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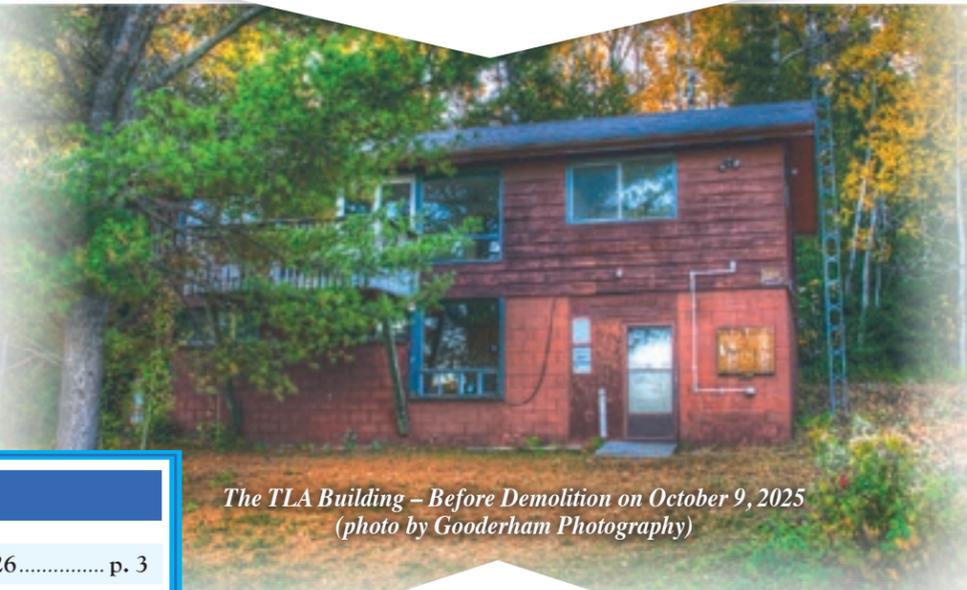


*Big Tree Island
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What's Up with the TLA Building?

As some of you likely know, at the direction of Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the TLA Building was demolished in the Fall of 2025.

The TLA Building was completed in 1971 at a cost of \$28,000 CAD. Originally conceived by Dewey Derosier to also include a basement fish hatchery, over the last 50+ years, the Building has



*The TLA Building – Before Demolition on October 9, 2025
(photo by Gooderham Photography)*

Town or to pick up guests. In addition, for many years, a portable fire pump has been stored on the dock – for use by members or anyone else in need.

Until the Summer of 2020 (when Covid affected the TLA Building's operations), two summer students were typically hired to: implement the TLA's water-quality monitoring program (now undertaken by TERAS); assist with the management and operations of the TLA Building – mostly by providing services to members; operate the VHF marine-radio to make daily announcements (and provide other communications services); complete

administrative duties; coordinate the TLA's campsite clean-up program (including campsite maintenance and the installation of privies); complete some hiking-trail maintenance; support other environmental-stewardship initiatives and member events; and, carry out maintenance tasks. These amenities were usually offered on a daily basis throughout July and August each year.

Starting in July 2020, however, the hours-of-operation were reduced to noon to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. On other days, VHF-radio announcements were typically the only services offered. This was due, in part, to Covid restrictions, but was

been used to hold TLA Board meetings, house the TLA Archives collection (now stored at the Temagami Public Library), and provide a site for the "Flea Market" – along with offering the following services: daily, VHF, marine-radio announcements; phone, internet, and Wi-Fi; merchandise sales (including Lake Temagami shoal maps); a privy; and, a site for receiving incoming and outgoing mail. On occasion, other Temagami community groups have utilized the Building for meetings, and it has also provided a centralized base to coordinate communication during emergencies (e.g., wildfires).

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President's Letter (Winter 2026)

By Nickie Brooker

Let me begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and all the best in 2026.

Winter here in Northern Ontario is proving to be "one for the books". It's been quite cold, and it just won't stop snowing - which makes looking forward to summer a daily exercise (not that your Board hasn't been looking toward the summer of 2026 since last fall).

Many thanks to Bill Bateman for taking on the task of overseeing removal of the TLA Building and shopping for our new digs. Our land-use permit (LUP) for the property will be renewed yearly, as per the Ministry of Natural Resources' current dictate.

Your "Natural Resources and Environment Committee" will need your help this summer. We have concerns regarding Eurasian Watermilfoil - an invasive aquatic plant that has proliferated at the Town docks, the beach at Finlayson Point Provincial Park, and who knows where else on the Lake. We ask people to report sightings, so that we can ensure that this invasive plant does not establish itself in Lake Temagami. If you have not had a chance to read Scot Paltrow's article about this invasive plant in the Fall 2025 *Temagami Times*, I suggest you do.

Members of your Board will also be working closely with TERAS (Temagami Environmental Research and Stewardship) to complete some *E. coli* and total coliforms testing in the NE Arm. If you have concerns about the water quality in your part of the Lake, please send a message to Board member, Christopher Brooks.

In 2026, we will continue to educate our members on emergency-preparedness issues. Last summer, we were encouraged to see many of you take advantage of our fire-pump and first-aid training opportunities on the front lawn of the HQ Building - hosted by Brad Sablosky (with support from Lynn Buckham and Andy Stevens).

Carol Lowery has been our steady hand on Municipal Council for many years. As you may know, Municipal Elections are coming up this October. TLA and Lake Temagami residents require more representation on Council - especially when you consider that we bring in over 50% of the tax revenue for the Municipality. If you are a Canadian citizen, you are eligible to run for municipal office. Please consider running for Mayor or for a Councillor position. More Lake representation on Council may improve the TLA's chances of having our concerns listened to and acted upon.

So, that's a small snapshot of some of the initiatives we're looking at this year. For any of them to be successful, we will need your support. Please consider giving some of your time to the Association because, as I have mentioned before, "many hands make light work".

I have also been making in-roads with the Temagami First Nation Land Guardians regarding the continued removal of invasive species. Ontario's Invasive Species Centre contacted me to see if I could set up a "working group" for the Temagami area - to assist in managing invasive *Phragmites* in NE Ontario. I have made inquiries in the community, and if there is interest, I intend to form such a group and then hand the challenge over to them (as it is beyond the TLA's scope). Currently, our primary concern with respect to invasive *Phragmites* is the patch on the Access Road - and the TLA, along with the TFN Land Guardians, are already engaged in removing it.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you who contribute to the *Temagami Times* and extend my appreciation to Linda Bangay for all of the hard work she does for our Association.

Take care, and see you on the Lake.
~ Nickie ~



Snowy Frosting (photo by Gooderham Photography)

SKYLINE RESERVE

The mainland surrounding Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is to be zoned as a landscape ecology zone to preserve the beauty, restore the integrity and preserve the wilderness aspect of the Temagami Forest. This ecology zone would consist of 2 reserves which would be protected from natural disturbance e.g. fire and insect infestation, but would have separate management goals and prescriptions.

The two reserves would be the following:

1. Skyline: The Lake Temagami and Cross Lake reserves must protect any part of Lake Temagami or Cross Lake with no visual evidence to the naked eye that any activities such as timber cutting or mining have taken place. The minimum dimension would be 200 metres. It would be preserved in its natural state and its permissible uses would be very limited.

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

ROAD ACCESS

The current ban on construction of new public road access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is supported by our three groups. We define the existing public road

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

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

MAINLAND DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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also owing to the fact that it was becoming more challenging to find summer students and to pay them competitively without government grants (which have a number of mandatory requirements that the TLA could no longer meet). This condensed service schedule has been maintained since 2020, and serves the TLA membership reasonably well.

Previously, at the 1977 TLA Annual General Meeting, a motion was made about the possibility of removing the Building from its mainland location. At the time, TLA President, Tim Gooderham, indicated: "Many past directors of the Association have expressed dismay at having to speak to authorities on behalf of an organization which stood for no mainland development, while [using] property permanently established on the mainland." TLA members in attendance agreed with this sentiment, and the motion was passed.

Despite attempts to move forward with this initiative, the Building was not demolished until October 2025 - under the supervision of TLA Board members, Nicole Brooker and Bill Bateman. Here is a timeline:

- Hydro and internet/phone services were decommissioned on September 29 and September 30, respectively. Connections remain in place for possible future use.
- The telephone, internet, and Wi-Fi services are on a seasonal hiatus for the time being.
- The pay phone was also disconnected and then removed on October 3.
- The TLA Building was demolished on October 9 and 10, and refuse was taken to the landfill.
- The septic tank was removed (along with the drainage field), and the area was graded.
- The privy was also removed.
- The well opening was covered.

Remediation by the demolition company has left the site in excellent condition. The MNR has since approved an extension to the land-use permit for one year and has given permission for a temporary, portable structure to be set up in the same location. It won't be as large as the previous Building, but we will strive to offer the same services you have come to expect from your TLA ... including a summer-staff person to provide assistance. Further information will be shared with our members when it becomes available.

We will be looking for volunteers early in the season (May and/or June) to ensure that the Building is ready to go for the Summer of 2026. If you're interested in helping out, please contact us at: temagamilakes1931@gmail.com.



The TLA Building – During Demolition on October 9, 2025
(photo by Bill Bateman)



Site Restoration on October 11, 2025
(photo by Bill Bateman)

Source: Temagami Lakes Association: *Life and Times of a Cottage Community* by Pamela (Glenn) Sinclair, 2011



Ontario Municipal Elections 2026

Elections for municipal government in Ontario are held every four years on the fourth Monday of October. The current term ends this year, and the next municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**.

An eligible voter for a municipal election must be:

- a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years-old; and,
- a resident OR a property owner or tenant, OR the spouse of an owner or tenant, in the municipality.

An eligible candidate for a municipal election must be:

- a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years-old;
- a resident of the municipality, a non-resident owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of such non-resident owner or tenant; and,
- not legally prohibited from voting and not disqualified by legislation from holding municipal office.

Candidates must each pay a fee of \$100.00 (\$200.00 for head of council). Those running in municipalities with more than 4,000 electors are also required to obtain 25 endorsement signatures when they submit their respective nominations.

