

# THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

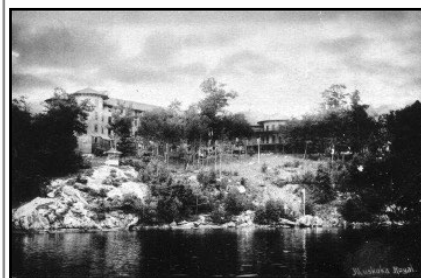
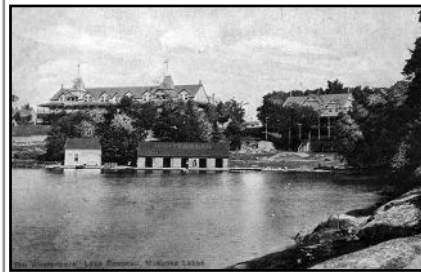
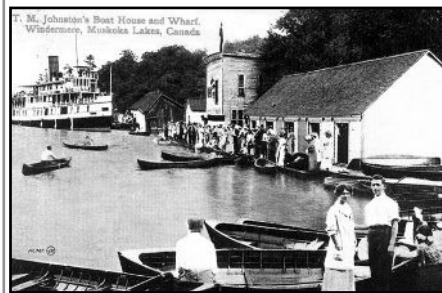
## WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere celebrates 100 years since incorporation.** It was founded in 1870, but in 1924, under the leadership of Henry Longhurst, the village applied for independent village status with the government of Ontario. Longhurst became the first Reeve (Mayor) of Windermere.
- **Windermere House** - Open year round. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
  - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Open 7 days a week:  
12pm-10pm,  
late night menu from 9-10pm
  - **The Rosseau** - Open Saturday and Sunday 12 to 9pm, Thursdays & Fridays 5-9pm  
Closed - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
  - **The Trading Post is open!** Artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
- **Windermere Marina** - **OFF-SEASON hours as follows:**  
Thursday - Sunday 9am - 5pm
- **Windermere Golf Club** - open to the public  
**Restaurant hours:**  
Sun. - Wed. - 11am - 6pm  
Thurs. - Sat. - 11am - 9pm  
Wing night - Thursday 5pm
- **Windermere Garden Centre**  
Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4  
Lots of fall specials going on. Visit them!!
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. **Order fresh Turkey for Thanksgiving while supplies last.** Lots of strawberries, raspberries and corn available. Open until Thanksgiving.
- **Christ Church Windermere** -services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am

## This week's "Historical Interest" Article Windermere Wharf & Hotels

Submitted by Ian Turnbull - "Muskoka historian extraordinaire"

In the early 1900s Windermere Wharf was bustling with activity. Johnston and Ditchburn each operated boat rental liveries.



(More on Kings Park in another issue)

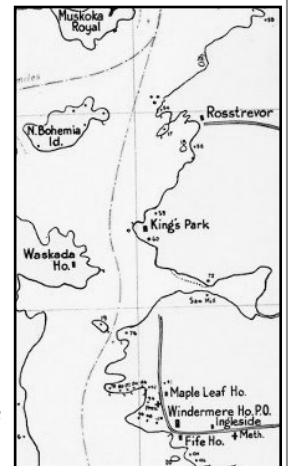
And in 1906, Frank Hurlburt built Hotel Waskada on a high point of land on Tobin Island, about opposite Dee Falls.

Waskada prospered initially enjoying a reputation for fine dining. In 1913 facing financial difficulties, it

Steamers connecting to trains at Muskoka Wharf in Gravenhurst served many hotels on Lakes Muskoka, Rosseau and Joseph and landed routinely at the Wharf delivering Windermere House guests.

Also on the steamers' route north of Windermere was the Royal Muskoka Hotel, which opened in 1901. (image & chart).

About a year later King's Park opened a little north of Rostrevor Lodge.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sept. 12th - Final Wing night** of the season @ WGCC.
- **Sept. 13th - Leah Leslie** @ Windermere House
- **Sept. 14th - Briar Summers** @ Windermere House
- **Sept. 15th - Terry Fox Run**  
Registration - 8am  
Official start - 9am  
Windermere Community Centre @ 2416 Windermere Road
- **Sept 25th, 7 - 8pm**  
Contemplative Ecumenical Taize Service - Windermere United Church.  
*Search for communion with God through monastic chants, silence, prayers and personal reflection.*

- **October 5th, 7 - 9pm - @ Windermere United Church**  
**Music Night Fundraiser - Live foot-tapping music** featuring the Creators, Kuepfers & Balodis.  
*We will also have desserts! Bid on an original painting of our beautiful church from local artist - Marilyn Goslin. Check out her FB page soon for an early peek. All donations support Windermere United Church*

- **October 13th - 11am-3pm -** Thanksgiving Brunch @ Windermere House in The Rosseau dining room.  
**Reserve Now - 705-769-3611**

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **Police - Non-emergency**  
(705) 645-2211
- **Fire Department**  
(705)-765-3156
- **District of Muskoka Office**  
(705) 645-2100
- **By-law Office Township**  
(705) 765-3156
- **Wharf Master**  
(705) 769-3611
- **Windermere Golf Club**  
(705) 769-3381
- **Windermere Marina**  
(705) 769-3661
- **Windermere House**  
(705) 769-3611
- **Taylor Farms**  
(705)-769-2368
- **Windermere Garden Centre**  
(705)-769-3238
- **Archives**  
[windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com](mailto:windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com)
- **Lions Club**  
[windermere@ar2lions.ca](mailto:windermere@ar2lions.ca)

Then in 1921 the hotel reopened as Epworth Inn operated by Canadian Chautauqua and soon called Muskoka Assembly, delivering a program celebrating Canadian culture.



In late 1931, Muskoka Assembly's financial challenges resulted in the property being purchased by George A Martin who the following year opened Wigwassan Lodge. Wigwassan became a very popular resort with a wide range of activities guaranteeing middleclass clientele a good time.

Following George Martin's death in 1966, Wigwassan closed ending the six-decade hotel era that started with Waskada on Tobin Island.

