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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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Dear TCF Members and Friends,

2020 has certainly been a challenging year for everyone with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting all of our lives. At the Temagami Community Foundation (TCF), we take pride in the role that we have played this year in several areas. Community grants has been one area where we have been very active thanks in large part to two grants that we received from Community Foundations Canada (CFC). The CFC was given the responsibility to distribute funds that were provided by the Government of Canada for a program to support people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is called the Emergency Community Support Fund. The Temagami Community Foundation applied to the CFC under this program and was awarded an initial grant of \$60,000 followed by an additional \$35,000 grant!

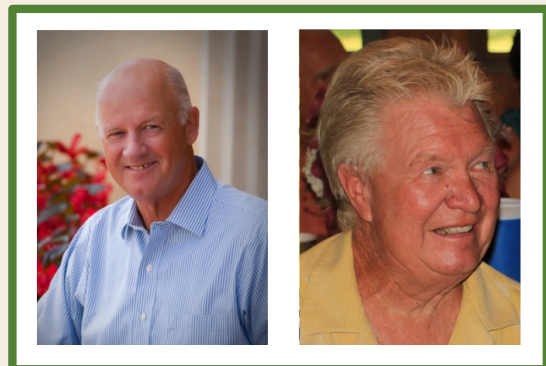
In addition to this, TCF also had \$35,000 to grant from our boat & truck lottery and from the endowment. So, in total we had \$130,000 to grant in 2020 to various nonprofit organizations in Temagami. All of this money will be distributed by yearend. The organizations that we have made grants to include the Temagami & Area Fish Improvement Program, the Temagami Library, the Temagami Family Health Team, the Marten River and Temagami Fire Departments, the Temagami Lions Club, the Temagami Legion, Living Temagami, the Temagami Public School and the Temagami Seniors Home Support.

All of these grants were only possible because of the existence of the Temagami Community Foundation. We are probably one of the smallest communities in Canada to have a foundation. I hope that you agree with us that our foundation is a very important part of the Temagami community. We are only twenty years old and we are growing every year. We hope that you will consider donating to the Temagami Community Foundation so that we can continue the good work. Thank you.

The Temagami Community Foundation accepts donations via PayPal, e transfer and cheques.

Bill Kitts &

Jack Tuomi, Co-Chairs





TCF *Virtual* **Arts Camp**
All wrapped up!!

Coming together remotely required us all to be open minded, flexible, and inventive; good thing we artists are great creative thinkers!

Thank you to all of the campers, families, volunteers, staff, and partner organizations that helped make camp a joyful success!

Looking forward to 2021!



The 2020 TCF Virtual Arts Camp was a success! Our opening program, *Mistatim*, was a vibrant and engaging production brought in partnership with Red Sky Performance, a leading company of contemporary Indigenous performance founded and directed by TCF board member Sandra Laronde (learn more about Laronde on page 6). Throughout the summer kits were lovingly packaged by our amazing Arts Camp director and volunteers and mailed to participants to complete at home. A favorite was a special paddle-painting kit sent in partnership with the Canadian Canoe Museum. Looking forward to what's in store in for 2021!



The TCF is thrilled that **Mary McTavish** will continue on as the **Arts Camp Director for 2021!** Arts Camp is staffed by loving and talented volunteers from our community. Please consider joining our **amazing volunteer team!** Reach out by emailing info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com or contact us by phone at 705-569-3737.

with gratitude and excitement >>>

Central to the TCF mission is to nurture, between community members, relationships rooted in respect and responsibility.

Throughout her term as Administrator of TCF, Deb Morrow skillfully ensured that the board and staff members of the TCF not only operated as an effective organization but lived our mission by connecting as neighbors and coming together as friends.



Deb's financial acumen, comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted structure of our community, and commitment to public service created in her a powerfully effective, energetic, and esteemed leader on the TCF team.

We are saddened to bid Deb farewell in her role as TCF Administrator, but are delighted that she will continue to lend expertise to the TCF as our bookkeeper. It is with high esteem and deep affection that we thank you, Deb. Miigwetch!

