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Our mission is to cooperatively and actively nurture and care for the place we know as Temagami- the water, the land and its inhabitants – for today and the future

TCF newsletter

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Congratulations Alec Stewart,
winner of our **TCF Truck 'N
Boat Draw** grand prize and
second prize winner Amanda
Kowk! Details inside...

A message from your TCF Co-Chairs >>>

This past summer was a busy one for the Temagami Community Foundation. We held our annual Arts Camp at the Laura McKenzie Learning Center on Bear Island in July for 55 children. This year's camp was a big success as usual as all of the children had a great time learning and enjoying various forms of arts including drama. Mary McTavish was the director of the camp this year and was ably assisted by many volunteers. Well done everyone! Mary is also a director of the TCF. The Arts Camp is a great way to bring together children from Temagami First Nations, children who live year-round in Temagami and children who are here for the summer.

At our annual meeting on July 6, Dick Grant stepped down from the Co-Chair position after serving in that role for two years. He will stay on as a director and Past Chair to provide excellent continuity on the board. Thank you, Dick, for your leadership and continuing service! Jack Tuomi stepped up to replace Dick and will serve as Co-Chair with Bill Kitts who will continue in that position. Joining the board as new directors were Mary McTavish, Joanne Van Manen and Carol Reeder. Welcome and thank you ladies.

In late July a Fish Fry was held at Camp Wabun, with over 100 people in attendance. Everyone had a great time and we even raised some money for the TCF endowment. Thanks to Jess Lewis and her staff at Camp Wabun for hosting this event and thank you to all of the volunteers who made it a success.

On August 4 Northwaters Camp once again hosted a brunch for Council of 100 members and potential members. Members were brought up to date on the affairs of the foundation and enjoyed great food and wonderful company. Thank you to our hosts C. G. Stephens, Jodi Browning and staff for being wonderful hosts.

During late August TCF sponsored a new event; a two-day trip to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. The 13 children and five supervising adults enjoyed the trip tremendously and learned about the history and importance of the canoe in Canadian history.

This group included children and adults from all three of our communities, the Temagami First Nation, the Lake, and the Town, and is part of the TCF reconciliation initiative, generously sponsored by an anonymous donor. An article elsewhere in this newsletter describes the trip in more detail. We plan to make this trip an annual endeavor.

And then there was the Truck and Boat lottery! A lottery of this size was a first for the foundation and was a lot of work for the volunteers and staff who worked on it. We learned a lot, had a lot of fun and when all the dust settled, we made \$20,000 for the foundation. Under the rules of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario all proceeds must be spent within one year so we will be looking for worthy areas to donate the money to in Temagami. Aside from the money raised we believe the lottery created a lot of excitement within the community and brought the community together to make the lottery a success. Thanks to our sponsors, vendors, volunteers and staff for a job well done! We will be having our second lottery again next summer and we expect it to be even more successful as we build on our past experience. Details soon.

As we said it was a busy summer. Thank you for your support! A reminder that we are permanently located in The Station in Temagami with Debbie Morrow, our part-time Administrator available in person or via e-mail at info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com. We are also available using the contact information below.

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The TCF's First Annual Canoe Museum

TA first and definitely to be repeated, a TCF sponsored trip to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough to learn about our shared history and the role of the canoe in our history. An exciting, informative, and educational trip for thirteen youth with five adult participants from all three sectors of the Temagami Community.

The Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough Ontario, has stewarded for the last 20 years, the world's largest collection of canoes, kayaks, and paddled watercraft from around the world. More than 600 in number, the watercraft and their stories, have a pivotal role to play in understanding our past and our collective future. The canoe and kayak are not only of Indigenous origin, they are also cultural artifacts that played a significant role in Canada's history.

We began our trip on August 27, leaving Temagami at 7:30 am on a school bus bound for Petroglyphs Provincial Park, the largest known concentration of Indigenous rock carvings (petroglyphs) in Canada, depicting turtles, snakes, birds, humans, and more; this sacred site is known as "The Teaching Rocks." Due to inclement weather, we could not go there, but we needed to make alternative plans. Another great opportunity was put before us.



