

TALPINES
Property Owners Association
NEWSLETTER

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2017

Here we are into 2017 and after a rather unusual winter for weather, it is time to start looking toward and planning for the coming summer cottage country activities.

Our cottage area received an abundance of snow again and with water levels remaining high, temperatures stayed warmer than usual. Our Bay & Georgian Bay-Lake Huron did not freeze over as early or with the ice thickness of more normal years. This made ice fishing quite challenging and huts were late being put out and not as far out as in many past years.



Albin Road Loop snow bank (February 19th 2017) Clem & Christine's place, King Road

Speaking of Water, levels for Lake Huron & Georgian Bay to start January 2017 were 18 cm (7 inches) above the 97 year average. This was however, 5 inches lower than last January's level. Environment Canada also states that evaporation was greater in December due to low or no ice even though actual precipitation was almost normal.

We will continue to do our Water Sampling this summer for Recreational Purposes along the eastern Shoreline of Sturgeon Bay. It was undecided at our last Director's Meeting if we would still do all 6 sites or if we might discontinue the Acorn Lane location. Several residents on the Western Shore have asked if we would do several samples at their location also, at their expense. We also did several private beach areas on our side last year at the cottagers' expense and at their location. At last report from the Lab doing our testing, the rate is still \$11.30 per sample (\$10.00 plus \$1.30 HST) for 2017.

Don't forget to change your clocks on March 12th! Yes, spring is getting closer and our clocks will jump ahead an hour. (They are so eager to get into it, they can't wait!).

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We were sorry to hear that former Deputy Mayor of Tay, Bill Rawson, passed away just around the turn of the New Year. He had resigned his position last fall due to his ongoing health issues of the last few years and we send our condolences to his family.

Tay Bike Day takes place in Waubaushene again on Saturday, June 17th starting from Bridgeview Park. This will be the third year for this event and features a scavenger hunt along the Tay Trail, numerous information and vendor stations at Bridgeview Park & live music. Put this on your *To Do List* and either ride or bring your bike for an enjoyable day. Our councillor, Cate Root says there is always room for more volunteer help to assist that day and praises the ongoing help of our member Steven Clift with the scavenger hunt event.

Another day to mark on your calendar is Saturday June 3rd with several events that will interest us. Tay once again will have their “free mulch” event at the Works Parking lot beginning at 8 am for Tay residents. Bring your own containers and shovel. Material is limited so come early.

As well, our Talpines AGM is set for Saturday June 3rd at the Waubaushene Legion Hall with Registration & coffee from 9 am to 10 am. Our business meeting will begin at 10 am and our guest speaker, Councillor Root, will be along around 11 am. Note the change in our format as Cate is also involved with the Mulch Day earlier. (See page 3 for more information). There will be more info on our AGM in our next Newsletter which will be out near the end of May.

Pine Street Beach will once again be a part of our plans to assist the Township with helping keep it neat, attractive, enjoyable and as free of weed growth as possible. Again, we will be on the lookout for Phragmites and hope anyone with patches at their place will help by removing the plants before they spread more. Anyone not sure of how or when to do Phragmites removal, contact one of your Directors or Bryan Anderson (Parks & Recreation) or Councillor Cate Root.

The Board for the Tay Libraries received the Strategic Plan Report from the Steering Committee in December who had drafted a proposal from the Consultants Report. In turn, the Library Board is studying the Steering Committee suggestions and preparing their proposals to present their Plan to Council for their consideration, approval and funding. Last word I had was it might be ready for the April or May Council Meeting. Just had an e-mail from Heather Walker (Tay Library) that the Board will be meeting March 25th at Port McNicoll Library to continue discussions re: the Master Plan beginning at 9 am. The public is welcome to attend.

The Community Hub Group is still working toward creating the Waubaushene Community Hub at the now closed Elementary School on Hazel Street. I just read recently that our member, Victoria Reaume is now co-chair of the Waubaushene Community Hub with Jody Tregenza. They are still looking for more folks to join up & help the Board.

