

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.

FIRST SETTLERS*

Prior to the first early settlers and explorers, this area was the hunting grounds of the Ojibway people. It is presently acknowledged as the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe (Ojibway or Chippewa) and home to the Wahta Mohawk people. The first settlers arrived to take advantage of the free land grants. 100-200 acres of land were free with the agreement to clear at least 2 acres, erect a dwelling 16x20 feet and live on the property for not less than 6 months and for at least 5 years. All trees were reserved for the Crown except those cut in cleaning the land for the dwelling or to use as fuel. A sawmill was located on the Dee River, just outside the village.

*The Archives of the WI has more detailed information and will be sharing some of these interesting details at the **Anniversary Celebration at the Village Hall on July 5th.**

NORTHERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.



IN CONNECTION WITH THE FREE GRANT DISTRICTS OF PARRY SOUND AND MUSKOKA.

Land given away to ail comers over 18 years of age. A family of several persons can secure a large block of land gratis.

The Government of Ontario offers as a Free Grant to any actual settler over 18 years of age, One Hundred Acres of Land in the Free Grant Districts.

Heads of Families get Two Hundred Acres as a Free Grant.

Locatees, in addition to obtaining the Free Grant of 100 acres, will be allowed to purchase an additional 100 acres at 50 cents an acre, cash.

Newspaper add of early settlement

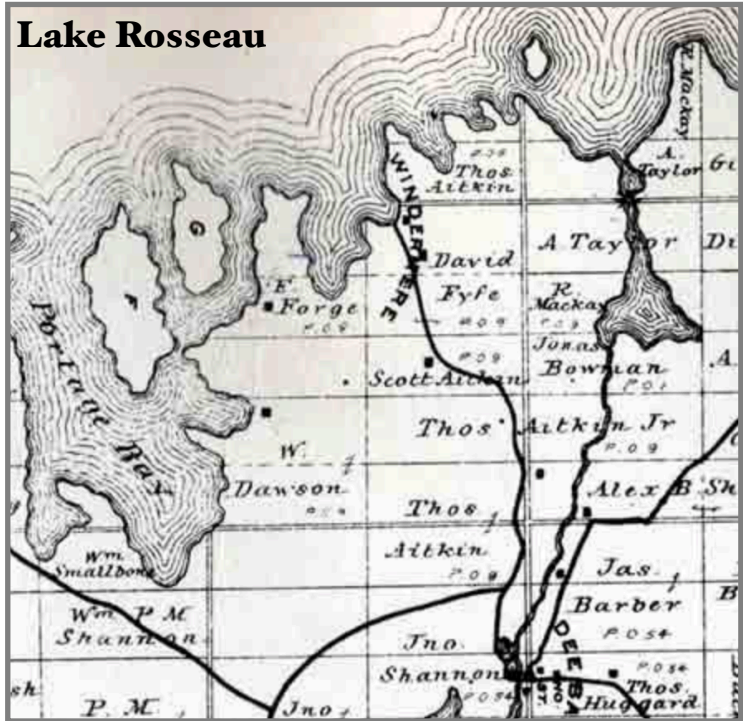
UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 30th** - Wing Night - WGCC - with entertainment.
- May 31st** - Cam Galloway @ Windermere House
- June 1st** - John Kennedy @ 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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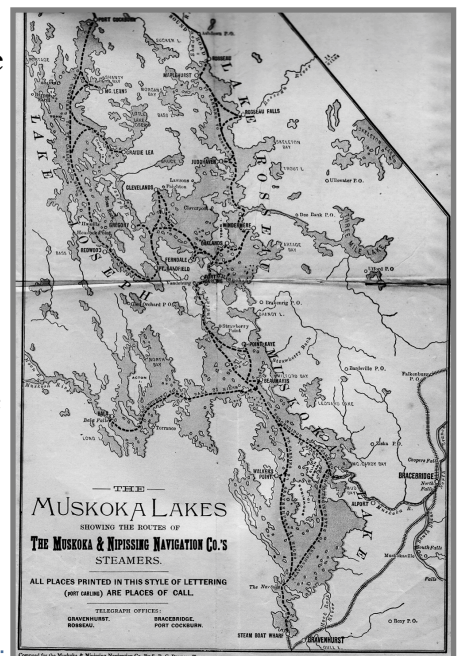
IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- **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



Early land grant map with settler's names

The first settlers to the area were Frank and Elizabeth Forge, David and Ellen Fife and Thomas Aitken. The actual village came into being on January 1, 1868 when a post office of that name was established at Archibald Taylor's sawmill at the mouth of the Dee River. It was later named after Lake Windermere in the Lake District of England. The post office moved to the home of Thomas Aitken in 1870.



Steamboat Routes

The Windermere Lion's Club will be collecting "empties" of Beer, Wine, Liquor bottles & Cans
 "Drop off" at Taylor Farms
 Proceeds go to community projects.