Volunteer Symposium



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Updated Agenda & Details

Educational Sessions

Volunteer Fair

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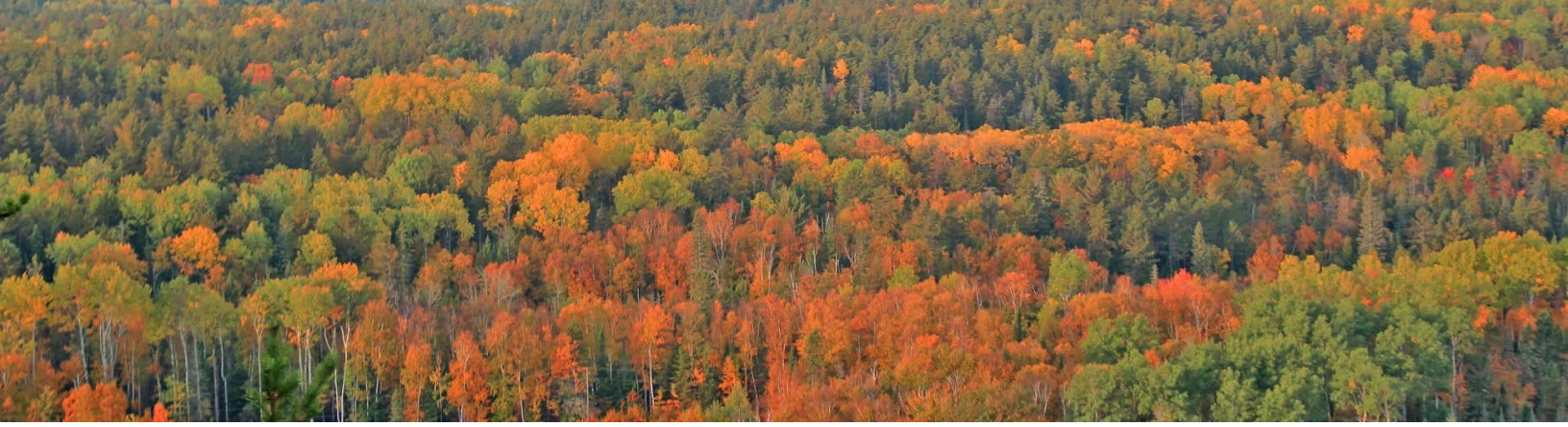
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Welcome

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The Temiskaming Foundation and The Temiskaming Shores & Area Chamber of Commerce are excited to welcome you to our Volunteer Symposium on Saturday, September 26, at Northern College – Haileybury Campus. This new event is designed to bring together nonprofit organizations, volunteers, community leaders, educators, and residents for a full day of learning, networking, collaboration, community engagement and volunteer recruitment.

This event has two different parts to meet the different needs in the community:
Our educational sessions were created to strengthen organizations and volunteerism through engaging workshops and panel discussions. The sessions offer the opportunity to network with organization leaders and volunteers across the district encouraging collaboration and connection.

Our volunteer fair brings residents and volunteer organizations together. The fair will allow residents to discover volunteer opportunities and find meaningful ways to get involved in the community. The fair provides organizations with an opportunity to showcase their mission and volunteer opportunities, meet potential volunteers, accept on-the-spot volunteer sign-ups and network with other community organizations.

Land Acknowledgement

The Temiskaming Foundation and the Temiskmaing Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce respectfully acknowledge that our organizations operate on the traditional territory of the Algonquin, Anishinaabe, and Cree Nations who have lived in our region for centuries. We live, work and gather on the traditional and unceded Territory of the Timiskaming, Temagami, Matatchewan and Beaverhouse First Nations. We recognize the long-standing presence of these First Nation and Metis people in our community and honour their long history of welcoming many Nations to this beautiful territory and uphold and uplift their voice and values. We offer our gratitude to the First Nations for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

