

Talpines
Property Owners Association
Newsletter

June

2015

Welcome to Summer but wait, what happened to Spring? It seems we were slowly inching into spring when suddenly, summer weather appeared. It was so nice the weekend of May 2 that a number of us opened our cottages in shorts & shirt sleeves! Our Lake level was still up and with the hot sunshine, the water had already warmed to 14 degrees! All reports said fishing had been great so far this spring.

Beautiful sun set May 1st, 2015.
52 Lawson Lane, Waubaushene.



To begin with, please note the following correction to the last Newsletter regarding our Annual Meeting. The correct date is **Saturday, June 6th, 2015**. Doors open at 9:00 am for registration and coffee. The Meeting begins at 9:45 am. (More information on page 4 of this issue)

The Tay Shore Trail winter gates were removed in late April and is already quite busy. Our area seems to have wintered well however, there are several areas with cracks in the asphalt which (especially) roller bladers should be watching for and exercise extreme caution!

Work on the Duck Bay Bridge is progressing very well. It was slowed down over the winter by high water and continual cold temperatures however the contractors did manage to complete the underwater portion before the dead line due to fish spawning. They did have a busy winter moving ice from their work area and dumping it at the Pine Street Beach. We thought there would still be ice on the waterfront in August but as of May 2nd, it had mostly melted away.



April 14th from the Pine St. Pier



May 3rd opposite the Beach area

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Water Levels have remained very good although they have declined a little more than were expected. This has been blamed on the dry, cold temperatures and heavy ice conditions. As well the snow was a drier variety last winter causing a lighter runoff and spring rainfall has been sparse. I don't have the April figures to date but mid March Environment Canada info showed Huron-Michigan approximately 9 inches above the long term average level and approximately 19 inches above the same period for last year.

The outdoor rinks in Tay although later getting started than the Tay Artificial Ice Rink, had a very good stretch of weather and apparently were well maintained and used by our residents.

The FOCA AGM held in March was attended by our Director-Treasurer Steven Clift. He will be reporting on the meeting at our AGM. His written Report was seen by the Management at FOCA and they requested permission and published it in their April newsletter Elert. Well done Steven!

Speaking of FOCA, although nothing has been said recently, it appears they will be doing their "Cottage Succession Presentation" complete with their Lawyer as a joint event between Talpines and several other small cottage groups in the Port Severn area around mid July at the Community Center heading towards Honey Harbour. We will send out the information to our members telling when, where and who with as soon as we receive it.

Our water sampling & testing program of the eastern shoreline for Recreational purposes will begin again in late June & hopefully be done every 2 weeks for July & August. Anyone with a private well that wishes a sample analyzed of their "potable water" may contact one of your Directors. We will gather a sample & (at your expense which last year was \$22.00 per sample) have it analyzed & obtain a report for you.

Two items were decided upon at our May 2nd Directors meeting.

It was felt by your Directors that we should change our membership period to reflect our Annual Meeting which is held early in the cottage season instead of late winter as it is at present. Therefore, it was moved to re-align our membership period to start June 1st and end May 31st each year. Our financial year will not be altered. As well, our membership in FOCA will remain as September.

It was thought more input from members might be achieved if we had bi-weekly coffee & a muffin or even brunch with members and a few of your Directors. To this end, we have checked several locations and will possibly begin this avenue of socializing and input after our AGM. We will be checking out locations shortly and will make the announcement at our AGM June 6th. Our suggestion is to begin June 21st then July 5th, July 19th, August 2nd & August 16th. No one is expected to attend every date but hopefully, all will try to join in at least one or two.

Several things we would like to stress, our next regular Quarterly Newsletter will be in September. If your membership is not up to date, you will not receive a copy. We must present our membership fee to FOCA by September and you must have already joined Talpines to receive a membership with FOCA, to receive their monthly Elert, and to request

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information on many topics from them or to take advantage of the many sponsor discounts and specials you can access through FOCA.

Remember, it costs more to join FOCA as an individual than what our membership fee is and your FOCA membership is included in our fee!

May 1st, I met our new OPP Officer who took over from Dave Hobson when he retired. Officer Susan Jessop seemed quite pleased to know there is a Cottage Association in our area and has agreed to try to fit our AGM into her June 6th morning plans. Hopefully she will remind us what problems should be reported to the OPP and also what calls should be the responsibility of the Tay By-law Officer.

As well, when talking to our new **Councillor Cate Root**, even though she has another event on that morning, has agreed to drop in for a few minutes to chat with us at our AGM. No word to date on our MP & MPP but whenever possible, they drop in to our AGM for a while. They will definitely be asked for a comment or two if they do attend.

There are a number of ways to keep informed as to what is happening in Tay. Besides our Quarterly Newsletter, you may sign up for notifications from tay.residentsgroup@bell.ca or go to the Tay website www.tay.ca and sign up for notifications. There is also the weekly Tay Report (tayreport@rogers.com) available by post mail (total cost \$60.90 per year) or go on facebook, sign in Tay Report Readers Group and read the weekly copy free on line.

Be sure to renew your Talpines membership for 2015. The fee is still only \$30.00 per year and may be paid to any Director of Talpines, at the AGM in person or by Canada Post. Be sure to also give us your information (name, mailing address, cottage civic address, telephone number both home & cottage or cell # plus your e-mail address so we have it recorded correctly.). We prefer to contact you & send our Newsletter by e-mail and FOCA only contacts by e-mail.

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17th Annual General Meeting

TALPINES

Property Owners Association

Saturday, June 6th, 2015

At the Waubashene Legion Hall

Willow Street.

Doors open at 9:00am for Registration, Coffee & visiting

Meeting starts at 9:45am

Presidents Welcome

Comments from Councillor Cate Root

Comments from OPP Officer Susan Jessop

Comments from other Guests in attendance

Minutes of last AGM

Treasurers Report

Membership Report

FOCA AGM Report

Water Testing 2014 Report

Old Business

New Business

General Comments & Ideas from Floor

Adjourn

(Public welcome to attend)

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