

# Appendix 1 to Official Plan

## 1) Tenets for Temagami, March 8, 1994

The Tenets for Temagami are a set of widely held principles related to the maintenance of the mainland shoreline of Lake Temagami and Cross Lake in a natural state.

The Tenets for Temagami were developed through the co-operative efforts of the Temagami Lakes Association, Lake Temagami Permanent Residents Association and the former Township of Temagami. All three groups formally adopted the Tenets by resolution in 1994. Since then the Tenets have been similarly adopted by the Association of Youth Camps on Temagami Lake, Cassels Lake and adjoining Lake Associations have indicated it would like similar protection.

The principles contained in the Tenets have been included in the Official Plan for the Lake Temagami Neighbourhood and other neighbourhoods where the Lake Temagami viewscape included land outside its own neighbourhood boundaries. Those hilltops in other neighbourhoods that are visible from the surface of Lake Temagami are protected by the Aesthetic Viewscape Management Area prescriptions of the Temagami Forest Management Plan.

The Ecological Buffer Zone concept has not been included in the Official Plan. The ecological considerations that were considered for the Buffer Zone have been dealt with in the Temagami Land Use Plan. A two-kilometre setback has replaced the Buffer Zone concept to define mainland development and public road access on Lake Temagami. This setback is included in some other Neighbourhood sections as required.

As well, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry has formally established access points and agreements regarding their use at Cross Lake and Baie Jeanne. The Cross Lake Access Point is maintained by the Municipality of Temagami and the Baie Jeanne Access Point is maintained by the Ministry with input from the South West Arm Neighbourhood Association and the West Nipissing Access Group.

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### ***"Tenets for Temagami***

#### ***Skyline Reserve***

*The mainland surrounding Lake Temagami and Cross Lake is to be zoned as a landscape ecology zone to preserve the beauty, to restore the integrity and to preserve the wilderness aspect/feeling of the Temagami Forest. This ecology zone would consist of two reserves, which would both be afforded protection from natural disturbances such as fire and insect infestation, but would otherwise have separate management goals and prescriptions.*

*A map of Lake Temagami will be drawn to illustrate the area that will be required to meet these objectives:*

*The two reserves would be the following:*

### **1) Skyline Reserve**

*The Lake Temagami and Cross Lake skyline reserve must protect the appearance of the natural skyline vista. It must provide the viewer on any part of Lake Temagami or Cross Lake with no visual evidence to the naked eye that any activities such as timber cutting or mining have taken place. The minimum dimension would be 200 metres. This reserve would be preserved in its natural state and its permissible uses would be very limited.*

### **2) Ecological Buffer Reserve**

*This reserve surrounds the skyline reserve to protect the natural forest and wildlife habitat ecosystems of the Temagami region. It would have a broader range of controlled activities but no new public roads would pass through it except in the Village of Temagami.*

### **Road Access**

*The three groups support the current ban on the construction of new public road access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake. The existing public road access points consist of the Village waterfront, Finlayson Park, Strathcona*

*Landing and the Lake Temagami Access Road landings. Where possible, parking areas must be screened from the main body of the lake. Shiningwood Bay, Cross Lake, Austin Bay, Bleue Bay and any other illegal access points are to be closed using scarification methods as far as possible from Lake Temagami and Cross Lake. Existing gates are to be maintained and new ones are to be installed to prevent new public access roads to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake.*

*New snowmobile trails accessing Lake Temagami/Cross Lake are to be no wider than 3 metres and zoned exclusively for winter snowmobile use. Proposals for these access points to Lake Temagami and Cross Lake are to be reviewed and sites inspected by the new governing body prior to construction.*

### **Mainland Development**

*There should be no mainland development on Lake Temagami and Cross Lake with the exception of those potential lots immediately adjacent to the Township of Temagami that are able to be serviced by the Township's central sewage treatment facility.*

*All other future development will occur on islands, the number and location to be determined by the revised official plan, which will be sensitive to current ecological standards."*

## 2) Mining in the Skyline Reserve

The Tenets for Temagami conceived the skyline reserve to, among other things, protect the appearance of the Lake Temagami viewscape. The standard proposed was that there be no “visual evidence to the naked eye” that any mining had taken place there.

