60-year-old plumbing, we were not able to use the basement facilities for the past several years.

The Temagami Legion appreciates the financial support received from the Temagami Community Foundation for plumbing upgrades. Once it had secured this funding, the Legion began the project by stripping the ceiling tiles and removing unwanted items.

Thanks is extended to Brian Feeney Plumbing – the successful contractor who quickly removed outdated piping and brought the plumbing up to today's standards. The Temagami Legion also hired Temagami Electrical Services to upgrade some of the electrical work and conduct inspections. In addition, Legion volunteers reinstalled the ceiling tiles and cabinets, thereby making the area usable again.

BEER STORE RETURNS:

The Temagami Legion is an authorized bottle-return depot for the Temagami area. The Legion will purchase the returns (e.g., wine bottles, cooler bottles, liquor bottles, and beer cans and bottles) or accept them as donations. Volunteer support is required to accept bottles and cans every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Legion build-ing. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marilyn MacLeod at **705-569-3710**.

ZONE CONVENTION:

On March 23 and 24, the Temagami Legion hosted a "Zone Convention", with delegates attending from as far away as Kirkland Lake. During the convention business portion, two positions came up for election: Zone Commander and Deputy Zone Commander. Don Martin of Haileybury Branch 54 was appointed as the Zone Commander, and Hank Moorlay of Branch 54 was appointed as Deputy Zone Commander.



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RECENT AND APPROVED UPGRADES:

Recently, the Temagami Legion purchased a new stove – which works much more effectively than the previous unit.

Funding has also allowed for the purchase of a new, five-ton R410a air conditioner. It will be installed prior to the summer season. The new unit is much larger than the current one (which could not adequately cool the Legion facility during hot weather).

MEMBERSHIP:

Interested parties wishing to join the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 408 should contact the Membership Chair, Marilyn Macleod.



Just Pick It Up By Val Hostetler



Part of the delight of summers spent in Temagami has always been exploring along the shoreline. In the 1960s, my great aunt and I would find "easy-to-cut" logs for the wood cook-stove. In the '70s, I found an entire wooden, boat bow-plate that became the base for a painting. In the '90s, I began excavating invasive purple loosestrife. Of course, we always picked up any garbage we found.

As an active garbage picker, I've happily participated in the "Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge" these past two years. Last year's Labour Day was spent dismantling an old dock that was lodged along the mainland shore all summer long. Hopefully, we can reuse the pressure-treated boards. That effort rewarded us with a clean-up prize – a gift certificate from the Outfitter Bar and Smokehouse – which we are looking forward to using this summer!

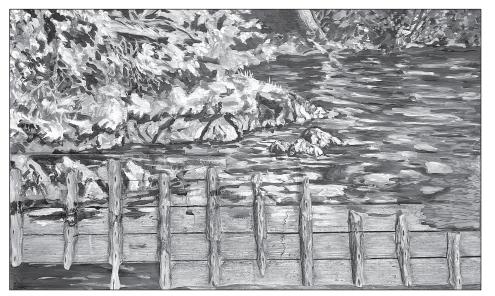
Over the last few decades, as the worldwide use of plastic has skyrocketed, I've noticed more plastic debris along the shoreline. Wind and waterborne, it washes up and disintegrates – contributing microplastics to our environment. People building docks allow chunks of pressure-treated lumber to float off. This lumber joins hats, plastic bags, water bottles, boat bumpers, aluminum cans, rope, fishing line and lures, and pieces of Styrofoam along the shoreline. Some of the best places for finding good quantities of garbage have been around the Lake access points and along parts of the shoreline that are the terminal ends for the prevailing winds.

WHAT CAN WE DO? **Prevention:**

- Secure your belongings (e.g., swimming noodles and toys, plastic container lids) so they cannot fly out of your boat – or off your dock or houseboat.
- Properly dispose of treated-wood cast-offs.
- Don't dump old docks and dock cribs into scenic bays.
- Don't let Styrofoam or floating docks shed microplastic bits.
- Follow the old adage: Leave the Lake cleaner than you found it.

Join Clean-Up Initiatives:

- Carry a garbage bag and a retrieving pole as you canoe or kayak along the shoreline. Go back and get the big stuff with your runabout.
- ✓ Reuse and recycle what you can. Take the rest to the landfill site.
- ✓ Adopt a campsite, and check it occasionally.
- ✓ Submit photos of your efforts to the "Temagami Shoreline Clean-Up Challenge".
- ✓ Adopt an attitude of responsibility, regardless of how long you are fortunate enough to spend time in N'dakimenan.



