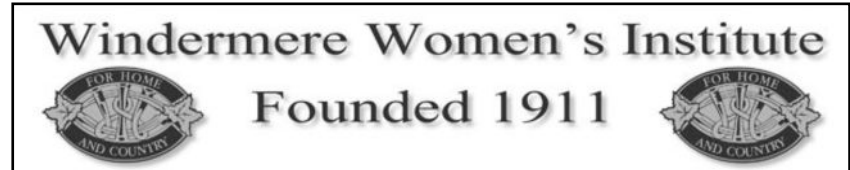


THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

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. **Celebration of 100 years - at The Village Hall - July 5th, 11-4pm**
- **Windermere House** - We are all very excited about the future of Windermere House. It's beautiful and its historical integrity is now secure and wonderful that it is open all year. We, all the friends of Windermere, thank you and look forward to your success!
Windermere Pub & Patio - Lunch & Dinner served 7 days/wk.
The Rosseau - upscale dining - Opens May 12th.
High Tea - starting Sundays in summer, 2-4pm
The Trading Post opens June 1st - artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
Entertainment Fridays & Saturdays
- **Windermere Marina** - open Thurs. - Sun. - 9am - 5pm until June 27th - then Sun. - Thur. 9am - 5pm, Fri, Sat. 9am - 6pm.
- **Windermere Golf Club** - open to the public for golf until June 29th and after Labour Day. Open for lunch and dinner throughout the season for all. Wing night every Thursday with live entertainment.
- **Windermere Garden Centre** Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun.
- **Christ Church Windermere** -services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am

This week's "historical interest" article.



Mrs Francis Forge



Mrs Herman Goltz

The Windermere Women's Institute

The Windermere branch of the Women's Institutes of Ontario was formed October 11, 1911, at the home of Mrs. Francis Forge. Mrs. Herman Goltz came from Bardsville to organize the branch. Of the almost 50 Women's Institutes established in Muskoka since the early 20th century, the Windermere branch is the only one remaining. In 2007, they established the Community Archives, where they work to gather, record and document the interesting history of Watt Township which includes the communities of Beatrice, Raymond, Ullswater, Bent River, Windermere Ufford, Dee Bank and Brackenrig. At one time all Women's Institutes recorded their community's history in what is known as a Tweedsmuir - similar to scrapbooks. It took its name from Lady Tweedsmuir, who, in the 1930's encouraged the gathering and collection of community history.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- May 23rd** - Wing Night at WGCC with entertainment
 - May 24th** - Briar Summers @ Windermere House
 - May 25th** - Jake Dudas @ Windermere House
 - June 13th** Community Conversation - Windermere House - 1pm.
 - June 29th** - Strawberry Social - Christ Church - 1 - 4pm
 - June 30th** - Christ Church - Canada Day Service - Outdoor Concert with Neil Barlow & Trumpet, and Lunch 10:30am - 1:30pm
 - July 5th** - Windermere Anniversary Celebration - Village Hall 11am - 4pm

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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- **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
 - **Lions Club**
windermere@ar2lions.ca

The first ever branch of the Women's Institute was established in Stoney Creek, Ontario in 1897. It was started by Adelaide Hoodless, whose 14 month old son had died from what was assumed was unpasteurized milk. Recognizing that there was a lack of knowledge about basic domestic science, she made it her mission to share knowledge and support women in rural communities, becoming an advocate for education, family health, and community service. This became the foundation for what would become the Women's Institute, the largest international women's organization ever. Currently there are thousands of WI's worldwide. Queen Elizabeth was a member in the UK from 1943 until her death in 2022.

Excerpt from the Windermere Tweedsmuir Community Records, 1927/28

Tweedsmuir (visit to Twp offices, January 23/03)

July 18, 1927

Aitken/Skinner: That the Reeve be instructed to have the life preserves donated by the Windermere Women's Institute placed. One on the freight shed and one on the Windermere House pump house.

August 8, 1927

Taylor/Skinner: The clerk treasurer is to be paid \$50 and supply own postage.
Taylor/Skinner: That A.E. Longhurst be appointed assessor and collector for the year ending July 31, 1928 at a salary of \$40 and \$20 be added for extra assessment.

Skinner/Taylor: That B. Huggard be appointed as road commissioner for the year ending July 31, 1928.

Skinner/Taylor: That Henry Crowder be appointed as constable for the Village to be paid at the rate of 50c per hour, exclusive of court fees, to act when called upon by the council or any member thereof.

Skinner/Aitken: That Dr. Bastedo be appointed as medical health officer and Wm. Bunn sanitary inspector and the clerk as secretary.

December 17, 1927

Taylor/Skinner: That we accept Mr. C. Roper's offer to supply current for the lights on the Windermere wharf for the summer of 1928 for the sum of \$25.

Aitken/Taylor: That the clerk be instructed to send a questionnaire to each land owner of the Village of Windermere asking them state whether they are willing to have the Village of Windermere established as a game preserve in conjunction with other municipalities.

June 2, 1928

Aitken/Skinner: Moved that ByLaw 24 be passed authorizing the Reeve and Clerk to borrow Taylor/Aitken: \$2000 from the Royal Bank in Bracebridge for the purpose of improving the Windermere Ufford Road under road inspector Hamilton.

November 24, 1928

Skinner/Taylor: That we pay the Royal Bank \$1000 and renew the loan of \$1000 for another 6 months or until the cheque comes back from the Department of Public Highways.

July 2, 1929

Skinner/Aitken: That ByLaw 29 for submitting the following question to the voters.
"Are you in favour of the construction of an electrical distribution system for the Village of Windermere and of raising the sum of \$16,900 by the issue and sale of debentures to meet the cost of the said system?"

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