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President's Message

By PAUL COWLEY, CARUSOE BAY

As I sit down to write my message to you I am reminiscent of many things that we have to be thankful for. The glorious summer we have just had with a string of hot sunny weather unsurpassed in my memory. The continuing growth of our community and its expanding variety of cultural and recreational activities. Four years of a cohesive and productive Tiny council that has made great improvements to our community.

While we have all these things and more to be thankful for, sadly, it is with a very heavy heart that I must share with you the tragic loss of Richard Hinton who suddenly passed away in late August. Richard was an incredible human being who made a difference in all the lives he touched. His community work for his beloved Cawaja beach will be badly missed as will his charming nature. He worked tirelessly with us on the FoTTSA board and then went on to provide a wonderfully balanced influence as a councillor on Tiny Council. He breathed new life into the Cawaja Pines store which is once again a thriving community cornerstone. Words escape me to express the depth of his loss especially to his loving wife Cathy and children Zack and Brittany to whom we extend our condolences. We will never forget you my friend!

This fall is an election year and it is vitally important that you make sure to cast your vote. To help you make informed choices, this issue contains candidates' responses to a set of topical questions. I hope you find this helpful.

Due to shifting climatic patterns, our water levels remain high. This will pass, and one day we will return to low levels. For a more in-depth understanding of these factors please visit the Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation website: <https://www.georgianbaygreatlakesfoundation.com>. FoTTSA supports the foundation and encourages you to do so as well, for the ongoing health of our environment, including water quality and invasive species.

Currently number one on the invasive species fish list is the Grass Carp. Please read our article on this serious problem. Grass Carp represents a serious threat to our native fish species and indeed our economy.

I wish you all a most Happy Thanksgiving.

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Protesters at the entrance of the Teedon Pit after the March Water Walk

Teedon Pit Update: Meetings with CRH Canada Inc.

By PETER AND JENNY ANDERSON AND CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

The Friends of the Waverley Uplands, a group of like-minded community members, continue to work towards greater stewardship and protection of the Alliston Aquifer, whose headwaters are sourced locally in the area of French's Hill.

In addition to responsible stewardship and protection of this aquifer for future generations, we are committed to sharing information and research with public and elected officials, encouraging action, and preserving this pristine aquifer. Many members are veterans of the Site 41 fight, and several were asked to sit on the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) established by the Teedon Pit operations of CRH Canada Inc.

As reported in earlier Tiny Township Council meetings, there were significant gaps in the CRH water taking permit application currently before the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. CRH's application did not include any information regarding the final disposition of the millions of litres of water pumped for use in gravel washing operations. As a consequence, our members on the CLC encouraged CRH to drill additional monitoring wells around the perimeter of their current operations so that we could establish important baselines. This information was necessary to determine upper and lower aquifer flows, and specifically whether the gravel wash ponds were leaking sediment laden wash water into the upper aquifer, resulting in contamination of a number of nearby drinking water wells.

To date, our meetings with CRH have confirmed the following:

- CRH was in receipt of the Wilf Ruland hydrogeology report. This report points to the Teedon Pit on French's Hill as the source of sediment contamination in area wells.

- Operationally, CRH reported they are actively mining the west wall and that the crusher plant and wash plant are now beside each other and in full operation. They remain 40 meters above the established water table (they are permitted to excavate within 1.5 meters). Seven new monitoring wells have been established and CRH has committed to posting daily data on their website.

- The new wells only report on groundwater levels as opposed to data regarding off-site contamination of water wells by the wash plant.

- CRH confirmed that they only use calcium dust suppressant on the paved asphalt at the plant exit and do not use any type of flocculant in the wash pond.

- CRH indicated they plan to amend their site plan to exclude the northeast wetlands area from proposed development. Our members asked CRH to remove the receipt of asphalt and construction materials from their permit. This would reduce the risk of contamination to this vulnerable aquifer.

The June meeting then transitioned to a lengthy discussion regarding traffic safety, noise and vibrations that were impacting homes near the entrance to the pit. Tiny Council has requested a staff report to address road shoulders, speed and a community safety zone. These

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Fall/Winter Events

SEPTEMBER

Huronia Museum Film Series
every Wednesday 4:30pm & 7:30pm
Galaxy Theatre Midland
<https://huroniamuseum.com/film-series/>

Township of Tiny Youth Drop-in
every second Thursday evening
<https://www.tiny.ca/recreation/youth>

Mushroom Foray Workshop, September 30 and
Marsh by Moonlight, September 29, October 6, 7
<https://www.wyemarsh.com/fall-events>

Harvest Craft Show and Doors Open Simcoe County,
September 29
Penetanguishene Centennial Museum
<http://www.pencenmuseum.com>

Doors Open Simcoe County, September 29
St. Patrick's & Ste Croix Churches,
Copeland Hill Cemetery
<http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca>

Showcase of Homes Tour, September 29
Midland, Penetanguishene
<https://tinyurl.com/y92ypmmq>

The Bay Studio Tour, September 29–30
<http://www.thebaystudiotour.com>

OCTOBER

Elmvale Fall Fair, Elmvale Fairground, October 5–6,
<http://elmvalefallfair.com>

Images Studio Tour, October 5–8,
Barrie/Orillia/Horseshoe
<http://www.images-studio-tour.com>

Ste. Marie Among the Hurons Thanksgiving Harvest Festival and Arts & Crafts Show and Sale,
October 6–7
<https://tinyurl.com/jtgggwb>

Turkey Dinner, Wyevalle United Church, October 6
5:00pm or 6:15pm, tickets at Wyevalle Jug City
or 705-322-1451

"Pumpkinferno at Discovery Harbour"
Evenings Thurs-Sun October 4–21,
all evenings October 22–30
<https://tinyurl.com/gqbwbahr>

Wye Marsh Fundraising Auction and Dinner,
October 12
<https://www.wyemarsh.com/fall-events>

Ghost Tours - S.S. Keewatin, October 12–27
Fridays, Saturdays, Port McNicoll
<https://sskeewatin.com/events/>

Spirit Walk of St. James on the Lines Cemetery
October 13, 7:00pm & 8:00pm,
Penetanguishene, <http://www.pencenmuseum.com>

Art in the Marsh, October 13
<https://www.wyemarsh.com/fall-events>

Midland Cultural Centre GBGH Gala: Cirque
October 20, 7:30pm. <http://gbghf.ca/gala/>

Halloween Spooktacular, October 27
Penetanguishene Centennial Museum
<http://www.pencenmuseum.com>

NOVEMBER

The Silver Goose CX Pan Am Championship,
November 3–4
Little Lake Park, Midland
<https://www.silvergoosecx.ca>

Murder's in the Heir, Nov 16–Dec 1
MCC Huronia Players, Midland
<http://www.huroniaplayers.ca>

5th Annual Arts Festivus, November 17
Huronia Museum, Midland
<https://huroniamuseum.com>

Midland Santa Claus Parade, November 24, 11:00am
<http://www.midland.ca>

Township of Tiny Tree Lighting, Noël au village
November 24, 6:00pm
<http://www.tiny.ca> see Recreation/Special Events

First Light, November 22–24, Nov 29–Dec 1,
December 6–8
Ste. Marie Among the Hurons,
evenings 5:30 pm–9:00 pm
<http://www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca/>

Wonderful World of Christmas: Graceland Style
Nov 30–Dec 1
King's Warf Theatre, Penetanguishene
<https://www.draytonentertainment.com/elvis-xmas>

DECEMBER

Hiking & cross-country skiing
<https://www.ontarioparks.com/park/awenda/activities>
<http://ski.mountainviewmidland.com>
<http://www.hardwoodskiandbike.ca/home-page-winter/>
<https://www.wyemarsh.com>

Downhill skiing and boarding
<http://www.horseshoeresort.com>
<https://www.skisnowvalley.com>
<https://mountstlouis.com>
<https://www.bluemountain.ca>

Wyevalle Parade and Party,
December 1, 6:00pm–9:00pm
Wyevalle United Church
<http://www.tiny.ca> see Recreation/Special Events

Penetanguishene Santa Claus Parade & Festival of Lights, December 1
<http://www.penetanguishene.ca/>

Breakfast with Santa, December 15–16
Penetanguishene Centennial Museum
<http://www.pencenmuseum.com>

JANUARY

Tiny Township Lions Club Annual Polar Bear Dip,
January 1

Discovery Harbour Skate Trail - Penetanguishene Snowshoeing, Bannock Roasting, Animal Tracking
<https://www.wyemarsh.com>

FEBRUARY

Midland Winterfest, February 1–2
<http://www.midland.ca>

Hilda's Yard, February 9–24
MCC Huronia Players, Midland
<http://www.huroniaplayers.ca>

Penetanguishene Winterama Festival, February 15–18
<http://www.penetanguishene.ca/>

Township of Tiny Carnaval d'Hiver
Perkinsfield Park, February 9, 6:00pm–9:00pm
<http://www.tiny.ca> see Recreation/Special Events

MARCH

Winter Break Activities, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre
<https://www.wyemarsh.com>

APRIL

Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival, April 27
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Shifting Real Estate Trends in Tiny

By Irene Wilson, WENDAKE BEACH

The Boomers are coming, the Boomers are coming! Oh my, they have arrived in droves, meandering around looking for their ideal retirement home or cottage as they plan their escape from the ever increasing population density and traffic of the GTA. Tiny has been discovered and word has spread.

A large migration of European refugees after the Second World War contributed to this population boom. This demographic has had major impacts on housing, health, employment and lifestyles as they age, which are being felt in Tiny. Here are several examples.

A building boom

Tiny has natural appeal: larger lots, farm fields, Simcoe County Forest, environmentally protected lands that preserve the beauty of nature, plus the longest shoreline in Simcoe County. In the last two years alone, building permit values issued by Tiny Township have more than doubled, from \$24,944,000 in 2015 to \$52,799,000 in 2017. However, the boom may be slowing down as there is now a shortage of reasonably priced vacant lots. Existing owners are tearing down those sweet classic Georgian Bay cottages and replacing them with 2,000 square foot plus “dream” homes with garages and landscaping.

Higher home prices

There has also been a substantial increase in sale prices, for a number of reasons:

- supply and demand, as inventory levels are historically low. Properties often sell within days or weeks if priced at market value. The 2017 bidding wars in Tiny — a spillover from the GTA — led to higher expectations among sellers in 2018, and some overly optimistic pricing.
- buyers cashing out of the GTA market, looking for a retirement property, and willing to pay a premium for the “right” place.
- the cost of construction has steadily increased due to our declining Loonie, new energy efficiency requirements in the Building Code, and a trend toward larger homes with upscale finishes. Master bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms and walk-in closets are today’s standard. Additionally, good tradespeople are charging more for their services because of high demand.

Here are two examples of how prices have increased in the past three years:

- a 1600 sq. ft. new raised bungalow in the Lafontaine beach area, with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, hardwood flooring, granite countertops and attached double car garage, sold for \$379,000 in August 2014. The same model sold in March 2016 for \$395,000. In July 2018, a similar resale home sold for \$569,900.
- in 2015, basic cottages of 1000 sq. ft. located in the north end of Tiny with 80-100 feet of waterfront, no basement and electric baseboard heating sold in the \$380,000-\$430,000 range. Many were sold for lot value and have been replaced by new homes. In today’s world, it is difficult to find any basic cottage or a “tear down” to compare with 2015 prices. Most waterfront sales in the past year were in the \$1,000,000 plus range, but were fully winterized and 2,500 sq. ft. or larger, with high end finishes.