Temagami Shoreline With Cedarstrip Boat Fragment (multimedia painting by Val Hostetler)



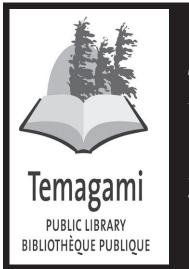


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Temagami Public Library Update (Spring 2025)

By Ashley Bailey, CEO, Temagami Public Library

Hello from the Temagami Public Library!

My name is **Ashley Bailey**, and I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new CEO of the Temagami Public Library. Having worked casually at the Library for the past few years, I've met many of you already. I feel incredibly proud to serve the community in my new role and am excited to help the Library grow as a welcoming, inclusive space for everyone in our community.

The past few months have been a season of transition at the Library. As I've settled into my new role, we've taken some time to regroup, assess community needs, and prepare for future community requirements. Over the winter, we were thrilled to welcome families to our **Easter "Eggstravaganza"**! With crafts, games, and an egg hunt to wrap it all up, the event was a wonderful way to connect with our community and celebrate spring together.

With summer just around the corner, we're turning up the heat and rolling out some exciting new programs:

- TWEEN/TEEN CLUB: Launching this June, our weekly, Tuesday-night hangouts will feature themed activities, games, and creative projects perfect for youth looking for something fun and free to do this summer.
- SUMMER READING CLUB: This year's Club includes a unique "travel vlog" twist! Each week, kids can "travel" to a new place and create their own videos to share their experiences. Expect imagination, exploration, and prizes!
- FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN: From crafts and contests to seasonal celebrations, there'll be something for everyone. Be sure to follow us online, or drop by to see what's happening each week.

In addition, we are developing some programming which we hope to bring to Lake Temagami. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more information.

Also planned is a local author's night – where local, published authors will give readings of their works. If you are an author who is interested in giving a reading, please contact the Library. We would love to hear from you!

Another favourite, our annual "Book Sale", will once again be held alongside the Municipal Canada Day celebrations. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated. Your generosity is what makes this event such a success each year.

Whether you're joining a program, browsing for books, using our free Wi-Fi (which can be accessed from outside, even when we're closed!), or just popping in to say hello, we're always happy to hear your ideas, answer your questions, and help you make the most of everything the Library has to offer.

Stop by, give us a call, or check out our website and social media for updates and event information.

Here's to a season of connection, creativity, and community! See you at the Library!

SUMMER HOURS:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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Depositing and Burning of Debris on Crown Land in Ontario

Some residents of Lake Temagami have recently expressed concerns about the depositing of brush and related debris on Crown land. To address this, Section 27 of the *Public Lands Act*, R.S.O. 1990, *Chapter P.43* (www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90p43) states the following:

"(1) Except with the written consent of the Minister or an officer authorized by the Minister, no person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any material, substance, or thing:

- (a) on public lands, whether or not the lands are covered with water or ice; or,
- (b) on water or ice covering public lands. 2010, c. 16, Sched. 10, s. 4 (2).

(2) The Minister may remove any material, substance, or thing deposited contrary to subsection (1), and any cost or expense incurred thereby is a debt due the Crown and may be recovered by the Minister in a court of competent jurisdiction in an action against the person who deposited the material, substance, or thing or the person who caused it to be deposited."

Another concern involves the burning of debris on the ice in winter – even if the leftover ashes are subsequently removed. According to the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Peterborough, brush and other related materials should be burned on land (ideally, in barrels) rather than on the ice. In addition, care should be taken to ensure that plastics, painted wood, and other materials that may release noxious gases during combustion, are not burned. Instead, they should be deposited in an approved landfill.

A report can be made to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks if members of the public witness any of the following incidents:

- pollution spilled on land, in the water, or in the air;
- industrial or commercial noise pollution;
- waste being dumped into the natural environment; or,
- improper disposal of commercial waste.

Reports can be made 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week by phone at **1-866-663-8477**, or online at **www.ontario.ca/page/report-pollution-and-spills**.





Motors, boats, and Ontario's ecosystems can be ruined by zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species. Take a few simple steps to preserve our lakes and fisheries: **CLEAN** off any plants or debris, **DRAIN** bilges and ballast water, and **DRY** any wet areas of your boat.