A complete overview of municipal election rules and guidelines can be found at: www.ontario.ca/page/municipal-elections.

The Temagami Lakes Association Board of Directors encourages TLA members to consider running for the position of either Mayor or Councillor for Temagami in the 2026 municipal election. Having TLA members on the Municipal Council will help to ensure that the concerns of Lake Temagami residents are understood and acted upon.

The candidate nomination period opens on Friday, May 1, 2026 and ends on Friday, August 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Source: Association of Municipalities of Ontario website (2026)



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TLA Board of Directors Update (Winter 2026)

As of September 1, 2025 – the beginning of the 2025-2026 term for the TLA Board of Directors – no new Directors joined the Board ranks. Our current line-up includes: Nicole Brooker (President); Lynn Buckham (First Vice-President); Bill Bateman (Second Vice-President); Christopher Brooks (Treasurer); and, Carol Lowery, Scot Paltrow, and Brad Sablosky (Members at Large).

Our Board members have varied expertise and a wide range of backgrounds that benefit both the Board itself and TLA members.

Nicole (Nickie) Brooker has a never-ending number of responsibilities in overseeing the activities of the TLA – and in the past year was heavily involved in preparing the TLA Building for demolition. She also maintains regular contact with the Municipality of Temagami, TFN and TAA, the Ministry of Natural Resources, and other groups on behalf of the Association.

Lynn Buckham is our point-person with respect to monitoring Municipal-planning activities, and her knowledge has been invaluable during the past couple of years while the new “Official Plan” has been developed.

Bill Batemann has put in many hours over the past several months with respect to overseeing the demolition of the TLA Building – and the many tasks associated with this. He is currently spearheading the planning for a temporary, portable structure to be set up in the same location as the previous building.

Christopher Brooks has many interests and talents, and has been the TLA Treasurer for the past couple of years. He and Scot take turns attending, and reporting on, the bi-weekly Municipal Council meetings. This is essential in terms of keeping up-to-date with decisions made at the municipal-government level.

Carol Lowery possesses a wealth of information about the Temagami area, as she has lived here for many years. If anyone has a question about Temagami’s past, she likely knows the answer. Carol also works diligently on Association communications and the planning and implementation of TLA events.

Scot Paltrow Chairs the “Natural Resources and Environment” committee. He is particularly concerned about the presence of invasive species (e.g., invasive *Phragmites* and Eurasian Watermilfoil) in the Temagami area. In addition to working on strategies to address these invasives, he has written about environmental issues for several editions of the *Temagami Times*.

Brad Sablosky has worked for most of his career as a professional first responder. In the summer of 2025, he provided training opportunities for TLA members on first aid and the use of portable fire pumps. Along with Christopher (and Linda Bangay), he developed an emergency-preparedness survey. The purpose of the survey is to gather information from TLA members on their related knowledge, skills, and resources, so that such details can be shared in an effort to increase safety for Lake Temagami islanders. Brad has also imparted his expertise by writing articles for the *Temagami Times* on these same topics.

The Association is very fortunate to have these volunteer Board members working on behalf of TLA members and the Lake Temagami community.

Since only seven of nine Board seats are currently filled, we will be seeking two additional people for the 2026 to 2027 season. If you require further information, or would like to put forward your name (or the name of another member) for one of these two Board positions, please send a message to temagamilakes1931@gmail.com.



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REMEMBERING

Allan Anthony

By Amanda Anthony

Allan Anthony was born in Bellevue, Ohio on March 13, 1944 and passed away peacefully on September 2, 2025 in Westerville, Ohio.

Many people on Lake Temagami may not have met Allan; but if you have ever travelled through the Hub area towards Wabikon or headed to Canusa in late July or during the month of August, Allan was an almost permanent fixture on the family cottage's front dock - waving to boats, while enjoying a western novel, smoking his tobacco pipe, and having a basset hound or two keeping him company. He was even known to launch golf balls at houseboats or boats that were way too close to the island and the water intake line.

Allan graduated from Bellevue High School and then went on to attend The Ohio State University where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in education. He taught at the Ohio School for the Deaf until his retirement in 1994.

Allan started vacationing on High Rock Island on Lake Temagami in the 1950s as a young boy with the Anthony family - including Uncles Walter and John, Aunt Eleanor, Granny and Gramps, parents, Eugene and Margaret, and brothers, Paul and Bob. He told stories of: how groceries were ordered by raising a white flag on the dock and delivered by the Aubrey Cosens; taking a walk around High Rock Island with his brothers (and scaring the family after being gone all day); fishing while his Gramps rowed the dingy; piercing his hand with an icepick when getting ice for the icebox; enjoying time with the Morrison family; and, taking weekly baths in the Lake.

Later, Allan and his brothers assumed ownership of the family cottage on Island 231 in the Hub area. Allan enjoyed fishing from his 1954 Peterborough Lakeside and feeling at home while at the cottage. He built the front steps leading up to the cottage and a dry boathouse, and was the primary builder and maintenance guy at the cottage once his father, Eugene, passed away. He also went on many guys' fishing trips to find monster walleye. Allan spread the love of Lake Temagami to friends and family when at home in Westerville, Ohio.



Allan and His Daughter, Amanda (photo submission by Amanda Anthony)

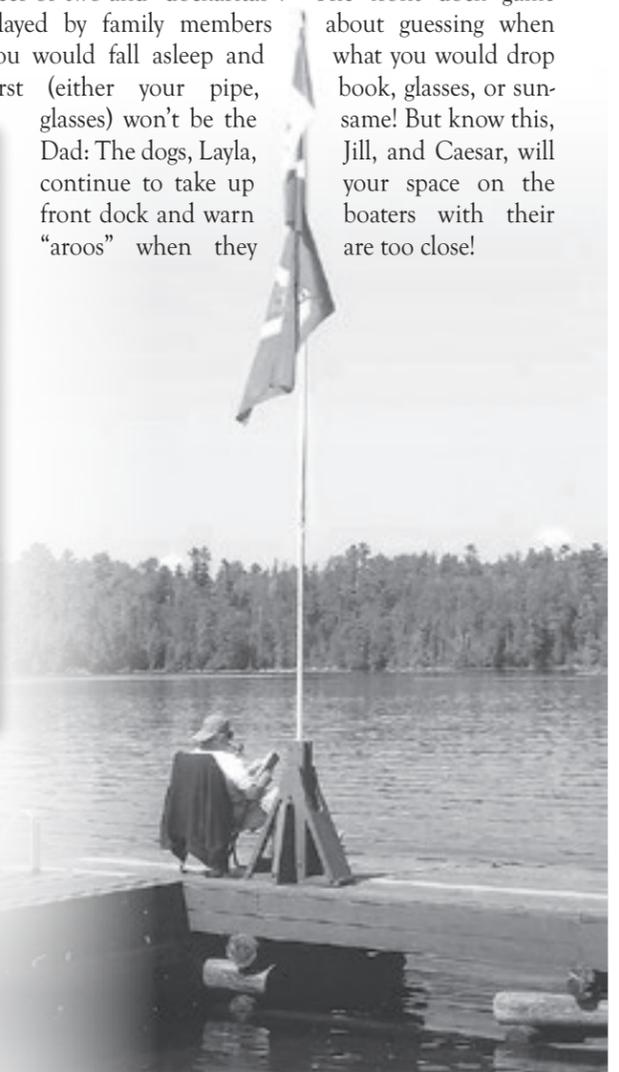


Allan With a Gas Tank - Early 1960s (photo submission by Amanda Anthony)

Front Dock Dad - August 2010 (photo submission by Amanda Anthony)

Allan was predeceased by: his wife, Sandra L. Anthony; father, Eugene Anthony; mother, Margaret Anthony; Uncles Walt and John Anthony; Aunt Eleanor Anthony; and, Granny and Gramps. Allan is survived by his daughter, Amanda Anthony (and soon-to-be son-in-law, Jason Ryan), along with brothers, Paul and Bob Anthony, brother-in-law, Mark Zorn, sisters-in-law Marty, Shirlene, and Ollie, many nieces and nephews, and his faithful companion basset hound, Layla.

Allan, Dad: We miss you a ton and will be giving you a proper Lake Temagami salute when we get back to the cottage this summer - by smoking a few cigars on the front dock, waving at boaters, and enjoying a Molson beer or two and "dockaritas"! The front dock game played by family members about guessing when you would fall asleep and what you would drop first (either your pipe, glasses) won't be the same! But know this, Dad: The dogs, Layla, Jill, and Caesar, will continue to take up your space on the front dock and warn boaters with their "arros" when they are too close!



Update on the Underused Housing Tax

The Underused Housing Tax (UHT) is an annual, Federal, 1% tax on the ownership of vacant or underused housing in Canada. This tax took effect on January 1, 2022.

The UHT typically applies to foreign national owners of housing in Canada. However, in some situations, the UHT may also apply to some Canadian owners (e.g., certain partners, trustees, and corporations).

On November 18, 2025, the Government of Canada tabled *Bill C-15: An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025*. This bill proposed changes to the *Underused Housing Tax Act (UHTA)*.

If Parliament approves the changes to the UHTA as proposed, and those changes receive Royal Assent, affected owners will not be required to file a return or pay the tax for 2025 and subsequent calendar years.

The requirement to file a UHT return and pay the tax under the current provisions of the UHTA will, however, still apply for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 calendar years.

More information on the proposed amendment to the UHTA can be found online at: <https://budget.canada.ca/2025/report-rapport/nwmm-amvm-3-en.html>.

Lake Temagami property owners who have been previously required to file a UHT return (and/or pay the tax) should keep track of developments on the Government of Canada website at: www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/excise-taxes-duties-and-levies/underused-housing-tax.html.

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When I was lucky enough to purchase Island 741, my excitement was tempered by the sheer amount of stuff that was on the island. Old lumber cutoffs were stored under every building, and inside were boxes of burned-out light bulbs, old spark plugs, antique paint, and jars of straightened nails. After cleaning house, I resolved to promptly take garbage to the landing and be careful about what was brought back onto the island. That said, as an island owner, I want to be prepared with things that are likely to be useful.

