

Good afternoon, Temagami Lakes Association Board of Directors:

Greetings for this wonderful autumn season to you all!

Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to be included in your request for answers to your questions. It is unfortunate that I was not able to meet the October 1, 2026 deadline, however, due to the fact your email request went to my spam folder.

Working with you, on your behalf, as a Temagami Councillor, has truly been a great honour and privilege, for the 2018 term and the current 2022 term. As someone who grew up in northern Ontario, namely, Elliot Lake, Ontario and later in Pinawa, Manitoba; I can relate to the many aspects of living in a small, rural community. At University of Manitoba, I earned an Honours degree in Fine Arts (BFA). I have resided here with my husband and family, since 1989 or thirty seven years. I am retired and have the time to continue to dedicate to council, as I have done since 2018.

In entering the 2026 Election, I am very hopeful that the next Mayor and Council will create a TEAM situation and will work TOGETHER with everyone. A team approach would be more productive and progressive in achieving the goals you all are hoping for, in my view.

In the 2022 election, my objective in seeking a council seat was to ..."Be the change you want to see in the world" (Mahatma Ghandi). As an optimistic person, my philosophy is to continue seeking change and positive solutions over negative problems. FIND COMMON GROUND, has been my goal.

Protecting Lake Temagami:

I hope to continue to work to protect all our lakes and the mainland of Lake Temagami in the municipality, upholding the Tenets of Temagami for the future of Lake Temagami. Water quality and ecosystems MUST be a priority. I support action immediately re: the horrible invasive species now living in the lakes. When previously meeting with the chiefs and councils, respectively, in 2023, I raised this issue at the meeting by saying ..."have you seen the conditions at the town docks, lately?" Which wasn't actually on the radar, then. Also, I met with Sabrina Picard (Deputy CAO), and Adam Pugh (Owner: Loon Lodge) to inspect the conditions at that time. As an artist, and having lived on Lake Temagami for nearly ten years, I understand Lake Temagami, is truly is a special and magical place, on the planet and needs to be protected and treasured.

Improved Services for Taxes Paid:

To continue working to fight for taxes to be under control. Taxes have risen 20 percent since this 2022 Council started. We must find more opportunities to help control this situation i.e.: open up lots for homes/cottages in the townsite and other lakes. Welcome and seek out more commercial entities to pay taxes here.

We need a long term plan to upgrade and improve the Lake Temagami Access Rd. i am very

appreciative of our great mayor, Dan O'Mara, as he has been effectively consulting and working together with various provincial ministers and meeting with other councillors, TREDCO (Temagami Ec Dev Corp.) to improve the road by getting more money to facilitate improvement. I support charging visitors for parking specifically on the Access Rd for days, weeks, months at a time. People do not respect free services, in my view.

Disaster Management and Communication:

The provision of these services is desirable, however solutions must be analyzed and cost effective. Improvements in communication services will improve in the future and these innovations might be successful for these services, hopefully. Safety is a priority for all our residents.

Effective Current Planning Documents for the Municipality;

I would need more information to facilitate a comprehensive Zoning By-Law to implement the new Official Plan. May I say that I believe we need to allow various advisory committees to return for the Council, as they were voted against by mayor and council since 2018.

Update on goals I have worked hard on over my last two terms as a councillor, FYI:

1.) Promotion of Family Health Team objectives i.e.: expansion now includes Latchford Clinic and Cobalt Clinic, respectively, with Temagami Clinic and health care services for our area. I have served as FHT Board Chairperson since 2018. The addition of more healthy recreational activities in Temagami, year round for children, adults, seniors and visitors is also an important goal.

2.) Search and advertise for economic development and convey "We are open for business" in our municipality. We need to attract more businesses for our tax base. Petition for more acquisition of Crown Land to sell to potential businesses or for housing projects. We cannot live on grants and taxes much longer.

3.) Protection for land and water in our beautiful municipality. We need to make boat washing a priority for all our lakes. Prevention/control of invasive species is also a very critical issue, that must be addressed. In Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, there are many mandates on billboards, regarding this issue. Why is this not being followed in Ontario and the rest of Canada?

4.) To continue representing Temagami, as I was voted by council to do, on the Community Safety and Well-Being Committee (CSWB group) which consists of 24 municipalities in our northeastern region to improve our municipalities, respectively.

Emergency plans are involved in this group for our whole region.

5.) To respectfully work together with all citizens, mayor and council, Teme Augama Anishinabek and Teme Augama Anishinabai Councils, respectively; MNR and provincial and federal governments to create a long term plan/vision for the future development of Temagami over the next ten or twenty years, following the Official Plan.

It has been a great honour and privilege for me to have worked with you, over the last two council terms. Thank you for your consideration to support me, Margaret Youngs for council on Monday, October 26, 2026.

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