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By Ike Laba

The Temagami Lions Club were fortunate in having Omar de la Serna attract and sponsor three new members. Robyn Gareh, Ashly Legacy, and Wayne Manderstrom were officially welcomed to the Club on April 8, 2025. The Lions are very appreciative to have these new, younger members, who are already very active within the Temagami community in various other initiatives. With the addition of these three people, the Lions Club now has 15 dedicated members, along with many local volunteers who are willing to assist with our projects.

The Temagami Lions are involved in many projects within the community, including: the Temagami Food Bank; Seniors' Christmas Dinner; Hockey Tournament; Diabetes Program; the collection of used eyeglasses; assisting persons in need; and, fundraising for essential improvements within the Temagami community.

New Lions Members Were Welcomed to the Club on April 8, 2025 – Left to Right: Claude Boissonneault, President; Omar de la Serna, Member; Ashly Legacy, New Member; Robyn Gareh, New Member; Wayne Manderstrom, New Member (photo by Carol O'Mara)



STEAK FRY (AUGUST 9, 2025):

Many of the Club's past events were cancelled for several reasons – such as the pandemic and its restrictions, as well as a lack of members and volunteers. This year the Temagami Lions are reviving the "Annual Steak Fry", which will be held at the Temagami Arena on August 9, 2025. This project is still in its early stages, so we ask that you check our Facebook or Instagram posts for updates, or keep an eye out for posters around the Temagami Community that will advertise the event. The Lions welcome all to come and enjoy a great evening.

TEMAGAMI LIONS FLEA MARKET:

The annual Lions "Flea Market" will be held at the Temagami Train Station on the Civic Holiday week-end – starting on Saturday, August 2 in the afternoon (after the Farmers Market) until Monday August 4. The Lions accept donations of almost any item that can be re-used by others (e.g., clothing, shoes, boots, tools, kitchenware, yard items, furniture, sports equipment, etc.). If you have items to contribute, please contact any member of the Club. Large or heavy items can be picked up by calling Lion Bob Sykes at **705-569-4412** or Lion Ike Laba at **705-569-3252**. All funds raised through the Flea Market will be utilized in the Temagami Community.

DIABETES PROGRAM:

The Club's Diabetes Program continues to collect clothing in a bin that is located beside the Temagami Catholic Church. By collecting unwanted clothing, the Lions receive some funding, which is used for community initiatives. Another advantage in collecting these clothing items is that they do not end up in the Municipal landfill. In addition, most items that are collected are sold to raise money for diabetes research. If you have any questions please contact, Lion Bob Sykes.

TEMAGAMI FOOD BANK:

The Temagami Food Bank has been very busy this past year. Although it has supplied food to many local people, it is financially stable. Thanks is extended to the many donor groups (local and out-of-town) that continue to support the Food Bank. If you require assistance, please call Lion Brian Koski at **705-569-4522**.

NEW LIONS MEMBERS REQUIRED:

If you are interested in joining the Temagami Lions Club, please contact any member for more information, or call President Claude Boissonneault at **705-569-3202**.

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----- TLA Member Survey Results (January 2025) ------

A TLA Member Survey was conducted in January 2025. Below is an overview of respondent answers to some questions. If members wish to receive a summary of the responses to all nine questions, please contact the TLA at **tla@onlink.net**.

1. Rank each of the following TLA services and initiatives in order of importance (with 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important). There will be only one # 1, one # 2, and so on.

RANKING IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE:	ANSWER CHOICES:
1	Promotion/Protection of the Tenets for Temagami
2	Environmental Protection and Advocacy (e.g., water-quality testing, addressing invasive species, monitoring mining activities)
3	Monitoring Municipal Planning and Development Activities
4	Advocating for Municipal Services on Behalf of Lake Residents
5	Publication of the <i>Temagami Times</i> (3 x per year) and Paper/ Digital "Membership Directory"
6	Enhancing Relationships With Other Groups in the Temagami Area (e.g., full-time residents, Municipality of Temagami, First Nations)
7	Wi-Fi Service in the Summer Months
8	VHF Radio Communication in the Summer Months

2. The land-use permit (LUP) for the TLA Headquarters Building expires on December 31, 2025 and will not be renewed. Accordingly, the TLA building and its outbuildings will be demolished this year. The Board is exploring other options, including a new physical location for the Headquarters. Which response below most closely aligns with your thoughts on how important it is for the TLA to maintain a "physical presence" on the Lake? *Choose only one option.*

RANKING / % OF Respondents:	ANSWER CHOICES:
1 (41.4%)	A physical presence is somewhat important.
2 (tied: 29.3%)	I feel strongly that the TLA should maintain a physical presence on the Lake.
2 (tied: 29.3%)	A physical presence is no longer necessary. The TLA should consider becoming more of a "virtual" organization.
Other	This was an open-ended question with a variety of responses.

