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

TCF newsletter



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a message from the chairs >>>



With spring here, the old saying, hope springs eternal, comes to mind. With vaccination rates up and covid cases down we hope that the gradual reopening of the Province continues so we can enjoy a more normal summer this year in Temagami.



We have an active summer planned at the Temagami Community Foundation while following all Provincial guidelines for the reopening. We are particularly pleased that we will be going forward with an in-person Arts Camp once again, during the week of July 26 at the Temagami Community Centre in Temagami North. For more details on the Arts Camp see the article later in this newsletter. And we are holding our second annual Truck and Boat lottery. Please buy a ticket to support this great fund-raising initiative. Please see more details on the lottery later in this newsletter. All profits go back into the community. Any other in person activities will be limited to what is allowed under the guidelines.

We would like to welcome Krista Blais as our part time administrator for the summer. Krista has worked for the Foundation as a student and volunteer for several years so we are fortunate to have her back. We are looking for a part time administrator to take over from Krista in the fall so if anyone is interested, please contact either of us or the Foundation office.

Lastly, we would like to ask you to consider making a charitable donation to the foundation this summer. Our donations are down when compared to previous years so your generosity would be most appreciated. Ways to give are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Bill and Jack



Mark your calendars **TEMAGAMI COMES TO THE CITY APRIL 21, 2022 TORONTO Back and better than ever, this is an event not to be missed!** Full details coming soon...

on the horizon >>>









A Presentation Of The Temagami Community Foundation.

Arts Camp Update >>> It's official, Arts Camp 2021 is a go (if we don't go into another lockdown)!



Registration will be open on our website under the Arts Camp tab from June 14-23, 2021

We are delighted this year's Arts Camp will be an in-person event and will be held at the Temagami Community Centre/Arena from July 26-30, 2021. Each camp day will run from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Junior campers (ages 6-8) will be welcome from July 28-30 and senior campers (ages 9-13) will be welcome from July 26-30.

An Arts Camp Leadership opportunity is available for campers between the ages of 13 and 15 who have attended Arts Camp in at least one previous year and are interested in assisting with program delivery and mentorship of younger campers. Camper Leaders are eligible for high school volunteer hours.

Our Arts Camp Director, Mary McTavish, is working very closely with Renee Duval from the Timiskaming Health Unit and is consulting the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Day Camps to ensure that the protocols in place for Arts Camp will reflect the most recently-updated COVID-19 rules and regulations. As of today, the week that camp is planned for corresponds with the start of Step 3 in the Ontario Government's "Road to Re-Opening".

Stock Transportation will provide the bussing schedule for the week of Arts Camp will include the following:

- Morning pick-up at around 9:00am at the Temagami Access Road Landing
- A stop on the way into town at Hwy 11 at the Access Road (around 9:30am) and the Temagami Train Station (around 9:45am)
- A stop on the return trip at the Temagami Train Station (around 1:15pm) and at Hwy 11 at the Access Road (around 1:30pm)
- Afternoon drop-off at around 1:45pm at the Temagami Access Road Landing.



GRANTS AWARDED IN 2020

\$124,511

Lottery Fund

\$22,500 was awarded to the following groups from the funds raised during the 2019 Truck N Boat Lottery: Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP), Marten River Fire Department, Temagami Fire Department, Temagami Family Health Team, and Living Temagami Arts & Culture.

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General Fund

\$5,500 was awarded to the following groups from the Temagami Community Foundation General Fund: Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP) and Living Temagami Arts & Culture.

Scholarships

\$500 was awarded from the Tracy Gauvreau Scholarship Fund and \$1,500 was awarded from the Kim Renaud Scholarship Fund.

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.

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Grants by the numbers: how your support of TCF helps our community

In 2020, the Temagami Community Foundation was able to grant out over \$124,511 into the Temagami community; our Grants Committee sure had a busy season!

