

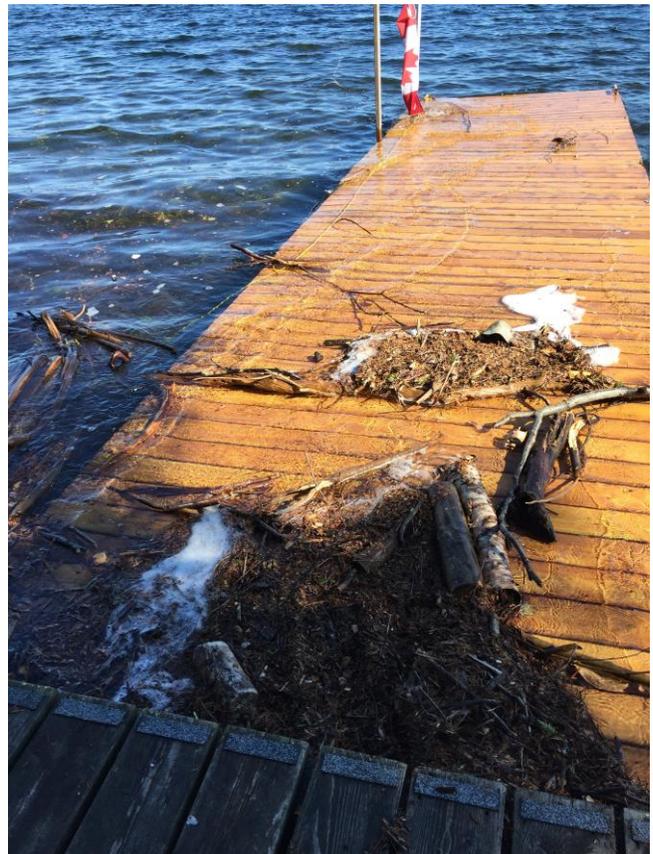
Lake Temagami Water Levels 2019

Date	Water Level (m > sea level)	Flow (m ³ /s)	Summer Operation Range (m > sea level)	
			Min.	Max.
3/13/18	293.17	25	293.60	294.00
4/12/18	293.04	1.4		
10/12/18	293.67	25		
3/28/19	293.14	25		
4/15/19	293.13	25		
5/23/19	294.19	65		

TLA members

As per the above chart you can see that we are experiencing extremely high water levels after break up in late May. The high levels can be attributed to an abnormally high snowfall amount this past winter, with no January thaw, and heavy and constant rain through the break up period and since.

For the past 15 years I attended the Sturgeon/Nipissing/French Advisory Group meetings that included OPG (Ontario Power Generation), MNRF, towns, organizations and First Nations representatives. Every spring this group met weekly to share information and evaluate potential water level options. Never did we have a situation as dire as this 'perfect storm'.



It is a concern here on Lake Temagami as many docks and boathouse decks are under water but to my knowledge homes and cottages are not directly affected. Some dock decks are lifting off cribs but this can be remedied later for sure.

Downstream things are much worse. Homes, business and infrastructure are impacted through North Bay and beyond along the French River to Georgian Bay. Thousands are affected. We are at the top of the watershed so any water that leaves here exacerbates the situations downstream so OPG has had to curtail runoff through the Cross Lake dam hence the higher than normal levels apparent in the chart above.

No one person, organization or legislative body can alter the present situation. Likewise no one is to blame. What we need is a prolonged period of hot dry weather so water can leave the watershed into the Great Lakes at Georgian Bay.

However be careful what we wish for. Remember the fires of last summer.