3. What are your suggestions for a new physical location for the TLA Headquarters Building?

This was an open-ended question with a variety of responses.



2025 TLA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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4. What summer services should the TLA offer going forward? Please select
as many responses as you wish.

RANKING / % OF Respondents:	ANSWER CHOICES:
1 (66.7%)	Wi-Fi Access
2 (55.2%)	Daily, VHF-Radio Announcements
3 (44.8%)	Merchandise Sales
4 (27.1%)	Mail Delivery
Other	This was an open-ended question with a variety of responses.

5. Attendance at the in-person "Annual General Meeting" (AGM) in July 2024 was low, and quorum was only just met. As a hybrid meeting (both in person and on Zoom) is not practical due to audio and bandwidth limitations, what format should the TLA use going forward?

RANKING / % OF Respondents:	ANSWER CHOICES:
1 (40.2%)	Digital AGM Via Zoom
2 (32.5%)	No Preference
3 (27.3%)	In-Person AGM at Camp Wabun

6. Some Municipal services for Lake Temagami residents require improvement. Rank each of the following services that you wish the Municipality to implement for Lake residents, in order of importance (with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important). There will be only one # 1, one # 2, and so on.

RANKING IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE:	ANSWER CHOICES:
1	Enhanced Hours-of-Operation for the Lake Temagami (and Other) Waste-Transfer Stations
2	Improved Maintenance of the Lake Temagami Access Road
3	Ensuring Adequate Emergency Medical Responses for Lake Residents
4	Greater Fire-Protection Services for the Lake (e.g., more subsidies to purchase fire pumps)
5	Installation of Boat-Washing Stations to Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (e.g., at end of Access Road and in Town)
6	Increased Policing Support (e.g., to address break-ins)

7. What suggestions do you have to engage children/youth up to age 18, and attract young adults in their 20s and 30s to the TLA?

This was an open-ended question with a variety of responses.

8. What other services do you think the TLA could offer its members?

This was an open-ended question with a variety of responses.

9. Are there any other issues, concerns, or ideas that you wish to share with the TLA Board of Directors?

This was an open-ended question with a variety of responses.



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Nestled in the heart of Northeastern Ontario, Temagami is a dream destination for outdoor enthusiasts, nature lovers, and anyone looking to experience the rugged beauty of the Canadian wilderness. Before you hit the trails,

launch your canoe, or explore the vibrant local community, make your way to the historic Temagami Train Station – a gateway to adventure and a one-stop shop for everything you need to make the most of your visit.

Since 2017, this beautifully-restored landmark has been home to the Temagami Information Centre and the Temagami and District Chamber of Commerce. More than just a building with history, the Station is the beating heart of Temagami's tourism scene. Whether you're planning a multi-day backcountry trek, a peaceful paddle across Lake Temagami, or a family-friendly day trip, this is the place to begin.

Explore, Learn, and Connect:

During the summer months, the Station comes alive with friendly, knowledgeable staff who are eager to help visitors discover all that Temagami has to offer.

Inside the Station, you'll find engaging exhibits that highlight Temagami's deep cultural and natural heritage. Browse a collection of historic photographs, get to know some of the community's most remarkable residents, and enjoy art from talented local creators. A special highlight is the tribute to Grey Owl – one of Canada's earliest conservationists – whose connection to the region continues to inspire visitors from around the world.

Your First Stop in Temagami: THE HISTORIC TRAIN STATION

This blend of history and hospitality makes the Train Station more than just an information centre. It's a space where stories are shared, adventures begin, and connections to the land are deepened.