This article is all about major medical “stuff” that we may want to stock on our properties. The theme here is things that may be useful to change the course of a major emergency or medical problem. As I describe each item – a piece of equipment, tool, or medication – I’ll discuss how it might be useful, and the pros and cons of keeping it on your island. I share my perspectives as an instructor in wilderness medicine, a paramedic, an island owner, and the father of a family of four. I like to be reasonably prepared, but I have been called a “gearhead” in the past (which I don’t argue with). I have no relationship with any manufacturers of the devices mentioned here. If folks need help acquiring things, though, I am happy to offer guidance and advice.

1. AED (Automated External Defibrillator):

What is it? An AED is an electronic device that can recognize two heart rhythms that often occur during a heart attack. If it detects these rhythms, a shock is delivered, and the heart may start beating normally again for a while.

Should I have one? For most people, the answer is “No”, as the stars need to align for it to be useful. It’s known as a link in the chain of survival: a person has a heart attack, CPR happens quickly, 911 is called, the AED is applied and delivers a shock, the heart begins beating again, and the patient is transported (ideally by helicopter) to Sudbury. Could all of this happen on Lake Temagami? Maybe. For camps and commercial operations, it may be a good idea; for most individuals, maybe not.

Why not? AEDs are expensive (\$700.00 to \$1,500.00). For most, it’s better to spend the money elsewhere. For some, however, it may make sense. I have one on Island 741. Years ago, I had a save with an AED. Stop by 741 sometime, and I’ll tell you the story.

If you get one: Keep it in a known location, train family and friends in its use, and replace its battery and pads every two (2) years. Also, let your neighbours know its location.

2. EpiPen®:

This device is an automatic injector that delivers epinephrine (adrenaline) – a lifesaving drug that is useful for treating severe allergies and asthma. If you are medically trained, you can acquire epinephrine ampules and a few syringes instead of the pen.

Should I have one? If you (or a family member) have a history of severe allergic reactions or asthma ... “Yes” – you should have two (2). If not, maybe. This is a lifesaving drug that when used for treating a severe allergy could solve the problem. Most youth canoe trips in Temagami carry these autoinjectors just in case a bee sting or something similar turns into an emergency.

How do I get it? EpiPens® are available over the counter in Canada. Temagami Pharmasave sells them for \$100.00 CAD. Call ahead to make sure they have one for you. In the US, they are available with a prescription and are much more expensive.

If you get one: Ideally, protect it from very hot and cold temperatures, and replace every two (2) years. Again, let your neighbours know you have one. EpiPens® are safe to use, but it takes some training. Many training resources are online. Also keep an anti-histamine on hand. BENADRYL® (diphenhydramine) or ZYRTEC® (cetirizine HCl) are good choices.

3. Tourniquet:

This is a medical device that is used to cut off all circulation to an injured limb.

Should I have one? If you have a chainsaw, axe, shop

Medical “Stuff” That Might Be Useful for Islanders

By Brad Sablosky



tools, woodchipper, etc. on your property, then absolutely. For the rest of us, they are cheap, and worthwhile if needed. Along with your tourniquets, buy a few Israeli dressings [specialized, sterile, trauma bandages designed to control severe bleeding by combining an elastic bandage, a non-adherent pad, and a pressure bar to apply direct, sustained pressure to a wound]. Not every big bleed needs a tourniquet, so Israeli dressings can take care of the rest.

How do I get one? They are available online. The CAT [combat application tourniquet] is the best choice for most. I also like the Swat-T tourniquet [an ultra-compact, lightweight, rubber bandage that can be used as a tourniquet, pressure dressing, or elastic bandage]. Israeli dressings should be available from the same source.

If you get one: Ideally, purchase a few tourniquets and several Israeli dressings. Keep one of each type for practice, and learn how to use a tourniquet correctly. Store them close to the things that are likely to injure you (e.g., in your woodshop).

4. Oral Antibiotics:

They are prescription medications that are used to treat bacterial infections.

Should I have some? If you will be at your property all summer and getting to a doctor might be difficult, then it’s a good idea. I try to keep a few types at my place.

How do I get them? Talk to your doctor. When I tell my doctor that I will be at a remote location out of the country, he is happy to help. The two I try to keep on hand are Keflex (Cephalexin) and Azithromycin. These are the most useful, as they treat a wide range of infections and are generally familiar to folks.

If you get them: Learn how to use them – including dosage and how long a full course lasts. Ideally, contact your doctor before you or a family member start taking them. Watch the expiration date (usually good for two years). Be cautious if these medications are new to you, as allergic reactions can occur (see EpiPen® section above).

5. Chewable ASA (Aspirin):

ASA can help improve blood flow through coronary arteries. It is inexpensive and easy to get. Keep a bottle of low-dose (81-mg) tablets on hand at your cottage (and in your boat).

Should I have some? If anyone at your cottage is at risk of having a cardiac issue, then “Yes”. I am a 53 year-old male, and I keep ASA on hand. Anyone who experiences chest pain that might be heart related should chew four (4) low-dose tablets (325 mg), then get to advanced medical care quickly – usually with the help of EMS.

Fun Fact: In my many years of working on an ambulance, and with 10+ advanced drugs at my fingertips, my physician supervisor really cared only that I gave my cardiac patients four (4) low-dose tablets to chew in the first five (5) minutes that they were in my care. If I didn’t, I got scolded ...

Your island medical kit should include many more things: band aids, over-the-counter medications, tweezers, etc. The devices and medications listed here are, however, in a special category. In the case of an antibiotics, they could keep a minor problem from becoming more serious. For the rest of the items, each could be useful in a true emergency – and given our remote location, may help a patient do better during the long transport to advanced care.

Pharmasave Temagami can be helpful in supplying some of these items. I visited the store numerous times last summer and was impressed by the sheer amount and quality of the medications and items that they carry. I talked to the owner, Dr. Richard Procnier, last week and discussed how they can be a resource for the TLA community. He mentioned that for many minor ailments, a pharmacist in the store is able to diagnose and prescribe medications at the time of the visit. They also offer a tele-health service, which is free for Canadians, but available to US citizens for a charge. Visit their website or give them a call (<https://pharmasave.com/temagami> or 705-569-2300) for more information about these services. As one of the last bright storefronts in Temagami, let’s give them as much business as we can.

Look for another “Fire-Pump and First-Aid” training session for islanders (hosted by the TLA) in July 2026. Last year’s event was well attended and lots of fun. I look forward to leading it again.

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The Future of Composting Toilets in Ontario

Composting toilets are commonplace for cottages that situated in remote areas. They are quite useful, as the don't require water.

As of January 1, 2025, changes to the Ontario Building Code (OBC) restricted the installation of composting toilets in new builds.

While existing composting toilets ("Class 1" sewage systems) remain legal alternatives in some areas, they are no longer permitted in many new residential constructions - which require the use of conventional septic systems. "Class 1" sewage systems in Ontario are non-water systems designed only for human body waste, and include privies, along with chemical, incinerating, recirculating, and composting toilets. These systems do not require a building permit, but must comply with OBC regulations regarding construction and location. They are commonly used for seasonal cottages, remote areas, or in conjunction with "Class 2" systems which handle greywater.

Changes to the OBC, however, now remove the option of using a composting toilet as a cottage's sole sanitary option. The code now requires dwellings with water-distribution systems (via pipes which convey potable water to the property), to have a standard toilet - and, therefore, a septic system.

Fortunately, these building code changes don't apply retroactively to existing build-

ings. Thus, if you already have a composting toilet installed, you don't have to get rid of it.

In summary ...

New Build Restrictions:

The updated OBC has reduced the viability of composting toilets for new, permanent residences. Code changes took effect at the beginning of 2025.

Previous Options:

The OBC previously permitted "drainless" options, such as composting toilets - but there is now a shift toward requiring standard, water-based, sanitation structures.

Permits:

While outhouses and composting toilets may not require a specific permit in some rural, non-residential contexts, they must still comply with the Ontario Building Code.

Greywater:

Composting toilets are often paired with "Class 2" systems or greywater pits, which are designed to handle wastewater from household plumbing devices, such as sinks, showers, and washing machines.

Existing Units:

Existing composting toilets are typically "grandfathered" in; but, they must still comply with local health and safety regulations.

For new developments, it's best to consult local, municipal building departments to confirm whether or not composting toilets are permissible in your area, as regulations may vary.

Sources:
Cottage Life website (July 12, 2025)
Northeastern Public Health Unit
website (2026)

BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND APPLE SOUP

*This recipe is from page 26 of Temagami Cooks: A Collection of Recipes
Compiled by the Temagami Lakes Association (reprinted in November 2013)*

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 apples, peeled and diced
- 2 cloves garlic, squished
- 6 cups raw butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- 3 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 cup apple juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger

1. Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium-low heat.
2. Add the onion, apples, and garlic, and cook, stirring until softened - about 8 to 10 minutes.
3. Add the cubed squash, then add the broth, apple juice, salt, and ground ginger.
4. Raise the heat slightly and bring to a boil.
5. Stir, then cover and simmer about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. The squash and apples should be falling-apart soft.
6. Let cool a few minutes.
7. Ladle the soup into a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. Serves 8.

~ submitted by: Mari-Beth Crysler, Camp Wabikon ~

Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Student Fund: Investing in Education, Well-Being, and Future Leadership

By TAA 2nd Chief, John Turner, and Jim Norton (TLA Member)

Secondary-school students from Bear Island face unique and ongoing barriers in accessing high-school education – barriers not experienced by students in less-remote communities. Bear Island does not have a high school, so the closest options are located in New Liskeard or North Bay.

To attend school in New Liskeard, students must cross Lake Temagami and travel more than 90 minutes each way along a dangerous stretch of highway. This long commute is exhausting and often prevents participation in after-school programs, sports, and enrichment activities that are an important part of student well-being.

If families choose schools in North Bay, students can hope to board with relatives. This can be a positive and supportive option, when available. When this is not possible, students may need to board with unfamiliar households, or families may be forced to consider relocating – an option many cannot pursue due to employment, housing, finances, or responsibilities to younger children. These realities create emotional strain for students and families alike.

Our students deserve equitable access to education that supports not only academic success, but emotional health, confidence, and connection to community.

