

Letter From our Co-chairs

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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

Dick Grant and Bill Kitts share >>>

A letter from your TCF Co-Chairs

The snow is falling, the ice is strengthening and the lengthened hours of darkness signal that the stillness and hush of winter is indeed upon us. For many, this time of year is one of reflection as we look back upon the successes and challenges of the closing year and look forward to what this new year might hold in store.

2018 was certainly one for the books in a number of ways. The wildfires of July and August delivered a threat to our community that stands unprecedented in living memory. However monumental the physical danger, economic difficulty, and emotional distress resulting from the fires, these challenges were met and managed with resolve, resourcefulness, and compassion. These are the qualities of the Temagami residents that contribute

so hugely to the strong and generous character of our community. A heartfelt thanks from the two of us and from all the directors and staff of the TCF for the grace and effort you showed in the face of such serious circumstances.

And now we rise, dust off the ashes of 2018 and move forward into the coming year, ready to blaze a trail in bright snow. Through scholarships to hard-working young people, grants to inventive and enterprising individuals, programs that build connection among us, and projects that lend access to the world beyond our bounds – the Temagami Community Foundation remains guided by our mission to support quality of life initiatives here in our community. We are by, for, and of you; our neighbors, friends, and colleagues.

As always, we thank all of the board members for their time and effort; the volunteers for their support; and most especially our donors whose support sustains and grows the TCF vision for of vibrant community. May all of you have a safe and happy start to the new year and have Temagami in your hearts.

Respectfully, Dick Grant & Bill Kitts
TCF Board of Directors Co-Chairs, on
behalf of your Board of Directors



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with gratitude and excitement >>>

Celebrating Louise and Welcoming Debbie

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

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

Louise's belief in the power of connection is evident in this reflection on her TCF term:

I have had the pleasure of assisting with various events and programs offered through the TCF since 2016. The Art Camp has been especially meaningful to me as I feel it is important to create opportunities for the youth to connect with each other within the community we care for so much, Temagami. One day these children will be taking our place in ensuring the future and prosperity of our town.

Louise has dedicated thoughtful and focused energy and effort to ensure the TCF moves forward in serving our mission. It is with high esteem and deep affection that we thank you, Louise. Miigwetch!



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

Many of you know Debbie as she lives in Temagami and is an active and involved community member. She brings to the TCF a depth of organizational experience, considerable insight and talent, and a dedication to furthering our vision.

As a resident of Temagami, Debbie has a comprehensive understanding of the unique and multifaceted structure of our community. Her commitment to community and record of public service are inspiring.

Upon retiring from the Ontario Ministry of Revenue, Debbie has worked for the Police Services Board, the Temagami Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Temagami. We are delighted that she has chosen to further dedicate her efforts to community development as Administrator of the TCF.

Please join the TCF board and staff in celebrating this transition. We honor and appreciate all of the energy and effort Louise has dedicated to the TCF and wish her happiness and success in future endeavors. We enthusiastically welcome and are grateful to Debbie for lending her expertise and energy to the TCF and are eager to work elbow to elbow as we enter the new year!

From the pen of Ronda Potts >>>

A Day in the Life of Art Camp



"Temagami, the place to be. We love Temagami!" Volunteers and campers enthusiastically raise their voices as Camp Manager, Theresa King begins the morning exercises with this traditional chant. Today is the final day, with the grand-finale performance for family and friends just a few hours away.

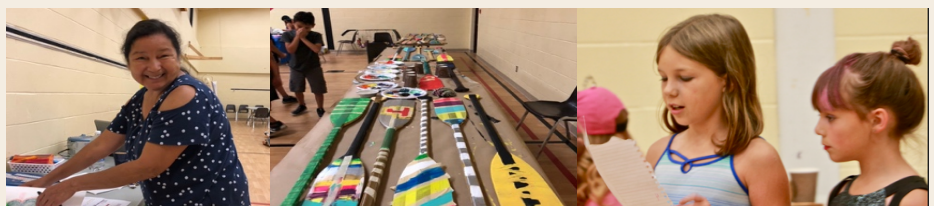
It is Day Five and the air is electric with excitement! Bear Island volunteer Deva Belec leads her young charges to one of the spaces at Laura McKenzie Learning Centre. Deva's room is now buzzing as the children choose from the many fun crafts she has prepared in painting, building

Deva is just one of many Doreen Potts Health Centre dedicated youth program staff who lend a creative hand and pitch in wherever they are needed. Meanwhile in the gymnasium: "One, two, three, four, two two, three, four!" A young, energetic native of Windsor, Ontario, Mitch Hanny, along with fellow Youth With A Mission volunteer from Kamloops, B.C., Angel, are just two of eleven students who travelled from their provinces and countries like Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Korea and England to train at the Muskoka YWAM School. Bear Island is just one of the First Nation communities they will volunteer in over the course of the summer where they share their experiences in drama, dance, music and visual arts.

Enthusiastically counting-in a small group of campers who have signed up

for dance, Mitch and Angel shout encouragement as the campers punch out their well rehearsed routine to the tune of Carrie Underwood's "The Champion".

