## Talpines Property Owners Association Newsletter

December 2018

Well, a lot has happened since our September copy that I hope to fit into this issue.

**The biggest event** appears to have been the Municipal Elections in Tay. It started with Mayor Warnock saying he would not run again for office. Deputy Mayor Dave Ritchie ran for Mayor & was challenged by Ted Walker who was the ex Clerk of Tay a few years back. <u>Our new Mayor is Ted Walker</u>.

Two Councillors ran for Deputy Mayor, Jim Crawford and Gerard LaChapelle with <u>Jim Crawford becoming Deputy Mayor.</u>

- Ward 1: Sandy Talbot returned as Councillor and is joined by newcomer Paul Raymond.
- Ward 2: Mary Warnock and Jeff Bumstead are both new to Council.
- Ward 3: <u>Barry Norris</u> (was our councillor at the time of amalgamation in Tay), won over Cate Root.

Only 2 members of our last Council are back to form our New Council.

**Hazel Street Public School** has apparently been sold but to date, very little information has been given. No doubt, Plans will not surface until after zoning is discussed and approved by Council, planners and purchaser.

**A fall Court** appearance regarding the Grow Op on Coldwater Road in Waubaushene has ruled in favour of Tay and the owner has been given until this February 2019 to remove all contents from the property. This is only a temporary Ruling and all will return to Court in the spring for a Permanent Ruling.

**Tay Libraries** have recently posted New Hours of operation giving all 3 more open hours. Waubaushene Library will be closed Sunday, Monday & Wednesday.

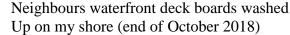
It will be **OPEN** Tuesday: 10:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Thursday: 10:30 am to 7:30 pm. Friday & Saturday: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

**After years** of lobbying by Talpines POA, the Simcoe County Health Board began sampling the Pine Street Beach this year for safe Recreational use. A post was placed at the Beach on which a sign indicates when it does not meet their standards. (It was posted once at the start of last summer)

The wicked winds of spring and summer continued on into the fall.







Pine Street Beach November 25 2018, not the pretty spot it was most of the summer!

**Speaking of Beach** cleaning, our Directors decided to dedicate an hour or so from May 24th, and every Saturday morning until Labour Day weekend at 10:00 am to rake and beautify the Beach for users. All are encouraged to help as "many hands make light work". We are also planning to expand our flower garden project, so if you have flowers to donate (preferably Perennials) and you like to garden, your help will be appreciated. Thank you to everyone who pitched in last summer. Together, we can make a big difference to our community!

**Talpines POA** has applied for a grant under the Tay Township Grant program to help us with the expenses involved with our "Beach Beautification Project" for Pine Street Beach in 2019. Fingers are crossed!

A big thank you goes out to our members who responded to our September Survey. Over 60% sent in their feelings and suggestions to the several questions asked. Almost all liked the AGM to be in June. Most preferred our format be Business and Discussions from the members rather than a Guest Speaker. Several suggested ideas for future Guest speakers and surprisingly, Talpines has already entertained the ideas in previous years! No doubt, it may be time to revisit those Topics as we do have a number of new members now. All preferred a morning meeting rather than an afternoon event. Your Directors will be guided by the requests of the Survey as we plan our 2019 AGM for Saturday June 29th.

It is with our **Sincerest Condolences** we extend our sympathy to member Ken Fulford following the loss of his wife Lily this fall. Being new members, we were just getting to know them and appreciated their enthusiasm, help and beautification with the Pine Street Beach cleaning, flower and tree donation and planting this past summer.

**Santa Claus came to Waubaushene** November 25<sup>th</sup> and Talpines (for the first time) had a float in the Parade and members passed out our special cards and candy to the many people lining Pine Street. In fact, we ran out of our cards before we were half way through the route. Over 35 floats or marchers made up the Parade which was excellent for our small village!









A Special Welcome to all our new members in 2018 and hope you will find Talpines interesting and informative. We began the year with 32 members and finished with 45 and are already thinking of ways to be more active and increase our numbers in 2019. Hopefully we will get more nice weather next year than we just came though to continue improving our community. Please send any suggestions you have, to <a href="mailto:taytalpines@gmail.com">taytalpines@gmail.com</a> for consideration.

**Block Party:** We are planning to have a Block Party this summer with our members, possibly the August Long Weekend. More details will follow this summer.

Invite your friends and neighbours to check us out on our web site at <a href="www.talpines.ca">www.talpines.ca</a>, or call one of your directors for more information.

**Talpines Membership is still** only \$30.00 per year which gives you our quarterly Newsletters plus water test results for Sturgeon Bay, membership to FOCA plus other important e-mails concerning our Community and our Municipality.

## **Other Information Sources**

Township of Tay
County of Simcoe

www.tay.ca
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