For several years, Bear Island students who were accepted to attend Rosseau Lake College (RLC) received tuition support through Jordan's Principle – a federal program intended to ensure First Nation children receive services without delay or discrimination. In 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal found Canada's implementation of Jordan's Principle to be discriminatory and issued multiple orders to improve equity and consistency.

Through this support, RLC became a meaningful educational option for Bear Island students. The school's small class sizes, personalized learning, land-based education, and close-knit community closely reflect the students' lived experiences. Participation in sports, arts, and extracurricular activities is part of daily life, helping students build confidence, leadership, and resilience. Families and educators alike have seen students flourish – academically, socially, and emotionally. This support is not a luxury nor a privilege. It is an investment in the emotional health, academic success, and future leadership of our youth.

In February 2025, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) announced it would no longer provide tuition support for students attending independent schools, such as Rosseau Lake College. This sudden change introduced uncertainty for families who had already made educational plans based on previously-available support. As families assessed the risks and explored options, some students ultimately enrolled elsewhere, while others continued to pursue every possible avenue to sustain their plans. In some cases, families were successful in securing alternative funding based on individual student circumstances. Despite these efforts, gaps remain, and the need for stable, reliable tuition support continues for students who are thriving at RLC.

Recognizing the importance of stability and continuity for these students, the "Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Student Fund" was established to help ensure that they can continue their education in a setting where they are thriving.

The Fund was launched on a beautiful day in August during a gathering on Lake Temagami at Thunderpipe Lodge. Students personally delivered invitations to community members, creating space for meaningful conversation and shared understanding. Student presentations reflected on their educational journeys. This was followed by time to talk together about the school, the students' needs, and the responsibility we hold to support them. The gathering included a shared meal, a specially-prepared cake, and time together on the land overlooking the water.

By intentionally keeping the gathering small, everyone present had the opportunity to listen closely, ask questions, and hear directly from the students. The day reflected the spirit of care, relationship, and collective support that inspired the creation of the Fund.

STUDENT VOICES:

Sophia Turner (Grade 12) shared: "Overall, I feel a lot of gratitude for the opportunity to be at RLC this year and for everything I'm learning both in and out of the classroom." Now co-captain of the volleyball team, Sophia has already received acceptance to Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts Institute in Ottawa.

Gage Trodd (Grade 11) reflected: "Since coming to Rosseau, I've made a lot of friends, and having those connections has made my time here a lot of fun." In addition to strong academic progress, Gage has participated in experiential learning (including scuba certification) and an upcoming cultural and volunteer trip to Costa Rica.

Nicole Goulin (Grade 9) shared: "Boarding has honestly been amazing ... the community at RLC is the best." She enjoys her classes (especially Science and Ojibwe) and has found a sense of belonging.

How to Support the Education and Future Leadership of Bear Island Students:

We extend sincere gratitude to the donors who helped establish this permanent, charitable fund and to those who have reached out to learn more. Your interest and generosity are already making a meaningful difference. As tuition costs remain significant, continued community and supporter involvement is essential to sustaining these opportunities for Bear Island students.

Canadian charitable donations (for an instant charitable receipt) can be made via the Rosseau Lake College website at: www.rosseaulakecollege.com/giving/make-a-donation. Select "Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Student Fund".

We are especially pleased that a U.S. charitable donation option is now in place. These donations can be received through the Temagami Community Foundation's website at: www.temagamicommunityfoundation.com/store/Donate-to-Temagami-Community-Foundation-p427637101. Select "Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Student Fund". A U.S. tax receipt will then be issued.

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By Jeff Scott, Director – 401 Group



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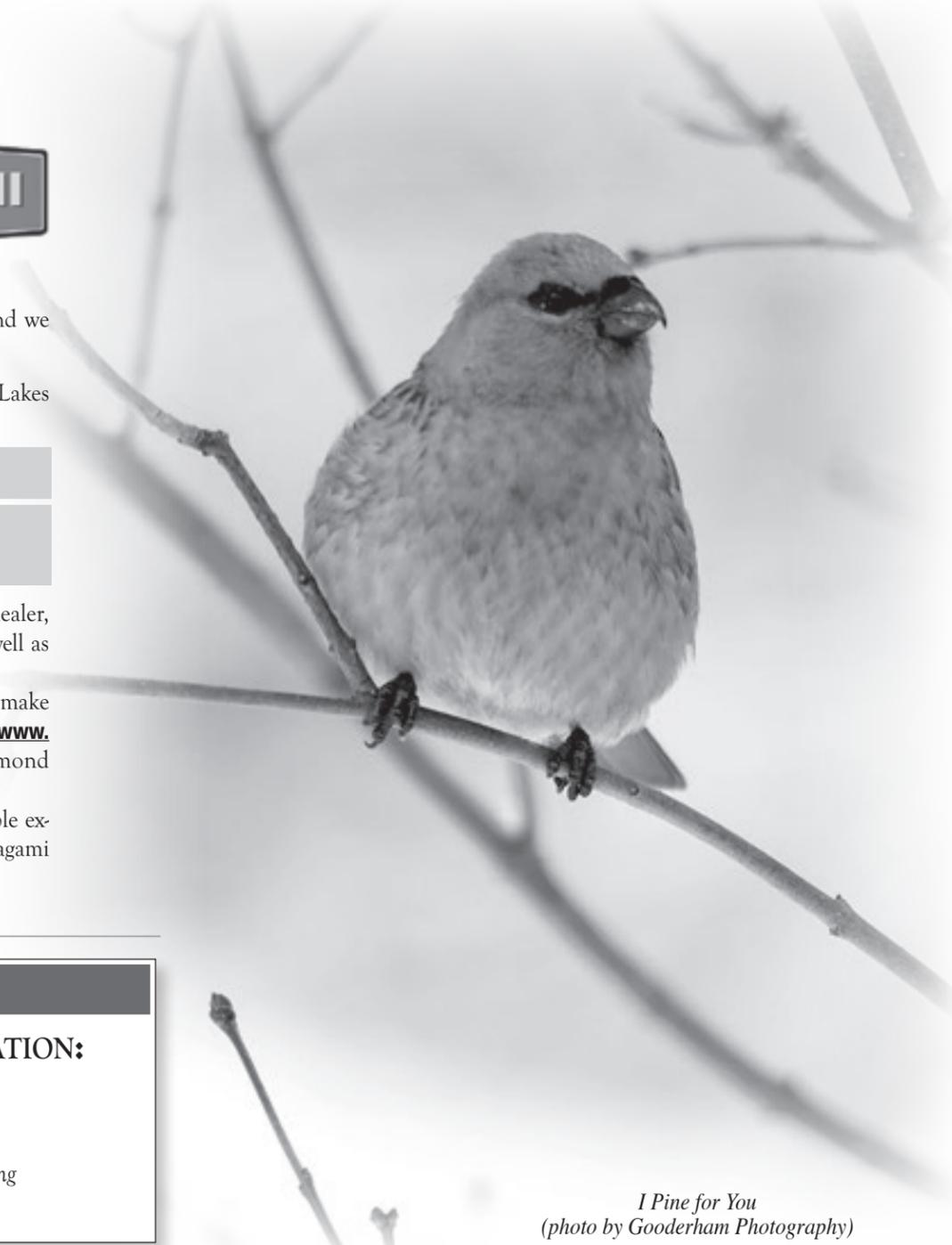
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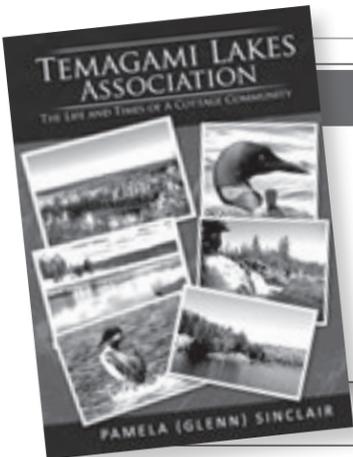
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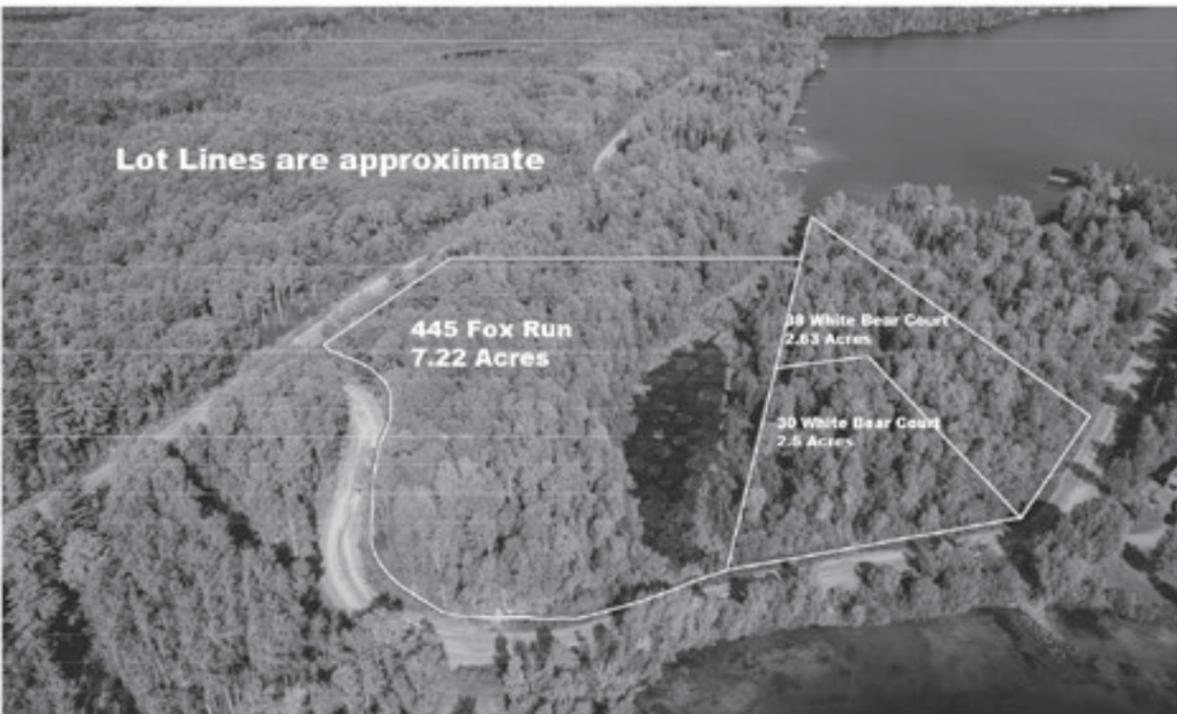
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Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Camp Wabun.