Craig and Doris McDonald invited us into their home to have lunch and Craig took the time to tell us about his snowshoe collection.

But of all the places he's been through, none has engaged his interest for as long or as deeply as Temagami... Macdonald has been exploring Temagami's forests, uplands and waterways since he was a teenager. He has studied the history, language and culture of the Anishinawbeg or Ojibway people who [have] lived there for many generations and he has used his experience to create an important window on the land's history. His creation is called the Historical Map of Temagami, and it presents a unique and invaluable contribution to our understanding of the aboriginal world that existed in Canada prior to contact with white civilization.

<https://legionmagazine.com/en/2006/05/mapman-of-temagami/>

After a very informative and engaging couple of hours where we learned about the many different types and uses of snowshoes, about the snow snake (don't be surprised to see some hand made ones this winter on the lake), we continued on our way to the museum knowing Craig would join us the next day.

The very skilled program staff at the CCM had set a full agenda for us, beginning with paddle making and storytelling the first evening, to overnight camping in and among the many canoes in the museum. The following morning we enjoyed a paddle in a Voyageur Canoe from the Peterborough Lift Lock and along the Trent – Severn Waterway, ending our day with soap stone carving.

Along with Craig McDonald, Jason Ball, Steve Missibie, Victoria Grant and Mary McTavish were incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to work with the CCM in what was a creative learning, playful and gentle environment to keep the trip and participants on track and fully engaged.



THE CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM
LE MUSÉE CANADIEN DU CANOT

After a very full two days, at about 2:00 pm on the 28th, the bus was loaded and so began the long trek back to Temagami.

Making sure the bus trip was part of the journey, the youth were happily engaged in building with Lego, working with playdoh and making little leather pouches to help pass the time.

All activities and teachings at the CCM explained and emphasized the importance of the canoe and the contribution of Indigenous peoples in the exploration and development of Canada. During our tour of the museum, our guide mentioned that rather than discovering Canada, Champlain was actually on a "guided tour"! We learned how the Indigenous peoples made it possible for Champlain and other European explorers to navigate, safely, through their discovery (AKA guided tour) of Canada, already the home of many Indigenous peoples.

This was to be an exciting, informative and educational trip for the youth to learn our shared history. It was to be a trip where the youth were engaged in activity and most of all to have fun while learning. It was a real success! A great thank you goes out to the TCF and to the generous anonymous donor who made this trip possible.

This was a jam-packed full two days. When asked about the trip, the group unanimously recommended the following:

- definitely do the trip another year
- minimum of 3 days
- more time for soapstone carving
- make time to include a trip to the Petroglyphs Provincial Park

Ronda and Wayne Potts invest in our community

TCF: Tell us a little about yourselves, where did you grow up, what paths did your lives follow, what drew you to Temagami, and what keeps you here?

Wayne: I grew up on the lake where I lived on Bear Island. I went to university and eventually teacher's college and worked as an educator of First Nations children for most of my career- eventually bringing me back to my homeland of Temagami. During my university years, I worked at one of the camps during my summer break as a guide for adult canoe trips and loved it!

I also hunted and trapped for a few seasons prior to going into my career as an educator. This was a rich experience as I was learning to hunt off the land as my dad and his ancestors did."

I continue to live in the Temagami area because it is the land of my forefathers and one of my favourite places on the planet.

One of my favourite memories from growing up on the lake, was going to one of the camps with my parents and meeting so many people and attending a wiener roast and a campfire sing-along.

I always felt that it's a special kind of people that come to spend their summers here or to make their home here. I've enjoyed many acquaintances over the years and have made good friends.

Ronda: I have childhood memories (probably late 1960's) of admiring Temagami Bay. I don't know if it was summer or winter but I remember the bay was all lit up and I, in the backseat on family road trips from North Bay to Latchford, couldn't get enough of taking in that view.

Ronda continued: I taught in a northern fly-in community and that's when I became good friends with Wayne Potts and was introduced to Bear Island.

We would often ride back together from North Western Ontario, I lived in Northbay, and of course Wayne Bear Island. When we took Northern route home, that's when it struck me that this was the area that I fell in love with as a child.

