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BUSY PEOPLE

From the Chair:

I consider sitting on the Board of the Temagami Community Foundation an honor and a privilege. I've enjoyed that privilege since October 5, 2016. I am now in my 9th and final year; 8 years as Co-Chair, 6 of those with Jack Tuomi, and now the Chair since Jack's scheduled retirement in June of 2024. We updated the bylaws along the way, once to allow for a 12-member board, and another time to allow a board member to extend from 2 to 3; 3-year terms or any part thereof.

Presently the Board of Directors of the Temagami Community Foundation sits at 11 Directors which allows space for one more Director, and as many volunteers that may wish to sit on our various committees. It has always been the intention of our Founders and Nominating Committee to try and have a balance of representation of permanent residents, seasonal residents, and the Temagami First Nation, which has proven to be very difficult at the most of times.

With other Directors terms coming due in the next few years, we could certainly use your help to keep the momentum of the TCF strong and fruitful to our community at large. To be straight forward, our function is to raise money through donations and a few fundraisers, so donations and support are most important for us to be able to function. As you can see by the short letters of introductions of our Board Members, everyone is very busy, but take the time to give back to their community. When you want to get something accomplished, you ask the busiest people to pitch in. Please consider approaching us if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, and we would love to discuss it further. Maybe you, or someone you know may be of some help.

Students, individuals, service clubs; including Lions & Legion, Temagami Medical Centre, Temagami Fish Hatchery, our Temagami Public School, T.F.N. projects, 2-volunteer fire departments, or any non-profit that can apply for a grant. Our grants committee reviews specific requests meticulously and makes a recommendation to the board, and the board awards the successful applicants the approved grant. We are basically caretakers of the money with a part-time administrator and bookkeeper and are bound by strict guidelines.

In the past 5 or so years, we're proud to tell you that we have granted a total of \$433,378.02 in grant approvals and our investments are growing tremendously which has to happen to guarantee perpetuity in our giving to the Temagami Community Area.

PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lori Stuttard – Lori is currently the Accounting Manager for SB Simpson Industrial Supplies, where she has been employed since 2020. Lori and her family, along with her two children, aged 16 and 14, have spent the last 15 summers at their family cottage on Jumping Caribou. Lori joined the Board of Directors in 2024, and currently sits on the Finance Committee given her background, and is anxiously looking to help in other areas.

Sarah-Jane Pearce – Sarah-Jane is currently a Real Estate Broker for Royal LePage in Toronto. She has been coming to Temagami and Jumping Caribou Lake with her family all her life, and was pleased to join her mother Jane who is the chair of the Events Committee in 2024. Prior to her career in real estate, Sarah-Jane was a Director of Marketing and Events at Rogers Media. She is presently Chair of the Finance Committee after being mentored by Jack Tuomi; the Past Finance Committee Chair, and the Co-Chair of the Foundation for 7 years.

Ashly Legacy – Ashly is currently the local Post Master at Canada Post. Along with her husband Omar, they raise 2 young children in Temagami. On top of this, she is also an active volunteer in the Temagami Area, and often helps Omar with the local Parks and Recreation events. She joined the Board of Directors in 2024 and currently sits on the Personnel and Events Committee. She also sits on the Board of Directors of the Library Board, as well as being a member of the Temagami Legion.

Will Goodman – Will is the current president of Guidance Associates/The Center for Humanities in Mount Kisco, NY where he currently resides. Will's father Jack Goodman, who recently passed away, began visiting Lake Temagami in 1953. Jack purchased a cottage in the southwest arm 1966 and brought his family to Temagami including Will since he was just 5 years old. Will joined the Board of Directors of the TCF in 2022, and currently sits on 3 committees as a member; Finance, Communications, and Nominating. Will is also a past president of the Temagami Lakes Association.

Wayne Potts – Wayne and his wife Ronda currently live on Bear Island where he finished his career as a Health Services Manager. Wayne and Ronda both worked as educators in the remote northern reservations, where they met. Wayne was born and raised on Bear Island, and has been involved in the Bear Island and Temagami community his entire life. Wayne gained his BA in Native and Cultural Studies at Trent University and B of Ed at Nipissing University. Wayne joined Ronda on the Board of Directors in 2022, and although Ronda is no longer on the board, they still play a major role in organizing the Annual Fish Fry every year.