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 temagamilakes1931@gmail.com by July 10, 2026.



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For Further Information: Contact the TLA at temagamilakes1931@gmail.com.

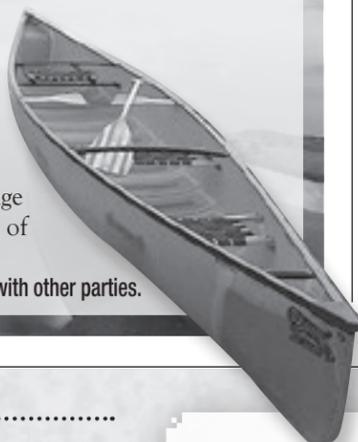
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If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to register and receive such communications through your e-mail account by following these steps:

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- Previous messages can be viewed in the right-hand column of the TLA website homepage under "Recent Blog Postings" - or near the top of the page under the "Blog" heading.

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TLA Supports the Temagami Community in 2025

Each year, the Temagami Lakes Association Board of Directors budgets \$1,000.00 to donate to Temagami area community groups. In the past, contributions have been contributed to a wide range of non-profit and charitable organizations, service groups, and other organizations which benefit the Temagami community.

In 2025, donations of \$250.00 were provided to each of the following organizations:

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Temagami Lions Club (www.facebook.com/today.s.temagami.lion.s.club):

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TLA Business

TLA Property Patrols

Property patrols are one of the annual services enjoyed by some TLA members. The following options are currently available: "Service A" (spring and fall: \$80.00 per year); "Service B" (January and March: \$80.00 per year); and, "Service C" (combination of A and B: \$150.00 per year).

These patrols are very useful, as they give some piece of mind to property owners who may be away from Temagami for months at a time. In previous years, the patrols have identified problems, such as break-ins, fallen trees, and damage to buildings due to snow load.

At the time of writing this message, January/February property patrols are already underway. For those who subscribed to one of the service options in 2025 ... you will be provided the same service for 2026 - unless you notify the TLA in advance.

If you wish to change your patrols for a particular year, please notify the Executive Director before the patrols begin each January.

Thank you!!

Paid Parking Lots and QR-Code-Based Parking System in Temagami

By Christopher Brooks

On November 27, 2025, the Temagami Municipal Council voted to implement a paid parking trial for certain lots in Temagami. The trial is intended to run from February 1, 2026 until April 30, 2026, with paid parking in the following lots:

- "O'Connor Drive Lot (skateboard park): \$6 per day; overnight parking permitted"
- "Stevens Road (opposite fire hall): \$6 per day; overnight parking permitted"
- "Train Station Lot: day parking only; no overnight parking permitted"
- "Chalet/Tower: \$6 per day; no overnight parking permitted"

The measure was amended to include an hourly rate and "the issuance of a ratepayers' parking pass."

The system will use HONK - a QR-code-based system. Signs with the QR code will be posted, and customers are expected to use their smartphones to pay via HONK. The details of how HONK will work are unknown.

Council has discussed rolling out paid parking at the Lake Temagami Access Point, the Strathcona / Burwash Bay access points, and other Lake access points throughout the Municipality.

Since the Lake Temagami Access Point has poor cellular coverage, one idea was to place a sign near Highway 11 that prompts drivers to pay for parking in advance before heading down the Lake Temagami Access Road.

Historically, parking at the Lake Temagami Access Point has been difficult. Implementing paid parking for non-ratepayers could generate funds to expand and improve parking at this location. However, it appears the Municipality views paid parking as a potential revenue stream, as it has proposed paid parking in many locations.

There are many concerns with the current paid-parking proposal:

- Neither a traffic study nor a parking survey has ever been presented to Council.
- A business case indicating expenses and income has never been presented.
- Charging for parking at the Municipal Arena has not been discussed.
- Details about how permits for ratepayers would be distributed have not been presented.
- Parking for the staff of commercial users has not been discussed.
- The funds would presumably go into general revenues instead of addressing parking problems at the Lake Temagami Access Point (and other areas).
- Parking for people with Accessible Parking Permits has not been addressed.

If paid parking is to be implemented, the municipality could, at a minimum, provide one parking pass per person on the title of the property. It would also be helpful to allow an additional guest pass for each property. These passes should be available at low or no cost.

For rate-paying, water-access citizens, the waterfront lots provide the closest parking spots to their properties. These are comparable to parking curbside in front of one's home in Town. While it would be considered absurd to charge for curbside parking, why is it permissible to charge water-access properties for this purpose?

If the Municipality is looking to monetize non-rate-paying visitors, then perhaps it would be a good idea to reconsider a transient occupancy-tax on motel, houseboat, and short-term rental guests. This is a common practice in many tourism-based communities.

N.B., The November 27, 2025 minutes and "2025-M-283 Implementation of Paid Parking Lots and QR Code-Based Parking System" (item 4.4) may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/temagamiParking2025>.

The TLA's New E-mail Address

With the demolition of the TLA Building in October of 2025, the TLA's phone, internet, and Wi-Fi services have been placed on hiatus for the time being. Consequently, the TLA no longer has access to its old e-mail address through Ontera (Onlink).

This is, therefore, a reminder that the Association now has a new e-mail address:

temagamilakes1931@gmail.com. It should be used for:

- correspondence to the TLA Board;
- correspondence to the Executive Director; and,
- e-transfer payments for memberships, advertising, etc.

Please do not use the old e-mail address going forward. Thank you!!

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1. organize, fund, and participate in environmental monitoring and research projects which are designed to preserve and protect Lake Temagami and its surrounding lands;
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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.

TLA Membership Directory 2026

In 2026, the Temagami Lakes Association Membership Directory will be offered only in an electronic/digital format. It will be distributed in June to those who have renewed their memberships.

Please take a minute in the near future to review your Directory listings (i.e., alphabetical, by island number and Lake community, VHF radios, fire pumps), and those of your family members, to ensure that all information is correct and up-to-date. Any changes should be sent to the TLA at temagamilakes1931@gmail.com by April 15, 2026.

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

N.B., For those who are interested ... some 2025 paper Directories remain and can be picked up this summer.

SAVE THE DATE: Keewaydin Islander Potluck 2026

Please mark your calendars for this summer's Keewaydin "Islander Potluck" - an annual gathering of Lake Temagami islanders and Keewaydin Temagami friends.

The event will take place on **Sunday, August 2, 2026** at Ojibway Family Lodge on Island 1147. For more information, please contact Tanya McCubbin at Tanya@keewaydin.org or Amber Nussey at amber@keewaydin.org.

We hope to see you there!

Call for Writers

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

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

The possibilities are almost endless, as is the "talent pool" within our membership. Please send your articles to: temagamilakes1931@gmail.com. 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.

Two Books about N'dakimenan

by Debra Huron

Driving along Highway 11 north from North Bay toward the town of Temagami, you regularly pass a sign that says, "Welcome to N'Daki Menan. Homeland of Teme-Augama Anishnabai."

The language used on the sign is Anishinaabemowin: the first language of the territory where your cottage exists. It is the original language of the area's Indigenous people who reside on Bear Island and elsewhere. N'dakimenan translates to "our homeland".

Both of the books reviewed here provide TLA members with an opportunity to learn more about N'dakimenan and the people who consider it their homeland.

Echo Maker: Craig Macdonald and the Lives that Produced One of Canada's Most Significant Historical Maps (by James Raffan, 2025: Dundurn Press, Toronto)

Craig Macdonald is the biographer's subject, as well as a longtime friend of Raffan's. Maybe because of that friendship, I noticed how Raffan has inserted himself into the narrative in ways that may or may not enhance the primary story the book promises to tell. For example, the book's main title and the image of a sandhill crane on its cover emerge from Raffan's musings on Macdonald and the territory of N'dakimenan that Macdonald so meticulously mapped.

"...it seemed fitting to conclude the formal research for this book with a return to Temagami by canoe," Raffan writes in the opening paragraph of a 30-page afterword section. So, despite the word Temagami not appearing on the book's cover, a description of Raffan's trip to the land of the Deep-Water people concludes the book. Luckily, the afterword explains both the book's main title and the image of a sandhill crane referred to above.

Can we begrudge an author that experience/excess? This author knows the living subject of his biography, and inserting his feelings about the man and the place depicted in Macdonald's historic map can be forgiven, especially because the map and the man are one.

The map describes a huge territory.

Macdonald's mapping of N'dakimenan centres on a story of perseverance (and its "twin sister", obsession) that began when Macdonald was 20 years-old (he is now 79). The map was published by the cartography division of Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources in 1993. That's 27 years of map making by Macdonald.

The territory shown on the map is bordered by Sudbury in the southwest, Gowganda in the northwest, New Liskeard in the northeast, and North Bay in the southeast.

Raffan describes Macdonald's map of N'dakimenan as "a totally arresting three-by-four-foot portrait of the dreams and deep land wisdom given to him by scores of Anishinaabe Elders."

While the book details the struggles Macdonald endured in getting the Ontario government to publish the map, what never seemed arduous in Raffan's telling of Macdonald's

life was the mapmaker's love of hearing firsthand from Anishinaabeg Elders. These men and women willingly shared the original names for the lands and waters, portages, and winter trails that they used to reach trap lines and other areas. More than 500 place names in Anishinaabemowin grace Macdonald's map.

Raffan describes how many Indigenous people revered Macdonald. They treasured the map he'd made, and accepted it as an honourable gift – because it did not set out a romantic tale about a lost way of life, but told the truth of the land itself and its value in the past, present, and into the future.

