

Talpines
Property Owners Association
Newsletter

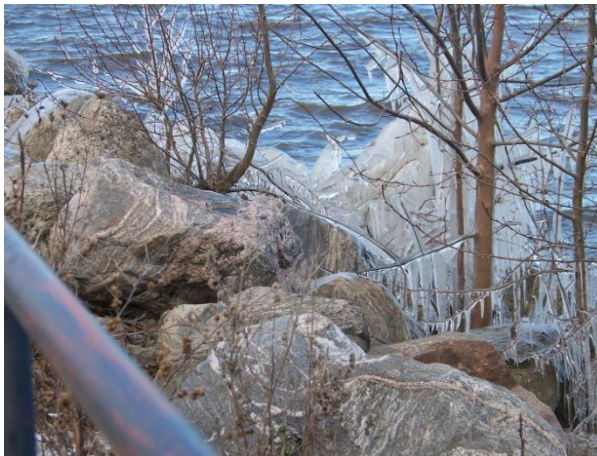
December

2016



Sunset September 25th, 2016, 7 pm (52 Lawson Lane) Sunrise September 26th, 2016, 7 am
I found this amazing as both are looking west from almost the same location

Well, another year is quickly winding down, including in Talpines country. A check on things after the 3 day wind storm in mid November found very few trees or branches damaged but numerous twigs fell and mounds of weeds washed onto our eastern shore! As well, the spray of water from the waves had frozen high up on the trees and onto lawns and decks.



Pictures at Pine Street Pier, November 22nd, 2016. Frozen water sprayed off the huge waves.

The OPP reminds us that you must stop when a school bus shows alternating flashing red lights in BOTH directions, regardless of how many traffic lanes there are ... unless they are divided by a median or barrier and then, only oncoming traffic is exempt. Fines range from \$400.00 to \$4,000.00 and 6 demerit points and could include up to 6 months in jail for a repeat offence. Also, speeding fines are increased in school safety zones.

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Deputy Mayor of Tay, Bill Rawson resigned this fall following ongoing health problems that had kept him from performing his duties at the level he felt was required. His replacement was done by posting the position then appointment by Council & Staff rather than calling a by-election. Ward 2 councillor Dave Ritchie was chosen as our new Deputy Mayor and now his Council position is going through the same process to select a replacement Council member for Ward 2.

The new Tay Shore Elementary School is now open in Victoria Harbour and has already suffered several acts of vandalism. Graffiti was sprayed on a number of exterior areas of the buildings & is being investigated by the OPP.

All of the Strategic Plans initiated in Tay this past year or so appear to be pretty quiet. Where they completed? Where they approved? Are they still being studied? How much did they cost us in total for Consultants? There is no doubt, long term Planning is a must to remain accountable and progressive but, since there were public meetings and public input, the progress and results should be shared with the public along the way.

Through some digging, our Director Vicki Lucier found out there is a Library Board Meeting December 22 when the consultants recommendations will be presented and voted on by the Library Board of Directors. The meeting is open to the public but we are not sure where it is being held that will accommodate all who may be interested in the presentation. That outcome will be forwarded to Tay for the January Council Meeting. Perhaps more info will be found on the www.tay.ca web site under Tay libraries.

Vicki also found this address in her travels to receive updates regarding the Waubashene Community Hub. It is a blog that appears in Facebook and presented by the Hub committee. <https://waubashenecommunitycentreblogger.wordpress.com/> is their address (Thank you Vicki).

I have been told the Santa Claus Parade was another success in Waubashene this year. A light fresh snow was on the ground and a large crowd gathered to watch and enjoy the treats afterward. Congratulations to the Parade committee and volunteers for another event well done.

November 12th, our director Peter Davis attended the annual FOCA Fall Seminar in Toronto. I had read it was a sold out event and told recently that FOCA is contemplating a larger facility for future meetings since they had to set up a waiting list to notify some if there were cancellations to those who still wished to attend.

Peter was very impressed with the quality of speakers from a number of cottage associations and their presentations which they centred around the things they do to entice membership and develop an atmosphere of trust with their Municipal councils & staff. I would have included his report back to your Talpine Directors but He wrote 4 pages! (If you would like a copy, e-mail me and I'll try to e-mail you a copy ...David)

Peter's closing thought was that the quality and quantity of information cottage associations receive from a FOCA membership makes being a member very worthwhile.

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Our Sympathy goes out to our past Secretary-Treasurer Barb Thiffault and family on the loss of her husband, Rolland Thiffault. My daughter and I attended his funeral in Waubaushene.

Also recently, Rev. Gordon Sheppard, minister of Christ Anglican Church in Waubaushene passed away and several of our members from the GTA attended his funeral in Newmarket.

Some good news, the Waubaushene Legion finally have their roof fixed. There is still a bit of trim to repair last time I was talking to them. By the way, we have the Hall rented for our **AGM June 3rd, 2017**. (We had to move our date because of so many events on the Saturdays in June.)

Tay Bike Day is June 17th, 2017 and once again, our Steven Clift is one of the main volunteers. We plan to be there with our information table again this year.

We intend to once again assist our Tay Parks & Recreation Department with the upkeep of the Pine Street Beach. They did an excellent job last year with shore repairs and keeping the sandy beach attractive for the many users that were once again drawn to the Pine Street waterfront.

Your Directors decided to continue on with our waterfront sampling in our area again in 2017. It appears most everyone is interested in knowing the quality of the water for recreational purposes not only at the beach but randomly along our shoreline.

At our latest Directors Meeting, it was decided to ask our members several questions regarding Talpines present and future association plans and community involvement & hope you will respond to us with your thoughts and suggestions.

*What did you like or appreciate about your directors activities in 2016?

*What would you like to see attempted or accomplished in 2017?

*What (if any) changes would you like to see?

*Would you like more social activities for and within the association?

You can e-mail your response to either David's address or the Talpines address.

Public Boat Launch areas do not appear to be too high on the Tay list. Although the Works Department did make recommendations of where several could be located, between costs involved and numerous minor complaints and parking problems at the Victoria Harbour site, future sites are just that may be for future consideration.

Valuable Information Sources

Municipality of Tay www.tay.ca

Ward 3 Councillor, Cate Root croot@tay.ca

Midland OPP Office (information) susanjessop@opp.ca

The Tay Report: John & Cathy Cole tayreport@rogers.com

Talpines: Talpines P.O.A., P.O. Box 9, Waubaushene, On. L0K 2C0

Email: talpines@sympatico.ca

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Memberships now go from June 1st to May 31st each year and must be received by the AGM in order to vote on issues. Grace period ends June 30th for mailings, etc. Dues are still only \$30.00 per year which includes our Quarterly Newsletter, Water test results, FOCA membership and other timely notifications. Help your Association grow by encouraging your friends and neighbours to join Talpines also! A new feature: you may pay ahead up to 5 years dues to avoid forgetting or being late with your membership.



From your current Board of Directors



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

(Pictures and Newsletter by David Cornish)

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