Established communities such as Whippoorwill and Copeland Creek with their 1- to 3-acre properties, larger homes and convenient proximity to Midland or Penetang have seen strong sales over the past three years.

Lack of affordable housing elsewhere

It’s not just Baby Boomers who have driven up demand. Young couples in the GTA are moving farther out to find affordable housing in communities like Barrie, which has a GO Train and bus service. Consequently Barrie families seeking that small town feel are moving to hamlets like Wyevalle. Large lots and spacious quality built homes with municipal water and surrounded by forests and farm fields make it an idyllic setting.

Limited availability

According to the Southern Georgian Bay Real Estate Association, 2015 marked an 8-year high in the number of sales, followed by a 30% surge in 2016 and a slowdown of 20.3% in 2017 due to a shortage of listings. Listings are now at their lowest levels since the 1990s and down 14.5% from 2016.

Changing expectations and priorities

Peel and stick tiles, faux wood paneling (that vaguely resembled wood after a couple of glasses of wine), plywood kitchen cabinets, small bedrooms and electric baseboard heating were typical of “home built” cottages built in the 1960s and ’70s. Newer homes constructed in the past 10 years have trended towards 1500-2000 sq. ft. raised bungalows with three bedrooms, two baths, hardwood floors, granite counters, etc. This has dramatically increased the “average” sale price in Tiny.

Buyer priorities have also shifted: many are now purchasing retirement homes. The newer, the better so that they don’t have to worry about maintenance. Municipal water and natural gas heat are preferred, along with locations convenient to town, shopping and medical services.

If you are thinking of selling in the future, a wise idea is to have a real estate professional in for an appraisal and advice on how to increase your home’s value. There are many simple and cost-effective tips, such as decluttering, a good cleaning inside and out plus some basic staging. Make finishing all those maintenance projects on your “to do list” for years a priority. You may be pleasantly surprised at the price appreciation of your home or cottage.

Irene Wilson, a Director of the Southern Georgian Bay Association of Realtors and Chair of Education Committee, is also a Sales Representative for Georgian Bay Dream Team, Remax Georgian Bay Realty Ltd.

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Report on Council

Mayor: George Cornell
Deputy Mayor: Steffen Walma
Councillors: Cindy Hastings, Richard Hinton (until his death on August 25) and Gibb Wishart

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A book of condolences for Councillor Richard Hinton is available for the public to sign in the entry to the Town Hall Offices
- Official Declaration of Vacancy of Office. Note that since Councillor Hinton's death occurred within 90 days of the election, there will be no by-election. His name will not appear on the ballot
- Tiny Connect — sign up at www.tinyconnect.ca
- Tree clearing in Balm Beach area, September through October 2018, to remove brush overhanging the road
- Concession 16 West culvert replacement, September 17, 2018 for approximately three weeks
- Township Memorial for Richard Hinton, Municipal Office, 130 Balm Beach Road West, Friday, October 5, 2018, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Tiny Beach Road South Drainage Works, October 9, 2018
- Municipal election, October 22, 2018
- Budget meetings, December 12 (changed from the 17th), 2018, January 21, 2019, February 4, 2019

TINY RAIL TRAIL AND CONCESSION 2E BRIDGE:

The Township was selected to receive Trans Canada Trail Funding for the rehabilitation of the Concession 2E Bridge (\$62,000) and trail surface upgrades between Concession 3 and the Township Line (\$30,000). The funding covers only 35% of the estimated cost of these projects, and so, in May, after some discussion Council decided that the Township would contribute the balance. Over the next ten years, the Heritage Advisory Committee is to fundraise the Township's share of bridge rehabilitation monies.

SEPTAGE REPORT:

In May, Anne Egan of Burnside & Associates submitted a chronological update of activities undertaken by the Township regarding septage during the current Council's period in office. This included the appointment of a study team led by Burnside & Associates to evaluate options open to Tiny for managing its septage. The team reported on possible partnerships with the five municipalities that border Tiny and on moves made by the County of Simcoe regarding septage. There was correspondence and discussion with the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Parks asking whether the Ministry would consider ending the practice of land application in Tiny if an alternative facility were established. The Township learned that the MOE would be undertaking a policy and program review for hauled sewage (septage), but just when has not been revealed.
Council has decided to do nothing about septage treatment until the province requires it to do so. There have been assurances that the province would give the township five years to come up with a solution when ordered to do so.

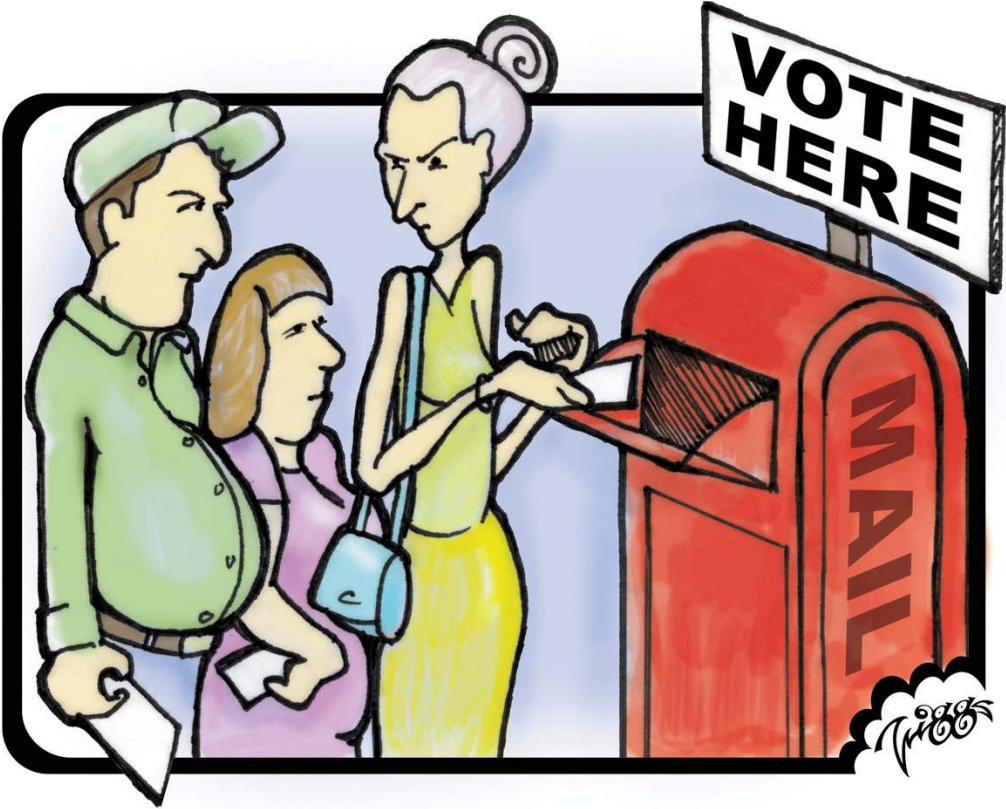
MAJOR SHORE PARK ISSUES AND TREW AVENUE:

Council set objectives and timelines for and made decisions about many matters concerning the five major shore parks in May - surveying park boundaries, dealing with encroachments, prohibition of smoking, signage, hours for parking and beach use, environmental signage, rules about BBQs and dogs, and several other matters.

At Balm Beach and 5 Parkside Drive, BBQs were forbidden and the by-law prohibiting dogs has been revised to include the recently purchased beach in front of the Surf Restaurant. Subsequently, Council decided that a by-law officer would be hired to police Trew Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., July 6 to September 3.

BALM BEACH MASTER PLAN:

After Tim Leitch, Director of Public Works, told Council about the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO's) Main Street Revitalization Funding, Council authorized the necessary funding agreement



Report Card: Tiny Township Council 2014-18

With the current term of Council drawing to a close, FoTTSA has summarized its accomplishments and outstanding challenges.
Council 2014-18 has:

- Worked well together and with staff
- Opposed the renewal of the Permit to Take Water for the washing of gravel in the Teedon pit in Concession 1 and looked for ways to stop the expansion of the pit into French's Hill in spite of the Province's control of aggregate
- Welcomed deputations from residents at meetings of Council and Town Hall Meetings
- Made meetings of Council accessible by means of live-streaming
- Supported residents' efforts to combat invasive species, notably watermilfoil in Farlain Lake and Phragmites australis at various points along the western shore (Woodland Beach, Wymbolwood, 8th Concession, Wahnekewening)
- Created a Strategic Plan to guide its actions
- Moved forward with master plans for major parks inland and on the shore, particularly Wyevale, Lafontaine, and Balm
- Installed LED street lights and deposited the savings into a "Climate Action and Energy Plan Reserve"
- Set up a Municipal Heritage Register to raise awareness of Township history
- Looked for ways to improve internet access by supporting SWIFT and the North Simcoe Broadband Gap Analysis, and by keeping a sharp eye on the erection of communications towers in the township
- Gradually implemented an effective parking strategy to ensure that all township residents can get to the beach while respecting private shore ownership
- Encouraged staff to pursue grants that would help finance upgraded infrastructure, recreation, and resources for seniors and youth

But has not:

- Resolved the septage issue
- Decided what to do about the Municipal Offices — renovate or rebuild, and if the latter, on the same site or elsewhere
- Adequately addressed issues of living in Tiny for aging seniors
- Been fully transparent about shore land acquisition. Legal fees and the like are scattered through the long budget, which is not generally accessible. Decisions about land are made in camera.

and recommended that the grant monies (\$48,000) be earmarked for Balm Beach revitalization. Council further directed staff to survey the community, including at the Balm Beach Family Fun Day, to determine priorities for the use of the money and develop a plan to solicit community input on the revitalization. The Township has until 2020 to spend the funding.

ENCROACHMENTS ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY:

The Township's encroachment policy was enforced at Concession 19 West and Farlain Lake in response to complaints. Moveable objects were tagged and if not removed in a week, they were to be removed at the owners' expense. The owners of the encroaching objects then produced legal agreements allowing their presence and produced evidence of long-term use. The final outcome has still to be decided.

BREASTFEEDING:

Council approved a breastfeeding friendly place policy.

ADDITIONS TO MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER:

- Two-storey cobblestone house (built 1880, 2nd storey and section to right added later) at 480 Concession 5 West
- Wymbolwood Beach Lodge and a rental unit (both built 1930) at 628 Tiny Beaches Road South

NORTH SIMCOE BROADBAND GAP ANALYSIS:

The project learned that almost 80% of residential properties, 68% of seasonal properties, and almost 71% of commercial properties in North Simcoe have internet access. However, many (32.4% residential, 30.85% seasonal, and 19.66% commercial) are "under served," having a download speed of 5 Mbps or less given that the CRTC's 2016 policy saw a download speed of 50 Mbps and an upload speed of 10 Mbps as desirable. Unhappily, North Simcoe partners rank in the bottom 25th percentile when compared to other regions and cities for which data are available.