Raffan's biography reproduces details of Macdonald's 1983 testimony before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice during the Bear Island land-claim case. He was called as a witness based on the map he had laboured over for decades; but, it was a horrible experience because lawyers for the Ontario government were intent on discrediting the map by vilifying Macdonald. They said he was not from the community and that he was not a holder of traditional knowledge. The courtroom drama hurt Macdonald deeply. The court dismissed the claim in 1984 and ruled in favour of the Province of Ontario. Although an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was launched, the lower court's decision was upheld in 1991.

Should you want to know more about the land claims brought to Canadian courts, this book provides a good overview of those claims and of their results. I wish that story were not scattered throughout the book, but dealt with all at once. Nevertheless, it's there.

Does a telling of Macdonald's life and the map of N'dakimenan he created offer readers a valuable insight into the territory and the original people who call that territory home? I'd say it does. Take a winter week-end to read the book, and decide its value for yourself. **Temagami's Tangled Wild: Race, Gender and the Making of Canadian Nature** (by Jocelyn Thorpe, 2012: UBC Press).

This 130-page book (with 63 pages of endnotes) examines a variety of perspectives on what TLA members call Lake Temagami, by an author who is currently a professor in the Department of History's Women and Gender Studies program at the University of Manitoba.

Thorpe describes her thesis on page one: "The main argument of the book is that Temagami has been *made* – imaginatively and materially – as a site of wild Canadian nature. Its appearance as naturally wild and Canadian is the result of historical processes and relationships of power that disguised themselves as natural and worked to dispossess the Teme-Augama Anishnabai of their territory."

Extensively researched and mostly free of academic jargon, the book remains as relevant today as when it was published because it tells the long history of N'dakimenan. This homeland was transformed by Canadian governments, industries, businesspeople, and by an array of "sportsmen" who first extolled the virtues of playing within "virgin" wilderness and later often became property owners.

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Incursions into the area began in earnest when Ontario created the massive Temagami Forest Reserve in 1903. In the name of “conservation,” its strict regulations prohibited the original inhabitants of N’dakimenan from cutting trees for either firewood or homes, while employees of the province of Ontario cut swathes of trees to aid in the widening of portage routes for tourists. That same province also handed out lucrative licences for timber companies to log vast tracts of “wilderness”.

“It is no coincidence, then, that the commodification of Temagami occurred through the selling of the romantic,” Thorpe writes. The romantic might also be deemed “delusional” because both wilderness and conservation were lofty concepts compared to much more prosaic aims: making money by exploiting “natural” resources.

Of considerable relevance to those interested in knowing the whole story of legal challenges launched by the Indigenous population of N’dakimenan is Thorpe’s chapter called “The Legal Landscape”. Spanning 30 pages, it includes details of how Craig Macdonald’s map and his testimony before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in support of the Bear Island land-claim case was pivotal in that court’s dismissal of Indigenous claims to N’dakimenan.

Thorpe’s conclusion to the book then brings readers up to date on the land claim, which was effectively “settled” by the Supreme Court of Canada in 1991. This book portrays the Ontario government as a powerful and consistently intransigent blocker of negotiations regarding land rights in N’dakimenan, dating back more than a century. Today, it remains the entity in whose hands the First Nation rests.

For the record, Temagami First Nation’s land on Bear Island sits on one square mile (2.6 km²) of N’dakimenan and does not include all of the island. In upholding her claim to “dispossession” of lands, Thorpe chronicles how the First Nation came to be officially designated in 1971 – and how their original home territory is larger than the previously-designated Temagami Forest Reserve, which spanned 5,900 square miles (15,281 km²).

In 1884, almost 100 years before a tiny part of N’dakimenan was designated as a First Nation, the federal Department of Indian Affairs surveyed and set aside a 100 square-mile (259 km²) area around Austin Bay at the south end of Lake Temagami for this purpose. In 1935, and again in 1936, local, Indigenous people petitioned the Federal government to convince Ontario to remove this small portion of N’dakimenan from its designation as Crown land, so that it could be authorized for their use. To date, the area around Austin Bay remains Crown land.



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Temagami Public Library Update (Winter 2026)
 By Ashley Bailey, CEO,
 Temagami Public Library

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Hello from the Temagami Public Library! As winter begins to wind down and we look ahead to the arrival of spring, the Temagami Public Library has continued to be a welcoming and active space for the community throughout the colder months. Even during the heart of winter, residents of all ages have been stopping in to browse, gather, and take part in Library programs.

One of the major highlights of February was our partnership with the CBC to celebrate the 2026 Winter Olympics. It was wonderful to see the community engage with the spirit of the games through our themed crafts and activities!



Library Board Members and CEO Receive a Donation From the Temagami Lakes Association in November 2025 – Left to Right: Janice Belanger, Victoria Winsor Potts, Christine Tomlinson, Ashley Bailey (CEO/Head Librarian), and Bob Sykes (photo by Carol Lowery)

Professional development is also an important part of keeping Library services strong and up to date. This winter, I travelled to Toronto to attend the Ontario Library Association Super Conference. As one of the largest library gatherings in Canada, this conference provided a wealth of new ideas, resources, and best practices. I am so excited to bring these insights back to benefit our local library and help our programs continue to evolve!

By the time you read this, the Olympics will have concluded – but the fun is far from over! Plans are well underway for March Break and “Temagami Shiverfest” programming. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for more details as these plans are finalized.

Our “Tween Club” also continues to meet weekly and remains a popular spot for youth ages 9 to 14. The club has kept its flexible and participant-led format, allowing kids to choose how they spend their time together. From crafts and creative projects, to games, computers, and social time, each week looks a little different – and that variety has been key to its success. It has been especially rewarding to see young people feel comfortable in making the Library their own space.

Finally, the Library would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Temagami Lakes Association for their generous donation. Support such as this plays an important role in helping the Library continue to offer programs, resources, and a welcoming space for everyone.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community and look forward to welcoming visitors as we move from winter into spring. Thank you for being part of the Temagami Public Library, and we hope to see you soon!

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Temagami Lions Club Update (Winter 2026)



By Ike Laba

TEMAGAMI LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

The Temagami Lions are a small, but a highly active, club with a total of thirteen members who work hard to improve the Temagami community. The Lions plan and implement events and services, such as the: Temagami Food Bank; collection of clothing for the Diabetes Research Program; annual "Steak Fry"; Seniors' Christmas Dinner; collection of eyeglasses; "Annual Flea Market"; and, "Annual Hockey Tournament". We appreciate local volunteers' support, but need more members to expand our community activities. If you are interested in joining as a member, please contact any Lion member or President Brian Koski (705-569-4522) for more information.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNER (DECEMBER 7, 2025):

A special thanks is extended to Lion Jane Dougall and all the volunteers for making the Seniors' Christmas Dinner an enormous success. Temagami is a small town with many seniors – whose valuable contributions to the community are well recognized. A total of 145 people attended the event in person this year, and 45 meals were delivered to those unable to attend. The Lions appreciate all the support from the community and businesses in offering this celebration.

FIRE DEPARTMENT "PANCAKE BREAKFAST" AND LIONS "KIDS WITH SANTA" (DECEMBER 14, 2025):

The Temagami Fire Department is a volunteer organization that supports and protects the community by providing firefighting services, as well as highway rescues. Every Christmas, the firefighters of Temagami provide a pancake breakfast to raise funds for purchasing up-to-date firefighting equipment to better serve the community. At this same event, the Temagami Lions provide a special day for the kids by having Santa attend with a gift for every youngster. Again, Lion Jane Dougall was instrumental in implementing the event – with the assistance of Cindy Sirotkin (a community volunteer) and Lion Bob Sykes.

Temagami Lions Club Annual "Seniors' Christmas Dinner" – December 7, 2025 (photo by Heather Reid)

TEMAGAMI LIONS SKATE AND BOOK-READING EVENT (DECEMBER 21, 2025):

Recently, the Lions were offered a substantial donation of gifts and toys for Temagami's youth by former resident, Robert Mallette, and author and photographer, Linda Stoner. These will be distributed within the community. Thank you!

Lion Jane Dougall and Lion Ashly Legacy were key organizers of a related event that combined an ice-skating session along with a book reading with Linda. Due to the short notice and Christmas activities, we had approximately 20 kids in attendance. We expect participation to increase in 2026.

DIABETES RESEARCH PROGRAM:

The Temagami Lions Club continues to collect unwanted, clean clothing in support of the Diabetes Research Program. If you have clean clothing, boots, jackets, or similar items that are in good repair and no longer required, they can be placed in the Lions Club depot located at the back of the Catholic Church. The Lions receive a rebate for every bag of clothing collected, which is put toward various programs within the community. For more information, please contact Lion Bob Sykes at 705-569-4412.

TEMAGAMI LIONS "ANNUAL FLEA MARKET" (AUGUST LONG WEEK-END 2026):

The Lions are very appreciative of all the residents who have supported the "Annual Flea Market" in past years. This event is a terrific opportunity for the Club to raise funds to support various programs within the community. Your donations help make the community a better place in which to live. For more information, please contact Lion Bob Sykes or Ike Laba (705-569-3252).

TEMAGAMI LION'S FOOD BANK:

Temagami Food Bank usage has increased recently due to seasonal fluctuations, as well as the local economy. We have been fortunate to receive financial and food donations from various contributors (e.g., Frog's Breath Foundation, Temiskaming Shores Inn and Resort, Sisters by Choice in Marten River, Knights of Columbus Temiskaming Shores, and a North Bay real estate group). There was also a large food drive implemented by the MNR and OPP in New Liskeard.

If you require support from the Food Bank or wish to donate, please contact Lion Brian Koski.

New Executive for the Temagami Lions Club:

- PRESIDENT: Brian Koski (705-569-3252)
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Photographing in the Moment: A Practical Guide to Trusting Your Eye

By Gerry Gooderham, Gooderham Photography

Photography can often feel intimidating because of the equipment (or the lack thereof). Today's photography involves phones, point-and-shoots, or DSLR (digital, single-lens-reflex) cameras – each with its own challenges (especially if you are new to photography).

Let me help relieve some of that angst. Photography is about seeing, feeling, and reacting – more so than owning the “right” equipment. You can discover the joy of photographing in the moment by seeing and being present, which allows you to have that camera ready and press the shutter.

