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Talpines Property Owners' Association (POA) budget summary 2019*

Talpines POA has forecast revenues and expenses for the upcoming year and provides the following summary for members. Please contact the Treasurer if you would like more detailed information.

Member Contributions

Members pay an annual fee of \$30. This membership fee has remained stable for many years and funds all activities. No external funding is received. Directors volunteer their time, and many additional volunteers and members give generously of their time to support association activities. This year, 33 members (of 44 total) paid their annual dues by June 24. We hope to collect dues from the remaining members by the AGM, or during the summer months, for a total revenue of \$1320.00.

Water testing

Talpines POA's main expense relates to the frequent water testing performed during the summer season. Water is tested approximately every two weeks from mid-June through August, (x6) at a variety of locations. Testing examines e-coli levels through a private laboratory. Test results are provided to members via email and the website. The cost of water testing has increased substantially. For this reason, we have changed our laboratory, seeking cost effective alternatives. This year, our water testing costs will be approximately \$750.

Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA)

Talpines POA pays annual membership dues to FOCA, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, calculated on a per capita basis. The costs are estimated at \$265 for the upcoming year. Members receive valuable information from FOCA about the environment, water quality, and many other important issues. Membership activities and benefits can be found on the FOCA website, and through the link on the Talpines POA website: talpines.ca

Talpines POA also funds the attendance of one director at the spring and fall FOCA meetings to keep up to date on emerging and ongoing issues, to learn of programs and to participate. Costs for attendance at these two events is estimated to be approximately \$120.00

Talpines POA Annual General Meeting: June 29, 11 a.m

Talpines POA holds an annual general meeting in June. This year, costs savings have resulted from holding the AGM at **82 King Road**, a cottage provided by a volunteer, instead of renting space. According to the survey of members conducted by Talpines POA, members wished to meet one another and enjoy a light brunch at the AGM, and for this reason, the format has been changed.

AGM costs are estimated to be approximately \$200 for printing, brunch, and refreshments.

The Website: talpines.ca

Talpines POA maintains a website, which has been created and maintained by a volunteer. Members have access through the website to information and useful links, and are updated on events. Costs are estimated to be \$195, which relate to hosting fees on the internet. Our website is commercial free, and posts pictures of recent events. Members are encouraged to provide photos. The website contains environmental information, information about Talpines POA and its directors, and in the members' only section, all newsletters containing water testing results.

Mailing and Printing Costs

Talpines POA has mailing costs associated with member renewal, and communications with members who do not have internet access. In addition to mailing costs, Talpines POA incurs printing costs for pamphlets, membership forms, and event publicity. Sometimes, members volunteer to undertake printing when they have access to printers. This is greatly appreciated. This year, Talpines POA distributed postcards at the Waubaushene Santa Claus parade, to publicize the association, and our website. We hope to repeat this event. We estimate that costs for 2019-20 may be approximately \$275.00

BLOCK PARTY: August 3, 2019 2pm 82 King Road Waubaushene

On August 3, 2019, Talpines POA members are invited to attend the second annual 82 King Road BLOCK PARTY at 2 p.m. This is a pot-luck get together. Bring your own drinks and a lawn chair, meet your neighbours and enjoy a relaxing bbq. Talpines POA will contribute approximately \$85 dollars for decorations, soft drinks, and treats.

This year, a Talpines member who is a talented artist will donate an original painting for a raffle at the Block Party. Everyone attending who brings a perennial plant will receive a free ticket for the draw.

PINE STREET BEACH BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

For many years, as part of its commitment to the community and the environment, Talpines POA members have participated in raking the beach at Pine Street in Waubaushene on Saturday mornings, in order to make it attractive and useful to the community. Beach raking by volunteers will continue all summer from 9 a.m. on Saturdays, through Labour Day. This year, Talpines POA applied for a grant from Tay Township to plant a garden at the beach. The Township granted \$750.00 which was used to purchase soil and perennial plants. Volunteers planted the gardens. Many community members also donated money, plants and time towards this project, the fruits of which should be visible this summer. We are grateful to the Township and the Grants Committee, and our committed volunteers for these donations.

Talpines POA welcomes members' participation, ideas, creativity and input. If you have any comments on this summary or on any other aspect of Talpines POA, please contact us through the website, send an email to taytalpines@gmail.com, or call our President, David Cornish.

**You may note that Talpines POA is operating at a slight deficit. To continue our operations, we rely on revenues collected from previous years, and from the generous donations of volunteers. If you wish to make a donation please contact us at taytalpines@gmail.com to assist us in this valuable community work. Please note, we are not a registered charity.*