Meghan Hope – Meghan Hope and her husband are both in Education in the Waterloo Region, where they raise three children; aged 15, 12, and 9. Meghan's grandfather, William Detenbeck, purchased a cottage on Jumping Caribou over 80 years ago and since then her family has enjoyed this amazingly vast and beautiful area. Free time is very important to Meghan, which is why she chose to be a part of the TCF. Meghan now chairs the Grants Committee after Shauna Waddell's retirement from the board in June of 2024. She also sits on the Executive and Communications Committees

Jane Pearce – Jane is a retired Senior Account Executive after a lengthy career at Torstar Media Group. Jane is a seasonal resident of Temagami, and her family has been on Jumping Caribou since 1932. Jane joined the Board of Directors of the TCF in 2021, and moved from co-chair to chair of the Events Committee after Mary McTavish's retirement from the board in June of 2024. Jane continues to play a major role in organizing both the Temagami Comes to the City Dinner, and the C100 Brunch.

Joanne Van Manen – Joanne and her husband Dirk own and operate Our Daily Bread, Northland Traders, and Docks Plus Temagami. Joanne joined the Board of the Temagami Community Foundation in 2019, and is an active member of the Grants Committee. Her family first settled in Temagami in 2011.

Carol Reeder – Carol and her husband own Boatline Bay Marine and have operated the family business from its current location on Lake Temagami for over 35 years. Ultimately, they continued with the lifestyle of Ken's parents, Charlie & Georgette, who raised their family from their island through 1960's well into the 80's while operating Reeder's Marine & Electric. Moving progressively forward into the 3rd generation they have been working together in succession with their son Davis and his wife Madison for the past few years. Their older son, Kendal has a growing family of three living in Ottawa. Carol joined the Board of the TCF in 2019 participating with funds distribution on the Grants Committee and, hoping to be helpful while on the Nominating Committee.

Jessica Lewis – Jess lived year-round on Lake Temagami for the first five years of her life before moving to the US with her family. She and her two children, Abel, aged 12 and Hazel, aged 10, live in Columbia, Missouri but return each year to spend their summers on Lake Temagami where Jess works as Director of Camp Wabun. Wabun was founded by Jess' great grandfather and seven other teachers in 1933 and the Lewis family. Jess's family still feels that Temagami is home and have spent months of the year on the lake ever since. Jess has chaired our Communications Committee since joining the TCF board over seven years ago.

Bill Kitts – Dick Grant and I joined the board together in 2016 and our immediate responsibility was to recruit members from Temagami, Bear Island, and Seasonal Residents and assemble a board to help CG Stephens and a very few others who, due to world economic changes and a lack of volunteers, was holding the TCF together by a thread. For CG's dedication we will be forever grateful. It took half a year to put together a very hard working and functioning board, who as a bunch of greenhorns dug in and did what we had to do to get the TCF back on its feet and operating as it did in its earlier days, and present state.

Once this was accomplished, Dick was forced to resign as Director, Co-Chair, and Chair of Finance due to extra work commitments, but he still sits on Finance and is there for us any time we need advice or anything else. Because of this, fairly new board member Jack Tuomi became Finance Chair, and shortly after would become Co-Chair with myself for 6 years working together side by side and never wavered or turned down a challenge, and trust me, we had a few. He still sits on 3 committees, and I really miss him.

As for myself, I was born in Temagami and never left. I married Billie Louks in 1967 and together we raised our 2 daughters in Temagami. Both girls attended Canadian Adventure Camp in their younger years, and worked summers at our family business. Corry didn't move back after Girl's School and University, and raised 3 outstanding grandsons; Dylan, Jake, and Braden in Callander where she and her husband live and operate their family business.

Kim spent her working career working at, managing, and lastly owning our family business, Temagami Marine, consisting of 3 generations and over sixty years. During this time, Kim also gave us two grandchildren; Tyler and Tori. Our 5 grandchildren are presently members of the TCF C100 together. Kim was a Co-Chair and Grant Chair in the TCF's very early days.

It's been a rewarding and fulfilling run to say the least, and seeing the smiles on so many faces has made every minute worth it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bill Kitts, Chair of the TCF