A warm and heartfelt welcome to Ashley Blais! It is with great excitement that we announce Ashley has joined the TCF as our incoming Administrator.



Many of you know Ashley as she lives in Temagami and is an active and involved community member. A student at Fanshawe College, Ashley brings to the TCF a dedication to furthering our vision and an energetic commitment to supporting community members.

Please join the TCF board and staff in celebrating these talented and dedicated TCF staff members as they transition into their new roles in the new year!

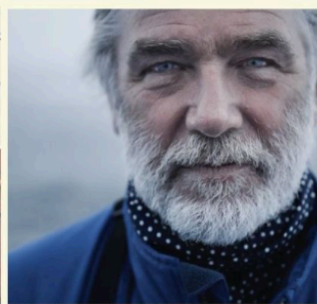
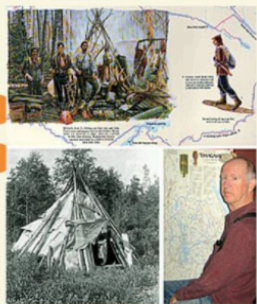
on the horizon >>>

CRAIG MACDONALD

'The Map Man of Temagami'

and

JAMES RAFFAN



Craig created a map of Temagami that has 660 featured- lakes, rivers, creeks, islands and highlands



MacDonald's cartography is conscientious, each feature imbued with cultural connections and communal cognizance. His maps share the stories so many shared with him. Around Temagami respect for Craig MacDonald – the Map Man - knows no bounds.

Now it is time for Craig MacDonald's story to be shared. The TCF is honored to support the writing of "The Map Man of Temagami," by distinguished adventurer and author, James Raffan. Raffan has been a traveller in and student of northern lands for about as long as he has known MacDonald – since boyhood. His storytelling is riveting, his lived experience compelling, and his perspective nuanced.

Craig MacDonald has dedicated his life to stories. For decades he traveled across the North gathering words from many languages and sentences from many souls. He shared what he collected through the maps he masterfully created.

Oh to be a fly on the virtual wall of Raffan and MacDonald's writing sessions! Alas we will have to wait for the book release. We will share details as the date draws near.



So far this year, the Temagami Community Foundation has granted over

\$90,000

into the community.

Summary of Grants Awarded in 2020 from TCF Funds

Temagami Family Health Team (\$10,000) - Automated Office Blood Pressure Monitoring Equipment
Living Temagami (\$1,000) -

Temagami Lions Club (\$2,360) - Cancer Care Close to Home Program

TAFIP (\$3,000) - Rearing Pond Upgrades and Fingerling Extraction Upgrade Project

Marten River Fire Department (\$4,500) - Personal Protective Bunker Gear

Temagami Fire Department (\$4,000) - Bunker Gear and Laundry Equipment

Living Temagami (\$3,000) - Support for Part-time Staffing and Student Employment

TAFIP (\$2,500) - Deadwood Removal and Repair to Damaged Water Holding Pond

TEMAGAMI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

THE TCF IS HERE FOR YOU. YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT; WE CAN HELP PUT THEM INTO ACTION. WE SUPPORT INITIATIVES THAT:

- FOSTER COMMON WELLBEING & SHARED RESPONSIBILITY
- PROMOTE DISCUSSION & DIALOGUE
- ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS & STEWARDSHIP
- ENHANCE ARTS & CULTURE
- HONOR FIRST NATIONS
- FURTHER SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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Grants are made to registered charities or, in certain cases, to applicants sponsored by a qualified donee (a registered charity, a municipality, a qualified First Nation community etc.). To find out what projects have been funded so far, take a minute to read about Grants at Work on our website. We want to hear from you. Tell us what you are thinking. We might be able to connect you with others to build your ideas together.



