

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

2019 WINTER NEWSLETTER



This past year, we lost 3 wonderful members of our community who gave their time to CPOA, Dieter Baun; Richard Hinton; and Dale Stringer. If I had the chance to ask them why they volunteered I bet their answers would all be the same: "Serving and giving is good for the soul. It's my responsibility as a citizen. Working together can make our community strong".

Volunteering. There seems to be in the human psyche, a desire to take our talents and share them with others – whether it is civic, religious, charitable, neighbourly or otherwise.

And like most organizations, the old 80/20 rule applies. Only a handful of people actually dig in and commit themselves to activities the CPOA needs, the majority does not. But that's OK.

There is a longstanding request we make of our members that they give two of three things: time, talent or treasure. The majority provide us treasure, their financial contribution. And we certainly couldn't exist without that. But there is a core group of members who provide a tremendous amount of their time by being a physical part of our activities.

This 20% can easily be expanded to include you. Come join the group in improving the CPOA in which we live and have a good time doing it. We need your help; the Beach needs your help!

**IMPORTANT PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

- Annual Beach Clean Up on Saturday, May 4 @ 9am
- Phragmites dig on Saturday, June 16 @ 8:30am
- AGM deadline for Nominations Wednesday, July 17
- CPOA AGM is confirmed for Saturday, July 27 at The Place in Balm Beach at 10:00 am

High School Student Volunteers are needed

Beach Clean Up event on Saturday, May 4.

DUTIES: Raking, pulling grasses, filling brown bags

HOURS: 9:00am to 1:00pm

DRESS: Work gloves, warm clothing and boots

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT

Janet Surgeoner-Marks – 905 925 9462

Lianne Verheyden's Report

Make sure to join CPOA's Facebook group page - we are 65 members and growing! Search "Cawaja Property Owners Association" and request to join. Or, just email lianne.verheyden@gmail.com to be invited. Here you can get the latest news from the CPOA community as well as ask a question or post a beautiful Cawaja photo. You can also find us on Instagram at "CAWAJAPOA".

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 Clean-up 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 neighbours 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 2019, 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.

John Carveth's Report

Beach Items

This year we are looking to engage the membership on how best to manage items that are left on the beach. As our rules clearly state, nothing is to be left on the beach. While this is an absolute statement, we want to focus primarily on those things that obstruct, or potentially harm either the area of the beach or those seeking to enjoy any and all of the activities that the beach invites.

For All Beach Users

A primary purpose of the CPOA is to preserve and protect the natural beauty of the unique beach area. It would be wonderful if every person who used the beach took home great memories and left only footprints. Unfortunately, that is not always the case. We undertake clean-up days and perform the routine maintenance our budget allows however there are often items left on the beach that many believe should not be there. The CPOA is forming a task group to define what actions should be taken to deal with these items. The task group will submit a proposal to the CPOA board, which in turn will present it to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

For CPOA members

The task group will review beach items issues of concern that have been raised in the past. Among those it is hoped that there will be agreement on: seasonality (should there be differences between winter and summer); actions to be taken when an item is left; consequences (who should do what when items are not removed.) It is also an objective to determine what can be done to accommodate members who have specific requests for an exception – a unique benefit of CPOA membership.

If you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations, please reach out to any board member.

Beach Maintenance – Adam Parson's Report

During 2018, the CPOA once again carried out significant works on the beach in association with the Township. We carried out two complete cuttings of the invasive reeds at the north end of the beach. Our progress in containing these plants has been successful but it is a constant work in progress. We encourage residents to participate in our community cut day in the late spring to help us mitigate the spread of this unwelcome plant.

In the spring, our beach clean-up and brush cutting day was a great success. We opened a significant area of the beach for residents to use that had been taken over by shrubs. Once again this will be an ongoing effort to keep this area open from significant plant growth.

It has been observed that a number of residents are leaving recreational items on the beach for weeks on end. Items such as lawn chairs, umbrellas and boats are blocking the beach area. We remind everyone that items such as these need to be removed onto private property

at the end of each day. This is part of our property rules in effect with the Township. During 2018, three boats were removed by the Association. Please keep in mind the beach area is for all residents of the community and we need to keep it free and clear of personal property.

Residents are reminded to contact the CPOA board and Township if they are planning to access their property from the beach for construction purposes. Construction activity is prohibited on the beach unless temporary access has been granted by both organizations. (Check CPOA.ca for further information and forms).

We encourage all owners and residents to visit our new and improved web site. Please review the property rules outlined in our co-ownership agreement with the Township.

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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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Important Links and Telephone Numbers

- 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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