

Talpines
Property Owners Association
Newsletter

September

2019



This sunset was taken looking across Sturgeon Bay, August 23rd and made me think that fall must not be far away. It has been a year of high water levels and large, almost daily waves making it difficult to tend to shorelines and boating all summer. In fact, a number of docks and boats never got into the water.

Our members and Directors had a busy summer regardless of the weather. We had our information Booth at the Seniors' Day in Victoria Harbour then again at the Tay Bike Day in Waubaushene. Almost every Saturday morning this summer, members and friends were cleaning the Pine Street Beach and developing our Flower Beds to give that a location a more attractive setting. We were pleased



when we received a Grant from Tay Township towards this project and for their help removing the debris from the water front again this summer.

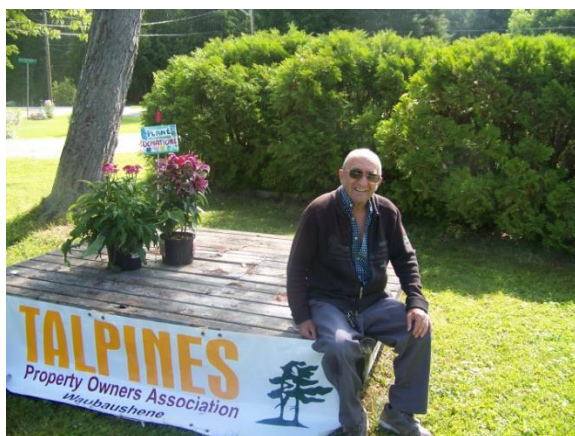
“Preserving our Heritage....Protecting our Future”

Our AGM in late June was held at Victoria Reaume's King Street cottage. Our attendance numbers doubled this year as we followed our members' suggestion to engage in general discussions instead of having a guest speaker.

Beside the previous 6 Directors, Evelyn Roberts was elected to the board as well. Thanks to Victoria, for hosting the AGM and for the delicious lunch beforehand.

In July, we partnered with Georgian Bay Forever to remove a stand of Phragmites along the Tay Shore Trail between King Road & Old Cottage Lane. Thanks to all who helped and to Paul Roberts for bringing his trailer to move them to the Roll off Bin a wee distance away. That made a difficult job a lot easier!

August started off with our Talpines, King Road & Old Cottage Lane Block Party.



Past President David Cornish joining the first couple of donations of flowers – the stand was full by draw time. All who brought a donation to the stand, had a chance to win a “One of a Kind” painting done by Artist & member Roberto Porco, centered by Peter Davis (left) and David Cornish (right). And the winner of the painting was Gord Ashton. A delicious Pot Luck meal rounded out the party attended by over 60 people.

Talpines would like to thank all who donated plants at the Block Party and also throughout the summer for the Flower Beds at Pine Street Beach. We also wish to welcome all our new members this year and hope you find Talpines a great group to be a part of and, our membership has increased by 60% over the past 2 years.

“Preserving our Heritage....Protecting our Future”

We have recently renewed our membership with FOCA and renewed our Web page www.talpines.ca and are still doing water samples for the Lake Partnership Program at Dorset MNR. As well, after a summer of great Recreational Water Sampling results. Reality set in when we did our samples on a windy, wavy, murky water day. The lesson learned was “use your wisdom between sampling dates when you wish to go swimming or wading”. There is NO GUARANTEE the water will remain at the weekly or bi-weekly e-coli level. Except for the August reading, our readings had been at a level of 10 to 50 at the 7 sites. This last time we were 50 to 260!! (One of our best locations all summer was one of our worst last time).

A **special Thank You** goes out to Dave Whidden for his donation of wood chips and delivery to the Pine Street Beach for Talpines to use in the new flower beds.

Christine Hurlbut attended the FOCA fall meeting and has been following up on the following items: “Making cottage Living Safer and more enjoyable”:

*Insurance Companies suggest keeping bushes, wood piles, fire pits and even wood chips away from buildings as just in case of a fire, they will add potential fuel.

* Brian Thomas, our Fire Chief was asked whether Tay had a safe Evacuation Plan in case of fires, accidents or other disasters since most of our area exists on roadways that are dead ends! He replied the Township is currently working on a Plan on contacting homes in these areas when needed but may take a year or more to set up and have in place. This is his advice:

*In case of heart attacks, call 911. Tay does have defibrillators at the Libraries, Schools and Legions and Fire Halls but these are only accessible during business hours. 911 responders do have the equipment and know how to react but it is important to start CPR immediately and continue until help arrives. It is advised **“Do Not Try to Transport the Patient By Car to the Hospital!”**

*He also requests that you keep tree branches and other obstructions out of the roadway that will hinder access to your property (including overhead items), as Fire Trucks are higher and wider than normal vehicles.

“Preserving our Heritage....Protecting our Future”

Our Directors have also attended a number of Council Meetings as well as the ongoing saga regarding the “Grow Op” court cases. We have also been busy looking into better ways to protect and save the many Turtles that frequent our area in the summer months. Recently, we have requested more signage and perhaps even reduced speeds on some streets. As we don’t have many sidewalks in our area, that might also make pedestrians feel safer. As well, we continue to discuss the use of motorized vehicles and high speed bicyclers and the Trail Sharing by users on the Tay Shore Trail.

Here is a big Welcome to our New Members and hope you will tell your friends about Talpines and invite them to join our Association. Also to everyone reading our Talpines Newsletter, since many receive it by e-mail, Please Forward it to the rest of your Families e-mail addresses so they are also up to date with what is going on in our Sturgeon Bay area!

In other news, President Peter Davis has stepped down. We wish him all the best in his many other endeavours. Elections will take place at our AGM in July.

Information Sources

Township of Tay www.tay.ca
County Of Simcoe www.simcoe.ca
John & Cathy Cole tayreport@rogers.com
Barry Norris (Ward 3 Councillor) bnorris@tay.ca

Talpines www.talpines.ca
Talpines Mail Box 9, Waubaushene, On. L0K 2C0

TPOA Treasurer Victoria Reaume taytalpines@gmail.com 1-416-767-9255
TPOA Newsletter David Cornish www.dlcornish@msn.com 1-705-559-6711

Pictures and edited by DavidCorrections & approved by our Directors.

“Preserving our Heritage....Protecting our Future”