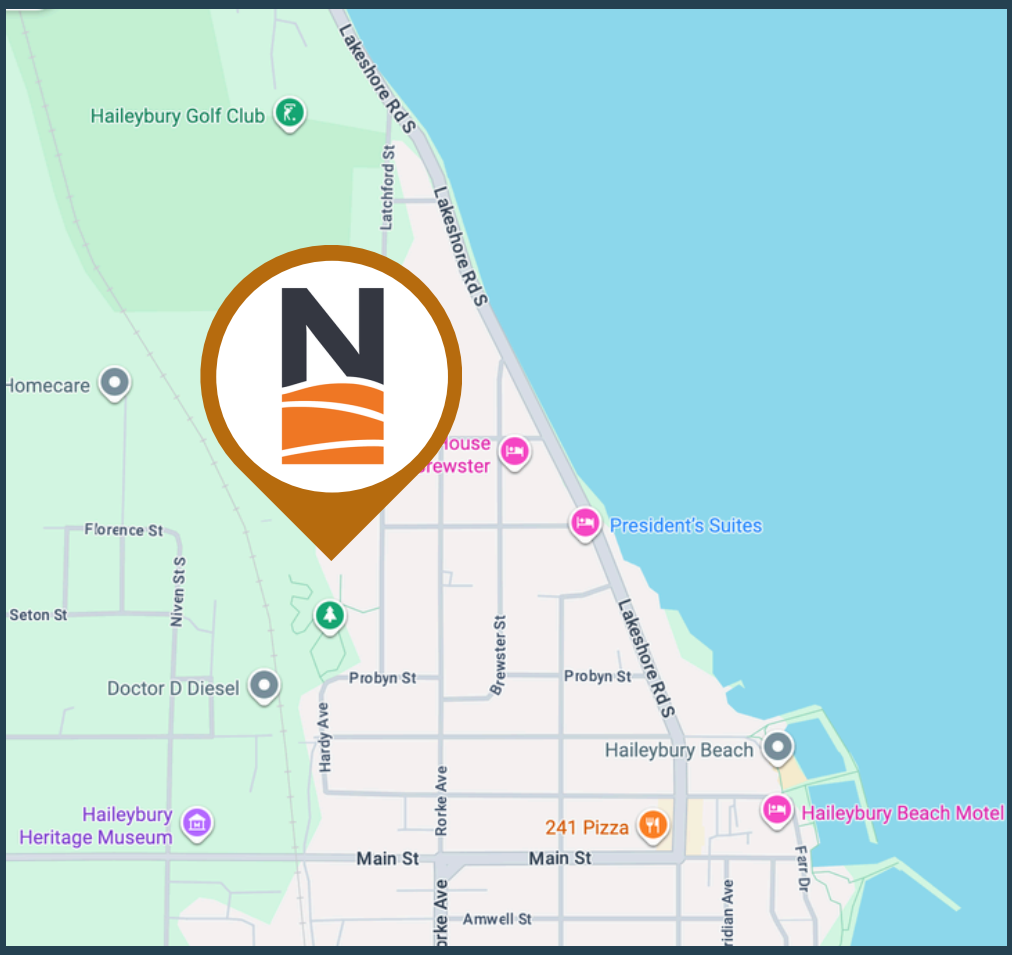
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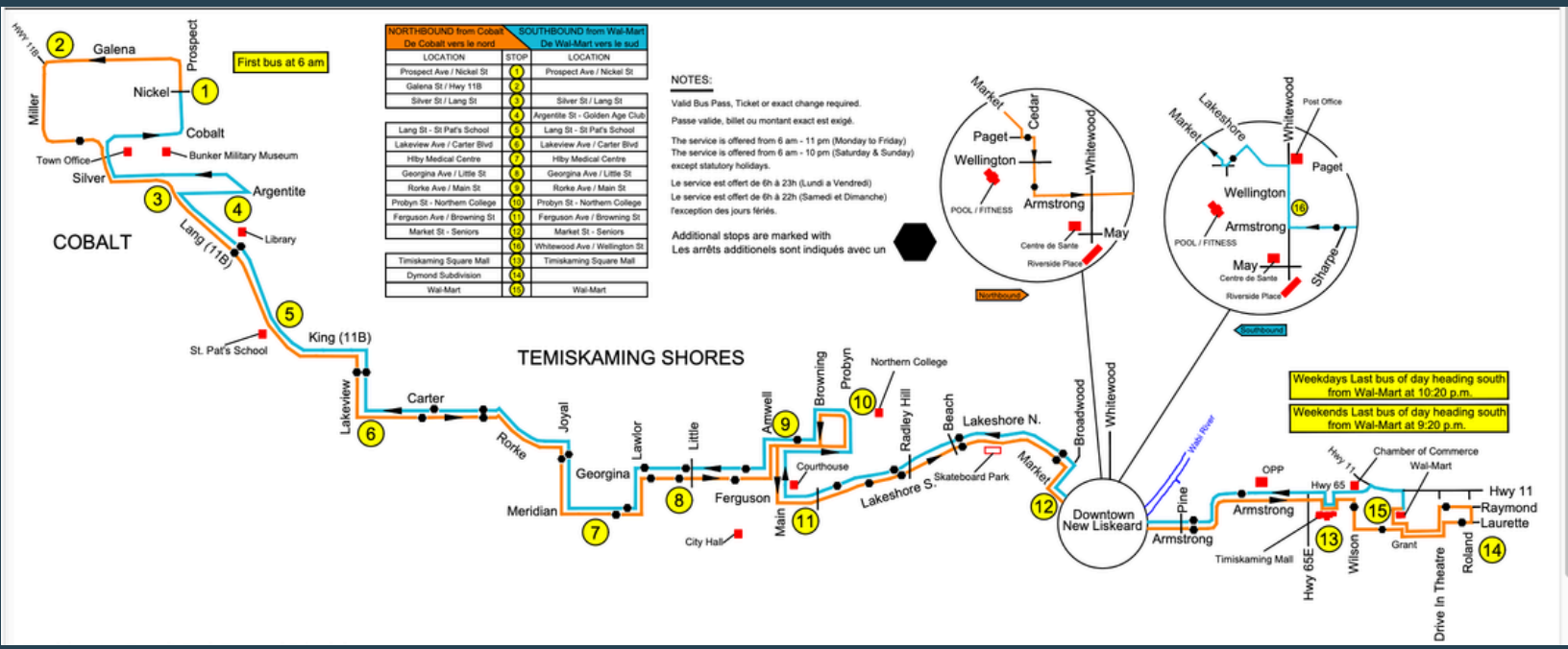
Parking

