

Talpines
Property Owners Association
Newsletter

September

2018



Pine Street Beach, our new flower garden, people enjoying the beautiful location on a hot 2nd of September day, Tay Parks & Recreation, Talpines and local folks are proud of all our efforts!

Well, here we are with kids back in school and after a stormy, windy start, summer is winding down. Water levels have stayed high, temperatures have warmed and everyone has been able to enjoy swimming, boating and fishing the past 6 weeks.

We had a wonderful Guest Speaker for the AGM in June. David Sweetnam of Georgian Bay Forever discussed Invasive Species affecting our Lakes and especially the attempt to remove or control Phragmites. He also mentioned having an agreement with Tay this year to help in the removal of this quickly spreading Invasive Plant. It was disappointing we didn't have a larger crowd attend; however, we did carry on and even added 2 new Directors to our Board. Unfortunately, our Treasurer Steven Clift had resigned and asked to be removed from the Board. Thanks for your dedication & looking after our books the past few years Steven.

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At our first Directors Meeting, David Cornish was returned as President, Clem Carelse as Vice President, Christine Hurlbut as Secretary and Victoria Reaume became our new Treasurer. Vicki Lucier & Peter Davis remain Directors at Large while new Director Roberto Porco, becomes Membership Services. It was hoped we could increase our membership numbers this year and so far, we have gained 12 new families! Welcome to Talpines, we appreciate your interest and support.

New also is our representative in the Ontario Legislature. Jill Dunlop, yes daughter of Garfield Dunlop, won the Conservative vote in our riding June 7th.

Up next is the Municipal Election October 22nd. Many new faces are in the running this year. Mayor Scott Warnock decided not to run again. Although our Councillor Cate Root initially said no, she changed her mind and is challenged by Barry Norris. Also of interest to our Ward when we vote is for Mayor, Dave Ritchie and Ted Walker both are running for Mayor. Deputy Mayor sees both Jim Crawford and Gerard LaChapelle running for that position.

Election Day is October 22nd and *our only polling station* is at the Tay Office on Park Street, Victoria Harbour with Voting hours from 10 am to 8 pm. Tay again is using Mail in Voting and the “**Voting Kits**” are being sent out to all who are registered to vote in Tay, the **week of September 22nd**. If you have not received your kit by Thanksgiving Weekend, call Tay Township.

Check to make sure your name is on the mailing list by checking on www.tay.ca , click on Elections and follow the instructions. Remember, as a property owner, you and your spouse are eligible to vote in Tay as well as your Permanent address (if different). Voting age children can only vote at their permanent address.

Talpines was at the **Tay Bike Day** in June with our Information Table and had a number of people drop by and get flyers on different invasive species. Although the crowd was smaller than usual we felt a lot of support for what we were doing for the community.

Our Beach Cleaning was mostly hit or miss earlier on as it seemed we would no sooner get over one storm when another would occur! Often that would happen the night after a clean-up but by July, our persistence paid off with more people helping and taking an interest. To be continued in 2019 10am Saturday mornings!

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New Ideas come along with new people. Mid-August, we asked permission to plant a perennial flower bed overlooking Pine Street Beach. Last week of August, how about a few native trees, since the other trees had been removed?



Thank you all for donating Perennials and Silver Maple trees and planting them!

Water Sampling has been very rewarding this summer and although there were a number of heavy downpours and winds, our e-coli readings remained very low all summer in Sturgeon Bay, with only Pine Street Beach being posted for a few days early in the season! We have voted to carry on sampling again next year.

Our Directors also voted to continue sampling water and doing the “clarity tests” for the Lake Partnership program that is handled by the MNR and FOCA. Thanks again Peter for combining your canoeing with sampling on beautiful Sturgeon Bay.

Welcome to our new members who have joined Talpines! We trust you will find our **Newsletters, water reports and other mailings** informative and interesting. Be sure to share these items with your family either by forwarding or printing for them to see. Have neighbours you think might be interested in Talpines information and activities, tell them about us! Our **membership is only \$30.00 per year** which also makes you a member of FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations) who have many sponsors who offer various savings when you buy their products or services. As well, they represent over 50,000 Ontario people who think our lakes and streams and wild life are worth saving as they follow and lobby with the Provincial & Federal Government bodies.

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Within a few days, you will be receiving a Talpines Survey requesting your opinion and feedback regarding activities for 2019. Your Directors hope your information will help us improve our planning for the AGM and other possible membership functions and get together.

An All Candidates Meeting has been organized for **Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018** at the Oakwood Centre, Park Street, Victoria Harbour. This is the public's opportunity to see and hear from everyone who is running for a seat on the Tay Council following the October 22nd Election. The public will be asked to write their questions and give to the moderator before the Meeting begins at **5 PM**.

Other Information Sources

Township of Tay	www.tay.ca
Councillor Cate Root	croot@tay.ca
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Check out the additional page of pictures taken at the Phragmites removal day on the western Sturgeon Bay Shore by Georgian Bay Forever and our members Donna and Verne Denault & their neighbour volunteers, July 18th, 2018.

Newsletter and pictures by David ... Corrections and Approved by Directors

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Over 1,000 feet to Phragmites stand



How they were brought to the bin after cutting



Another big load arrives at the bin



How the Phragmites got to the bin



By noon, it was time to close the door & over the top until the bin was full!



Another big load being brought to shore from one of 2 delivery boats by 1 of the 16 volunteers.

Sturgeon Bay, west shore. Tay Township August 18th, 2018 Well done TEAM!