Well, of course, Wayne and I married and the rest is history. I would like to add that I've met many wonderful people here since I've been introduced to the area through Wayne

What keeps me wanting to return in all of my comings and goings is the beauty of Temagami; it is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Family keeps me here, and the quaint small town feel with all its loveliness.

I love Temagami in the winter. I always felt this town has the potential of a Chemainus B.C. so much character and history (the little town that could)!

On Bear Island, I walk back-and-forth to work through the forest and sometimes I can get lost in the beauty there. My arborist, son-in-law got me a book on forest bathing!

TCF: How did you first learn of TCF and the work that we do?

Ronda: Wayne first heard about the TCF through his mom, Catherine (Kay) Potts. She was one of the first TCF Board members.

In that context Wayne talked about it to me and on Temagami's first Culture Days, I was approached by Bill Kitts who asked me if I would consider joining the board for of the foundation.

TCF: Have you enjoyed your time on the TCF Board of Directors and what prompted you to join the Council of 100?

I have learned a lot during my time on the TCF Board. When you work for a cause such as TCF which provides opportunities for people young and old-er (LOL!) of the Temagami area to come together (organized by my fave, the Events Committee) for the Fish Fry or the Arts Camp or to help maybe launch a future career by sponsoring someone's dream, (made possible by the Grants Committee) it really is a great feeling.

Lending a hand and supporting hard-working people when you have the opportunity, and are able to, is very fulfilling. I've also learned that we're all in the same boat.

It can be hard when you're new to something. I really had no clue what I was doing at first. Actually, to be honest, there are still so many times I feel that I can be really stretched, particularly if getting close to a deadline for an event. However, as long as I can, I'm going to embrace these times as opportunities for personal growth. Everyone is so great! All the time!!!

That's mainly why Wayne and I wanted join the C-100, so when there comes a time to pass the torch in terms of sitting on the Board, we know we've made a Commitment to C-100 that will last. And there will always be other ways of serving as well.



Success Story; TCF raffle report >>>

2019

\$102,916.00
in prizes

Temagami Community Foundation



Truck N Boat Draw



Won and Done!

1st PRIZE:
2019 GMC Cam
SLE-4WD, Cre
& 2019 Lund 16'
Adventure Sport with
2019 - 90 Merc & Trailer

2nd PRIZE:
16' Prospector
#1 Grade Canoe -
Ultralight & Cherry Trim

**5 EARLY BIRD
DRAWS OF \$1,000**

**5 EARLY BIRD BOOKS
OF TICKETS \$250**

**Congratulations
to our 2019 Grand
Prize Winner
Alec Stewart!**



**TCF's 2020 raffle
is around the
corner! Keep an
eye on our website
& social media
for details!**

2019 Prize Winners:

August 31st GRAND PRIZE truck, boat, motor & trailer...

Congratulations Alec Stewart!!!

Second prize wood and canvas canoe... Congratulations Amanda Kowk!!!

Congratulations to all our Early Bird Draw Winners:

- August 3, 2019 Early Bird Draw: - book of 5 tickets **Dennis Leahey** - \$1000 **Greg McNevan**
- July 20, 2019 Early Bird Draw: - book of 5 tickets **Peter Jacobs** - \$1000 **Yvon Lavigne**
- June 29, 2019 Early Bird Draw: - book of 5 tickets **Simon Gélinas** - \$1000 **Marcel Boissonneault**
- May 18, 2019 Early Bird Draw: - book of 5 tickets **Robert Mackewn** - \$1000 **Bill Mackewn**
- April 20, 2019 Early Bird Draw: - book of 5 tickets **Robin Flewweling** - \$1000 **Rachel McKee**

Around the corner >>>

The Temagami Community Foundation Hosts our 4th Biennial “Temagami Comes to the City” Gala Dinner and Fundraiser



Save the Date! April 23, 2020

Dinner & Drinks
Live & Silent Auction
With Special Guests

Red Sky
Performance
Loads of free parking

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Parkview Manor
55 Barber Greene Rd
Don Mills, ON M3C 2A1

Table of 10 regular price
\$1,500.00
Table of 10 – Early Bird
Special – \$1,400.00
Early Bird Tickets
available until January 15,
2020



Red Sky Performance is a leading company of contemporary Indigenous performance in Canada and worldwide. Led by Founder & Artistic Director Sandra Laronde of the Teme-Augama Anishinaabe (People of the Deep Water), they are currently in their 19th year of dance, theatre, and music.