Parking is free and available on site at the rear of the building. Parking on both sides of Latchford Street is permited on weekends.



Temiskaming Transit

The Temiskaming Transit will stop at Northern College every two hours starting at 6:18 am on the Northbound route and 7:43 am on the Southbound route.



NORTHBOUND from Cobalt / De Cobalt vers le nord	STOP	SOUTHBOUND from Wal-Mart / De Wal-Mart vers le sud
LOCATION		LOCATION
Prospect Ave / Nickel St	1	Prospect Ave / Nickel St
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	4	Argentite St - Golden Age Club
Lang St - St Pat's School	5	Lang St - St Pat's School
Lakeview Ave / Carter Blvd	6	Lakeview Ave / Carter Blvd
Hlby Medical Centre	7	Hlby Medical Centre
Georgina Ave / Little St	8	Georgina Ave / Little St
Rorke Ave / Main St	9	Rorke Ave / Main St
Probyn St - Northern College	10	Probyn St - Northern College
Ferguson Ave / Browning St	11	Ferguson Ave / Browning St
Market St - Seniors	12	Market St - Seniors
	13	Whitewood Ave / Wellington St
Timiskaming Square Mall	14	Timiskaming Square Mall
Dymond Subdivision	15	
Wal-Mart	16	Wal-Mart

For full details, see https://www.temiskamingshores.ca/living-here/transit/

Schedule Overview

Time	Event
9:00 am	Check in Table Opens
9:30 am	Conference Begins - Welcome Anouncements
10:00 am	Panel 1 - Event Planning
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	Session 1 - Volunteer Management
11:45 am	Break
12:00 pm	Session 2 - Social Media
1:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Session 3 - Board Governance
3:00 pm	Panel 2 - Funder's Forum
4:00 pm	Break
5:00 pm	Community Volunteer Fair Begins
8:00 pm	Event Ends