The Arts Camp, which typically runs the first week in July each year, will see a new manager in 2019 as Theresa retires from her position. Her kindness, easy going manner, organizational skills and warm sense of humour will be missed but she will ever be remembered fondly by all for her hard work and dedication. The torch passes from the dedicated Bear Island Arts Camp managers of the past, Bettina Schuller, Patsy Turner and Theresa King. The 2019 Arts Camp will be the sixteenth since its inception in 2001. Look for more details for next year's camp on the TCF website. Registration opens February 2019.



From the TCF board and staff >>>

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*Thank you 2018 TCF friends, members, and donors.
 Your support brings our community together.*



Jack Tuomi introduces >>>

Ram Parmar, investing in Temagami for today and the future

Ram Parmar will be familiar to most people in Temagami as the owner/operator of the Temagami Petro-Canada gas station and restaurant. He is also a donor to the Temagami Community Foundation and a member of the TCF Council of 100 donors.

Ram was born in Uganda, moved to England in 1970 and subsequently to Canada in 1973. He was in the construction business in Toronto for several years specializing in building motels. A downturn in the construction business in the late 1980's caused Ram to look around for a different type of business.

A friend suggested that he look at a gas station/restaurant for sale in Temagami. He drove north, liked what he saw in beautiful Temagami and bought the business in 1990. He renovated and expanded the business several times over the years to what you see today.

Ram's former wife Debbie and their two daughters Anisha and Stephanie are involved in running the business on a daily basis and their third daughter, Amanda who is a paramedic in North Bay works part time at the ambulance bay in Temagami.

In his "spare time" Ram puts his construction skills to good use helping out friends and family with construction projects. He is also active in politics, serving as a Director of the Liberal Party of Temiskaming.

Ram's introduction to the Temagami Foundation was through his friendship with Bill Kitts. He decided to become a Council of 100 member after discussing it with Bill and Jack Tuomi. Ram is always happy to give back to the community through donations or work and this is just one more example of his investment in our community.

The Temagami Community Foundation is grateful to Ram and to our many other donors for supporting the Foundation and all that it does in the community.

Jess Lewis shares >>> The Canoe House: A Space to Nurture Connection



Canoe culture thrives here

The Canoe House renovation project, conducted by local builders and craftspeople, began October 2017 and finished by April 2018. The grand opening took place on June 21, 2018. Historically the original building was used as an outfitter space by the Hudson's Bay Co. that supplied Teme-Augama Anishnabai guides with canoes and outfitting gear. Then in the 1980's, as an economic development initiative, the community repurposed the structure to house a bait shop, then Mel's Market & the Pier Market utilized the space as a chip stand. Today, the Canoe House has evolved into a cultural community learning space designed to preserve heritage and revitalize and practice cultural ways. You can keep up with it's goings-on on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tfncanoehouse/>

Robin Potts is the visionary engineer of the Canoe House project- though she is quick to point out that it exists as a direct result of community engagement and energy. Robin gained hands-on experience with canoe building through organizing and facilitating multiple birch-bark canoe builds (partially funded through a TCF Grant) at temporary sites on Bear Island among other places. You can catch a glimpse of the 2016 build in this trailer for a documentary film profiling the project.

<https://vimeo.com/203913486>

Drawing from the knowledge she gained in the early builds, Robin channeled the collective energy and commitment of the community to grow the program by rooting it more permanently in a building on the water's edge. She secured funding from TFN and FedNor to hire a local build crew and retain skilled canoe builder Marcel Labelle and hire a staff of young builders to learn the craft.

Throughout the summer the Canoe House served as a gathering place where people of all ages from the TFN community, the seasonal residents and permanent residents of the lake and the town could gather to inquire about, appreciate, and participate in canoe culture. The space also housed works and workshop space for local artisans and craftspeople. The summer build culminated

in a ceremonial launch on July 28th to celebrate the form of the craft followed by a canoe trip along the Missisnibi to highlight the function of the craft.

In the years to come, Robin hopes the Canoe House will grow and evolve as a space dedicated to nurturing connection between community members, between people and the land, and between keepers of traditional knowledge and learners eager to carry forward cultural and artistic practices deeply rooted in and respectful of N'Daki Mennan and the abundance that surrounds us.

We at the TCF wish to offer our thanks and congratulations to Robin and all of the individuals, families, and community members who contributed ideas, energy, and support to the Canoe House Project. Miigwetch!





ask the TCF team >>>

Q: *How can I get involved with TCF?*

A: *Volunteer for a committee, join the board, or donate today!*

VOLUNTEER

The Temagami Community Foundation enables members of the Temagami community to help care for the community. The board endeavors at all times to represent the community. The Foundation actively encourages broad-based participation in its activities. It depends on voluntary contributions, both financial and non-financial. Members of the community contribute time and expertise to further the objectives of the Foundation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please send us an email or give us a call. Be sure to tell us your area of interest, the skills or ideas you might be able to share with the Foundation and the best way to get in touch with you! To find out how to reach us please see below.

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