From the first Truck N Boat Lottery, which took place in 2019, \$22,500 was granted back into the Temagami community. The recipients of these funds included the Temagami Area Fish Involvement Program (TAFIP), Marten River Fire Department, Temagami Fire Department, Temagami Family Health Team, and Living Temagami Arts & Culture. The grants awarded were used for a variety of purposes, including (but not limited to): upgrading personal protective bunker gear for the Marten River Fire Department, upgrading the Bunker Gear Washer/Extractor at the Temagami Fire Department, upgrading TAFIP's Sherman Rearing Pond to better support fingerling growth and upgrading their fingerling extraction equipment, and towards switching to automated office blood pressure monitoring equipment at the Temagami Family Health Team. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the first Truck N Boat Lottery held in 2019; thank you to those who supported our lottery!

In addition, as 2020 was a year filled with unprecedented circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) launched a program called the **Emergency Community Support** Fund which the Temagami **Community Foundation** participated in and allowed us to award over \$94,000 in grant money into our community. The purpose of this fund was to support charities and non-profit organizations serving vulnerable populations as they managed the impacts of COVID-19. With many applications received for this opportunity, organizations who were awarded grants include Temagami Senior Home Support & Temagami Non Profit Housing Corporation for tech and fitness equipment to support the seniors in our community during the pandemic, Temagami Public Library for tech equipment to allow members of the community to stay connected throughout the pandemic, Temagami Lions Club for supporting the seniors in our community focusing on food security, hygiene, and safety, and Temagami and Marten River **Emergency Services for** purchasing sanitation fogging and washing equipment. Other organizations who received funding from this source include the Temagami Family Health

Team, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #408, Living Temagami Arts & Culture, and Temagami Public School.

Further, a total of \$5,500 in grants from our General Fund was awarded to community organizations. Specifically, TAFIP was awarded a grant for repairing the damages to their Sherman Reserve Water Pond which was heavily damaged in 2019 and Living Temagami Arts & Culture was awarded a grant to continue support their part-time staff and subsequently continue to support the Temagami Arts Community.

Moreover, a total of \$500 was awarded from the Tracy Gauvreau Scholarship Fund which is intended for students within the boundaries of the Municipality of Temagami and Bear Island who are pursuing Teacher Education or Early Childhood Education.

Lastly, \$1,500 was awarded from the Kim Renaud Scholarship Fund which was intended for students pursuing an education in the field of aviation. The qualifying criteria for this fund has recently been expanded to include anyone seeking to advance their education to lead to a degree, diploma, or professional certificate, with preference given to those in the aviation field.



make a difference!

join the TCF team!

The Temagami Community Foundation is seeking to fill the position of Administrator. This position will be located in the Foundation's office at the historic Temagami Train Station in Temagami, Ontario and will be up to a half time position with hours varying throughout the year depending on the workload at any given time. Work hours during the summer are expected to be longer to support various fund-raising and other events.

we're hiring!

The TCF is a charitable organization founded twenty years ago whose mission is to cooperatively and actively nurture and care for the place we know as Temagami-the land and its inhabitants-for today and the future. We raise money through donations and fund-raising events and make grants to non-profit organizations in the Temagami Community. The volunteer board of directors has representatives from the Temagami Indigenous community, the permanent residents of Temagami and the seasonal residents of Temagami.

The Administrator will work with and support the members of the board and various committees of the board and will supervise summer students in support of events and activities that are held during the busy summer season.

The Administrator must have excellent interpersonal skills and be capable of interacting with the board, volunteers, donors, government agencies and the community in general. He or she must work in a highly organized fashion and be capable of establishing (with the board) and adhere to a consistent set of administrative policies and procedures including maintenance or electronic and paper filing systems. Recognizing that the work of the Foundation will be divided between volunteers and the Administrator, the Administrator will work to enhance and facilitate the participation of the volunteers.

A detailed job description will be shared with the applicants that are selected to be interviewed.

Applications should be directed to the Temagami Community Foundation at info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com



The Temagami Community Foundation

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

> 7:00 pm Monday June 28, 2021

> > via

Online Zoom Webinar

Pull up a chair and join us!

All are welcome to attend and learn more about your TCF. For the Zoom link, meeting ID, and password please reach out to Krista at info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com



The Annual General Meeting of the Foundation will take place on the date and time, via the platform, noted above. All Members of the Foundation are entitled to vote at the meeting. The Members of the Foundation are all current and previous Directors and the Original Nominating Committee members.

