

CAWAJA PROPERTYOWNERS ASSOCIATION
(Established in 1955, Incorporated in 1965)

2018 SPRING NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Whether you are living in cottage country full time or a seasonal cottager—Cawaja Beach does have its advantages. The beauty of Georgian Bay during the winter makes the cold short days tolerable. Winter days also let you have fun by doing activities like jumping onto a snowmobile, strapping on a pair of snowshoes for a walk on the fresh snow or cross-country skiing. Getting outdoors not only keeps us active but allows us to appreciate what Cawaja has to offer. It won't be too long until we pack away the winter gear, take off the snow tires and make our way back to the sandy shores of Cawaja Beach.

Before we get the umbrellas and chairs out of storage, it is fitting to look back at the year that has just passed. Tiny Township sent in crews to the beach on Friday, May 12 to remove bushes and trees from an overgrown section. This was the first time ever that the Township assisted us in the beautification process! The next day, over 35 neighbours came with gloves, rakes and shovels to clean up the debris from the whole area of Cawaja Beach. The weather was cool but perfect for working. Together, we filled over 125 brown bags of debris from the beach. This was all taken to Tiny Beach Road for removal by Tiny Township crews.

Over the course of last summer and the months ahead, we continue to work on the Phragmites (or beach reeds). These "weeds" are an invasive plant growing at the north end of the beach. To prevent spreading, we need to keep digging them out every year. Left untreated, the Phragmites will overtake the shoreline and present a safety risk to our community. Last June over 15 people helped dig and fill over 40 brown bags of Phragmites. The good news is where we focused on the dig, very little growth came back! There will be more digs planned for 2018. In the meantime, consider spending an hour a week to tackle a patch in a beach area you use.

The parking pilot project was a huge success and has now been implemented throughout Tiny Township. Upon entering Cawaja and other Tiny Township areas, appropriate signage has been installed stating that cars require permits for street parking. Our By-Law Officers

are also doing a great job enforcing the new rules. A job well done by Tiny Council and their staff, for implementing this program.

During the summer, FoTTSA offered nitrate testing to cottagers for their well water. This was an announcement at the AGM. This program is run by volunteers and happens every other year. We had 10 cottages participate in the testing at a cost of \$22 per test. Happy to report we had no issues with nitrates in our water.

As we look ahead to 2018, the Cawaja Propertyowners Association Board will be focusing again on our Beach Cleanup, Phragmite elimination and appropriate signage around the Point.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to welcome everyone back for 2018!

Richard Hinton Councillor's Report

Happy New Year everyone!

I am proud to report that Tiny's Council has purchased two pieces of beach property to help ease tensions on Tiny's publicly owned beaches. Both properties have been purchased to be used as community beaches, with no increase or change to the parking strategy.

One of the properties is immediately adjacent to Cawaja Beach—our neighbour to the south. We have also purchased the waterfront block of property immediately in front of the Surf Restaurant located in Balm Beach. Both properties will offer more area for folks to use in our public parks.

I am also happy to report that Tiny's Council has done an excellent job of keeping your property taxes as low as possible—your tax increase has been kept to 1.77%.

It's been my great pleasure to serve as one of your Tiny Councillors, and I continue to enjoy the job and challenges into 2018.

Upcoming Dates

- Annual Beach Clean Up on **Saturday, May 5 @ 9am**
- Phragmites dig on **Saturday, June 16 @ 8:30am**

- CPOA AGM is confirmed for **Saturday, July 28 at The Place in Balm Beach at 10:00 am**
CPOA Membership & Dues

PARTICIPATE—PROMOTE—ENJOY

Every property owner benefits in some way from the existence of the CPOA! Some may benefit more than others, like those who are fortunate enough to be able to spend more time at Cawaja. Unfortunately, not every property owner joins the CPOA and that creates financial limitations on the efforts to preserve, maintain and improve all of the lands owned by the Association (which include either majority or full ownership of: the Beach; Roads, including Tiny Beaches Road North; access pathways, etc.).

These are just some of the ways that the CPOA works to manage and improve its properties:

- Annual Beach Cleanup in early spring as well as removal of litter after summer long weekends
- Cutting and maintenance of the Phragmites on the beach
- Obtaining Insurance coverage for CPOA property
- Paying Property Taxes assessed on the beach and other property
- Printing and Distribution of Newsletters
- Creating and posting Beach and Pathway Signage

If you have not spoken to your neighbors about the CPOA, please take every opportunity as you walk the roads and pathways, or enjoy time at the beach, to let them know the benefits of their participation!

Attached is a membership form to fill out and forward to the Association's Secretary along with your cheque for \$100. If you have already joined for 2018, THANK YOU! If you have not yet joined, please do so now so that the CPOA is able to maximize the efforts for this year.

Encroachments

The CPOA Board would like to remind all members and users of Cawaja Beach, that leaving unused articles for long periods of time, may be viewed as an eyesore or as taking up valuable space—items such as drainage hoses, broken chairs, boats which are no longer used, or anything similar which may be viewed as unwanted refuse by others.

These items also make it very difficult for our hired staff when cleaning or grooming our beach.

Please be mindful of everyone's use of the beach and thank you for doing your part to keep our beach beautiful.

Phragmites

The CPOA will once again be undertaking the annual maintenance program against the invasive reeds during 2018. Our program entails two contractor cuts, one in the late spring and one in September. In addition, we will be holding our community cut project during the morning of Saturday, June 16th. Last year over 15 residents attended this event. It was very successful as the reeds exhibited limited growth in the area we focused on. The cutting program organized by the CPOA over the past number of years has significantly reduced the reeds on the beach. It is our goal to eradicate them from the community. We encourage residents to dig out as many of them as possible throughout the spring and summer. The elimination of these invasive plants will allow the natural vegetation to be re-established at Cawaja.

The CPOA Facebook group is launching! Look for an email inviting you to join or email lianne.verheyden@gmail.com to be added.

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Please send an email to the Secretary if you prefer to receive correspondence electronically from the CPOA.

For up to date information on the CPOA, visit our website at www.cpoa.ca or contact us at:

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- Township Offices – 705-526-4204
- By-Law Office (24 Hours) – 705-526-4136

- Simcoe Customer Service and Recycling and Garbage – 1-800-263-3199

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