

CAWAJA PROPERTYOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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2020 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

As we begin the new year, the water levels have not dropped and they are expected to rise in the spring. This means that beach real estate will be at a premium. What can be done? The Board is launching "Believe in Your Beach", a residential membership drive. Our goal is to increase membership by 35 new members.

The top priority for new memberships dollars is for additional aesthetic improvements along the beach. With enough support from our Cawaja community we will be able to achieve this goal.

Let's start the new decade on a new page with new members. All the best for 2020.

Janet Surgeoner-Marks, CPOA President

Mark Your Calendars

- Annual Beach Clean Up: Saturday, May 2 @ 9am to 2pm
- Phragmites dig: Saturday, June 13 @ 8:30am
- AGM deadline for Nominations: Wednesday, July 15
- CPOA AGM: Saturday, July 25 @ 10am, The Place in Balm Beach

High School Student Volunteers are needed

Beach Clean Up event on Saturday, May 2.

Earn Community Service hours!

DUTIES: Raking, pulling grasses, filling brown bags

HOURS: 9:00am to 1:00pm

DRESS: Work gloves, warm clothing and boots

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT
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Internet at Cawaja
by Andy Woyzbun

Most of us want to use the Internet at our cottage just like we do in the City. Unfortunately, the options available are limited, expensive and of mixed quality.

First, there are no wired options available in Cawaja.

While our neighbours south of Concession 11 have access to Rogers cable Internet, we do not. Similarly, those used to connections through their telephone service (DSL) or fibre are also out of luck.

Wireless is our only option. There are two ways to connect through wireless: through your smartphone or through a device called a hub.

Smartphone. You can likely use your smartphone (Apple or Android) to connect wi-fi accessible devices to the Internet. The smartphone becomes a hotspot or the

equivalent of a router. You can connect to the hotspot as if it were a standard modem that you use at home to provide wi-fi capability. You must have a data plan for your phone and your data plan must allow hotspotting. This approach can work well. There are two challenges. The range of the phone hotspot is much narrower than a typical router, but this will not likely be a problem in a small cottage. Also, you will be charged for all the data usage that passes through the phone.

A Hub. The other approach is to install a device, typically called a hub, that wirelessly connects to the internet and creates a wi-fi capability in your home. With this approach you don't need a smartphone. Rogers, Bell, Telus and Xplornet provide this type of connection, using different technologies to deliver the signal to the hub.

Quality of suppliers. The most important aspect of quality is the speed of data received (downloaded). Depending on your location in Cawaja, the available speed will vary significantly among suppliers, and will reduce on busy weekends. My Rogers service, for example, is excellent. My neighbour's Bell service is poor. But your mileage will differ. Nonetheless, consult with your immediate neighbours. If your smartphone data speed is excellent or poor, a hub from the same supplier will perform similarly. Xplornet's published speeds seem relatively low.

Pricing. Until recently, none of the wireless Internet services provided "unlimited" capacity, which enables frequent video streaming using Netflix or Amazon Video. The plans had a limit on the amount of data you could transfer in a month. After that limit, you were charged an expensive overage fee. The limits varied by plan, with hubs providing much higher available limits on monthly usage than smartphones.

Rogers, Bell and Telus now offer a type of "unlimited" capacity plan for smartphones that provides a much slower transmission speed (512 kbps) after you hit your full speed "limit". The plans are typically based on 10 GB, 20 GB and 50 GB at maximum speed and significantly reduced speed beyond these limits. The amount you pay is fixed, regardless of your actual usage, so picking the right plan requires balancing both performance and cost.

With a hub (like the Rogers Rocket) you pay an increasing amount as your monthly usage increases, but there is a maximum (100 GB for Rogers) after which overages are very expensive. Currently, Rogers, Bell and Telus do not offer the "unlimited" plans for hubs that are available for smartphones. Xplornet emulates the "unlimited" plans.

Choose your supplier first, based on available speed. Then pick a plan that makes sense given your level of usage.

Tiny Township Contractor List for CPOA Members **by Adam Parson**

The CPOA is compiling a list of contractors that our membership has used for work on their properties at Cawaja. We are asking residents of CPOA to submit the names of contractors they have received good service from over the past three years. Some of the suggested contractors would be electricians, plumbers, roofers, arborists and carpenters. We are open to receiving contractors beyond the ones mentioned.

In addition, we are looking to obtain the contact information for quality suppliers of items such as firewood, building materials, as well as cleaners, movers, and garbage removal.

This list will be posted on our web site / social media site for membership reference to assist them with selecting a contractor. As we know finding a reliable and competent contractor can be difficult. If you are going to submit a reference, please provide us with their area of expertise, name, phone number and e-mail address.

Depending upon the response, we hope to have our first list posted by the spring of 2020. Please send your recommendations to Adamparsons@sympatico.ca

Marine Speed Limit 300m off Cawaja Beach 10k/hr **by Andrew Chomentowski**

On July 29th, 2019 Tiny Township implemented a 10k/hr speed limit restriction within 300m (984.3') of the shore from Concession 1 to 16. The OPP marine unit is responsible for enforcement.

For years residents had expressed concerns about safety when swimming off our fabulous beaches. The concern was boat and PWC operators that travel at high speeds or recklessly near the shore. Many near misses have been recorded.

Surprisingly, a restriction has been available since 2003 but to make the law enforceable the Township was required to install signage. Somehow, through several Councils, that did not happen.

In March of 2018, Transport Canada, Marine Safety and Security, Ontario Region wrote to Council. Our dearly missed friend, Councillor Richard Hinton looked into the matter. The Works department required time to estimate the cost of implementing the item. It was too late to do that in 2018 but the item was included in the 2019 budget deliberations.

On Feb 3/19 the Report presented to Council for consideration in the 2019 budget suggested an initial cost of \$75,000 for the project (installing marker buoys and signage). Because of the cost and since there did not appear to be any concern about the issue from residents, the budget item was put on the chopping block.

The community, in fact, was concerned. When the item appeared on the list of items to be cut from the budget, residents noticed. A survey conducted by FoTTSA over the weekend prior to the Council meeting indicated that ratepayers were willing to invest \$75,000 to address the issue. Council, after reviewing the survey results and over 200 comments, listened and asked staff to look more closely at the costs.

Discussions with Transport Canada and the OPP resulted in a revised staff report to Council. The requirements for implementing the Speed Restrictions could be met for \$5000. Council acted immediately.

We can all look forward to a safer swimming experience in Tiny and at Cawaja in the coming years.

Thank you Tiny Council and Staff.

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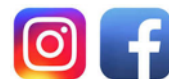
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