COVID-19

**Emergency
Community
Support Fund**

Summary of Grants from the CFC Emergency Community Support Fund

Temagami Public Library (\$7,500) - Technology for Youth & Seniors

Temagami Lions Club (\$5,000) - Food & Sanitation Securities for Seniors

Marten River Fire Department (\$6,300) - Sanitizing Washing Machine

Temagami Emergency Services (\$8,000) - Community Sanitizing Fogging Equipment

Temagami Seniors Home Support & Non Profit Housing Corp. (\$16,000) - Fitness & Tech Equipment

Temagami Family Health Team (\$8,822) - Safety Equipment for Staff and Patients

Living Temagami (8,378) - Peer Support and Community Outreach Program





We here at the TCF are delighted to join the Temagami community in congratulating our board member Sandra Laronde for her many career achievements, two of which were celebrated this fall. In late October the Toronto Arts Foundation (TAF) honored Laronde with the Celebration of Cultural Life Award.

Anne Dion noted in *The Dance Current* magazine "...this year's award recognizes Laronde's life-long dedication to the arts and arts education, noting, as well, Red Sky's international impact. The company has toured since 2003 in 17 countries on four continents."

TAF director Claire Hopkinson noted "As the world grapples with the effects of COVID-19, we are seeing more and more people looking to the arts for hope and inspiration. Artists like Sandra are leading the pack as their work celebrates not only the life that we still have in our everyday but also the lives that we look forward to in the future following the pandemic. This award is about inspiration and celebration – two things that the artists of Toronto hold at their very core."

In an interview published in *The Star*, Laronde said that recognition like this is a milestone for her. "I feel so grateful to be acknowledged in this way ... It couldn't come at a better time than in the middle of a pandemic. We've all been somewhat pummelled during this time of devastating impact in the arts sector. I have to say I'm so impressed by people who don't get swallowed up by negativity, but remain resourceful and remarkable in their will to keep moving forward," she said.

Part of the resourcefulness of which Laronde speaks was a pivot to virtual productions like *Mistatim*, a piece performed live via Zoom to an audience of over 700 including many Temagami-area youth and families as the kick-off event for the TCF's 2020 Virtual Arts Camp.

The TAF award came on the heels of another exciting honor for Laronde and Red Sky; the invitation to participate in Canadian Trade Mission trip to Europe in 2021 with many other arts leaders from across the country.

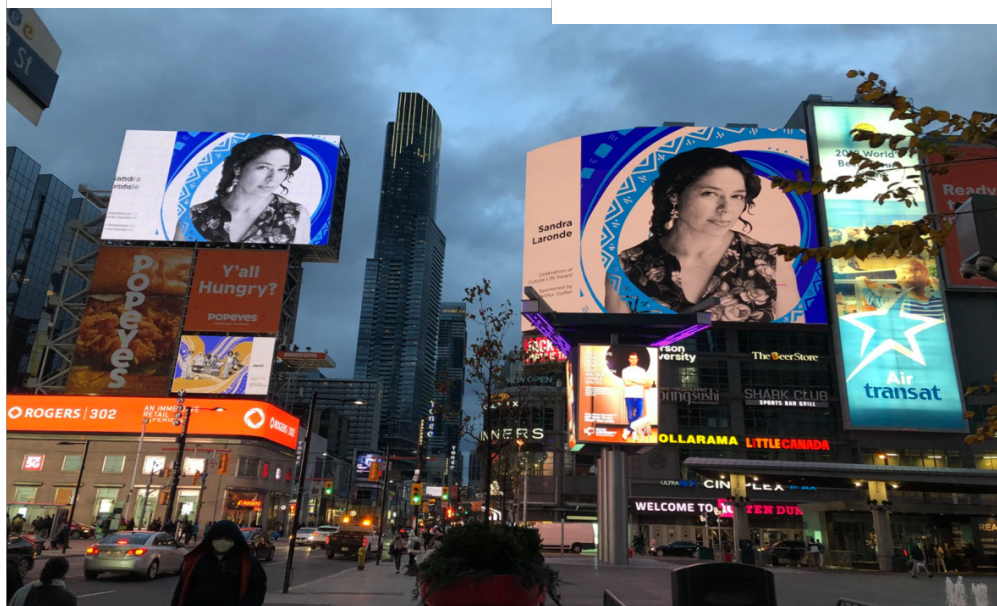
She noted in an interview with Jamie Mountain of the *Timiskaming*