Agenda

September 26, 2026

9:00	**Arrivals & Check In** Check-in opens
9:30	**Confrence Begins - Welcome Anouncements**
10:00	**Panel 1 - Event Planning**  **Linda St. Cyr**  **Danielle Belanger Corbin**  **Sylvie Rioux**  **Mark Lavallee** This session brings together community organizers to discuss best practices for successfully planning and delivering community events. Participants will learn strategies for hosting and planning events and how to engage attendees.
10:45	Break
11:00	**Session 1 - Volunteer Management**  **Marnie Lapierre** This session focuses on the best practices for recruiting, coordinating, supporting and retaining volunteers. Participants will learn practical strategies for building a strong volunteer team and creating a positive volunteer experience.
11:45	Break
12:00	**Session 2 - Social Media**  **Morgan Johanson**  **Michelle Sowinski** This session explores social media strategies for promoting community events and organizations. Topics will include creating engaging content, accessibility, social media platforms and tips and tricks.
1:00	Lunch

2:00

Session 3 - Board Governance



Brigid Wilkinson

This session will explore the roles and responsibilities of organizational boards, including effective board management, governance best practices, meeting procedures and board member responsibilities.

3:00

Panel 2 - Funders Forum



The Temiskaming Foundation- Michelle Fiset



Frog's Breath- Morgan Johanson



FedNor- Candice Flanigan



NOHFC- Laurie Ypya



The City of Temiskaming Shores- Andre Brock

Funding organizations from the district will come together to highlight available funding opportunities and programs. Participants will learn about programs, eligibility requirements, and application processes.

4:00

End of educational sessions

5:00

Community Volunteer Fair Begins

8:00

Community Fair Ends

Thank you!

To our presenters, participants, and volunteers- we appreciate the work that you do in our community!

WHO IS JOINING?

Education Sessions 10am - 4pm



Linda St.Cyr

Linda St. Cyr is a dedicated community leader, volunteer, and advocate who believes in the power of people coming together to make a difference. She is committed to engaging and strengthening her community, where she has been actively involved in creating opportunities, activities, and experiences that enrich the lives of local residents. Her multidisciplinary background has led her to serve as Co-Founder and Director of the South Temiskaming Active Travel Organization (STATO), Founder of Bike Temiskaming Shores and the Bike Exchange, Co-President of the Temiskaming Shores Christmas Wish as well as Co-President of the AC15 Women's Hockey Tournament .



Danielle Bélanger-Corbin

Danielle Bélanger-Corbin is a decorated Canadian Armed Forces veteran who played a key role in the evolution of logistics operations within the Department of National Defence, both in Canada and abroad. Following her retirement in 2000, she and her family moved from Ottawa to Temiskaming Shores, in Northeastern Ontario. A firm believer that one should never stop learning, Danielle obtained her 4th degree in 2022 – a Juris Doctor – and was called to the Bar in 2023. That same year, she founded her own firm – DBC Legal – which offers bilingual legal services in Real Estate, Wills and Estates, Corporate and Family law.Danielle's unique approach to the law has been shaped by a professional career spanning more than 35 years, as well as through her volunteer activities, community involvement and experience in not-for-profit governance.



Mark Lavallee

Mark Lavallee is a dedicated local entrepreneur and community advocate based in Temiskaming Shores. As the owner of Mikrolink Computers, Mark combines his passion for technology and local business with strong community leadership. He currently serves as the Board Chair for the Downtown New Liskeard Business Improvement Area (BIA) and is the former President of the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce. Mark is deeply committed to fostering local economic growth, supporting small businesses, and organizing engaging community events that bring people together.



Sylvie Rioux

Sylvie brings more than 20 years of volunteer experience with the New Liskeard Agricultural Society and other community organizations. She loves helping people connect, working together toward shared goals, and finding practical ways to make a positive difference. A lifelong learner at heart, Sylvie brings curiosity, warmth, and a collaborative spirit to everything she does. When she's not volunteering, she enjoys time with family and friends, along with knitting, sewing, and quilting.



Marnie Lapierre

Marnie Lapierre is a Certified Volunteer Administrator and event professional with more than 30 years of experience in volunteer engagement, festivals, tourism, and community development. As the Regional Program & Volunteer Resources Lead with United Way Centraide North East Ontario, she supports volunteer recruitment, engagement, training, and capacity-building for nonprofit organizations across Northeastern Ontario. A Northern Ontario advocate at heart (raised in Temiskaming Shores and currently residing in Timmins), Marnie believes successful events and strong communities share the same essential ingredient: people who are given meaningful opportunities to contribute, feel valued, and know the difference their time and talents make.

