

***Talpines***  
*Property Owners Association*  
***Newsletter***

March

2013

**Water Levels**

It may be a brand new year but this problem is still with us. The Mayors of the North Simcoe communities have held information sessions for their residents this winter including presentations by Mary Muter (formerly known as Keeper of the Bay) and now with the Sierra Club. Her slide show may be viewed on the Tay Township website ([www.tay.ca](http://www.tay.ca) go to community & click on low water level meeting). Approximately 130 attended the Tay Meeting. We have to thank these Mayors for finally getting involved but one question ... What took you so long??? The public have been chasing the IJC for years about this problem! The latest figures (dated February 22<sup>nd</sup>) show the February level of Georgian Bay is 13 inches below February of last year. This translates to 26 inches below the all time average for February.

**MPAC**

Apparently the “request for reconsideration” has been so great this year for Assessment Reviews that the results are very slow in returning. It seems the water levels have encouraged waterfront property owners to apply in large numbers and have bogged down MPAC.

**Tay Personnel Change**

As reported in our last Newsletter, Tay has a new Head of Works but at the time of writing, had not been named. Peter Dance comes to us from the City of Orillia and has taken over the position of Head of Works. Welcome on board Peter & look forward to meeting you this spring.

**Tay Shore Trail**

Being closed with the winter gates, all has been quiet so far this winter. From reports by permanent residents, there have been a few ski and snow-shoe users this winter. Lack of snow most of the winter definitely limited this activity.

**Temperatures**

Being a mild fall & early winter was a blessing for the Artificial Ice Rink. Unfortunately, ice fishermen had to wait into January to even chance the ice and very few actually put huts out this year as ice conditions were also very questionable. Colder weather did finally allow the natural ice rinks to get operating in January.

**Lake Partnership Program**

Member Peter Davis has volunteered to do the necessary sampling of water in our Bay for this program sponsored partly by FOCA and funding by the Federal Government and carried out by the MNR lab at Dorset. His sampling entails not only a bottle of water but also a water clarity reading at various depths both done once a month through the late spring, summer and early fall. Thank you for your involvement Peter and hope there is enough water to float your canoe all season long!

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### **Tay Residents Group**

The number receiving our e-mails is growing steadily. At least once a month, meeting notices and other items that might be of interest to our people is e-mailed to our list of names. To receive your copy, e-mail us now at [tay.residents@bell.net](mailto:tay.residents@bell.net) (your information is not passed out). Please note the dot between tay & residents when addressing your request.

### **FOCA**

Christine Hurlbut and David Cornish attended the FOCA Annual General Meeting in Toronto March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The business portion saw much discussion regarding a proposed fee increase to membership from the Associations. Although the amount approved per person is not that great, it will represent about a \$70.00 increase per year to groups our size.

A busy agenda of guest speakers brought information to all regarding Climate Change; updating of the Not for Profits Corporations Act regulations; Cardiac Emergencies in Cottage Country; Lake Partnership Updates and news about Blue-Green Algae.

Approximately 100 out of the over 600 member Ontario Cottage & Property Owner Associations were represented at the meeting in Toronto.

### **Constitution**

Your Directors have studied and put together a proposed updated Constitution for Talpines. Hopefully, the package will be ready to mail in early April **to all whose membership was up to date for 2012**. We will include a “proxy form” that will permit your vote (yes or no) in case you are unable to attend our Annual Meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. To be a valid vote, your 2013 dues must be received along with your Vote by May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 by Talpines.

### **Membership**

A new year is well underway and as usual, it is membership dues time again. Please renew as soon as possible either by mail to our postal address or to one of your Directors. Remember, it must be received by our AGM in order to be eligible to vote on any and all issues at the AGM. Dues are still only \$30.00 per year and as well as voting privileges, standing for office and receiving our Newsletters 4 times a year; you also become a member in FOCA and (by e-mail only) receive their Monthly newsletters! Receipts are issued for all paid memberships. Please be sure we have your correct telephone number, postal address and e-mail address on file.

