



## **FoTTSA Deputation to Tiny Council** by Judith Grant on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **a) Water Results**

This past summer, the Public Works Department / Water Department provided assistance to FoTTSA's volunteer recreational water sampling program in a number of ways:

- transporting supplies and returning coolers from the Aquatic and Environmental Laboratory to the Township Offices for pickup by FoTTSA volunteers
- transporting 3 coolers of full sample bottles from the Township Offices to the Laboratory each of the nine weeks of the summer.

FoTTSA would like to thank the Township for this help and to direct Council to the spreadsheet showing our results along with those of the Health Unit and Awenda on our website. Go to [tinycottager.org](http://tinycottager.org) then "Our Priorities", then FOTTSA VOLUNTEER WATER SAMPLING PROGRAM, then scroll down to "Results of E.Coli Sampling in Tiny Township's Recreational Waters, then click on 2018.

### **b) Nitrates in well water**

For many years, Tiny's Water Department has been concerned about nitrates in the Georgian Sands township wells and has kept the level under control in a couple of ways -- by mixing its water with water from wells that have less nitrates and by having the Severn Sound Environmental Association work with the area's potato farmers to reduce the amount of nitrates spread on fields.

We have become aware of potato farms in other parts of the township. Residents in the region of the new potato farm at Concession 20 & Cedar Point Road, for example, are concerned about the possibility of nitrates running down to Cedar Ridge and Cedar Point: watering of the farm was 24/7 even during rain storms!

We urge the Township to have Severn Sound work with all potato farmers in the township to reduce the amount of fertiliser they use, not just the ones in the Lafontaine area. The Recreation Department should have a list of most such farmers, since summer students put together information about each farm in the township a couple of years ago. We note that Stara farm equipment applies only the precise amount of fertiliser, precisely where it's needed, according to its advertisement in the November 12, 2018 issue of *The New Yorker*.