

Talpines Property Owners' Association Newsletter



Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas !!!

Santa Claus Parade

The Holiday season is already upon us, and Talpines volunteers prepared an amazing Grinch themed float for the Waubaushene Santa Claus parade on November 24, to the delight of the young, and the young at heart in attendance. For more pictures, check out the talpines.ca website, under “Community Events”. **Thanks to everyone who helped.** The weather was fine, and turnout was large.

UPDATES:

- November was a busy month for Directors, with two directors participating monthly on the Community Policing Committee (CPC). There will be a public **CRIMESTOPPERS** presentation by the CPC on December 9 at 7 pm in Council Chambers in Victoria Harbour, and an OPIOIDS forum on January 13, 2020.
- Directors Victoria Reaume and Evelyn Roberts made a presentation to Council on behalf of Talpines POA on November 21, 2019 as Council enters budget deliberations. Our delegation document is posted under “**Updates**” at talpines.ca. The delegation summarizes various issues raised by members over many years: infrastructure needs at the Pine Street Beach; protection of our endangered turtles through signage; the establishment and enforcement of Rules for the Tay Trail, especially e-bikes and motorized vehicles. If you have any thoughts on what to include in future delegations, please email us your ideas at taytalpines@gmail.com. We are hopeful that Tay Council will consider these requests and include them in the budget.

- **GRANT REQUEST:** Talpines POA has also submitted a request to the Grants Committee for a grant in 2020 to continue, and expand, the garden project at the Pine Street Beach, and to support our water testing initiative. The garden is lovely, and very appreciated. Thank you to the Grants Committee for the 2019 Grant, to the many volunteers participating in planting and upkeep of the garden, and to all those who donated perennial flowers. Many volunteers joined us for beach raking throughout the summer, and while the work is difficult, it is very rewarding to see families and visitors once again using the beach. We are grateful to Bryan Anderson and the Tay Township Parks department personnel for cleaning away beach debris, for providing mulch, for installing an additional bench, and boulders designed to prevent parking on the grass. **SPECIAL THANKS** to Paul and Evelyn Roberts for the donation of the beautiful garden signs.



- **HALLOWEEN STORM:** It was a wicked Hallowe'en in Tay Township as Waubauskene was hit hard by four to five metre waves that left a path of flooding and destruction of boats, dock houses, and shorelines. High winds knocked out power and the Pine Street transformer station. Power was restored on November 1, as crews worked through the night. The Tay Fire department went door to door in Waubauskene to inform residents, and advise of the warming centre at Oakwood Community Centre in Victoria Harbour. With water levels so persistently high, residents are fearful that such violent storms are the “new normal.”
- The hydro will be out for ten hours on Saturday, November 30 from 7 am for eight to ten hours for repairs.



- **PHRAG BUSTERS:** Talpines POA volunteers assisted Georgian Bay Forever in their campaign to eradicate invasive Phragmites on the Tay Trail. This work needs to be continued for several years to get rid of it. All hands on deck!
- Director Christine Hurlbut represented Talpines at the Fall FOCA Meeting in Toronto and will give a full report at our June 2020 AGM. Many issues were discussed: short term rentals, septic inspections, private roads, Hydro rates, blue green algae and high water levels. Stay tuned for more info.
- **OTHER NEWS:**
 - CAO Robert Lamb of Tay Township has resigned, and will be working with another Township. We wish him well
 - Our wonderful David Cornish is mending well from his surgery
 - Tay Township is exploring federal and provincial grants for a community hub in Waubaushene. YAY. The province's amalgamation plans have been called off (for now?)
 - The GROW OP on Coldwater Road is finally GONE. The Court held the owners in contempt of a court Order, for refusing to cease growing marijuana in contravention of Tay Township by-laws.
 - John and Cathy Cole of the popular Tay Report will be taking a hiatus on publication to assess future steps. We sure hope they return.

Have a great and safe holiday season. PEACE and GOODWILL from Talpines Property Owners' Association Directors.