### **MTO**

After so many years to get traffic lights installed at Pine Street and Highway #12, the MTO has announced this winter that they are looking at installing “**Round-A-Bouts**” in place of traffic lights there and possibly at several other locations leading to Midland. I, for one do not see an advantage to this as considerable property is required to build one with on-off slips; because of the use by tractor trailers; the unnecessary slow-down required to navigate the system by traffic from all directions at all times and therefore increasing fuel consumption and air pollution. I guess those in the MTO Offices are too young to remember the “Round- A- Bout that used to be on the QEW at Highway #20 at Stoney Creek. It was eventually removed as it was an actual hazard to road safety and took up more property than a clover leaf!

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### Septic Inspections

By a recent report to Council, year 3 of the Program will look at septic systems in the same area that has been done during the past 2 years. The difference being the ones looked at this year will be of installations between 5 and 20 years old. This differs from the original plans because most of the waterfront area in the western part of Tay scheduled for inspection this year is pending sewer installations. The rural sector originally planned is not even mentioned this year.

### Burn Permits

Fire permits are required for all open fires in Tay and may be picked up at the Tay Office and the Tay Libraries. There have been a number of changes made this past winter to the regulations and hopefully they will be available to all shortly. Among the changes presented were ... only good wood to be burnt in residential areas and limited to camp fires of a specific size; no yard waste or other combustible items to be burned in residential areas; some fines increased and possible implementation of a fee for the permit. These items were taken from Press write-ups and are passed on to you as a heads up and not to be taken as the final outcome of the changes.

### Garbage

This hot topic from last year is about to begin the new system in April. There is still some uncertainty as to who may not have curbside pickup for garbage, compostables and recycling. Simcoe County is still advertising smaller trucks that will be able to service homes on less than standard roads. They then say, those whom they cannot reach will be given a "Pass Card" which can be used to take your material to a County collection yard for free drop-of (subject to the same regulations as curb-side). I'm not sure how this will be beneficial to weekenders!

Oh yes, **In Tay, Pick Up Day Is still Tuesday!**

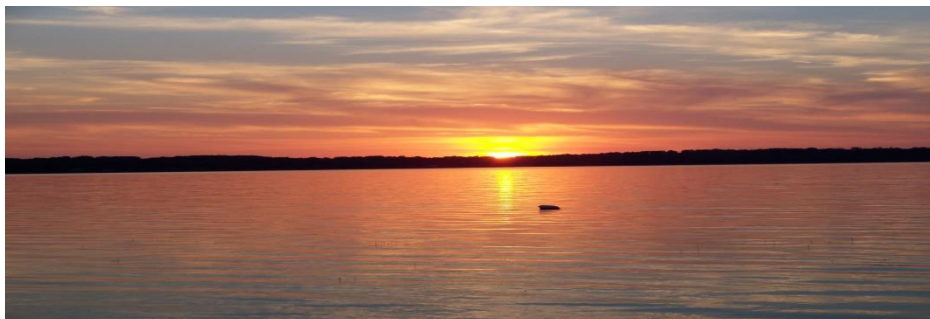
### OPP

I occasionally receive press releases from Officer Hobson of the Midland OPP Office. Although some are routine accident, theft or assault reports, there are some safety releases pertaining to water craft requirements for safe usage, seasonally for snowmobiles and tips for improving home & cottage security and even the odd missing persons flyer. Let me know if you would like to have any of these topics forwarded to you by e-mail when they come in ([dlcornish@msn.com](mailto:dlcornish@msn.com)).

### Security

Speaking of, it has been a quiet season to date in our area. All reports seem to indicate most occurrences have been in the Port McNicoll, Midland, Penetang vicinities. Hopefully with the disappearance of snow, the rest of March & April are as incident free for our members.

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Won't  
Be  
Long  
Now



**Annual Meeting**

Mark Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 on your calendar and we'll see you at your AGM. Doors open at 9:00 am for Registration (& collection of membership fees if not already paid).

*Talpines Property Owners Association  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013  
Waubashene Legion Hall  
Willow Street, Waubashene, On.*

*Doors open 9:00 am for Registration  
Coffee and Socializing*

**Note\*\* Meeting Starts at 9:30 am**

*With*

***Our Guest Speaker from the OPP***

*Midland Detachment- discussing*

*(Security measures, marine issues, general policing)*

***Business Portion Approximately***

***10:15 am***

*The Agenda includes the adoption of Minutes from 2012 Meeting, Financial Report  
Discussion and vote on the Constitution Review, Nomination & Election of Directors  
Discussion from members for the coming year, etc.*

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