

TALPINES POA NEWSLETTER

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SFA Southwestern Fire Academy at the Hazel Street School

The Fire Academy firefighter training school that purchased the Hazel Street property received the Bylaw changes it was requesting from Tay Council following a public Zoom hearing last week. The SFA is renovating the building and is hoping to open in the spring. Firefighters in training will be able to stay overnight in the building. There will be a number of changes to the property including privacy fencing and landscaping, addition of off street parking spaces, and steel structures and vehicles will be installed for training purposes. There will be no live fires on the site. The SFA believes it will bring jobs and help the local economy through its local spending, and it will be able to offer help and expertise to our local firefighters.

WAUBAUSHENE ACTION GROUP. “WAG”

A group of local and seasonal residents has formed a community action group to impress upon Tay Council the need for a multi-use community centre in

Waubauskene. While this has been discussed for many years, and was part of the long term strategic plan of the last Council and this one, little progress has been made. Council applied for an infrastructure grant to build a new building at Bridgeview last year, which would include the library and other room for running programs, but was unsuccessful. The WAG group is circulating petitions on-line and in local stores, and did a mass mail out encouraging interested citizens to attend a ZOOM a meeting on Monday, **November 30 at 7 pm. Please email waubausheneactiongroup@gmail.com** if you can attend. The Zoom code will be forwarded to you.

THE PINE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Simcoe Muskoka school board has notified Tay Council that the Pine Street school is surplus, and the municipality has a first option to acquire it. This school has over 6,000 square feet of space, is centrally located so people can walk to it, and is across from a park. **WAG IS EXCITED ABOUT ITS POTENTIAL AS A COMMUNITY CENTRE.** Council has appointed an ad hoc committee to examine its viability. WAG would appreciate a look at the space and has requested a walk through. The community response to WAG has been very positive and very supportive. Councillor Norris from Waubaushene is on the ad hoc Committee along with Councillors Bumstead and Lachapelle.

SANTA CLAUS  is NOT coming to town....

Unfortunately, the unrelenting Coronavirus has spread to the Santa Claus parade. The province has put our region on Orange alert as cases rise and this means cancelling the parade. The Talpines Grinch was eagerly awaiting his yearly outing, but alas, he will have to wait until next year. Thanks to the Talpines volunteers who were ready to construct and drive the float.

This serves as a great reminder that our sacrifices now will pay off, so mask up, maintain social distance and stay in your home bubble!

Talpines Delegation to Council

This fall we did a delegation to Council asking them to budget for some infrastructure on the Trail and at the Pine Street Beach. We do not yet know whether Council will include some of these items in its budget.

We also requested a 500\$ grant to continue to add to the beach garden. Council will consider all grant requests and will make a decision shortly. Fingers crossed.

THE LEGION

The Waubaushene Legion, like many other branches, is struggling due to Covid-19. Please consider donating your empty liquor bottles or beer cans to assist them.

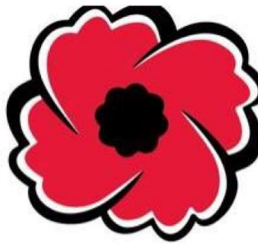
Survey

Tay Council is doing a survey about the ward system and the size of Council. Go to tay.ca/input and have your say!

ALL THE BEST FROM THE TALPINES' DIRECTORS

Victoria Reaume, President Talpines POA

RCL Branch 316 Waubaushene Fundraising Bottle Drive



RCL Branch 316 is looking for donations of empty beer and liquor bottles/cans as a means to raise funds for the branch

Donations of cans/bottles can be dropped off at the branch @ 26 Willow Street, Waubaushene. For situations where donors are unable to deliver large quantities, the branch will arrange a pick up. All donations would be appreciated. **Our current hours of operation are 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.** For more information contact Donna @ (705) 538-2344.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOTTLES/CANS
OUTSIDE THE BRANCH WHEN IT IS CLOSED**