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Opinion: Front Lot Owners - Check Your Title

By IAN FERGUSON, GEORGINA BEACH

The lands making up the Township of Tiny were acquired by Treaty in 1818 and subsequently surveyed for the first time by John Goessman during the late months of 1821 and much of 1822. He was paid for his services in the form of eight blocks of land along the shoreline of the Township of Tiny, which were eventually subdivided into several hundred lots now referred to as the “Goessman lots.”

The Executive Council of the Province of Upper Canada determined that the waterfront patents in Tiny Township should extend to the water’s edge of Nottawasaga Bay with a provision that “free access to the Beach may be had by all Vessels Boats and Persons.” The intent of this provision remains confusing and in case law has been found to be “void for uncertainty.” In the latter part of the 1800s it was determined that a 66-foot right of way provision should be included along the shoreline of a navigable body of water (excluding the Great Lakes). An attempt to add this provision to the Goessman lots many years after the grant was made has resulted in a great deal of confusion and legal costs in the Township of Tiny. Check your title.

In addition, several lots initially granted to various churches were returned to the province and sold through the government created Canada Company with what has been determined to be unenforceable provisions. Today these are referred to as “Canada Company” lots. Again, check your title.

In 1911, the government passed the Beds of Navigable Waters Act, which determined that the upland owner’s property on the shoreline of a navigable body of water ended at the water’s edge. Any property covered by a navigable body of water was referred to as “the bed of a navigable water” and belonged to the Crown.

By 1916 the Department of Lands and Forests was advocating a policy that the bed of a navigable body of water extended to the “high water mark,” later defined “as a line on the beach to which it can be shown the water has risen for a period of time.” That same policy was adopted by the Director of Legal Offices and the Surveyor General for the Province of Ontario. It was mandated that this line be shown on all waterfront surveys around the Great Lakes although it had no recognized legal standing. Initially, surveyors would add the notation “extending to the water’s edge” on the water side of this line or depict it as a broken or dotted line indicating it was not intended as a limiting property line.

However, by the early 1920s the Surveyor General’s Office was advocating the use of a solid line between the water’s edge and the upland property approximating the “high water mark”, which was assumed by the Department of Lands and Forests, the Surveyor General and the Registry Office to be the legally defining boundary of a navigable body of water. There was no legal basis for this assumption and today it is the basis for numerous boundary hearing disputes and court litigation. Check your title.

In 1940 the Statute Law Amendment Act was passed, which legalized the placement of a “high water mark”, and survey crews were sent out to establish the exact location of this newly legislated “high water mark” around all of the Great Lakes and navigable bodies of water where patent reserves did not exist. A survey crew did not arrive in Tiny Township until 1945, and the location of the line demarking the bed of the lake or “high water mark” was not identified and registered in the Barrie Registry Office for the shoreline of Tiny Township until early 1946. Many plans of subdivision were approved during this period without knowing the location of this “high water mark”. The issue was further complicated by the determination of this new “high water mark” without any reference or consideration of the old “high water mark” already established on most registered plans of subdivision by the local surveyors. Check your title.

The legislation of 1940 extended the bed of navigable bodies of water up to the newly established “high water mark” and was, in effect, expropriation without compensation. In 1951, primarily as a result of mounting lawsuits, the province passed The Beds of Navigable Waters Amendment Act, which repealed and expunged the 1940 legislation. In the aftermath, the province did not reattach the expropriated beach property to the abutting properties from which it had been severed and the Ministry of Natural Resources again attempted to enforce their earlier policy of assuming ownership up to this new but now expunged “high water mark”.

This is a true chronology of the facts and would be outright laughable if it were not for the excessive legal costs that are a direct result of these legislative acts and policies of the Ontario government. The Barrie Registry

Office reflects the result of none of these legislative acts as it is simply a depository for documents submitted for registration. There is no Expropriation Book reflecting the expropriation of 1940 and its abandonment in 1951. The abandoned beach property remained without a PIN (property identification number) while the MNR continued to claim ownership based solely on pre-1940 provincial policy.

This claim of ownership up to a “high water mark” on the shoreline of a navigable body of water by the MNR was finally litigated in Attorney General for Ontario v. Walker (1975) and it is now generally understood that without an explicit reservation or exception, a waterfront property on a navigable body of water, including the front lot properties of Tiny Township, extends to the water’s edge and not just to the “high water mark” as shown on their plan of survey or plan of subdivision, unless explicitly determined to be otherwise. Check your title.

Recent cases have relied heavily, not on survey evidence which arguably may be incorrect, but rather on the “intention” of the owner and/or subdivider at the time the plan of subdivision was created.

Front lot property owners in Tiny Township should check with a titles expert or surveyor to determine if an abandoned/unclaimed beach block exists between their upland property and the water’s edge. You may be the rightful owner of this beach block but will be required to register your claim in Land Titles Qualified or Absolute based on riparian rights or adverse possession.

As the province converts property from the Registry system to Land Titles, it is working to have every square inch of property in Tiny Township included in a PIN and registered to a taxpayer. The Township of Tiny is making every effort to acquire title to unclaimed beach blocks in a variety of ways either directly or indirectly, working mostly in camera, and are being advised to move quickly before the front lot owners can obtain legal guidance or get organized.

The status quo cannot be maintained. My family was told by the subdivider that they had purchased waterfront property to the water’s edge in 1967. We were surprised to learn (Motion #427/17& By-Law 17-101 in camera Dec. 18/17) that the township intended to acquire this beach block in front of my property and put it in a trust with the township being the sole trustee. A special property tax was then to be applied to this block, and if unpaid, after three years, the property would become available for sale by auction or acquired directly by the township. The Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beaches & Ratepayers Association, which owns a portion of this beach on the same Plan 874 and is registered in Land Titles Qualified to the water’s edge in this name, learned the township was working to reverse this designation and include it in the trust. A lawyer was hired and the township appears now to have abandoned their effort to place this beach block in a trust using Section 31 of the Land Titles Act. Check your title and contact an expert surveyor before it is too late to do so.

I am not a lawyer or a surveyor and the facts and opinions in this article are mine alone and may be incomplete, inaccurate, or both. If you wish to learn more please call me, Ian Ferguson, at 705-361-1625.

FoTTSA’s Response to O.P. Draft 3

To: MHBC Planning and Shawn Persaud, Director of Planning and Development; and also to Mayor George Cornell, Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma, and Councillors Cindy Hastings, Richard Hinton and Gibb Wishart

The Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations is pleased to see that many of the minor slips of syntax, grammar and spelling in Drafts 1 and 2 have been corrected. As a result, draft 3 of the Official Plan Update is clearer and smoother than the earlier drafts. A few errors that remain are listed at the end of this “Response”.

Although MHBC Planning says that the vision in the 2001 Official Plan (OP) continues to reflect the approach that the Township of Tiny wants to maintain, it failed to include that vision in its updated versions of the OP. That vision statement was put together by a number of citizen committees back in 1999 and 2000. It strikes a friendly note at the beginning of a long, complex document and establishes tone and perspective. We urge, again, that it be re-instated.

In the second draft of the updated OP, MHBC Planning proposed to place population growth in the three to five years the county needs to complete a county-wide population study in the Shoreline designation. MHBC found space by failing to impose the county’s expanded Greenlands designation in the Shoreline. We were deeply dismayed at this move, since it was definitely not an Environment First (as proposed in the old OP) approach nor even an Environmentally Focussed one (to use the language of the revised OPs). Draft 3 fudges the issue, providing “for a combination of vacant Settlement Area lands and existing lots of record in the Shoreline to accommodate the forecasted population until such time as the County Municipal Comprehensive Review is completed” (A.3.1.8). Yet, according to A.3.1.2, the “majority of the areas proposed by the County of Simcoe to proceed to an environmental land use category were based on the presence of natural heritage features and areas, including Significant Woodlands, Significant Valleylands, Regional Areas of Natural Scientific Interest, and Other Wetlands two (2) hectares or larger”.

In spite of some improvements in B.9 and B.10, we continue to be dismayed at the updated OP’s handling of Aggregate Resources. We understand that the township must conform to the Province’s policies and to the County of Simcoe’s plan, but we see no reason why our OP can’t say that we are unwilling hosts to gravel pit operations for many reasons, many of them environmental, some to do with our agricultural base, others to do our history.

Mineral Aggregate Resources One (regarding existing mineral aggregate operations) is worrying, as aggregate resources are not subject to the policies of the Environmental Protection or Greenlands designations except where specifically referred to in this section. At the very least we would like to see the order of the “Objectives” reversed — making the sequence d) (re minimal environmental and social cost), c), a), and finally b) (protecting aggregate operations... from activities that would preclude or hinder their continued use

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...OFFICIAL PLAN continued from page 5 or expansion). We would also like you to remove “asphalt” from the list of permitted uses. And we think that B.9.3.3 (which speaks about portable asphalt and concrete plants in the Greenlands designation) should replace the word “discouraged” with the word “forbidden”. The notion of “protecting” the expansion of current mineral aggregate operations doesn’t belong in this section. Also, sometimes it is not clear just what is being protected — aggregates or neighbouring uses.

We are somewhat relieved to see that considerable rearguard action is contemplated in the section on Mineral Aggregate Resources Two (areas of known deposits of mineral aggregate resources), since the township must consider the effect and mitigation measures of a new or expanded mineral aggregate permit on many important factors. These include groundwater, surface water, and cultural heritage. At the very least, paying for all these studies and peer reviews will be prohibitively expensive for prospective gravel pit owners. We are also relieved to see that no new aggregate operation is to be allowed within key aspects of the Provincial Natural Heritage System. Unfortunately, the emphasis is still on protecting aggregates “from development that may preclude or hinder the establishment of future mineral aggregate operations in these areas”.

Many will be pleased to see that new septage spreading proposals require an amendment to the OP and the implementing by-law. Likewise, many will feel that the tree cutting and site alteration by-laws are good additions to the OP, as is a new section on dark sky lighting.

Finally, with regard to E.13.1: There have been a generous number of open houses and the required public meeting prior to Council considering the adoption on the updated OP. It is not clear that there will be similar occasions for public scrutiny of the implementing by-law. We hope so.

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On behalf of Richard Hinton, we would like to thank all of you for your support over the past four years and also for what we believe would have been Richard's second term of office.

He loved being a Councillor more than anything he did throughout his long, and varied career. The connection he made with so many of you across Tiny Township was special and he made many good friendships as a result.

We hope that all of the goals and visions which Richard believed in, will carry on and continue to improve the lives of those who call Tiny their home and vacation place.

Thank you so much,

Cathy, Brittany and Zackary Hinton



Richard Hinton
September 25, 1964 – August 25, 2018.

In Fond Memory of Richard Hinton

By Andrew Chomentowski, CAWAJA BEACH

Andrew Chomentowski presented the remarks below at a memorial service for Richard Hinton. Among his many accomplishments, Richard was an active member of the Cawaja Beach community, owner of the Cawaja Pines Store, a Tiny Township Councillor, and a friend of FoTTSA.

In today's program, I was described as a Cawaja Beach friend of Richard's.

