

# Sign Up for the 4th Annual Tiny Township Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament



Photo by Andrew Chowmentowski

Enjoy a round of golf and help out local charities by supporting the 4th Annual Tiny Township Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament, taking place Friday July 13, 2018 at the Brooklea Golf & Country Club. The event is in support of 15 local charitable organizations with a focus on healthcare, seniors, education, and youth. Last year the tournament raised \$60,000, and the organizers are hoping to surpass that amount this year.

If you are a golfer, consider getting a team together. Don't worry if only one or two of you are interested in participating: you will be matched up to create a four-some. Non-golfers are invited to join the event for a great dinner and fun events afterwards.

Sponsorships are an integral part of charity tournaments like this and various levels of sponsorship are still

available. The organizers look forward to the community's generous participation. For information on sponsorship opportunities or to participate in the event, please visit the Township's website at [www.tiny.ca](http://www.tiny.ca) or contact Maggie Off, 705-526-4204 or at [m.off@tiny.ca](mailto:m.off@tiny.ca).

The recipients of proceeds from this year's tournament were selected from the many entities that look to the Township of Tiny throughout the year for support and funding. The organizers review applications for funding that are received by the township and make a recommendation to Council.

This year's 15 recipients are 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.

Save the date, Friday July 13, and let's hope for great tournament weather. The organizers look forward to seeing you at the Brooklea Golf & Country Club.

Say hello to FoTTSA representatives while you're there. FoTTSA is the Founding Sponsor, and Perkinsfield Kitchen & Bath Inc. is this year's Title Sponsor.

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## Preventing Microplastic Pollution in the Bay

BY TINEASHA BRENOT



Photo: Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation

Recent research estimates there are 1.7 million pieces of microplastic per square mile in Lake Erie, a density greater than in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Further upstream, preliminary research shows that Lake Huron has a significant number of plastic fragments that will eventually break down into microplastic.

To reduce plastic pollution in the Lake Huron watershed and increase public awareness of such pollution in the Great Lakes, the Lake Huron Centre For Coastal Conservation has launched the Microplastic Awareness Project. What follows is a synopsis of an article written by Tineasha Brenot, a coastal technologist with The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation.

### Where plastic pollution comes from

Disposable items, like straws, grocery bags, coffee cups and water bottles, contribute to the massive amount of plastic pollution. This pollution enters the environment through landfills or improper disposal (i.e., littering, dumping into the lake and river systems), and will persist for much longer than this generation. It can take hundreds of years for sun exposure and wave action to break down a larger piece of plastic into pieces less than 5mm in length, at which point it is considered to be microplastic.

### How it affects wildlife

When consumed by many species of fish, birds and other aquatic wildlife, plastic can become a choking hazard, damage internal organs, cause intestinal blockages, and create a number of other physical complications that could ultimately result in the animal's death.

Another hazard results from the ability of plastic to

attract toxic persistent organic pollutants (POPs), such as DDT, PCB and dioxins. These pollutants could also have adverse effects on wildlife, such as infertility and increased infant mortality.

### What's being done

Some preliminary preventive measures have already been put in place. For example:

- Canadian legislation banning microbeads in cosmetics by July 2018
- "The Last Straw" initiative, in which restaurants and organizations eliminate single-use plastic straws

These measures can help reduce plastic pollution for future generations and create a better, cleaner world.

Find out more about the project by reading the original article: [www.lakehuron.ca/microplastic-awareness-project](http://www.lakehuron.ca/microplastic-awareness-project)

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