

*Talpines*  
*Property Owners Association*  
**NEWSLETTER**

September

2017

**Well**, here it is September already and finally, a peaceful, beautiful day, Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**This will long be remembered** as the “Cool, Soggy Summer of 2017”! We did have a few enjoyable days but learned to live with either heavy rain at times or just gentle drizzle or showers (seemed like) almost daily.

**A real plus** for anyone who has trouble with heat and humidity, this was a Great Summer. To those who liked swimming, Sturgeon Bay gave them safe water for swimming all summer long however, the water level stayed high and a little cooler than most years. In fact, only once when taking our “Water Samples” was the water temperature up to 23 degrees! Most times, it remained around 21 degrees. Although the wave action made it difficult for boating and fishing (and kept the floating weeds reaching shore), it's constant presence seemed to keep our e-coli readings lower than most years.

**How high was the water and waves you ask?**

52 Lawson Lane. Rock wall is (almost 5 feet high), coated in weeds by the waves after recent a storm!

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**The Community Hub Project** in Waubaushene took a direct hit from Tay Council when they voted against continuing past the “Letter of Interest” stage with the Simcoe County School Board, regarding the closed Hazel Street Public School in Waubaushene. Whether it is meant to be a “Ray of Hope” or not for the Hub Committee, Council says they “Like the Hub idea but not the closed school idea”. Time will tell what that might mean.

**The Tay Bike Day committee** is in need of more members and volunteers for the 2018 edition of the Tay Bike Day. If you are interested in joining the committee or volunteering for next year, contact either Bryan Anderson (banderson@tay.ca) or Councillor Root (croot@tay.ca) to offer your help.

**Although the weather** was not very enticing at times to spend spare time at the Beach, between the dedication of the Tay Recreation & Parks staff and Talpines, Waubaushene Beach remained fairly busy again this year. The large storms made keeping washed in weeds, wash-outs and soft sand a chore but to many, it was a great place to be on those sunny days! Compliments are in order to all who made it very usable and enjoyable all summer long, and to the users for not leaving garbage lying around.

New “Play Area” at the Pine Street Beach replacing the old one.

I and a number of other people question the use of “wood chips” in the play ground area, especially when it is in a beach area where users are often bare footed and in bathing suits! When I recently asked about the choice of material, I was told “it is now the law for playgrounds as wood chips do not pack and get hard like sand and therefore, user injuries should be less serious.” I questioned this as “slivers and jagged, sharp edges of wood chips” on bare skin and feet does not sound too safe to me. The “Fire” issue is covered by a sign stating “No Smoking Within 20 Metres”.

**A successful** Phragmites clearing was held in early August on the west shore of our Bay and several more are in the plans for next year. Our director Peter Davis was there helping our new members Donna and Vern Denault, (who arranged the event) along with their neighbours and he was impressed by the attitudes and success. Our Councillor Cate Root even came out to help. ***Well done all!***

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**Our Directors** are pleased to say that our membership numbers are up for 2017. Although only by 2, it is enough that we decided to set up a “Membership Committee” with Peter Davis and Clem Carelse heading it up to try to attract more new members for 2018. If you would like to help, get in touch with them either by e-mail, phone or in person.

**Talpines POA** had our information table at the Tay Bike Day again this year at Bridgeview Park in Waubauskene. Like many found this year, between other competing events in the area and the uncertain weather, vendors, participants and visitors were down. We did meet a lot of interested people at our table and considering everything, we were pleased with the response to our display.

**Alison Gray**, Clerk of Tay Township, has informed me that the Council has voted to continue using the “Vote By Mail” system for the Municipal Election coming up in 2018. The positive results from the last Election has resulted in continuing this method and again, the only Polling Station on Election Day will be at the Tay Township Office. Kits for Voting will be mailed to all eligible voters next fall. As we get closer to the Election time, check to be sure you are on the Tay Voters List.

**Several residents** in our Sturgeon Bay area have mentioned break-ins this summer. Surprisingly, the people were sleeping at their residences when the items disappeared. Several cars parked at cottages on Lawson Lane had items taken from them (including a wallet) one on Tucker Lane had bicycles disappear and another on Schooner Lane lost a number of boat parts among other things. Recently items disappeared from property on Albin Road . Always remember to lock up your car, cottage or house and storage sheds. If you do experience a Break-In, be sure to report it to the local Police Department (OPP Midland )as soon as possible.

**As a member of Talpines POA**, you are automatically a member of the Federation Of Ontario Cottagers Association. Our membership with them comes due every August and if your membership with us has been paid, your names are provided to FOCA at that time. There are many advantages attached to belonging to the 50,000 strong (over 500 Associations) including up to date information, up coming events and items to be aware of and sponsors who often offer considerable discounts to you on their products. Go to [www.foca.ca](http://www.foca.ca) to check them out, follow the information to get a “pass word” to access the many offers and items to members only. By being our member, you save their membership fee of almost \$40.00 per year! Their monthly newsletter “Elert” is full of up to date information and news items of interest to waterfront property owners.

### **Local Sources of Information**

Township of Tay    [www.tay.ca](http://www.tay.ca)  
Ward 3 Rep.        [croot@tay.ca](mailto:croot@tay.ca)  
OPP                    [susanjessop@opp.ca](mailto:susanjessop@opp.ca)

Tay Weekly Report tayreport@rogers.com

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There were some wonderful sunsets in 2017. This one was taken near the end of summer, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, a good many evenings, there would be a bank of clouds show up on the horizon about an hour before sundown and even reflective colour was blocked. Not this time ....

**Well, even though** the weather wasn't the greatest and cottages often sat idle on weekends, a lot did go on and happen in Talpines country this year. At our last Directors Meeting, planning started for the coming year and how to improve on some of the things we did this year. We will be still attending Council Meetings, doing our Recreational Water Samples, Lake Partnership Samples (providing there is no change in their program), Pine Street Beach clearing, Tay Bike Day support and information booth, Phragmites clearing, keeping involved in the Hub project, support for our local Library and of course, our Annual General Meeting. And lets not forget the Municipal Election. There are also several new ideas we are looking at as well as hoping to increase our membership numbers for 2018. Our membership year runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

**Here I am** near the end of page 4 and thinking ... good thing I goofed and used smaller print!

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