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Vice President Clem Carelse represented Talpines at the FOCA AGM Saturday, March 4th, 2017. Being his first appearance at the AGM, he was very impressed and understood why all who have attended in the past have spoken so highly of events of the day.

As he sat listening to the chairman speaking on the many facets FOCA was involved in over the past year, a number of pictures were being shown on a screen behind him. Suddenly Clem said .. there was a picture from Talpines that David had taken! (He tried to “butter me up” by saying he thought it was the best of the bunch!)

The Annual Achievement Award went to the Golden Lake Association from the Ottawa area. The 600 member group are into keeping their Lake clean & free of invasive species, putting benches and washrooms in the boat launch areas and also do a 4 page Newsletter similar to us. Clem said “They even have their own theme song”!

Clem appeared very impressed by the first guest speaker who had been with Ontario Hydro for many years and gave a quick history from origin to where we are today. Apparently, he did not lay blame for rising rates on anyone in particular although he did suggest the “Green Energy Act” (which brought in Solar Farms and Wind Turbines) and the recent “Cap & Trade Carbon Tax” has had a profound influence on Hydro prices. He felt the Cap & Trade Tax should be replaced with a policy more like Alberta has that gives an incentive to cut the Carbon production in the first place.

The break for lunch caught Clem’s fancy along with the abundance of fresh coffee and snacks all day in the morning & afternoon.

After lunch came the Business Meeting part of the day which was the typical in & out’s of motions and discussions. He said he did perk up when handling of the public money was the topic being discussed.

The final guest speaker, a Professor, discussed the issue, “Are Our Lakes Dying?” Clem said the guest spoke at length on “Phosphorous Hotspots” but felt the information was skimmed over the topic possibly due to the time factor. Clem said Global Warming and Invasive Species were mentioned but what caught the eye most was a referral to using Phosphate Free soaps, detergents and cleaners especially in cottage country.

Thank you Clem, for representing Talpines at the FOCA AGM and for your report.

Speaking of AGMs be sure to save Saturday morning, June 3rd 2017 for our Talpines AGM at the Waubashene Legion Hall. Doors open at 9 am for registering, coffee & visiting. The business portion starts at 10 am with our Councillor Cate Root planning to join us with updates, events, etc about 11 am. (Any unfinished business will be completed afterwards.) A full agenda will be in our next Newsletter which will be sent out around the middle of May. Late memberships may be paid before the start so you will be eligible to vote on or present issues.

This will be a Fragrance free, scent free event!

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A Reminder ... new year, so be sure your dog has it's tag. Be sure you have your 2017 Burn Permit before having your camp fires. They are available at the Tay Office or all of the Tay Libraries and are free.

Sources for Information

Municipality of Tay www.tay.ca
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Midland OPP Office (Information) susanjessop@opp.ca
The Tay Report (weekly) tayreport@rogers.com
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Memberships are in effect from June 1st until May 31st each calendar year. The yearly fee is still only \$30.00 either paid to one of the Directors, paid at the AGM or mailed to our address. You will receive a receipt and will also receive our Quarterly Newsletter by e-mail, become a member in FOCA (includes their sponsor special deals and monthly FOCA ELERT) and special notices of interest including our summer water sampling results for recreational use. We still accept cash or cheque. Although we are referred to as cottagers, a number of our members are year round residents. Not all are on the water front but do actively care about our Community and our water front, both the private areas and the public beaches. Notice our name does not say cottage or cottagers so give us a try & help improve our community!

In our December issue, we asked for your input as to what you would like to see your Association involved in, what you think we should do or not do, how satisfied are you with our actions and attempted projects, are we doing a decent job for our area & our people, what would you like to see, etc.

Realizing it was just before Christmas, we didn't expect too much input. Well Christmas is over and we would still like to hear your comments or bring them to the AGM. After all, this is your Association and as Directors, we are members too.

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