

Talpines
Property Owners Association
Newsletter

May

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Water Levels

Unfortunately, the only thing to report at present is the continuing drop in our Bay. The flooding in the Muskoka and Haliburton Regions should have some effect on Georgian Bay however, it has been un-noticeable. This may be since water only has so many ways to leave their area and not all water heads our way. There has been an “About Face” by the IJC recently after their “Do Nothing” conclusion was reached by their expensive study. This may have been brought on by the public protests to local, Provincial, State and Federal Governments. The unfortunate part is action (suggested for the St.Clair River) and results (water level increases) will take many years to achieve. How low is our area water?? This picture was taken May 9th, 2013 looking north in Sturgeon Bay from Schooner Road. The geese were actually walking and barely getting their feet wet opposite Tanners Point!



MPAC

Demand for “Reconsideration of Re-Assessment” has been so great, MPAC is just now mailing out responses to the requests.

Tay Shore Trail

The Municipality has decided to re-install the green barriers that were removed last year. It was found that illegal traffic had increased sufficiently and that the second year of the original plan was not required to make the decision to re-install them.

Sturgeon Bay Water Quality

Peter Davis will soon be collecting samples of Bay water to send to Dorset for analysis by the Lake Partnership Program sponsored by FOCA & the Federal Government. As well, your Directors decided to look into water testing as it affects swimmers and cottage users similar to those public beaches that are checked by the Health Board. We have lined up an independent lab with reasonable rates and hope to begin periodic sampling soon primarily in our area.

MTO

The re-construction of the Highway 12 crossing of the Tay Shore Trail located near the OSPCA facility should be completed within the next few days. That is the good news! **However**, the Highway 12 Bridge over the Sturgeon River at Duffy Road is now under construction and is only one lane traffic and with operating traffic lights. It is hoped to be completed by some time probably late this fall.

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Garbage

The County of Simcoe has now assumed garbage and recycling pick-up in Tay Township. As well, there will be several yard waste and brush pick-ups each spring & fall. On a visit to the County Office May 9th, 2013, President David was informed that almost all properties including cottages would have curb side pick-up of garbage, green waste and re-cycleable material. They stated group collection boxes would not be used. Anyone who could not be serviced, would be notified and given a collection yard pass where they can deliver their material to free of charge. I questioned this as cottagers are here Friday night & go home Sunday night ... how will this plan service these people? Garbage day in Tay is Tuesday and should be set out by 7 am.

Lawson Lane

What a tangled mess we seem to have with Lawson Lane. All records say Viola Tanner owns Lawson, Schooner and Tucker Lanes. There does not appear to be an Estate; there does not appear to be a tax roll number; these 3 roads do not appear to be in tax arrears and all insist the documentation showing the transfer of Lawson Lane to Tay back in 1944 was never Registered. Unexplainable is why the original Township of Tay assumed the maintenance of Lawson Lane from 1944 onward until after the amalgamation in 1992 and even until the early 2000's, if they hadn't taken over the road.

Tay.Residents Group

The Tay.Residents Group has grown in numbers this winter and spring. To receive the monthly notices and other special e-mails and if you would like to become more involved with the group, send an e-mail to tay.residents@bell.net and copy it to your Talpines president. If you are having trouble activating your sign-up, let me know & I will pass the word along. You will receive a notice from the group if your sign up has been successful.

Membership

Thank you to those who have mailed in their membership dues to date. Remember, your membership must be up to date to run for the directors board, to vote at the AGM, to receive the quarterly Talpines Newsletter and the FOCA monthly Elerts. Dues are still only \$30.00 and also makes you a member of FOCA (50,000 other Ontario property owners with waterfront concerns & issues). Mail your membership today or see one of your Directors (also payable at the AGM). Please inform us of any change of address, telephone number or e-mail information as more internet correspondence is now available. Ah yes, we still do have beautiful sunsets in Talpines country. Taken May 8th, 2013 ... 52 Lawson Lane.



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Annual General Meeting

Saturday June 1st, 2013

Waubashene Legion Hall

Willow Street, Waubashene, On.

*Doors Open at 9:00 am
Registration, coffee & socializing*

*****NOTE*****

Meeting to begin at 9:30 am

Scheduled Guest Speaker (unable to attend)

From the O.P.P., Midland Detachment

(Sending News Release & we are to send Questions from AGM)

Business Portion to begin at Approximately 10:15 am

AGENDA

Call to Order

Guest Speaker

Minutes of 2012 AGM

Treasurers Report

Year End Report

Old Business

Constitution Review (Please, bring your copy with you to the meeting.)

Other New Business

Nomination & Election of Directors

Open Discussions from Members

Draw for 1 Free Membership for 2014

Adjourn

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Condolences

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of one of our former Directors April 13th, 2013. Peter Cristillo had been a strong promoter of the Talpines cause through the years and was always ready with a helping hand. Our condolences go out to Giovanna and family at this difficult time and hope all will be able to enjoy some cottage time this summer.

Burn Permits

Remember, burn permits are required in Tay. They are free, good for the year and are available at the Township Office or the public libraries in Tay. There have been a number of changes to the Permits this year so be sure to familiarize your cottage users with the changes.

Reminder

Your Association is only as good as you make it. Your Directors try to keep the wheels turning but without your help, input and support, it can be difficult to stay on course and reach the anticipated goals.

At present, Talpines is running light on the number of Directors to cover all the items you and we would like to accomplish. Please give some thought to either running or getting some other new bodies involved on the board.

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