That might lead some of you to conclude that we spent a lot of time sitting on the beach, possibly enjoying a beverage together.

I won't say that it never happened, but Richard was not a "sit around" kind of guy. There was always an issue that he and I had to address. Richard cared for the community and was determined to make life better for us all.

We met around 2001 when Richard was invited to a meeting.

He was elected to the Cawaja Board in 2002 and immediately was selected president. Under Richard's leadership there was a dramatic change in the Board's approach to issues.

In meeting minutes from 2003 I found the following excerpt: "The Board... decided that it was in the best interest of the CPOA to mediate... rather than to fight."

Richard had a rare gift. During a dispute, he would meet privately with the protagonists on all sides of an issue. He found the common ground, and at the formal meeting, he led them to the solution.

Over the years, Richard and I worked on municipal election campaigns, sat on the Community Policing Committee, worked with the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations, and most recently on the organizing committee for the 4th Annual Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament, which was a huge success largely due to his efforts.

Richard was an honest man and a great friend, an exceptional fundraiser, and an incredible community leader. He will be greatly missed.

Cathy, Brittany, Zack — from the Chomentowski and Berry families please accept our most heartfelt condolences. Richard touched every member of our family. We will remember him.

I'll leave you with this one last memory.

When I entered the Cawaja Pines Store Richard would look up above his glasses, break into a big smile and say, "Uh oh, watch out. Here comes trouble!"

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I'll miss that. I'll miss you, Richard.

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Tiny Cottager Reader Surveys: Here's What You Said

By LYNNE ARCHIBALD, NOTTAWASAGA BEACH

Thank you to the 451 readers who responded to our readership survey this spring. Your opinions and suggestions are already helping shape the future.

After the Spring 2018 *Tiny Cottager* was mailed to all Tiny residences and businesses, we sent out a questionnaire to our email subscriber list and were overwhelmed by a fantastic response from over 35% of these readers. We also sent different surveys to all the shoreline associations that belong to FoTTSA, and to our advertisers. These surveys also generated a gratifying response.

One of the suggestions from readers was that many of you would like to receive *The Tiny Cottager* digitally as well as in print. With this issue we have started emailing a link to the online pdf version of *The Tiny Cottager*. We have also made it easier than ever to read complete back issues on the site.

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Another recommendation made by many was for a bigger, better website. We are happy to announce that our newly reformatted website, www.tinycottager.org is up and running.

We asked you which topics you would like to read about in *The Tiny Cottager* and these are the top five:

- environmental concerns in Tiny Township — 91%
- Tiny Township Council activities & local government — 85%
- history of Tiny Township — 77%

- cultural activities in and around Tiny — 72%
- local charitable organizations and initiatives — 44%

We were also reminded of the famous quotation about not being able to please all of the people all of the time, particularly when it comes to

- editorial opinions — some of you would like to hear FoTTSA's perspective and others would like just the facts

- water levels — not enough/too darn much

One area that many of you asked us to write about more was real estate and in this issue contributor Irene Wilson has provided her insights (page 3). In future issues we will cover additional topics, including profiles of long-time local businesses and businesses new to Tiny.

Keep sending us your questions, concerns and opinions: secretary.fotts@tinycottager.org. We want to hear from you.



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issues consumed the remaining time.

The most recent CLC meeting took place on September 13, 2018. A shout of thanks go out to all the organizers and attendees for their continued support. Although our MPP Jill Dunlop and Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner were called to an emergency meeting of the House and could not attend, we were fortunate to have Beausoleil First Nations Chief Guy Monague in attendance. He spoke to the greater issues of First Nations' challenges across Canada and emphasized the importance of water as the lifeblood of our community.

The meeting was largely a report from CRH's hydrogeologist. CRH took a firm position that their operations and "no quarry worldwide" has negatively impacted groundwater. Their data to date, from seven new wells, confirm that the groundwater flows from east to west. Ironically, the previous hydrogeologist offered by the quarry was of the opinion the flow was only to the east. They also have taken a firm position that silted water cannot move laterally from the silt pond. This is curious, as we know of local groundwater springs that are milky with sediment. This conflicting information highlights why much more study is necessary.

Unfortunately, CRH have rejected the findings of hydrogeologist Wilf Ruland and dispute the opinion and findings of environmental geochemist William Shotyk (Professor and Bock Chair for Agriculture and the Environment at the University of Alberta), while praising their relationship with the inspector from the ministry.

John Cherry, a world-renowned hydrogeologist and Professor Emeritus at University of Waterloo, University of Saskatchewan and University of California, Berkeley states, "the wealth of the plains depends on the health of the hill." He also stated recently that "the single greatest threat to groundwater in Ontario is the Ministry of the Environment."

In conclusion, the reliability of the CRH opinion has to be weighed against the biased lens of their agenda. We should not be surprised by their findings. However, now that they have taken a clear position, it is time to challenge them with a set of "alternative facts" from key players and scientists whose only interest is the purity of the water.

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Volunteering on a Township Committee

By Scott Williams, Bluewater Beach

Are you task or goal oriented? Have some free time? Consider putting your skills, expertise and enthusiasm to use as a community member of any one of 11 township committees.

The *Tiny Cottager* asked Bonita Desroches, Director of Recreation, how committees contribute to life in the township. "Committees are the ears of the community," says Bonita. They help communicate township initiatives, but they also represent the interests and perspectives of residents.

They also help bring about change. For example, Community Recreation Advisory Committee members are actively involved in drafting the township's new recreation master plan.

What you'll get out of it

Most people volunteer because they want to contribute, but that's just one of the benefits. "Committee members have told me they really feel like a member of the community," says Bonita. "They have the opportunity to expand their horizons by meeting people they might not otherwise get to know or work with, by developing new skill sets, and by learning how government works at the municipal level."

We also asked Bonita how to know if you have what it takes to be a committee member.

"Number one is to have an interest in what you're applying for." The goal is not just to make a useful contribution, but to enjoy yourself in the process.

Bonita identifies two more useful attributes: being able to work as part of a team, and being available to attend one meeting a month or more — and possibly take on tasks between meetings. "These are working committees, not policy committees," explains Bonita.

Not convinced you have the skills needed? Not to worry. In 2010 the township initiated a volunteer program to help new members get up to speed.

Township of Tiny Committees

- **Accessibility Advisory Committee** — advises Council on promoting and facilitating a barrier-free community for all citizens including people with disabilities by removing and preventing barriers in municipal policies, programs and services.

- **Committee of Adjustment** — reviews and makes decisions on applications for the severance of land, validation of title, and granting of minor variances from the Zoning By-law. The committee has authority under the Planning Act to make decisions on these matters.

- **Community Recreation Advisory Committee** — provides township-wide perspective and input on all parks, recreation, beach and trail issues, including identifying opportunities for new program development and delivery.

- **Heritage Advisory Committee** — advises and assists Council on matters relating to historical and cul-

tural heritage, in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act.

- **Lafontaine Beach Park Master Plan Advisory Committee** — works with the township to achieve the goals and objectives of the Lafontaine Beach Park Master Plan, organizes the community to undertake specific projects and initiatives, and leads fundraising initiatives.

- **Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament Working Committee** — plans, coordinates and implements the annual tournament, the proceeds of which supported 15 local charities this year.

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- **Senior Advisory Committee** — advises Council on matters related to seniors' well-being and quality of life.

- **Tiny Trails & Active Transportation Sub-committee** — implements the Township Trails and Active Transportation Master Plan. The sub-committee confirms yearly priorities and presents projects and cost estimates to Council. The TTAT sub-committee is also to establish an educational and promotional strategy for trails and active transportation in the township, and promote trails use and non-motorized transportation.

- **Wyevalle Park Master Plan Implementation Committee** — works with the township to achieve the goals and objectives of the Wyevalle Park Master Plan, organizes the community to undertake specific projects and initiatives, and leads fundraising initiatives.

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2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION SPECIAL

YOUR GUIDE TO THE 2018 TINY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ELECTION

To help voters learn more about the four candidates for Tiny Council, as well as Mayor George Cornell and Deputy-Mayor Steffen Walma (both acclaimed), we invited them to answer eight questions. Their responses appear below.

For a glimpse into the workings of Tiny Council, see “Report on Council May-September” (page 4), as well as “Report Card: Tiny Township Council 2014-18” (page X).

Mayor



George Cornell (acclaimed)

1. From your perspective, what are the three most pressing issues facing the Township of Tiny?

- Continued investment in our infrastructure and the funding of optimal service improvements.
- Continued collaboration with our neighbouring municipalities in North Simcoe to strengthen and enhance our health care services, our economic development and the protection of our environment and water.
- Respectful and responsible use of your tax dollars.

2. What do you see as the greatest opportunities and challenges for growth and expansion?

The greatest challenge for growth is the provincial growth plan, which will restrict growth in Tiny, including in our hamlet areas due to our lack of municipal sewer and water services. Our opportunities for selective growth will be in our existing designated lands and approved developments. Any growth should be complementary to our community and its natural character and charm.

3. What suggestions do you have for making Tiny a better place to live and work?

- Continue to create a more connected community through partnerships and improved accessibility through technology and transit. With the new County of Simcoe transit route, how do we get our residents to the bus stops — partner with the Beausoleil First Nation (BFN) bus from Cedar Point and implement an Uber style program in Tiny (similar to the town of Innisfil's).
- Continue to improve and create recreational opportunities in support of active lifestyles, multi-use trails and beach facilities.
- Implement our age-friendly community plan through our Seniors Advisory and soon to be established Youth Advisory Committees.

4. If you could change one thing, what would it be?

Actually there is not one specific thing I would change. I am honoured to be in the position (as an acclaimed candidate) to continue to work on the priorities as identified through our community-based strategic plan. Recognizing that the plan needs to be revisited on an ongoing basis, I look forward to doing this through community engagement at our Council/Committee and town hall meetings.

5. What innovative project(s) or initiative(s) would enhance life in this area? What gap(s) would this fill?

- BFN bus partnership and an Uber program as referenced above to help fill our transit gap and improve accessibility.
- Look at partnerships to increase our affordable housing, not only for our seniors but for young people starting out. Consider a pilot program that would utilize “Tiny” homes using a hub and spoke model: individual residences supported by a common area for socializing and entertainment, community gardens — closing the affordable housing gap.

6. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the updated Official Plan?

First we need to recognize that our plan must conform to the County of Simcoe's plan and ultimately the Provincial Policy Statement.

- Strengths:
- Affordable housing initiative — secondary suites (outside shoreline)

- Enhanced environmental protection
- On farm diversification

Weaknesses:
I would agree with FoTTSA's feedback that a vision/mission/community statement upfront does make sense and I will support that being included in the final version. In fact, I understand that our planners, both in-house and our consultants, now agree as well.

Concern with the incorrect mapping as provided by the province with respect to agriculture and natural heritage mapping.

7. How important is it that Tiny upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure to improve Internet access for residents and business, particularly small business, to operate competitively here?

This is extremely important. We need to continue to improve broadband coverage throughout Tiny in terms of affordable high speed access and cellular service to support the growth of home-based businesses and e-commerce, and to improve the township's operational efficiency and effectiveness. (SWIFT and the North Simcoe Broadband Gap Analysis are two initiatives currently underway in support of this.)