Gear Up with the Right Resources:

Before heading out, don't forget to pick up a copy of the *Temagami Visitor's Guide* – your essential companion to navigating the region. It's packed with maps, travel tips, trail information, and more. You'll also find a wide selection of pamphlets, brochures, and detailed maps to help plan your route – whether you're hiking the White Bear Forest, searching for the perfect campsite, or embarking on a paddling expedition through Temagami's interconnected lakes.

If you're new to the area or just want to make sure you don't miss a thing, the Train Station is the perfect launch pad for your adventure.

Essential Services in the Heart of Town:

In addition to its role as a tourist hub, the Chamber of Commerce has been proudly operating as the Ontario Northland Agency for Temagami since

2022. This means that visitors and locals alike can take advantage of vital services, such as shipping and receiving parcels, as well as purchasing Ontario Northland bus tickets – all from the convenience of the Station.

When to Visit:

You can now find us through the front entrance of the Station. From May through August, the Information Centre is open seven days-a-week, providing full service throughout the summer season when Temagami sees the most visitors. For the rest of the year, the centre remains open four days-a-week to offer support and services to off-season travellers, locals, and anyone passing through.

Need to check hours? Just visit our social media pages, or search for us on Google for the most up-todate information.

Whether you're here for the week-end or the whole season, make the historic Temagami Train Station your first stop. It's where your journey begins – with information, inspiration, and everything you need to explore Temagami with confidence.

> Adventure starts here. See you at the Station!

The Temagami and District Chamber of Commerce is located in the historic Temagami Train Station. (photo submission by the Chamber)



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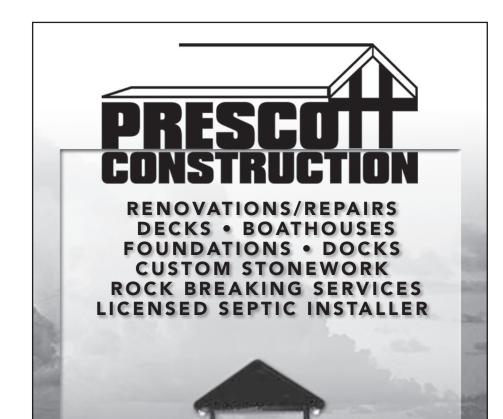
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Policing and Rural Crime Prevention

Effective crime prevention depends on community engagement and ensuring that everyone in the community is involved in crime prevention and fire safety.

Concerns about Policing Costs:

On November 29, 2024, the Ontario Solicitor General made a news release that Ontario is offsetting 2025 Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) cost increases for small and rural municipalities (to support policing and community safety) that was incurred as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement reached in July 2024 (<u>https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1005421/ontario-offsetting-opp-cost-increases-for-small-and-rural-municipalities</u>).

Cottage Country Crime:

Cottage break-and-enters, damage, and theft are serious concerns for cottagers, cottage associations, the police, and insurance companies.

Policing represents a significant portion of the public-service costs that are paid through property taxes. O.P.P.-contracted services account for billions of dollars in municipal costs annually.

Steps Toward Safer Communities Include:

- organizing cottage-association members into community-driven, "cottage-watch" groups;
- maintaining communications between property owners and the O.P.P. to reduce the incidence of theft, damage, and break-ins;
- assisting the police in crime prevention and detection; and,
- promoting the use of engravers and property-identification measures to help solve crimes.

What can I do about crime?

- ✓ Do not attempt to apprehend or pursue a criminal.
- ✓ If the crime is in progress, contact 9-1-1.
- ✓ If a crime has been detected, call the O.P.P. toll-free at 1-888-310-1122, or contact your local O.P.P. detachment at: <u>www.opp.ca/index.php?id=119</u>.
- ✓ You can also report non-emergency incidents of loss/damage to property (under \$5,000) online at: **www.opp.ca/reporting**. All submissions are reviewed by an Officer, and you may be contacted for more information. You must have a valid e-mail address to submit a report online using this system, which may not be compatible with mobile handheld devices, such as phones or tablets.
- ✓ Most importantly, don't be an easy target for cottage theft. Make certain to close your cottage thoroughly at the end of the season, and take with you anything you wouldn't want to lose.