At the meeting, Members will be asked to approve the Financial Statements and the auditors' report for the fiscal year end December 31, 2020 and to approve the appointment of BDO as auditors for the 2021 fiscal year. The Co-Chairs will report on activity since the last AGM in June of 2020.

Although only Members may vote, the meeting is open to the public. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know interested in the work of the Foundation and the vitality of our community.

TCF Touching Base

Spring/Summer Interviews (re-kindling an old tradition)

by: Ronda Potts

During these unprecedented times, Temagami Community Foundation, though still working behind the scenes and carrying on with Events and Activities which aren't jeopardizing the health and safety of its communities, believes that staying connected with the people of Temagami region is very important. After all, we are all in this together.

Melanie Ball is glad to share with me how she and her family have been doing in the last year.

Melanie and Jason Ball are Bear Island residents, with three children, Nixon, Oliver and Reese.

I was happy to catch Melanie at home one evening just after she had finished reading a bedtime story to one of the children. We had a great conversation about how their family is coping during the lockdowns. A trained teacher herself, Melanie has been homeschooling her children for a few years now.

While we chatted about virtual learning and decisions about accessing extracurricular activities on zoom, the subject turned to education and how her family has been coping.

Melanie: We've been very fortunate because our life has not changed that much. Because we home school, we're not overly accessing activities. Even pre-Covid we weren't running ourselves ragged in that way. We have our life set up with important routines. Kumon has switched to Zoom and so we find that is enough in itself. They do their odd class in the evening but we know our limits pretty well. I find that we don't need to be on Zoom all the time. We've always been used to a lot of outdoor family time, so we're coping very well. We took up some older activities like cross country skiing and invested in that. I told myself in October that there wouldn't probably be a ski season so we didn't buy downhill ski equipment, and the ski season never happened. We were also glad we invested in various outdoor toy apparatus for the kids to enjoy in the yard.

The conversation is really pleasant and Melanie shares a lot about how she feels it's important to pour into the children while they are young, giving them family time and the freedom that they need without staging a lot of back to back extra activity for them.

Melanie: I'll tell you about the last year when Jason took the boys to join the Temagami Community Foundation's (TCF) trip to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough, Ontario. We were glad that happened because the kids missed out on the last Arts Camp held on Bear Island because I waited too long to register and as it would turn out, the next year there would be no summer camp with all the Covid restrictions.So the kids got to go to the Canoe Museum because Mary McTavish and Vicki Grant had sent me an email to tell us TCF was sponsoring that event and would we like to take advantage of that.

Vicki tried to encourage me to do the Virtual Arts Camp with the kids last year, but by that time I already had enough of Zoom! (She adds a good LOL!)

Jason and I were all for that, as our kids just don't get to do these things otherwise. I remember Oliver being eight years old at the time and getting to go on a bus down to Peterborough with his dad was exciting for him and his brother, Nixon, who himself had not been on a school bus since he was two when he attended a trip to the pumpkin patch with his daycare really enjoyed it.



As I move to wrap up the interview, I mention to Melanie how nice it was that the children sent the TCF a thank you card and I add how much their encouragement had been appreciated.

I decide to ask her about how she first heard about the TCF and as the conversation flows, she shares some meaningful memories and insights with me.

Melanie: I remember my Dad's involvement with the TCF from the meetings he attended, back then...pre-Covid, with other humans...in the same room!

I'm laughing at this point, sharing in another one of Melanie's LOL's and I also remember that Catherine Potts was on the Board with him. I mention it to her and she remembers that as well. I smile to myself as I did remember hearing that my mother-in-law, Kay Potts, was one of the first Board Members to sit on the Board.

Melanie continues to chat about the experience her family had with TCF the last summer before the Covid hit and how memorable it was for them.

As our conversation comes to a close, I decide to check in with Melanie about how she finds out about TCF activities and she begins to share with me her preferred method of communication.