8. What personal experience and traits would serve you well as an elected member of the township council?

Eight years on Council in Tiny — four as a councillor and the last four years as Mayor.

I am a Civil Engineer with over 25 years of business experience in a corporate and entrepreneurial environment.

I have been very engaged in our community as a volunteer on boards, past chair of the Airport Commission and golf tournament fund raisers. Along with my wife, Sandy, co-founder of the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre.

I consider myself a good listener and a good negotiator, and value the input and collaboration of a team approach to resolving challenges and acting on opportunities.

Deputy Mayor



Steffen Walma (acclaimed)

1. From your perspective, what are the three most pressing issues facing the Township of Tiny?

- Improving cellular and internet connectivity. Our North Simcoe partnership and \$60,000 investment in gap analysis will move us to the forefront in the SWIFT program.
- Expanding source water protection. The current legislation only protects municipal wellheads. As 70% of the township is on private systems; we need to better protect our water.
- Aging infrastructure continues to be Tiny's Achilles' Heel with respect to budgets. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing designated Tiny low risk in all areas of financial health except infrastructure, where we see moderate risk. Re-implementing the special infrastructure levy and cutting costs will help.

2. What do you see as the greatest opportunities and challenges for growth and expansion?

I believe an opportunity exists in the county's new Linx transit system. The new service runs from Penetang to Barrie with a stop in Tiny. If we can provide linking transportation options (Uber being my favourite, see below) we make our large geographical area so much smaller, which will make some of our rural lots more attractive and developable, thus helping with some of

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Ryan Malenfant, Claire Thibideau

our growth restrictions put in place through the provincial growth plan.

3. What suggestions do you have for making Tiny a better place to live and work?

I think the biggest recommendation I can make is for people to stay involved and get engaged. Council is always looking for new, innovative ways to close gaps. We listen to our residents' ideas and concerns and talk with neighbouring municipalities and experts about solutions. Tiny is huge and we need input from all corners of the township. Join a committee, email Council, watch meetings (or at least parts) on YouTube.

Continued partnership with EDCNS (Economic Development Corporation Of North Simcoe) will help Tiny's economic landscape. Job creation via light industry, in both Tiny and in our neighbouring municipalities, will be key to keeping young families in the area.

4. If you could change one thing, what would it be?

Hard one. How much lawyers cost.

5. What innovative project(s) or initiative(s) would enhance life in this area? What gap(s) would this fill?

- Uber! It's not an original idea: Innisfil has already implemented and won awards for partnering with Uber. The concept is to subsidize Uber fares to certain services (municipal office, hospital, etc.) from your home and back. Uber is a cheaper service than standard cabs and the municipality would subsidize a percentage of the fare. Obviously there's lots of research to be done but I see it as way to close the transportation gap and potentially provide income to our youth and senior residents.

- Mobile Splash Pad! Check out my Facebook page for details.

6. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the updated Official Plan?

Weakness: source water protection mapping only including protection for municipal wellheads.

Strength: Secondary suites included. Affordable housing is challenging to come by. If we want to attract more youth to the area, even our own children, accommodations have to be affordable. There's no point in bolstering the job market in Tiny if our workforce can't afford to live here.

7. How important is it that Tiny upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure to improve Internet access for residents and business, particularly small business, to operate competitively here?

Telecommunications is a huge factor. In today's world you can't function without the Internet. It's been deemed an essential service by the CRTC. I would like to investigate what other avenues can be explored using the gap analysis data for the SWIFT program. Can the township build its own towers and rent space to providers like Rogers and Bell?

8. What personal experience and traits would serve you well as an elected member of the township council?

I love learning and like to think I am a rational thinker with an open mind. I did my undergrad at McMaster in Kinesiology and recently completed my Masters Certificate in Municipal Leadership through York University. I grew up in Penetang but I've been a Tiny resident for six years now with my wife Morgan, and two kids, Ronan and Isla. I hope the combination of my education and local knowledge will continue to be an asset to the council team. I have thoroughly enjoyed my four years of service and I'm looking forward to the next four. Thank you!

All-Candidates Meeting October 2 at 5:30pm

Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors Centre
300 Balm Beach Road West
The Meeting will be televised on Rogers TV

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Councillor



Cindy Hastings

1. From your perspective, what are the three most pressing issues facing the Township of Tiny?

• Water, water, water — drinking, recreational and management. We can't take clean water for granted and need to better protect our water sources. Climate change will require more strategies to deal with drainage networks.

• Aging Infrastructure — many assets have reached the end of their lifespan. The 1% infrastructure levy for the last four years was a great start but more discussion and planning must take place.

• Recreational cannabis — it's coming on October 17, ready or not. No level of government is ready, and we need to contemplate our role regarding bylaw enforcement, zoning, workplace guidelines and emergency services.

2. What do you see as the greatest opportunities and challenges for growth and expansion?

Provincial policy, and our Official Plan, support growth in our settlement areas. Unfortunately, there is little room left within our settlement boundaries and the province won't allow us to expand our boundaries or re-direct the limited capacity we do have to the appropriate locations. As mandated by the province, the county is now responsible for completing a comprehensive review to determine where municipalities can grow. Given that we will be "competing" for growth with neighbours who have full services, Tiny is unlikely to receive a significant allocation. Regardless, Tiny's population target under the Growth Plan to 2031 is only 12,500.

3. What suggestions do you have for making Tiny a better place to live and work?

We need to continue to follow our Strategic Plan. Residents gave their voice to this initiative and told us what they want for Tiny. Several initiatives are well under way and need to continue. These include improving the beach experience, tackling invasive species, building out park master plans, improving our trail system and cycling routes, improving township communication to residents, youth engagement, and supporting community volunteer initiatives. We are just getting started on the Local Aging Plan, improvements to telecommunications, and economic development with our partners at EDCNS and the County.

4. If you could change one thing, what would it be?

I would like more input and control over issues that fall under provincial and federal jurisdictions that greatly impact our municipality. Since this is unlikely to happen, what we can do is strengthen our efforts to build relationships with our provincial and federal staff and politicians. We must take advantage of every opportunity to meet with them to share both our challenges and successes, on our own and jointly with our neighbouring municipalities. These efforts would hopefully lead to a more collaborative approach on some issues.

5. What innovative project(s) or initiative(s) would enhance life in this area? What gap(s) would this fill?

• Transportation was identified as a significant gap in our Strategic Plan, Local Aging Plan and Recreation Master Plan. Traditional bus service is too expensive and does not serve the needs of our large, rural municipality. Subsidizing Uber rides and expanding existing services need to be explored.

• Mobile food bus — it would support local growers by delivering fresh produce to residents. A secondary component would see slightly imperfect fresh food, slated to be wasted, get into the hands of residents dealing with food insecurity.

• Source water protection for private wells — provincial legislation does not extend to private wells. We can work with the SSEA to incorporate best practices from the Source Protection Plan.

6. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the updated Official Plan?

Our new Draft Official Plan reflects provincial policy. While it does contain some good substance, there is no ability to include anything contrary to the provincial plan.

Strengths:

- More environmental protection
- Opportunities for affordable housing outside the shoreline area

- Opportunities for on-farm diversified uses
- Policies for development of Housing for Older Persons

Weaknesses:

- Absence of a Community Intro, Vision Statement, Strategies, etc.

- Inaccurate provincial mapping
- Lack of local control

7. How important is it that Tiny upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure to improve Internet access for residents and business, particularly small business, to operate competitively here?

Last term Tiny partnered with other North Simcoe municipalities on a broadband gap analysis. 70% of residents, and 70% of commercial businesses, do not achieve 50 Mbps, the CRTC policy goal for bandwidth. Others have no service. These deficiencies affect how residents enjoy their properties and preclude many from working from their homes or cottages. It also impacts the efficiency of local businesses and their use of e-commerce. Technology in the agricultural sector increasingly requires good connectivity. This is an area that will require a multi-pronged approach – funding applications, lobbying providers and discussions on adding infrastructure.

8. What personal experience and traits would serve you well as an elected member of the township council?

I have been fortunate to enjoy a diversified career that has taken me from the advertising business to the building industry. Being on Council has greatly added to my experience. I am just as enthusiastic but now also understand policies and procedures required to get the work done. I work well as part of a team and always strive for respect amongst council members, staff and residents. I always do my homework and come prepared for discussions. I have continued my passion for volunteering. It is a good way to connect with community and enhance the lives of our residents.

Councillor



Tony Mintoff

1. From your perspective, what are the three most pressing issues facing the Township of Tiny?

• The need to increase employment opportunities for Tiny residents. Currently, only 7% of residents enjoy local employment (Statistics Canada).

• The need to expedite major improvements to high-speed Internet and cell access/reception. Business and environmentally-friendly light industry won't locate in Tiny without these fundamental tools.

• The need to apply stringent cost-containment principles to ensure that services are provided as efficiently, effectively, and affordably as possible.

2. What do you see as the greatest opportunities and challenges for growth and expansion?

• Opportunity — creating more employment that provides decent wages and benefits by encouraging businesses and environmentally-friendly light industries to locate/relocate in Tiny.

• Challenge — lack of adequate internet/cell reception.

• Challenge — do Tiny residents really want to see a great deal of growth and expansion? Tiny currently affords a very nice lifestyle but improvements in recreational options would be well-received by most.

• Opportunity and challenge — our greatest natural resource is our beaches. Make them more accessible to residents by giving each household a free parking pass. The challenge is to do so while still respecting the rights of waterfront/beachfront owners.

3. What suggestions do you have for making Tiny a better place to live and work?

• Enhancing by-law enforcement activities from complaint-driven to a more proactive approach, especially in respect of by-laws such as the Clean Yards and Property Standards by-laws.

• Encourage/create employment so residents can actually work here.

• Improved internet/cell reception.

• Continue to improve local parks and recreational facilities, and make non-motorized water sports such as paddle boarding available for rental at all major beach parks to promote active and healthy lifestyles.

• Keeping property taxes under control by implementing a cost-containment program that would solicit ideas from staff and the public on how we can provide services more cost-effectively.

4. If you could change one thing, what would it be?

To have Council members have a better understanding of the day-to-day operations of the major depart-

ments so they can be better informed about future budget requests and also to encourage more effective and efficient ways to deliver services. Although Council's primary role is to set policies, they also need to oversee the management of the operations that implement their policies.

5. What innovative project(s) or initiative(s) would enhance life in this area? What gap(s) would this fill?

Finding a solution to our seepage issues and pressuring the province to ban the dumping of solid waste on farmer's fields once a solution is achieved.

6. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the updated Official Plan?

In my opinion, both the Provincial policies regarding growth and development and the County of Simcoe Official Plan place very stringent limitations on lower-tier municipalities like Tiny to have any meaningful ability to self-determine their desired growth plans. AMO should be pressuring the province to provide more autonomy to lower-tier municipalities so their Official Plans can truly reflect the wishes of the municipality. Currently, the exercise of adopting a local Official Plan, although a requirement, is virtually meaningless.