Phones are always on hand. Your phone is the most accessible camera you'll ever own. It's in your pocket, ready to capture everyday life – when a loon pops up while you're in your kayak, a rainbow appears as a storm passes, or the morning light falls across trees. Phones are fast, intuitive, and connected. They remind us that photography is democratic and anyone can preserve a memory with a quick tap. The key lesson here is to trust your instincts. Don't overthink composition or lighting; just focus on the story unfolding in front of you.

Point-and-shoot cameras are designed for easy use, as well. They strip away complexity, letting you frame and capture without worrying about technical settings. This makes them perfect for travel, family gatherings, or casual outings. They allow you to practice noticing details – expressions, gestures, colours – without distraction. A point-and-shoot teaches you that photography isn't about technical mastery, but about timing and observation.

DSLRs and mirrorless cameras are more professional and give you more control. You can adjust shutter speed, aperture, and ISO [a camera setting that brightens or darkens a photo] to shape the image to your needs. They excel in low light, fast action, or when you want to experiment with depth of field. Don't let the settings distract you from the moment. Technical control is valuable, but the heart of photography is still presence. Use the tools to enhance your vision, not replace it.

Embracing Imperfection:

People who are new to photography often worry about mistakes – blurry images, graininess, and uneven light. In reality, these “flaws” can add character. They remind us that life is imperfect and that authenticity matters more than polish.



Jay Way

(photo by Gooderham Photography)

Shooting in the moment means accepting imperfection as part of the story. A slightly blurred photo of a child running may capture joy better than a perfectly sharp one.

Photography is about trust – trusting your eye, your timing, and your connection to what's happening. Try to slow down and observe your surroundings when out for a hike or just sitting by the shore. Look for small details: the way shadows stretch across the ground, the light as it hits water, or the colours in the sky and clouds. Training yourself to “see” is the fun part, and the camera – whatever type – becomes an extension of that vision.

No matter the gear, the principle is the same: photography is about attention. Phones, point-and-shoots, and DSLRs are just different tools for the same purpose. Photographing in the moment is about seeing, being in the present, and capturing what you observe.

Practical Exercises:

- 1. Phone Challenge:** Spend one day capturing five everyday moments with your phone. Don't stage them – just notice and react.
- 2. Point-and-Shoot Practice:** Take your compact camera on a walk. Photograph ten small details you might typically overlook, such as textures, colours, or gestures.
- 3. DSLR Experiment:** Choose one subject (e.g., trees, water, sky, or landscape). Photograph it three times – once in auto mode, once in aperture priority for depth of field, and once in shutter priority for more detail. Compare the results and make some notes, but enjoy the moment.
- 4. Imperfection:** Intentionally shoot in low light or while moving. Notice how blurring or graininess adds mood. Reflect on how “flaws” can tell a story.
- 5. Attention:** Sit in one place for ten minutes with any camera. Capture three images that show how the light or atmosphere changes during that short time.

Well, that's it for now. Get out there and have some fun!



First Snow on Black Creek
 (photo by Gooderham Photography)

Grey Owl's TEMAGAMI

By David Sedlock

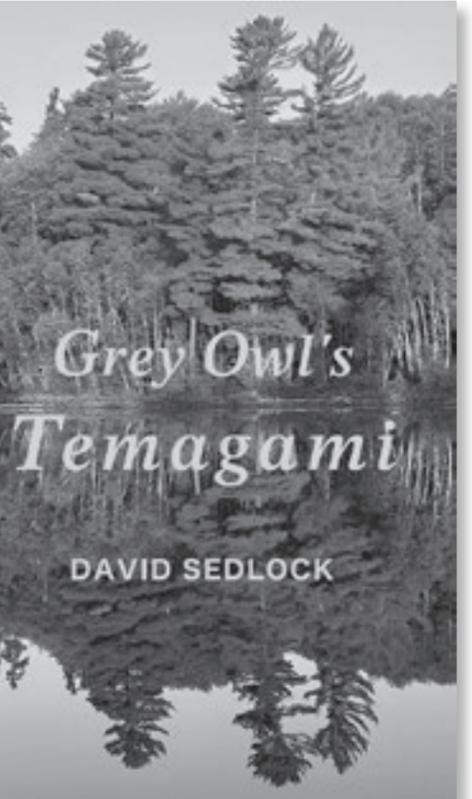
The Canadian bushman, Grey Owl, renounced trapping in 1928 and transformed himself into a famous conservationist who was noted for his books, lectures, and films about the Canadian North. He even lectured to King George VI in a Royal Command Performance at Buckingham Palace in 1937. Grey Owl successfully passed as half-Indigenous for the latter years of his life, but shortly after his death in 1938 (at the early age of 49), his true identity was revealed: Grey Owl was, in fact, an English-

man. He was born in Hastings in 1888, and his real name was Archie Belaney.

As a boy, Archie became fascinated with the Indigenous peoples of North America and longed to make a life among them. He immigrated to Canada in 1906. After a short stay in Toronto, he went north on the recently-built Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. Arriving at the old Train Station in Temagami, he encountered a lively scene. The colourful entrepreneur Dan O'Connor had brought tourism to the area and built the four-storey Ronnoco Hotel, as well as the Temagami Inn (now Temagami Lodge) and the Lady Evelyn Hotel.

Without any backcountry skills and little money, Archie could not have ventured straight into the wilderness. Instead he headed to the Temagami Inn, where he found work as a "chore boy". To get there, he probably boarded the Belle of Temagami - the largest boat to ever operate on the Lake. While associating with the inn's guides, Archie must have gained a sound perspective of the skills he wanted to develop. Perhaps he brushed shoulders with Bill Guppy, who he later lauded as "The King of All Woodsmen". And it is also possible that he received his first canoeing lessons there from Michelle Mathias (Big Feather).

At the inn, Archie met Angele Egwuna. She spoke little English and he, little Ojibwe; but a friendship developed. Her family nicknamed him "ko-hom-see" ("Little Owl") - a name that would be transformed years later into "Grey Owl". They invited him to spend the winter of 1909-1910 trapping with them, which gave him the opportunity to experience their close relationship with the wilderness. His time with the family improved his proficiency in the Ojibwe language and the skills he would need as a bushman.



Grey Owl's Temagami
DAVID SEDLOCK

Archie and Angele married on Bear Island in 1910. During the next two summers, he worked as a guide at Camp Keewaydin, which had been founded by Americans in 1903. In 1912, he left Angele and moved to Biscotasing. Here, except for a hiatus serving as a sniper in WW I, he worked as a trapper, guide, and fire ranger in the Mississagi Forest Reserve for the next several years.

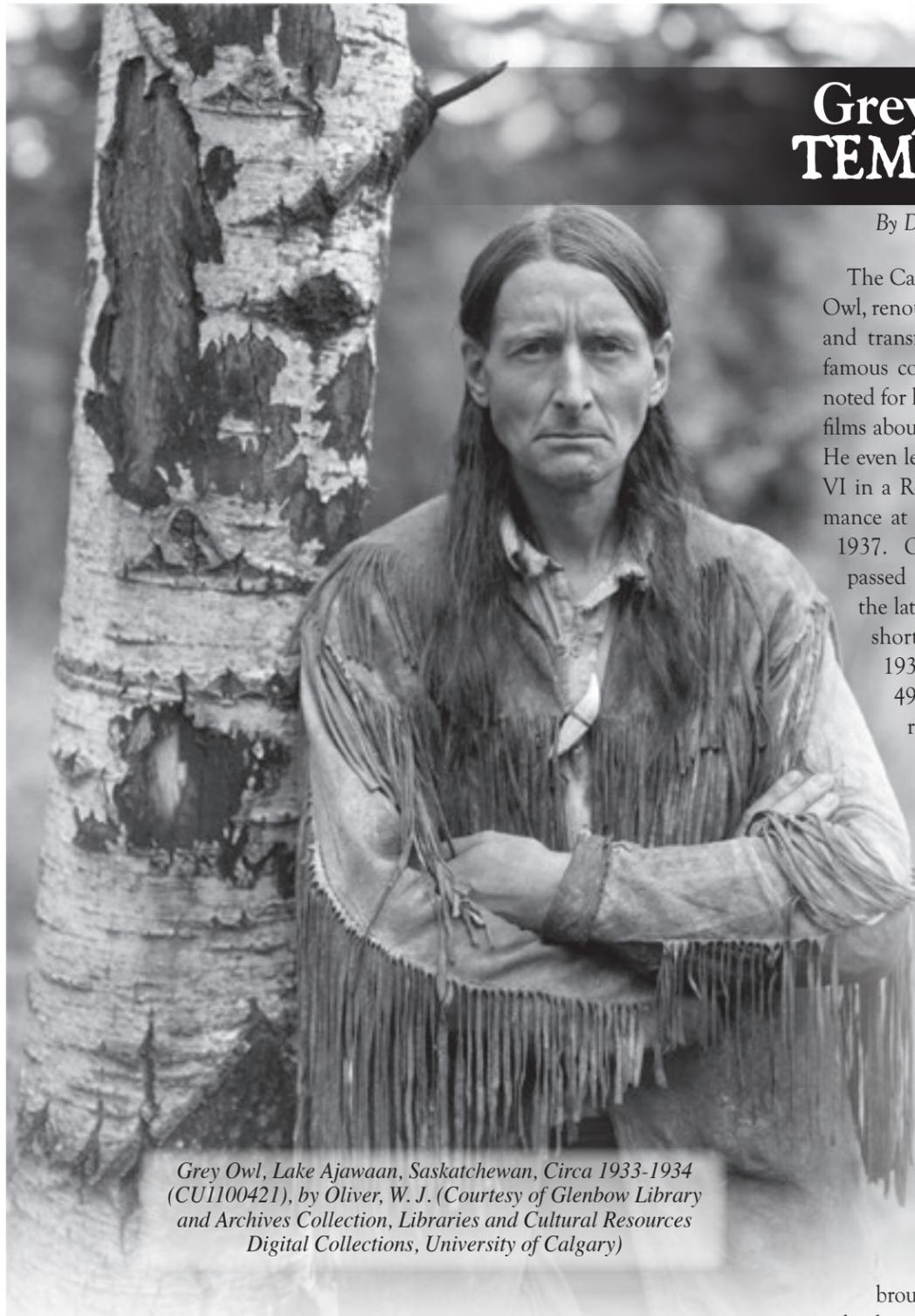
In 1925, Archie had a spot of trouble with the law in Biscotasing and hoofed it back to Temagami. There he met 19 year-old Gertrude ("Gertie") Bernard (later known as Anahareo) at Camp Wabikon. The young, Algonquin-Mohawk lady saw in him her romantic ideal. She took him at his word (that he was born in Mexico of a Scottish father and Apache mother) and stated that only after his exposure did she become aware of his true identity.