Well, I'll tell you, I don't think I've received an email since the invitation to go to the Canoe Museum, but that being said, I want you to know that I don't even think to check the TCF Website because it's not even on my radar!

I prefer to be emailed and you know, I honestly just read the title and the first three lines. If it doesn't appeal to me, I may just move it to the trash right away.



To be honest, I'd rather have the option of choosing to remove solicited information then having to go take the trouble to access it. I prefer to be solicited. I like it to come to me, either by email or other and then I take the option to access more info if I'm interested.

Like for instance, if there were five activities, I'd be more inclined to read about those five if they came right to me versus me hearing something about an activity happening somewhere, then by the time I get to the website to check it out on my own time, the event may be all full.

I felt that touching base with Melanie in this way held a lot of value for both of us. I thanked her for her time and hung up the telephone feeling really positive about the renewed connection.

I learned a lot about how we at TCF can better serve the community. Melanie really encouraged me with all the wonderful things she said about her early experience with her dad being on the Board and of course when her children enjoyed that special event that was hosted by the Canadian Canoe Museum. I make up my mind to ask her if she would ever be interested in being Board member one day. Her answer leaves me hopeful for the "one day" in the future.

Melanie: I would consider it.

Though Melanie would contemplate becoming a Board member, she acknowledges that her priorities are pressing right now. She shares that she also has hopes for many things she wants to do in the future.

Hearing about how she and her family are doing made me want to reach out more to the other different Sectors in the Temagami region.

I did recently connect with Ann at the Trapper Trading Post in Marten River and recognized one young participant from our last live Arts Camp on Bear Island. She peeked out at me from behind the counter. She remembered me! Hmmmm! Next issue of the Newsletter perhaps!

Great Prizes for a Great Cause!

The second Temagami Community Foundation Truck and Boat Lottery is now underway with improved prizes. The grand prize is a 2021 GMC Canyon truck and a Lund Adventure boat, 90 hp motor and trailer. Second prize this year is a 2021 Sea-Doo with trailer and cover and third prize is \$5,000 cash. The draw date for these prizes is September 4, 2021. In addition, there will be two early bird draws on July 3 for \$3,500 and July 31 for \$2,000. Only 7000 tickets have been printed.

Tickets are \$60 each or five for \$250 and can be purchased via the TCF website at <u>https://temagamicommunityfoundation.com/truck-boat-lottery</u>, or e transfer: info@temagamicommunityfoundation.com, phone 705-569-2510, or by cheque mailed to Temagami Community Foundation P.O. Box 338 Temagami, ON P0H 2H0.

Tickets can also be purchased at the following vendors: Dam Depot in Latchford, Gillies Truck Stop in New Liskeard, The Great Outdoor Store in Kirkland Lake, One Stop 4 U in Haileybury, Pit Stop 4 U in Englehart, Pronto Store in Kirkland Lake, Gramp's Place, Trapper Trading Post, Temagami Petro-Canada, Temagami Pharmasave, Scotiabank in Temagami, Haileybury, New Liskeard and Earlton, Living Temagami Arts & Culture and the Temagami Community Foundation Office.

We would like to thank our many sponsors who have contributed to lottery. They are: The Municipality of Temagami, Temagami First Nation, Temagami Marine, Wilson Chevrolet, Lund Boats, Scotiabank, Our Daily Bread, K&S Natural Gas & Propane, Temagami Electrical Services, Peacock Woodcraft, Brian Feeney Plumbing, Temagami Chamber of Commerce, Temagami Property Management Services, Red Pine Propane, Gramp's Place, Dock's Plus Temagami, Temagami Petro-Canada, Temagami Lions Club, Temagami Legion, Association of Youth Camps on Temagami Lakes, Northern Signs, Temagami Pharmasave and Boatline Bay.

All profits from the lottery will be donated back into the Temagami Community within one year of the draw date, so please buy a ticket or book of tickets to support this exciting event and at the same time support Temagami! You may win a great prize!



join us >>>

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?



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, donate online, or contact the office if you need assistance or have questions about tax implications.

Join us! Please consider volunteering on one of our committees: Communications Events Finance Grants Nominations

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