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The fish rises again in Marten River

Something is very fishy in Marten River.

But it is nothing clandestine or illegal.

It's not a mystery or a conundrum either.

It's the reincarnation of the giant fish that has welcomed travellers and vacationers at the south end of Marten River for many, many years.

Anyone who travels north on Highway 11 has seen the Big Fish as they pass by and many have heard of the fundraising efforts to replace the ailing and very ancient fish.

Well, with the help of the Rock Pine Restaurant and Motel, the Marten River Association of Tourist Operators, Temiskaming Community Futures, and the generosity of the community, the fish is rising again.

The design and construction are being done by Mike Camp of Haileybury, who earned his degree in fine arts from University of Guelph. Mike has created many major sculpture installations including the 19-foot Bison sculpture in Earleton.

Other projects include the Raven Lady in Ucluelet, BC, and a 16 foot Innuksuk in



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Mike's body of work also includes projects for museums in Whitehorse, Yukon; Thompson, Man., as well as other projects all over the country.

The Marten River Fish project is about three-quarters complete.

The resemblance to a pickerel or walleye is remarkable, it even has teeth.

The official unveiling is expected in November.

There is a lot of excitement as the face of the fish changes daily and folks drop by to see the progress.

Stop in next time you are driving north through the community and take a look at the craftsmanship and effort that is being put into this magnificent piece of art.

Donations are still being accepted at the home of the fish in Marten River and the project is just shy of its target goal.



Mike Camp of Haileybury designed and is constructing the new giant fish at Marten River.

Submitted Photo