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Education Sessions: 10am - 4pm



Morgan Johanson

Morgan Johanson is a marketing and community leader who earned her Honours Bachelor of Commerce in Digital Marketing from Fanshawe College. A proud EHS alumna, she grew up around sports and community involvement. Today, Morgan leads Customer Success and Partnerships for a technology company and helped launch Temiskaming Thunder Basketball Club, where she has helped grow an impressive program through community-focused marketing and storytelling. When it comes to marketing a community organization, Morgan's approach is simple: you don't need a massive budget or marketing department to make an impact. You need to understand your community, tell stories people connect with, be consistent, and give people a reason to care. She is excited to share some of what has worked, what definitely hasn't, and practical ideas that organizations of any size can take home and actually use.



Michelle Sowinski

An effective, self-driven communicator with a diverse background in academia, customer service, and project management. A lifelong learner, passionate about research and collaboration. Eager to engage in initiatives to promote social change. The Temiskaming Foundation provides an avenue to give back to the district that has been my home base and the foundation for my own family. I am fascinated by the wealth of experiences available in the area, from accessibility to nature to a sense of community. I look forward to contributing to the continuance and development of more opportunities for present and future residents of the Timiskaming district.



Brigid Wilkinson

Brigid Wilkinson was appointed Executive Director of the Temiskaming Foundation in January, 2024. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was a solicitor with Kemp Pirie Crombeen and Evans Bragagnolo & Sullivan LLP. She has volunteered on the boards of the Victim Services of Temiskaming & District, Temiskaming Shores Public Library, New Liskeard Non-Profit Housing Corporation, Classic Theatre Cobalt, Temiskaming Festival of Music, Temiskaming Law Association and Federation of Ontario Law Associations, serving as the Northeastern Ontario representative.



Candice Flanigan

Candice Flanigan is the Initiatives Officer for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario. The Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor) is the Government of Canada's economic development organization for the region. Through its programs and services, and through its financial support of projects that lead to job creation and economic growth, FedNor works with businesses and community partners to build a stronger Northern Ontario.



Michelle Fiset

Michelle Fiset is the Grants Administrator at the Temiskaming Foundation. She is also a volunteer and municipal councillor, with a strong commitment to strengthening communities across the district. Through her work with the Temiskaming Foundation, Michelle plays an important role in supporting local organizations, volunteers, and initiatives by helping connect community needs with meaningful funding opportunities. Her experience has given her a firsthand understanding of the challenges communities face and the importance of collaboration, strategic funding, and strong local leadership.

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Education Sessions: 10am - 4pm



Laurie Ypya

Laurie Ypya is a Northern Development Advisor with the Regional Economic Development Branch of the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth, based in Temiskaming Shores, Ontario. She focuses on advancing rural and northern economic development, with a current emphasis on the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC).
With family roots in farming in Finland and northern Ontario, she brings a grounded understanding of land-based economies, along with enthusiasm and a funder-informed perspective on investment, workforce resilience, and sustainable rural growth.



Andre Brock

Andre works as an Economic Development Officer with the City of Temiskaming Shores. He works to strengthen the regional economy by supporting business growth, attracting investment, and building partnerships that create long-term opportunities. He leads strategic initiatives across sectors including mining, agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, tourism, and retail, while collaborating with municipalities, Indigenous communities, industry leaders, and all levels of government. Passionate about community development, his focus is on turning ideas into impactful projects, securing funding, fostering regional collaboration, and helping businesses and communities thrive.

Volunteer Fair 5pm - 8pm

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Pavilion
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UPWITHWOMEN
EXPONENTI'ELLES

Temiskaming Hospital
Hôpital Temiskaming

CRIME STOPPERS

WHO IS JOINING?

Volunteer Fair 5pm - 8pm

Rockwalk Park and Arboretum

Cobalt Mining Museum

Paws Across Timiskaming

Northern Hospice Care
Soins hospices du nord

Rotary

Detox with Jesus

Riverside Farmers' Market

Pride Temiskaming

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