Ideas in action >>>

Ladies of the Lake

HELLO TEMAGAMI,

THIS PAST SUMMER A GROUP OF LADIES FROM THE TEMAGAMI AREA DECIDED TO GET TOGETHER AND CREATE A CALENDAR WITH THE GOAL OF RAISING AWARENESS AND DONATIONS FOR THE TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

WE HAD A LOT OF FUN PUTTING THIS CALENDAR TOGETHER AND HOPE IT WILL MAKE YOU SMILE AND THINK WARM THOUGHTS ALL YEAR ROUND. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY YEARS. PARTICIPATION IN THE CALENDAR IS OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE TEMAGAMI AREA SO LONG AS YOU WEAR A TOWEL!

LADIES OF THE LAKE 2020 Temagami Calendar. An inspiring Initiative by 12 ladies from the Temagami Community. Available for \$20 at the Railway Station. All proceeds will be donated to the Temagami Community Foundation. Pick up your copy today or email sarahjane.pearce@gmail.com for direct orders.

THANK YOU!



A friend remembered

A long-time friend of Temagami, Ted Tichinoff, passed away this summer. His memory lives on in the good work his friends and neighbors undertake in his honor.

The loss of our friend and neighbor struck a difficult and painful chord in the hearts of many in the Temagami community this summer. As we move into the winter months, absent the warmth of his friendship, we can take some small comfort that his spirit of generosity and regard for community carries on. Ted's family generously suggested that in lieu of gifts or flowers, Ted's friends might instead consider a contribution in his name to the Temagami Community Foundation. We have been overwhelmed by the response and offer a heart-felt thank you to all who have chosen to remember our friend Ted in this way. We here at the TCF are grateful for the opportunity to help honor Ted's memory by supporting initiatives for the Temagami community he loved so much.



you can make a difference; we can help! >>>

Q: I heard much of the money earned by the Truck 'N Bat raffle will be distributed through grants. How and when can I apply?

A: Check out our new and improved granting guidelines and complete an application www.temagamicommunityfoundation.com



your support matters...

Projects supported by the TCF encourage respect for all members of our community and celebrate the diversity within our community. Connection leads to camaraderie, camaraderie builds common ground, and shared common ground roots relationships in respect, reciprocity, and responsibility. There are many ways to lend a hand. Won't you join us?

TCF would like to thank Gerry Gooderham for many of the photographs used in this issue. You can view more of his amazing work at <http://www.gooderham.photoshelter.com/index>

The Temagami Community Foundation enables members of the community to help care for the community. The Foundation is managed by community members whose sole purpose is to receive and distribute contributions for the benefit of the community.

All gifts are welcome, small and large. Gifts to the Foundation can be in the form of endowments made during one's lifetime, memorial donations, bequests in a will, gifts of life insurance, gifts of securities or real estate and many more options. Our endowment fund is prudently managed so that income will be available in perpetuity for the benefit of the community.

The Foundation is a public Canadian Charitable Foundation. It has received both its Canadian and American charitable registrations. Both Canadian and American donors will receive full benefit for making donations to the Foundation. All donations are gratefully received and acknowledged with a charitable receipt for tax purposes. American donations will receive a "501-c-3" tax receipt. Simply complete the donor card below or donate online.

Please **contact the office** if you need assistance or have questions about tax implications. See below for contact information.

Join us! Please consider volunteering on one of our committees:

*Communications
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In support of the goal of the Temagami Community Foundation to establish a permanent capital fund, I am pleased to make the undernoted pledge/gift:

Amount: \$ _____ Payable in a lump sum by: _____ (date)

- or -

Payable over future years

by December 31, 20____ \$ _____

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E-TRANSFER to info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com
Or make your contribution by Visa/Mastercard/American Express
For assistance contact Deb at the office