7. How important is it that Tiny upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure to improve Internet access for residents and business, particularly small business, to operate competitively here?

As mentioned earlier, these improvements are essential and this initiative relates directly to one of my major platform goals, which is to create more employment, including home-based self-employment.

8. What personal experience and traits would serve you well as an elected member of the township council?

I have 40 years of experience, most at the senior management level at both the municipal and provincial levels, in the field of public fire protection. I have developed sound analytical and critical-thinking skills that enable me to quickly grasp the essence of issues and I have a sound appreciation for what I believe to be the three pillars of effective municipal management: efficiency, effectiveness and affordability.

Having served as the township's Director of Fire and Emergency Services for the past six years, I have developed a sound understanding of the political process and the many issues facing Tiny.

Councillor



Andrew Rankin

1. From your perspective, what are the three most pressing issues facing the Township of Tiny?

(See Andrew's response to Question 3.)

2. What do you see as the greatest opportunities and challenges for growth and expansion?

I feel that it's important to have regulated and controlled expansion with one eye always on environmental concerns. It's important to find a balance so that the natural beauty of our community is not compromised.

3. What suggestions do you have for making Tiny a better place to live and work?

I love living and working in Tiny. As a relatively new full-time resident, I may not be aware of certain issues, but I enjoy personal interaction and I would be pleased to listen to any comments or concerns regarding the quality of life that we all share.

4. If you could change one thing, what would it be?

I would encourage more people to participate more actively. I am aware of many dedicated residents and volunteers, but feel that the more people who get involved in their community, the more our township will benefit.

5. What innovative project(s) or initiative(s) would enhance life in this area? What gap(s) would this fill?

Education for full- and part-time residents regarding environmental protection from invasive species, pollution, water usage, and residential concerns such as development of forested land. I feel that education would encourage people to take greater ownership in our community.

6. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the updated Official Plan?

I have not studied the Official Plan in detail, but I feel that such a plan must be fluid and evolving. It will always be a work in progress, and I would like to be part of the process.

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7. How important is it that Tiny upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure to improve Internet access for residents and business, particularly small business, to operate competitively here?

Any telecommunications upgrade will have to be done in conjunction with providers, landowners, Council and the population. Slow, interrupted service is a concern for all of us and must be addressed.

8. What personal experience and traits would serve you well as an elected member of the township council?

I don't have an agenda other than public service. Most of my career has been in the service industry, from private club management to retail and retail management. I have a lifelong connection to Tiny, first as a lake-side cottager and now as a back lot resident. Being semi-retired, I have lots of time to direct my energy towards our township.

Councillor



Gibb Wishart

1. From your perspective, what are the three most pressing issues facing the Township of Tiny?

- Water taking at the gravel pit at French's Hill. The pit operator is looking to increase water taking to an extreme amount. We need to resist this request.
- The pit operator also wants to mine gravel down to within 6 feet of the water table. The level must be significantly raised to protect what is considered the purest water in the world. What's more important in the long run? Some gravel or pristine water?

- Controlling abusive beach visitors who drive too fast, park illegally, and misuse our public and private beaches.

2. What do you see as the greatest opportunities and challenges for growth and expansion?

- Secondary units (apartments) — the challenge is to control where they are built and why. For affordable housing or just to put money in the homeowner's pocket?
- Many artists and artisans in Tiny work in obscurity. We need to build a meeting place where they could display and sell their work — everyone from a boat builder to a painter to a timber framer.
- We have limited opportunity to create more buildable lots, and 350 acres at Huronia District Airport could be used for homes or businesses and employment. The land is federally controlled, but it can be done.

3. What suggestions do you have for making Tiny a better place to live and work?

It's simply to get Internet providers to install high speed Internet across the board.

4. If you could change one thing, what would it be?

I would likely favour giving municipalities more control over outside influences, e.g., The Green Energy Act. If we are unwilling to be a host to some brainchild of the province, then we should be able to turn away an applicant.

5. What innovative project(s) or initiative(s) would enhance life in this area? What gap(s) would this fill?

Again — high speed Internet. The world is moving away from working in the office as long as they can adequately communicate.

6. What do you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the Official Plan?

The new Official Plan tightens controls in many areas such as building and developing in general, but still we are often not given the authority we would like. Some upper tier government is telling us what to do and where, almost as if we don't know how to govern properly.

7. How important is it that Tiny upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure to improve Internet access for residents and business, particularly small

business, to operate competitively here?

Upgraded telecommunications infrastructure is critical to this area, especially to operate business at any level. Because of the lack of high speed Internet, the airport has been turned down by a considerable number of investors who would otherwise like to locate there.

8. What personal experience and traits would serve you well as an elected member of the township council?

From experience, I bring a willingness to engage the public. You can reach me through the township office (705 526-4204), my home office (705-527-6006) or my cell (705-529-1373), or email me at gibbw007@aol.com. I also bring to the table 22 years of involvement in municipal government — eight in Tiny. I've had the good fortune to work with a great Council (our existing one) and I've worked with truly difficult ones and still accomplished good things for people. I will always listen and carry your position to Council even if I don't agree with it; they always need to be heard.

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- telephone the Clerk's Office at 705-526-4204, or
- visit the Municipal Office in person

You can check for each eligible voter in your household on "Am I on the Voters' List?" This online check asks for your first and last name, and the number and street of your Tiny Township property or its roll number. It does not respond to an address outside of Tiny.

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What's in the vote-by-mail kit

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- ballot
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- yellow return envelope

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4. Sign the voter declaration form
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Care and Feeding of Your Septic System

BY AL TAYLOR, KINGSWOOD ACRES

Flush and it's gone. No worries, right? Wrong. Everyone in Tiny is on a septic system or a holding tank. We'll just cover septics in this article since holding tanks are another story.

The basics: household drains connect to a septic tank and a leaching bed beside your house. The tank is either cement or polyethylene with openings and lids on top for pump-outs. Wastewater goes out to the leaching bed by gravity or a sewage pump.

For every amount of water entering the tank, an equal amount goes out to the leaching field. It then percolates down into the soil where natural bacteria and enzymes break down the contaminants clearing the water that eventually enters the water table and Georgian Bay.

We all want to protect our water, so we have to pay attention to what goes into the tank to avoid killing the natural bacteria, which break down the solids that settle to the bottom of the tank. If you are not taking care of what goes into your septic you could end up with an expensive fix.

These items should NOT be flushed into your septic system:

- cleaning products that are antibacterial, non-biodegradable, chlorine-based and toxic
- hazardous products such as paint, varnish, pesticides, gasoline, antifreeze. Dumped down your drain, they come out of the septic system just like they went in, but now they have the potential to poison wells and water. We could end up poisoning ourselves.
- fats, oils and grease, which don't break down and can form a scum layer at the top of your septic tank.
- paper products (other than toilet paper), coffee grounds, hair, tampons, dental floss, and other items inhibit the work of bacteria and quickly fill tanks. Combined, they can clog the system.

Use only biodegradable cleaning products. Additives won't correct problems created by careless dumping of non- biodegradable items.

Maintenance and tips

Water drains slowly. Take the top off the part of your tank that receives wastewater from your house and check the level. If high, you may have a problem with roots or with excessive use that your tank can't handle, so that ponding may occur in the leaching bed. A simple blockage can be fixed with a plunger. If that doesn't work or recurs, call a septic expert. A septic smell probably also needs to be resolved by an expert.

Most tanks need to be pumped every two to three years depending on use. If you can't remember when your tank was last pumped, now is a good time to do it. Get a certificate after every pump-out from the septic contractor. You'll have it in hand the next time your system comes up for re-inspection.

It's not recommended that the tank be emptied in the fall, as the pressure of the surrounding ground could cause the tank to collapse.


Every winter, some systems freeze, usually because of infrequent use or lack of snow cover. This past winter was particularly bad — very cold, dry, and no snow cover for extended periods.

A little effort in the fall can stave off potential freezing. Just rake a thick layer of leaves or spread straw over the tank, the leaching bed and other key points. Alternatively, have a contractor put a layer of Styrofoam insulation directly on the exit pipe and the holding tank before adding a layer of sand or soil. Leaves or straw that can be removed in the spring are best for the leaching bed.

A typical septic system has four places where freezing can occur:

- The pipe from the house to the septic tank
- The septic tank itself, and for some systems, the pump lift station
- The pipe from the septic tank to the leaching field
- The soil around the field

Finally, don't drive ATVs or snowmobiles over the septic system. Their weight compacts the snow and drives the freezing deeper.



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Grass Carp Invasion?

By MARY MUTER, GBGLF

Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation (GBGLF) has issued an alert and calls for Ohio and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to begin Grass Carp eradication measures immediately.

In my role as Chair of Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation, I returned this summer from the annual conference of International Association of Great Lakes Researchers (IAGLR) with disturbing news: the invasion has started. Grass Carp are reproducing in two Ohio rivers that flow into Lake Erie, and 10 carp have been tracked moving upstream into Lake Huron.

These fish are hard to catch because they elude traditional fishing nets. Since 10 have been found in Lake Huron, there are likely more present. The largest Grass Carp caught in Lake Erie was 130 cm (51.2 in.), and weighed 32.7 kg. (72 lbs.) Their voracious feeding can rapidly wipe out all the plants in a wetland, leaving nothing to nourish or protect native fish species.



Grass Carp spread exponentially

In 2015 a researcher found eight eggs in Ohio's Sandusky River. In 2017 the state found 7,800 eggs in the river.

A 2017 binational, peer-reviewed risk assessment completed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the U.S. Geological Survey determined that a Grass Carp invasion into Lake Huron would likely occur within 10 years but stated: "If the rate of arrival increases, the onset and magnitude of risk will increase." Only one year later, they are in Lake Huron in unknown numbers. There is now only a narrow window of opportunity for eradication.

At the IAGLR conference it was clearly stated: "It will take fewer Grass Carp [than the other three types of invasive Asian Carp] to have a substantial impact on Great Lakes ecology" However, Ohio's plan is to continue to catch these large fish, insert tracking devices, release them live, and then study their movements in order to devise possible "management techniques" to "control" the population rather than eradicate it. With both Ohio and Michigan not planning to eradicate the Grass Carp, this wetlands destroyer is on the verge of becoming established in the Great Lakes. To stop this invasion, it is urgent to implement every possible eradication method now.

Dr. Nicholas Mandrak, Associate Professor at the University of Toronto, recently stated: "These tagging operations confirm what we already suspected, and do not change the basic need to eradicate these harmful invasive fish. They have an obligation to the entire Great Lakes community to begin effective eradication immediately."

Canada is spending up to \$20 million over five years to prevent Grass Carp from establishing in the Canadian Great Lakes waters. It is unacceptable that American agencies are putting the future of our Great Lakes ecosystems at risk by conducting "research projects" in areas already invaded by Grass Carp. They have an obligation to begin immediately a broad range of eradication methods.

Lake Erie commercial fishers are being paid \$75 for each Grass Carp that they catch in their nets and last year turned in 116 to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The Grass Carp that they catch in their deep, open-water nets are "by-catch", for these fish seldom frequent deeper waters. There must be much higher numbers along the shorelines, where there are wetlands. Commercial fishers know well that Grass Carp will ultimately destroy the essential wetland spawning and nursery habitats for the native fish they are catching and selling – walleye/pickering and whitefish.