Source: Federation of Ontario Cottager's Associations Website, 2024



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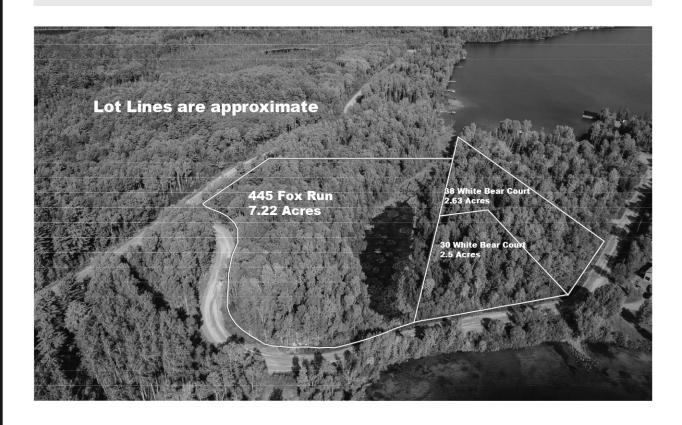
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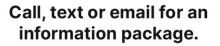
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> First Nations
> Municipalities
> Local organizations and residents

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 PO Box 274 Temagami, ON <u>POH 2HO</u>

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Eligibility Criteria:

Events & Sponsorship Program

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

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

Eligibility Criteria:

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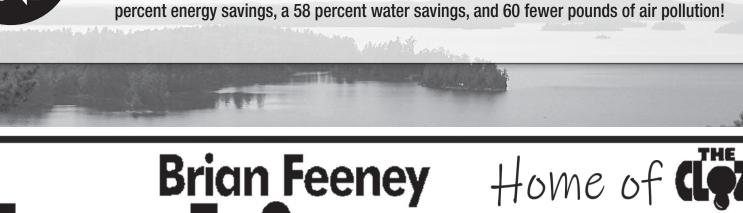
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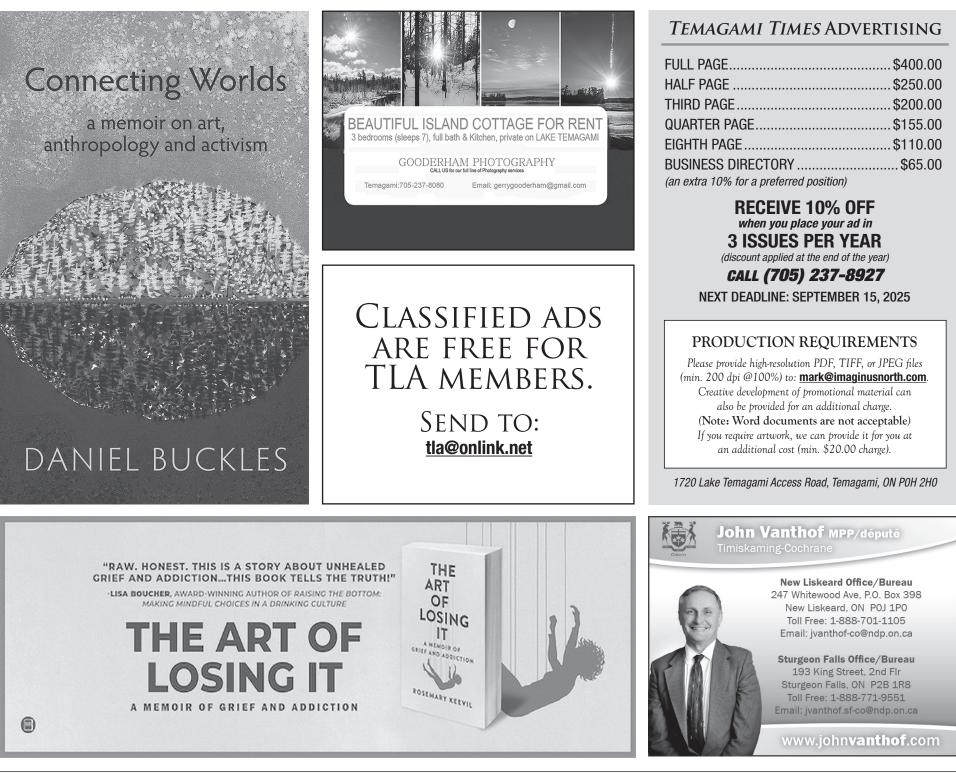
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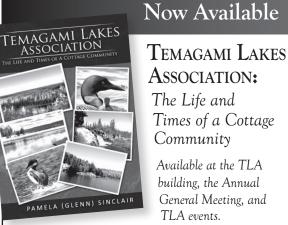
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