When the land caution was lifted, staking was reopened for most areas of the Municipality except for the skyline reserve pending the development of specific regulations for staking and exploration in designated areas. Regulations are now in effect for staking under the Mining Act and for exploration under the Public Lands Act. It should also be noted that the islands in Lake Temagami are not open to staking or disruptive mineral exploration.

The staking rules attempt to eliminate evidence of this activity by requiring the use of flagging tape or paint to mark out claims rather than the former practice of cutting brush.

Disruptive activities that involve the cutting of brush and trees or the use of heavy equipment require a work permit.

A work permit for mineral exploration in MA 39 will only be approved if the proposed physical work “does not significantly impact the ecological, tourism or aesthetic values of the skyline and Lake Temagami”. The application for this type of work permit is circulated to the Lake Temagami Review Committee for comment before the permit is issued.

The Mining Act requires a formal public consultation process to address issues related to advanced exploration, mine development, production and closure.

The CPC recommended that mitigating measures be developed for mining related activities in MA 39 (Recommendation #22) and that the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry seek the willingness of holders of existing mining patents and crown leases to conform with these mitigating measures that have now been developed (Recommendation #23). Some of the measures relating to mine development, production and closure consist of the following:

- Mine effluent will meet or exceed existing water quality of identified lakes and rivers within MA 39;
- All mining-related infrastructure is to be located outside the lake and skyline (i.e. headframes, ventilation raises, etc.);
- Health and safety-related structures (i.e. escape manways) are permitted within the skyline, but restricted to outside the skyline where practicable;
- All health and safety-related structures built within the skyline are to be constructed to standards designed to minimise their visibility, and audible impact;
- Noise abatement shall be required for mine-related activities adjoining or adjacent to the skyline; and
- Surface extraction (open pit mining) of minerals will not be permitted within the Lake Temagami skyline reserve, including the islands.

### 3) Forest Management Plans

The Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA), Declaration Order MNR-71 as amended by Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR-71/2) and the Environmental Assessment Act provide the legislative framework for the forest management on Crown Lands in Ontario. The forest management planning requirements and the provisions of the environmental assessment approval are incorporated into the Forest Management Planning Manual for Ontario's Crown Forest (2017) and the Forest Information Manual (MNRF, 2020), which provide direction for the preparation of forest management plans.

Forest management on Crown Land in Ontario is the responsibility of the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. The Crown forest of Ontario is divided into geographic planning areas known as management units for the purpose of forest management.

Forest Management Plans are prepared for a 10 year period. The Forest Management Plan describes forest management activities, such as timber harvesting, road construction and silviculture that will take place during the plan period.

Within the municipal boundaries there are two approved 2019-2029 Forest Management Plans administered by the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry:

- Temagami Management Unit (MU #898)
- Nipissing Forest Management Unit (MU #754)

For the purpose of the Forest Management Plan, an Area of Concern is a defined geographic area, within the operating areas selected for forest management activities in the 10year term, which is adjacent to an identified value portrayed on Schedule D to the Official Plan.

The Area of Concern operational prescriptions are outlined in both Forest Management Plans (2019-2029) (FMP-11) and generally seek to limit the impact of forest operations on other users of Crown Land and natural heritage features. This is generally accomplished by modifying harvest techniques and by establishing rules for tertiary road construction near significant aesthetic viewsapes and other features.

## 4) Recreational Management Plan

There is a need for a broad strategy to assess the current and future potential for Crown Land recreation in the Temagami Area. The Recreation Management Plan could operationalize the Temagami Recreation Area Strategy found in the Temagami Land Use Plan (Appendix 1 – Strategies) and create significant social and economic benefit for the Municipality. The Temagami Land Use Plan states:

*“Management planning for recreation will take direction from the Recreation Strategy and the Temagami Land Use Plan. Key objectives for the Recreation Area will be marketing of the various types of recreation opportunities available, managing the various recreational uses, identifying opportunities for highway- oriented tourism and recreation, maintaining existing backcountry for low- intensity recreational areas, and recreation-related issues.”*

The strategies consist of implementing user fees on Crown Land that would be retained and re-invested locally to maintain and protect significant recreation values. Crown land recreation uses could be integrated with other uses such as cottaging to establish the ultimate development capacity of the recreation lakes that takes into account all uses in order to conserve the environment and the recreation values found there. Cottage issues would be dealt with in a separate study process called the Lot Creation and Development Plan that would apply to all Neighbourhoods in this Plan. The Municipality supports the development and maintenance of Crown Land recreation opportunities.