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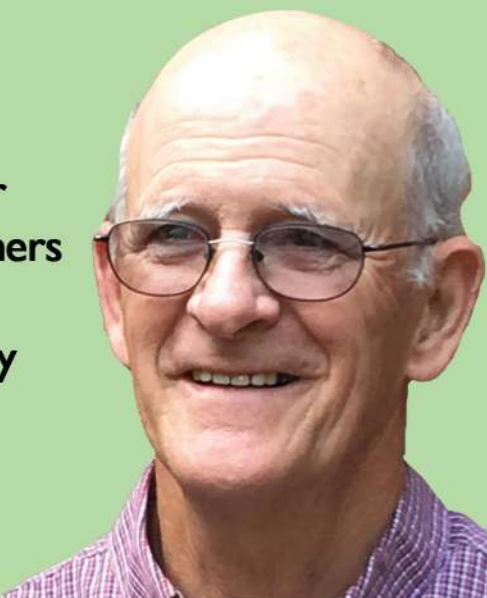
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- look closely at short-term rentals
- seek reduced gravel & water-taking at the French's Hill pit



After 22 years as a Township Councillor and 18 years as a General Contractor I know how to get things done, and I know how to listen!

Compelling research by Professor Pat Chow-Fraser of McMaster University has already pointed out that Georgian Bay contains the highest quality, most diverse and extensive wetlands found anywhere in the Great Lakes. We don't want our wetlands destroyed by these very large invasive fish. Our native fish and other species that need wetlands for spawning, nursery and feeding habitat will be decimated.

An assessment carried out in 2017 found up to 1.2 million acres of wetlands including submerged aquatic plants in the five Great Lakes. Each acre of wetland provides \$1,500 annually in ecological services. If all the Great Lakes are invaded by Grass Carp, the cost of the loss of these ecological services could mount to \$16.5 billion per year. Can we afford to let this happen?

What can be done

GBGLF is asking Ohio and Michigan to rethink their study/management strategies and instead implement eradication methods immediately to target and remove all Grass Carp possible, and to employ barriers to prevent successful spawning and egg hatching. We have sent this request to the governor of Ohio and we intend to follow up with other leaders.

Here are three steps you can take.

1. Find out more about the risk posed by Grass carp to the Great Lakes basin: www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/csas-sccs/Publications/ResDocs-DocRech/2016/2016_118-eng.html

2. Sign a petition posted by GBGLF. Go to Change.org and search Grass Carp

3. Learn more about our work at www.georgianbay-greatlakesfoundation.com

Mary Muter is Chair of Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation, a group of volunteers with a long history of carrying out sound science to assess and report on issues and changes that affect Georgian Bay in the context of the Great Lakes.

2018 Water Sampling Report

BY JUDITH GRANT, ADDISON BEACH & SUSAN PETERSON, KETTLE'S BEACH

Well, we can add the 2018 Recreational Water Sampling Initiative to the long list (starting in 2002) of successful FoTTSA water sampling programs. It could never have been done without the many devoted volunteers who took on duties ranging from sampling, to taking samples to the Township Offices, to coordinating. We even had one beach association's sample cooler (clearly marked "water") taken from the pick-up point, presumably by miscreants hoping for a more bracing beverage than that which chest-level bay water would provide. Many thanks to all of you. A special shout-out is extended to the Tiny Township Water Department that reliably transported our many water samples to the Aquatic and Environmental Laboratory on Horseshoe Valley Road for us.

There are changes in the way the 2018 results have been reported:

1) The flagged result (the point at which the Health Unit recommends posting) for the number of bacteria found in 100 mL of collected water has risen from 100 E. coli per 100 mL to 200 E. coli per 100 mL. This change stems from Simcoe County's adoption in January 2018 of the Ontario Recreational Water Protocol, 2018, which in turn referenced the 2016 Health Canada publication of Guidelines for Canadian Recreational Water Quality – Third Edition. Both are available online if you would like an in-depth review of the official thinking behind the change.

2) The analysis reporting upper limit has changed from greater than 1500 E. coli to greater than 2000 E. coli. The bottom limit of less than 10 E. coli remains unchanged. The extension of the upper limit of the test allows for the possibility of a more detailed understanding of E. coli counts.

The correct method of water sampling was reviewed with the various participating beach associations on Saturday, June 23, at Balm Beach. Steve Borgh, a public health inspector with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, kindly provided hands-on guidance for the group. A total of 599 results were reported from 18 Tiny beach associations over 9 weeks of collection (July 3 to August 27) with the results e-mailed to participating associations each week.

This year's results came in with more than 55% at 10 E. coli per 100 mL or less. This was a slight improvement over 2016. However, 52 samples exceeded the recreational guideline of 200 E. coli per 100mL of water; 83% of these were collected from streams, ditches and culverts, highly variable locations which depend on upstream rainfall quantity, turbulence, and upstream source contamination. If applying the previous standard of 100 E. coli per 100 mL, 84 samples would have exceeded this limit.

Great work folks. See you all in 2020.



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TRANS CANADA TRAIL KIOSKS:

Council decided to enter into a contribution agreement with the Trans Canada Trail for the construction and installation of four informative kiosks: one at each of the northern and southern termini of the Rail Trail, another at Bernie LeClair Park in Perkinsfield, and a fourth in Wyevale Park. TCT will contribute \$16,900 and Tiny \$22,502.29.

AUTOMATED PHONE ANSWERING SYSTEM:

Council accepted the recommendation of two staff committees that the township move to an automated phone answering system, one that presents options for residents quickly and includes the opportunity to dial “0” at any moment to speak to a live operator. It has been installed recently. There will be opportunities for feedback about the new system.

POLICE SERVICES BOARD:

Once the Police Services Board had been expanded from three to five members, Council appointed Mayor George Cornell as the additional Council Representative on the Board. There has been no announcement about a new chair since Richard Hinton’s untimely death.

SPECIAL OCCASION PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM:

In July, after a long discussion, Council recommended that

- wedding/funeral permits cost \$225 for 50 permits or \$4.50/permit
- associations’ special event permits be granted and the fee waived
- permits for Township contractors, electricians, plumbers, property maintenance or paving companies that operate from a business address in Tiny cost \$100 annually, a fee that covers all marked vehicles without providing licence plate numbers
- those wanting resident guest permits be given 1-day parking consideration when family/friends visit unexpectedly using the following criteria: up to 2 permits for 1 day, 3 times a summer; in front of residence of applicant; free of charge; by phoning in and supplying name, address, phone number, and plate number(s).

DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE:

On July 11, 2018, the Official Public Meeting about the Official Plan took place in the Township of Tiny Community Centre. The five members of Council were present, as were the CAO, Clerk, and Director of Planning. Jamie Robinson of MHBC Planning presented the plan and fielded questions. The six written submissions about the draft OP included one from FoTTSA (see page 5). Audience members raised points about

- garden suites in the shore area being used for short-term rentals
- the failure of the plan to identify French’s Hill as a sensitive groundwater area
- protecting Tiny’s water
- the need to define a “major beach park”
- adding a non-smoking policy on the beaches
- including the “environment first” philosophy of the current OP
- consideration of comments about earlier drafts of the update
- the duty to consult First Nations
- the Bluewater Dunes Master Plan
- including the vision of the current OP

MHBC Planning would very much like to have this Council approve the plan before the election. However, Shawn Persaud (Director of Planning and Development) tells us that this is probably impossible. Apparently, the update cannot be considered until November (when the next Council has been elected, but not yet in power) or January when it has assumed office.

WIND TURBINE LEGAL OPINION:

Asked to comment on the Township’s current by-law regarding wind turbines, Sarah Hahn of Barriston Law was of the opinion that the current by-law regulating wind turbines is not enforceable in court. This is so because the by-law interferes with the Province’s “Green Energy Act”. Hahn recommended that Council:

- amend the township’s fee schedule to include building permit fees that reflect the standard \$14,000 per turbine cost
- enact a by-law requiring developers of wind energy projects to enter into road access agreements prior to beginning their projects

Council made these changes on July 30.

TRESPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AT KITCHING LANE:

John Tobin, 10 Kitching Lane, told Council that beachgoers trespassing on his private property refused to leave when told it was private. When called, police “advised both parties that all beachfront properties are under dispute and that, as per new direction from Tiny,

the OPP could speak with individuals but could do nothing further, i.e. lay charges.” Doug Luker, CAO, stated “that no such direction was provided to the OPP. There had been no change in policy and no new direction was given.” The CAO was to follow up with the OPP.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION:

In 2015, the Severn Sound Environmental Association produced a map showing source water protection areas around municipal wells in Tiny Township. It was used by the consultants preparing the update of the township’s Official Plan. At the July 30 meeting of Council, Councillor Hastings proposed that the same level of protection be given to the township’s private wells, starting with those in the area of French’s Hill in Concession 1. An education program similar to the SSEA’s old Well Aware Program combined with the best practices contained in the Source Water Protection Program could be instituted.

More germane to concerns about the impact of aggregate extraction in Concession 1 in the French’s Hill recharge area was the suggestion that SSEA’s Source Water Protection Committee be invited to a council meeting to provide information about what needs to happen to have private wells included under the provincial program and to put together a program to protect private wells and recharge areas. Ideally SSEA’s other member municipalities would participate and share the cost. She also suggested that language should be added to the Official Plan to emphasize the Township’s commitment to source water protection.

On September 10, Melissa Carruthers (appointed by Council to replace Keith Sherman of the SSEA as Risk Management Official and Risk Management Inspector) presented an overview of source water protection, Risk Management Services, and Source Protection Authority work. She noted that source water protection does not extend to wells that are not on municipal water systems, and that, “if the Township did have a gravel extraction pit within its well head protection area, it would not necessarily eliminate the practice, but it would allow for some additional restraints.”

In the ensuing discussion, Council looked for ways to protect highly vulnerable aquifers given the current provincial rules. In the end, Council recommended “that the Township support initiatives to promote the protection of private wells, such as the Well Aware Program; And that the Severn Sound Environmental Association be requested to review such initiatives, along with associated costs with a report back to Council; And that once a proposal is determined, a letter be forwarded to member municipalities of the Severn Sound Environmental Association to determine participation.”

MASTER FIRE PLAN:

Fire Chief Ray Millar took Council through the 46 recommendations in the 2017 Master Fire Plan. He noted that the Fire Department had been well managed: many of the recommendations had already been undertaken and the department meets or exceeds requirements in the Fire Prevention Act. Conspicuous throughout his presentation was his alertness to cost saving opportunities. Council accepted his recommendation that Toanche Station 3 be expanded to include a bay to house the township’s hovercraft, that a brush truck be purchased to provide the Fire Department access to private and/or unassumed roads, and that the utility truck at Toanche Station 3 be replaced. All three are to be accomplished with the reallocation of \$205,000 of unspent 2018 budgeted money.

LEVEL 1 AND 2 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS:

At the urging of Deputy Mayor Walma, these are to be considered during 2019 budget deliberations.

