

Talpines
Property Owners Association
Newsletter

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2016



End of summer? This after sunset picture was taken September 5th, 2016 at 8:05 pm. By 8:45 pm, it was dark! Yes the days have shortened for a summer that made a slow appearance to a hot dry ending to cottage life this year. Water depth remained high all season in our area and water temperature seldom exceeded 23 degrees Celsius.

Summer Storms seemed much worse in 2016 with sudden heavy rain and high winds playing havoc on shore lines, docks and boats along the eastern shore of Sturgeon Bay. Oddly, there was not an earlier start to the appearance of floating weed blankets so keeping beach areas clean took less time although the sand did relocate in some spots.

Water Sampling remained one of Talpines top priorities and although there were a number of storms and high waves, our results were excellent all season. At no time did we reach the critical level for e-coli (100 / 100ml of water) but even with considerable water activity, almost all of our readings were less than 20 and several were 0! It was a little more difficult this year as the Lab we had been using in Orillia lost their Certification last winter so this year we are using SGS Can. Inc. in Lakefield, Ont. just north of Peterborough. It meant our sampling was less dependent on the calendar but more according to when I would be heading home for a few days. Yes, we did still do the 6 locations along our shore and required ice to keep the samples cool for the 2 hour drive.

Thank you to Steven Clift for covering the Lake Partnership Sampling this year and sending the info & samples off to the MNR while Peter Davis spent the summer recovering from his knee surgery. It appears Peter is now “good as new” and has used his time to be more active in Talpines and the community.

Pine Street Beach has been a busy spot to be all summer long and actually only received 1 weed clearing event and a few minor cleanups by Talpines members. Our Tay Parks & Recreation workers did a wonderful job of keeping the Beach clean and attractive all summer.

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There was no shortage of attractions in Tay this summer. It seemed every weekend from June on was full of festivals and things to do or be involved with. One of the first attractions was the Tay Bike Day in Waubaushene. Bigger in its 2nd year with new displays & vendors, a good crowd enjoyed the event with Live Music, Burgers and Hotdogs, Decorated Bikes and a Trail Ride Scavenger Hunt! Talpines was there with our Information Table and member Steven Clift was overseeing the Scavenger Hunt.



(Pictures were taken at the beginning of the day)

Talpines AGM was held June 25th. Our Councillor Cate Root discussed the Phragmites Eradication Program in Tay for this summer. Then, our Guest Speaker, Rebecca Webb from MPAC delivered an interesting and informative presentation to us on how they will evaluate properties this year. Our Business Meeting followed with votes to accept the Minutes of the 2015 AGM and our Financial Report then, discussions on several items that included: more Public Boat Launching Areas in Tay, Good Neighbour Notifications before spraying for weeds and pests, the current Community Hub project and attracting more members to Talpines and to our AGM. Nomination and vote for Directors for 2016 resulted in the return of Christine Hurlbut, Clem Carelse, Steven Clift, Vicki Lucier, David Cornish and new to the Board, Peter Davis. Tom Goetz remains past president.

Tay Strategic Plan for the next 15 or 20 years has been in the works for a year now and apparently still awaiting final approval from upper tier Government. Among the recommendations was improving tourism publicity & accommodation, improving our waterfront as a draw, looking into seniors year round accommodation facilities and the ongoing road, water & sewer issues. Several Talpines members took part in the Public Workshop which also stressed the importance of completing the amalgamation by referring to Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3 rather than the urbanized area names.

Finally, the Elementary Public School children of Tay are into their new school this fall. It seems odd to me, the School Board would shut down Waub and bus both these kids and the Harbour kids to Port McNicoll while rebuilding the Victoria Harbour School last year.

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What will happen to the Waubaushene School? Councillor Root has a plan called a Community Hub. June 9th saw a number of interested people who joined her to hear about the idea and to start the ground work to present to Council as a project to purchase the vacant Elementary School when it becomes available from the School Board. Suddenly this has become more urgent as knowing the Tay Libraries all need certain upgrades before 2020 to meet disability accessibility issues, Council recently hired Consultants to perform a study towards a **Strategic Plan for Tay Libraries**.

A number of our members attended the public workshops and everyone is encouraged to do the online survey found on the www.tay.ca website before the end of this month. The presentation and figures given by the consultants at these meetings did not give much hope to having 3 Libraries in Tay. In fact, after the meetings in Port & the Harbour, the option of closing them all probably had the most likelihood as less than 40 were at each of those meetings. **Thank you Waub** for overfilling the Legion Hall on a hot sticky evening when it was your turn! The gathering was estimated at 150 people! Now, back to the drawing board and help make the Community Hub a reality for Waubaushene's Library and if the choice is amalgamation of Libraries, make Waubaushene the Choice!

The next Waubaushene Community Hub Meeting is Tuesday, September 27th, 7:00 pm at the Legion Hall. Your input & support is requested.

Phragmites has been front and centre in Tay this summer and with the help of a group from Georgian Bay Forever, a number of our Township owned waterfronts saw eradication days for the invasive species. Ward 3 had a couple of days with the group and local people participating to remove a large quantity of the invasive plant. Tanners Beach 9 (Acorn Lane) and 2 Parks on the north shore around Forest Harbour were the focus here. Cate Root & Talpines members had already eliminated the species from the Pine Street Beach but some of our available members also helped out in the other Wards beach clearing ventures.

More Strategic Plans this summer saw a couple of our Tay summer University students draw up a new Waterfront Plan for the Shoreline of Tay. Although the information they were given was incomplete, they did a good job and no doubt a better financial deal than hiring Consultants. Several things caught my attention at the public presentation. I wondered **why** the built up waterfront areas showed some as "urban residential" and others as "rural"? This was changed to "urban residential" and "rural waterfront residential" when it was presented to Council. The other thing I questioned and I think is being up dated was **why** the areas are classified as Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour & Waubaushene when their boundary lines take in only part of the areas being discussed? Should the Plan not referred to Ward 1, Ward 2 & Ward 3 to encompass the total waterfront being studied and involve everyone in Tay?

Our FOCA membership has just recently been renewed. We encourage everyone to check out their web site at www.foca.on.ca and also to register to benefit from the many sponsor discounts and specials that by being a member are offered to you.

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Speaking of memberships, thank you to the 30+ who make up Talpines P.O.A. for 2016. Our dues are still only \$30.00 per year (June 1st to May 31st) and must be received by our AGM or mailing and benefits will cease. Although our Newsletter is quarterly, we do send out information that becomes available that is deemed important for our members during the off season. Talpines is your organization so please help our numbers grow.

Seasonal Cottage close-up is fast approaching. Be sure to check twice that anything left out is secure, that window curtains are drawn or shutters are in place, all doors are locked and hydro is shut off. Do not leave alcohol or valuables behind and be sure all water is drained from your system. It also is a plus to be sure the year round residents near your cottage know how to contact you in case anything appears disturbed in the off season.

Other “ Information” Sources

Municipality of Tay website: www.tay.ca or call 705-534-7248
Ward 3 Councillor Cate Root croot@tay.ca
Midland OPP office (Information) susanjessop@opp.ca
The Tay Report, John & Cathy Cole tayreport@rogers.com

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At our first Directors Meeting after the Annual Meeting, the first item on “New Business” was to select our Executive for 2016. The following are your Directors and postings and their home contact numbers:

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Beautiful July 29th sunset at 9 pm across Sturgeon Bay. (Pictures and Newsletter by D. Cornish) Sorry for the delay. Our next Newsletter will be in early December.

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