



**Wye Marsh Fundraiser Lawn Sale Organizers August 2020**  
**Annie, Sue, Suzanne, Evelyn**

## **TALPINES POA NEWSLETTER**

### **GREETINGS EVERYONE**



### **We've been BUSY.**

We hope you are enjoying the last heat of summer, as a whiff of Fall is in the air. Despite the pandemic, volunteer members and Directors found a way to safely achieve two important goals this summer. The first was a lawn sale to support the Wye Marsh, which has great need of funding. Many people donated items, and money, and purchased stuff, and we raised \$450.25 for the Marsh. Thank you to everyone who participated. Wye Marsh donated four gifts, and the winners of the draw will be contacted by telephone. 🙏 Thank you!

### **PHRAGBUSTERS**

Our second goal? Tackling phragmites. Talpines members and Directors joined with Georgian Bay Forever to cut four huge stands of invasive phragmites on the Tay Trail in Waubaushene. GBF arranged for a large bin which we filled with wagonloads of the horrible stuff, and they loaned us cane cutters to chop it



down. If we keep cutting it year after year, apparently it will lose its energy. Hopefully, before we do!

### **AIRBNB ISSUES**

Tay Council is debating whether and how to regulate AirBNBs across the Township. At its last meeting, it heard from citizens of Victoria Harbour via ZOOM about their experiences as neighbours to noisy and disruptive rentals. They are urging the Township to pass by-laws to regulate these rentals. The Township is inviting residents and owners to provide input for their September meeting. Please do so. Also, remember that if you are being bothered by huge, late night parties, fires not properly tended, trespassing or other issues, email the By-law officers at [mleo@tay.ca](mailto:mleo@tay.ca). They track complaints which Council relies on to make decisions.

At the same time, a petition was circulating to support Chuck and his beautiful “Tiny Home”, built from scratch with amazing skill and talent. Chuck’s Tiny Home on King Street, Waubaushene, is like a garden suite, and his neighbours including Talpines fully support his endeavour. Only two people can stay in it, it is environmentally friendly, and he is on site, like the old Bed and Breakfasts. Apparently some 2,000 people signed the petition.

### **CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL**

The Directors of Talpines have written to Council to support two initiatives: the first is a large residential facility being planned on a large parcel of land in Port McNicoll for high needs children and adults. The doctors proposing to build this facility have impressive credentials and track records. We urge you to support their efforts (see [tay.ca](http://tay.ca) for information). See our letter here: [talpines.ca](http://talpines.ca)

### **OH NO!**

Our second letter to Council supports Councillors Warnock and Bumstead who are investigating what actions are feasible to prevent the flying of the Confederate Flag in the Township. This horrible symbol of racism and oppression has no place in our wonderful community. See our letter on our website: [talpines.ca](http://talpines.ca)

### **The GOOD NEWS**

Our Tay firefighters and volunteer firefighters are fundraising to purchase an antique fire truck, the first one used in

Waubashene. What a great endeavour to preserve a bit of history. Contact Councillor Barry Norris to donate or learn more: [bnorris@tay.ca](mailto:bnorris@tay.ca)

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES TO HELP RAKE AND CLEAN THE PINE STREET BEACH AND TO WEED AND WATER THE GARDENS! Special thanks to the Water Manager and Bryan Anderson for their assistance in helping us with watering.**

**All the best to everyone**

**STAY SAFE**

**On behalf of the Directors of Talpines POA**

**Victoria Reaume, President**