BATTLE OF GEORGIAN BAY PROPOSED FOR 2019:

In September, representing the Balm Beach Business Association, Doug Lorriman asked for, and received approval in principle, of a re-enactment in August 2019 of an attack on Balm Beach. Supposedly part of the War of 1812, this would be one of a series that includes assaults on Tay Township, Midland, and Penetanguishene. The re-enactors would camp in Discovery Harbour for several days, and the event would involve four tall ships, period equipment, and gun boats. The organizers are to consult with staff over the next few months to arrive at a detailed plan for formal presentation to Council.

BEAUSOLEIL FIRST NATION WHARF RECONSTRUCTION AT CEDAR POINT:

The Beausoleil First Nation’s new ferry needs a different docking arrangement. As a result, there is to be expansion of the current wharf, construction of a second wharf, removal of the existing building, dredging, and one or two lesser items on the mainland along with

some changes on Christian Island. The building is to be replaced by a temporary trailer. There will be no break-water. Work on half of the project — expansion of the current dock, dredging, removal of the building, and installation of the trailer — is to begin in October and be completed by the end of May 2019. All this construction is bound to have an impact on the Cedar Point area.

LOCAL FOOD PROJECT:

After the success of the 2017 Pollinator Program, Council approved funding for two post-secondary students to look into local food this summer. They focused on

- a community garden — 15 elevated garden plots built in the abandoned tennis courts in the Perkinsfield park
- a farmers market — long and short questionnaires about interest in farmers markets and investigation into local farmers’ willingness to bring produce to such a market
- a farm map — so far just a list of Tiny’s 319 registered farms and what they produce
- land stewardship — primarily working on Phragmites removals at Woodland Beach, Yarwood Point and Wahnekewening Beach
- outreach — creation of promotional materials that they distributed at township and community events and activities
- a farm crawl — a tour of four Tiny farms
- research — learning about Phragmites removal, visiting neighbouring community gardens and farmers markets, and speaking to organizers of the Hamilton Farm Crawl.

In all seven categories they made recommendations to guide future initiatives.

YOUTH INITIATIVES:

For the Youth Drop-in Program that made good use of grant money, see the article on the next page. The Youth Advisory Committee, for which the Township got another grant, won’t be struck until the new year: staff feel that youth need to get engaged before they consider applying to serve on such a committee.

LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN:

Sustainable Severn Sound recommends that the target reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for municipal operations from the baseline year of 2015 be 15% by 2028. The target reduction for the community in the same time period is 6%. Staff are to develop an implementation plan. For the complete Local Climate Change Action Plan, see Communication, Committee of the Whole Agenda, September 10, 2018.



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Snapchat – Here Today, Gone in 7 Seconds!

By LYNNE ARCHIBALD, NOTTAWASAGA BEACH



I don't like having my picture taken, so when I heard about Snapchat I knew it was for me. Snapchat allows you to share a photo (snapshot) for up to 10 seconds with individually chosen friends (chat). The idea that the photo would vanish right after was liberating — I could share a picture with my kids with my hair parted in the middle and it would not come back to haunt me. I also quickly realized that it was ideal for moments that were funny or sweet but did not merit being held onto for eternity: the cat yawning, blue Jello at the buffet table, hilariously bad translations encountered when travelling.

Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel has said that "Snapchat isn't about capturing the traditional Kodak moment. It's about communicating with the full range of human emotion — not just what appears to be pretty or perfect."

Since it appeared in 2011, a number of features have been added as Snapchat's popularity has grown exponentially: first short videos, and then overlaying a geofilter onto your picture. These can be related to where you are — the city or even the neighbourhood — and can also be related to an event you're visiting, like the Festival du loup or the Midland Butter Tart Festival.

You can also add text captions, which allow those with a sense of humour to show their wit. More recently, Snapchat has added special effects, such as overlaying cartoon bunny ears on your head or exploding fireworks in the background.

Most recently Snapchat changed the original premise by allowing you to choose between 1 and 10 seconds, or keep your snaps available forever. (I never choose infinity.) Snapchat still only lets you use photos taken via Snapchat, so you can't use anyone else's pictures or saved photos, which has contributed to keeping the spontaneous side of Snapchat alive.

One useful thing about Snapchat is that you control who sees each Snap. Unlike Facebook or Instagram, where you post a picture on your page and then everyone you're friends with can see it, each Snap goes to the contacts you hand pick. So, you can send your sister the hilarious Snaps from the bachelorette party, and Great Aunt Mildred lovely Snaps taken outside the church!

How to start using Snapchat

You will need a smart phone (either an iPhone or an Android phone with internet access).

1. Download the Snapchat app
2. Register with a user name chosen by you and not already taken (it can be a creative name) and a password of your choice, which you'll need to use only if you change devices or get logged out.
3. Add your friends who are already on Snapchat to your contacts list and then start snapping.

For complete instructions, visit <https://www.imore.com/how-sign-snapchat>

Tiny Youth Drop-in Program Promotes Fitness and Healthy Choices



After a successful launch this summer, a new drop-in program offering township youth a range of activities will continue every other week this fall and winter.

This past spring, the Township of Tiny received funding for the program from the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund for Tiny Teens — On the Go to Healthy Active Living. The project budget is \$43,418, with provincial funding totalling \$33,687.

"This is a great opportunity for youth not only in Tiny but for all of North Simcoe," says Jaalen Josiah, Tiny's youth coordinator. "While the township has two elementary schools it has no secondary school, which contributes to a sense among youth that they have no community to belong to. Our program aims to provide safe, social and accessible opportunities that bring youth together and encourage them to be more active." According to a 2015 report from the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit, only one in four youth are meeting the 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity daily physical activity guideline established by the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology.

How the program works

Tiny's Youth Drop-In Program is for youth aged 12-18 and takes place every other Thursday night in the fall and winter months. The program runs from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and dinner is provided each activity night.

Each session introduces a different experience that will promote physical activity and healthy choices in a social and safe environment. Youth will be able to try different activities and may even discover a new interest.

To break financial barriers and rural transportation challenges, free transportation to most off-site activities (bowling, curling, skiing/snowboarding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, gymnastics, hip hop, water polo) will be provided to families who require the service.

Given a steady reduction in physical activity and in-person social interaction among youth, the Youth Drop-In Program aims to provide safe, social, affordable and accessible opportunities that bring youth together and encourage an inactive population to become active.

How you can contribute

Jaalen offers two suggestions: "We're always looking for new ideas for Drop-In activities, and we're looking to spread the word to potential neighbours, friends, and/or colleagues who have youth in their household."

For more information on the program, including the fall/winter schedule of activities, please go to www.tiny.ca/recreation/youth or contact Jaalen: youth@tiny.ca or (705) 526-4204, ext. 288.

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4th Annual Mayor’s Golf Tournament Raises \$65,000

By Andrew Chomentowski, Cawaja Beach

Another resounding success! The 4th Annual Tiny Mayor’s Charity Golf Tournament raised an incredible \$65,000.

Such beautiful weather for a super fun day on the course with lots of prizes for golfers of all skill levels. Players were able to test their skills against a member of Council. Hole in one prizes included a personal watercraft, a Honda automobile and a chance at winning \$10,000. Every team could win a top prize by drawing the best poker hand. The team with the best score earned great prizes, and the poker challenge gave every player a chance to be a winner.

Brooklea Golf & Country Club served a tasty dinner offering guests a choice of roast beef or chicken. The slide show, which ran throughout the evening, honoured the sponsors and featured each team posing for the camera. The room was inviting, the atmosphere jovial, speeches were to the point, and the prize presentations went quickly. A lovely summer experience.

The following charities benefitted from the tournament success: the Georgian Bay General Hospital, the Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre, Hospice Huronia, Wendat Community Programs, Community Reach, the Huronia Seniors Volunteer Care Team (“Wheels 4 Wheels”), Simcoe Muskoka Crime Stoppers, the EDHS Shared Facility (Elmvale District High School), Angels with Backpacks, MTM Conservation Association, We are the Villagers, Township of Tiny Bursary Program, Boys & Girls Club of North Simcoe, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Simcoe, and Scientists in the Schools.

A huge thank you to participants and sponsors

Over 132 golfers came out this year to support this sold-out event, as well as many sponsors. This year’s title sponsor was Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath Inc.

FoTTSA had the distinction of being named Founding Sponsor. Other major contributors included Scotiabank, Dufferin Aggregates and the Remington Group. 107.5 KoolFM and Rock 95 were media sponsors.

A special thanks to the many volunteers who helped plan the event, and ensure its success on the day itself. The late Councillor Richard Hinton had chaired the committee, which included Mayor George Cornell, Andrew Chomentowski, Marilyn Hughes, Liesje Lancia and Dick Wesselo. The committee had valuable support from two township staffers: Maggie Off, Community Engagement Leader and Bonita Desroches, Director of Recreation.

Plans have already begun for the 5th Annual Mayor’s Charity Golf Tournament. **Save the date: July 12, 2019.**

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Maker Space at Midland Library

By Faith Roebuck Shergold

An almost completed renovation at the Midland Public Library will ensure that this is the place for our community — a more comfortable, open, community space on our main floor, and a new “Maker Space” on the second floor.

The Maker Place at Midland Public Library will be a space for adults to explore the intersection of their creativity and new technologies, and to help develop the makers, engineers, and artists of tomorrow. The community can discover and share skills, tools, equipment, and ideas, and gather and learn together. For 150 years, the Midland Public Library has been entrusted with community resources to provide opportunities for learning and collaboration. Opening this maker space is one way we’re continuing this proud tradition.

The Maker Place will include:

- a MakerLab with 3D printing, laser cutting, and other light manufacturing and making equipment (things like sewing, button-making, hand tools)
- a MediaLab with audio/video recording, production and digitization equipment (convert your VHS, scan your photos or slides, remaster your vinyl records)
- a collaborative learning space with a computer lab, robotics and electronics kits, and much more to come as we learn and grow together

We expect the space to open during Ontario Public Library Week, October 14-20. We’ll have lots of other great activities that week, too. As time goes on you’ll be able to

- learn how to use the equipment
- develop and create your own projects
- talk to experienced makers
- meet up with others who share your interests
- join workshops on 3D printing, robotics, media digitization, coding, handicrafts, and lots of other great skills

Participation in all these programs will be free with your Midland Public Library card. There will be a min-



Making in the Maker Space

imal fee for a non-resident Maker Place card, and some workshops and projects will have a cost to cover materials. The Maker Place is for everyone, even if you don’t live in Midland, or you don’t think it’s for you. If you sew, craft, take photos, build things, or want to, you are a Maker and this is the Place for you.

Tiny residents can obtain full access to everything at the library, including the Maker Place, with annual registration once they choose to be a member of the Midland, Penetanguishine, or Springwater libraries). Registrations are up for renewal each December.

Check www.midlandlibrary.com/events for dates, details, and more.

Faith Roebuck Shergold is the Community Engagement Coordinator at the Midland Public Library.

Township of Tiny Winter Events

October 22, 2018:	Municipal Election
November 24, 2018:	15th Annual Tree Lighting Celebration
December 1, 2018:	Wyevale Santa Claus Parade
January 1, 2019:	Tiny Township Lions Club Polar Bear Dip

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