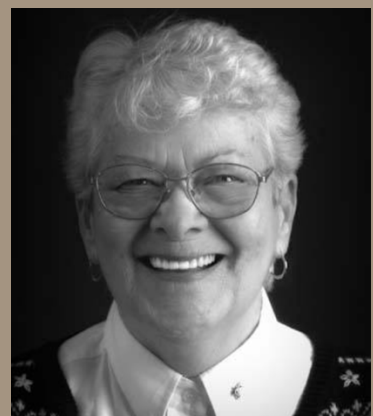
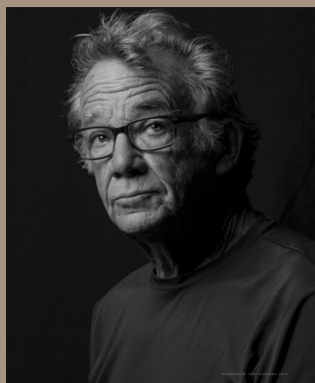
Speaker that the trip would entail going to Amsterdam in The Netherlands and meeting presenters "who are looking for productions and opportunities to work with Canada", and more specifically, to work with her company, Red Sky Performance.

"I see my role very much as a diplomatic one when I'm travelling all over the world," she said. "...what a wonderful opportunity to do business with Europe and to see the different countries, cultures, and ways of being."

Whether gracing billboards in Toronto, touring the world, or lending a hand at Arts Camp here in Temagami, it is clear that Sandra lives the Red Sky mission to create inspiring experiences of contemporary Indigenous arts and culture that transform society, drive passion forward, and elevate Indigenous arts and culture in ways that celebrate, uplift, and respect Indigenous cultures.

Congratulations, Sandra, for your well-deserved honors and thank you for your continued dedication to the Temagami community!





THE PORTRAITS ARE HOME

The Temagami Elders Portrait Project began in 2008 with the first of three TCF grants given to organize, collect and take black and white photographs of our elders and seniors. These photographs were then framed and displayed in many areas in the community. The photographs taken and donated to the community by Gerry Gooderham are absolutely beautiful. This past summer several of these portraits were displayed at the Temiskaming Art Gallery's Portraits exhibit. The portraits are home now, and some are on display at the TCF office. The risk COVID presents to our elders sheds a poignant light on the importance of projects like this that not only honor individual community members but serve as catalysts for conversations, the sharing of stories, and the deepening of connections between us. Toward that end, we will be sharing some of these portraits and stories to accompany them on our TCF social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) over the coming months.



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\$125,000

IN TOTAL PRIZES



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**2nd Prize a 2021 Seadoo and Trailer
Drawn September 4, 2021**



**3rd Prize of \$5,000 cash
Drawn September 4, 2021**

First Early Bird draw of \$3,500 on July 3, 2021

Second Early Bird of \$2,000 on July 31, 2021

**\$60 per
ticket**



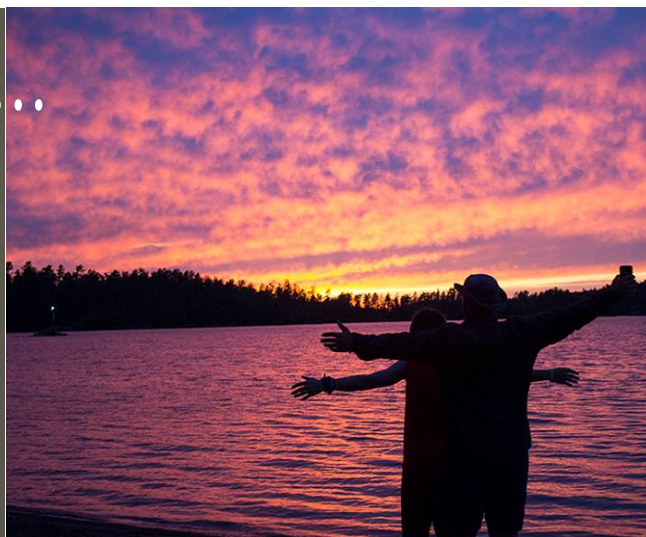
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The Temagami Community Foundation enables members of the community to help care for the community. The Foundation is managed by community members whose sole purpose is to receive and distribute contributions for the benefit of the community.

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.

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