Gertie accepted Archie's invitation to join him on a trapline in northwestern Quebec. She was horrified by the experience of trapping, and by 1928 he was also sick of killing. Later he wrote, "Much killing brings in time, no longer triumph, but a revulsion of feeling."

The last straw came when he killed a mother beaver, leaving two kittens. With Gertie's encouragement, he gave up trapping and devoted his efforts to writing and the protection of beaver. Kindness to animals and respect for their rights became dominant themes of his writing.

Sadly, the Canada that Grey Owl so loved now remembers him only, if at all, as a "Pretendian". But his message is as relevant today as it was in his time: You belong to Nature, not it to you. His books are still well worth reading.

My book, *Grey Owl's Temagami*, delves into his association with Temagami in more detail. I have also written a children's book, inspired by Grey Owl and set in Temagami, called *Grey Owl's Enchanted Forest*. These, and other Grey Owl books written by me, are available at Amazon.ca.



Grey Owl, Lake Ajawaan, Saskatchewan, Circa 1933-1934 (CU1100421), by Oliver, W. J. (Courtesy of Glenbow Library and Archives Collection, Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary)

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 408 – Temagami: Update (Winter 2026)

By Heather Reid

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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 always 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:

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Membership Chair and Executive Member:	Marilyn McLeod

BEER STORE RETURNS:

The Temagami Legion is an authorized bottle-return depot for the Temagami area. The Legion will purchase 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 building. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marilyn MacLeod at **705-569-3710**.

MEMBERSHIP:

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

DARTS:

Darts resumed on Friday, October 17, 2025. Games begin at 7:30 p.m., and a cash bar will be open.

CARD/GAMES NIGHTS:

Card/Games Nights resumed on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2025. All are welcome. Bring your own games, or play card games of your choice. The bar will be open.

FROG'S BREATH FOUNDATION:

Legion President Red Seguin, Past President Ray Richmond, and Comrade Ike Laba presented a plaque of appreciation to Susi Johanson of the Frog's Breath Foundation for funding that the Legion received to help in the purchase of the new air-conditioning unit.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025:

- Last year, new back stairs were installed.
- Funding from the Frog's Breath Foundation, along with financial support from our Legion, enabled us to purchase a new air-conditioning unit.
- The plumbing issues were addressed and repaired. A huge "Thank You" is extended to Brian Feeney Plumbing and Temagami Electrical for their work in completing this.
- A steak dinner was held to encourage new members to join the Legion. It was a tremendous success. Thanks to Wayne Manderstrom, Robyn Gareh, and everyone else who organized and helped with this event.
- A huge thanks also goes out to Comrade Carol O'Mara who organized the Christmas Food Baskets, and to the volunteers who helped pack and deliver them again this year. We wish to send a special thanks to Joanne and Dirk Van Manen of Our Daily Bread, who were essential to our success by allowing us use of their store.



Susi Johanson of the Frog's Breath Foundation accepts a plaque from President Red Seguin, Past-President Ray Seguin – on the right, and Comrade Ike Laba – on the left. (photo by Heather Reid)



Lorna Mobbley Speaks at the Remembrance Day Service in 2025 (photo by Heather Reid)

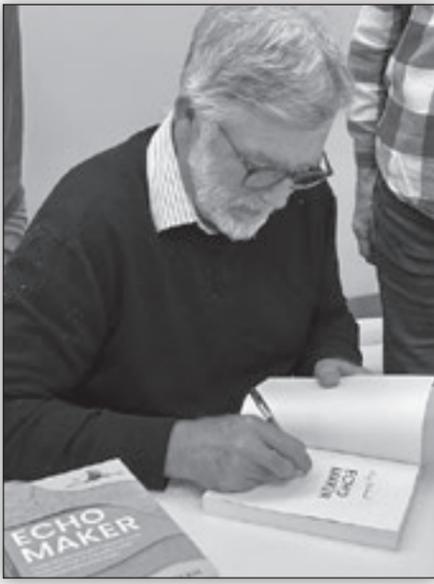
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James Raffan Signs Copies of His Book *Echo Maker* (photo submission by Krista Blais)

Echo Maker: Preserving Knowledge, Mapping Reconciliation

By Krista Blais, Temagami Community Foundation



Echo Maker Author, James Raffan, Speaks at the Book-Launch Event in Temagami – October 2025 (photo submission by Krista Blais)

Long before truth and reconciliation became part of Canada’s national vocabulary, Craig Macdonald was quietly doing the work. Beginning in 1966, Macdonald spent decades travelling with Indigenous trappers and knowledge holders – listening, learning, and carefully documenting traditional Anishinaabemowin place names, shorelines, elevations, and seasonal travel routes throughout N’dakimenan. Over an almost 30-year period, his work resulted in the “Historical Map of Temagami”, which is a landmark record of the land as it was known and used by the Teme-Augama Anishnabai long before modern development.

The remarkable story behind that map is captured in *Echo Maker*, written by best-selling author, James Raffan. More than a biography, *Echo Maker* is a story about listening, trust, and the responsibility of preserving Indigenous knowledge with care and humility. The book explores how Macdonald’s work existed in the space between cultures – guided by Elders, shaped by lived experience on the land, and grounded in deep respect for the knowledge he was entrusted to carry. The project itself is rooted in community.

In 2020, Victoria and Richard Grant approached the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF) with a vision: to support the creation of a book that would honour Craig Macdonald’s work and ensure that its benefits remained with the community. Funded through a generous donation from the Grants, the TCF holds ownership of the manuscript and directs all royalties from book sales into a “Truth and Reconciliation Fund” to benefit the Teme-Augama Anishnabai and N’dakimenan.

Echo Maker was officially launched in October 2025, with events held on Bear Island and at the Bunny Miller Theatre in Temagami. The launch brought together community members, Elders, and guests for a thoughtful conversation between Raffan and Victoria Grant, followed by a question-and-answer session with Macdonald himself. While the event was modest in size, it carried deep significance by offering a rare opportunity to hear directly from both the author and the man whose life’s work the book honours.

In the book’s foreword, the Grants express gratitude to Macdonald, Raffan, and the community, and acknowledged that the knowledge shared belongs first and foremost to the Teme-Augama Anishnabai. That ethos shaped every part of the project, including its publishing agreement. Raffan has described the experience as fundamentally different from writing other books. Rather than feeling like a “parent” to the work, he has said he felt more like a “midwife” – helping bring a story into the world, while willingly relinquishing control. It is a model that reflects reconciliation not just in subject matter, but in practice.

The title, *Echo Maker*, comes from Anishinaabe teachings of the Crane (Ajijack), also known as Baaswenazhii, the “Echo Maker” – the one who calls people together for ceremony, council, and celebration. For Raffan, the symbolism was clear. By carefully listening to Elders, Macdonald created a living echo of knowledge that might otherwise have been lost. The map – and now the book – serves as a gathering point and reminds readers to think carefully, speak honestly, and respect the wisdom carried by the land and its people.

Today, *Echo Maker* stands as both a historical record and a living example of how knowledge can be preserved collaboratively and ethically. Copies of the book are available for purchase through the Temagami Community Foundation’s website and at the Temagami Train Station. All proceeds support the TCF’s “Truth and Reconciliation Fund”, ensuring that this story continues to give back to the community it honours.

In telling the story of Craig Macdonald and the map, *Echo Maker* ultimately offers something larger: a hopeful example of how listening, respect, and shared stewardship can shape a more thoughtful future.



Craig Macdonald Speaks With a Member of the Public About His “Historical Map of Temagami” (photo submission by Krista Blais)

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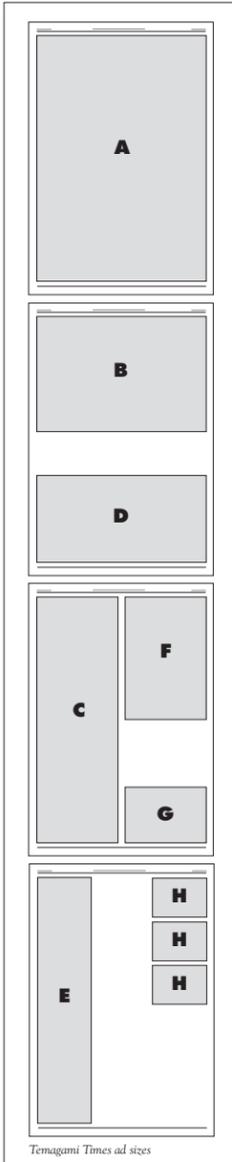
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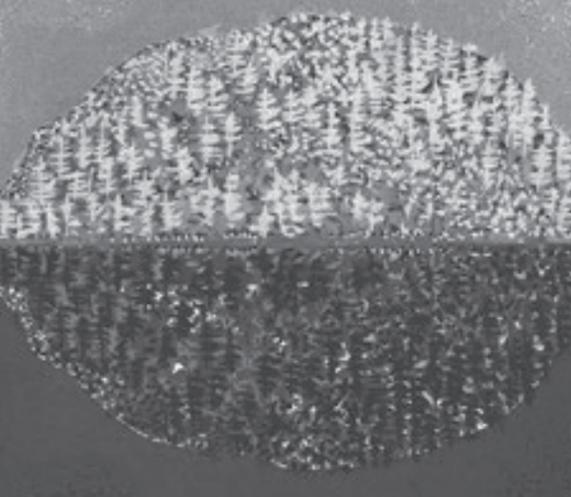
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