



Indigenous leader Ma'iingan (Jeff Monague) at the Pine Street Beach, Waubaushene.

## TALPINES POA JULY 25, 2021 NEWSLETTER

In a beautiful and informative ceremony, Ma'iingan attended at the Pine Street Beach in Waubaushene on July 23, 2021 to inaugurate the Land Acknowledgment sign now installed in the Talpines' Beach Garden. He conducted a traditional piping ceremony

and spoke of the land, and the history of Waubaushene and the Indigenous peoples here. He was joined by the Chigamik drummers who played their beautiful drums and sang traditional songs, accompanied by members of the Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre. We learned that the name Waubaushene stemmed from the name of a famous leader Waabzheshi, (pronounced Wawb-zhe-shi) and that the place itself was called Waabzheshiing. We also learned that Indigenous piping ceremonies were banned and forbidden in the past, but some traditional pipes were hidden and preserved.



Talpines members Sharon Langfield and Peter Cox spoke about their inspiration for the sign and their participation in Truth and Reconciliation circles. Ray Hostyns played a beautiful pipe song. Tay Mayor Ted Walker, Councillor Barry Norris and Councillor Mary Warnock joined the group for the ceremony. Mayor Walker thanked Ma'iingan for the ceremony and for the historical information he provided. Mayor Walker also spoke of his desire for Indigenous presence and involvement on the Tay Heritage Committee. WHAT A DAY! How honoured Talpines was to be part of it.



Talpines members have also been busy PHRAGBUSTING! The invasive plant phragmites has invaded our ditches along the Tay Trail, and we don't want it to invade the water. The plant must be cut before seed heads form to prevent its spread. Nicole Carpenter from Georgian Bay Forever who now leads the Phragmites project, and her team, came to assist Talpines volunteers to cut the sites along the Trail in Waubaushene. Nicole arranged for a bin to take away the waste, Special thanks to Paul Roberts for the use of his trailer to haul cut phrag, and thanks to David Wilson who was tireless in hauling wheelbarrows of the stuff away. Thanks

also to our Vice President Vicki, Cate Root, Evelyn Roberts, Barry and Sue Dougherty, Ken Lung, Tom Goetz, new neighbours Ted and Anne, and me 😊👍

**BRIEF REMINDER: our AGM will take place at 82 King Road on August 14 beginning at 12:00 noon, followed by the Block Party at 2 p.m. Please bring your mask for the AGM. All AGM reports will be available on the Members Only page of the website: [talpines.ca](http://talpines.ca). We will also send out a link shortly.**

STAY SAFE! All the best on behalf of the Directors

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