

CAWAJA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

(Established in 1955, Incorporated in 1965)

2021 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year – Cawaja Residents!

President's Report – Janet Marks

2020 was an interesting year to say the least. The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in unprecedented challenges for Cawaja. We saw more day visitors than ever before using the beaches of Tiny. The Board continues to work with the township to communicate our concerns and seek solutions. As the CPOA Board we are here to help champion concerns, but we are not law / by-law enforcement – when you see a violation that you want addressed please contact the appropriate authority.

We continue to champion for reliable internet in the area and have heard positive news from new government initiatives that should deliver results to most properties in the next 2 years. A new cell tower was erected near Balm Beach this past fall given better signal to Bell and Telus users.

The CPOA aspires for everyone in the area to be a member. We continue to work on beach maintenance and working closely with the township on Cawaja concerns.

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Beach Clean Up - Saturday, May 1 @ 9am-2pm
Phragmites dig - Saturday, June 12 @ 8:30am-10am

High School Student Volunteers are needed

Beach Clean Up event on Saturday, May 1.
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
Janet Surgeoner-Marks – 905 925 9462

Director Report - Lianne Verheyden

CPOA 2021 Membership Drive Kick off

The CPOA Membership drive has officially launched and we invite you to renew your membership today. Not yet a member? 2021 is a great time to join and be a part of our tremendous community.

What do your membership dues support?

The attached flyer outlines in greater detail the major activities of the CPOA and which are also summarized below:

Beach Clean Up: Annual May event and ongoing litter removal

Conservation and Preservation: Improvement of beach and lands

Consolidated Voice – The Board is the voice with the township, region and other governing bodies to champion our concerns and needs

Insurance: Protects property owners from liability if accident on CPOA lands

Phragmites Control: Summer and Fall eradication efforts

Tree Maintenance: Pruning and removal of at-risk trees

Please complete the membership form and return with your dues as soon as possible. Renewing or purchasing your membership early enables us to adequately plan for the year.

The more members we have, the more we can do!

Vice President Report - Adam Parsons

With increase use of properties, we want our members to stay safe, health and protect the environment around them. Here are a few reminders that are sometimes overlooked:

- **Smoke Detectors** – ensure to replace batteries 2X per year and replace detectors over 10yrs old. Test your detectors frequently
- **Septic Tanks** – Have your septic clean and inspected at regular intervals. If you are using your property more frequently, adjust your maintenance schedule to reflect usage. Inspection reports must be submitted to the town on a regular basis
- **Fires** – It is forbidden to burn leaves or refuse in Tiny Township with violators facing fines. These items should left for pickup or be taken to transfer site on Golf Link Rd.

On the CPOA website there is a list of local contractors our members had a positive experience with. Reference this when looking for a recommended contractor as a starting point – in the end the choice relies with you.

Please forward the names of any other contractor to the board that you would recommend for inclusion on our site.

Secretary Report - Andrew Chomentowski

Gypsy Moth infestation

Township staff is preparing a policy which may allow property owners to aerial spray their land, which is adjacent to Township property, with a bacterium naturally found in the soil, to control the infestation. This control method is considered safe for humans and used in many areas of Ontario. Tiny Township is identified as a heavily infested area; however, it appears that there are lands that are affected more than others. Several Beach Associations have reported significant defoliation in their area. We have had only a few reports of infestation at Cawaja. For more information about Gypsy Moths and to view a map of the affected areas please visit

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/gypsy-moth>.

New Parking Restriction Dates and Fines

Largely based on last year's experience, Township staff recommended an increase in length to the Permit Parking period (April 15 to October 15). Township staff also suggested that fines for parking violation should be increased significantly because the current rate was not an effective deterrent. Reminder: it is unlawful to charge for parking on personal property.

Controls on Short Term Rentals (STR)

Tiny Township Council has instructed staff to determine what other municipalities are doing and to provide recommendations so that regulations can be implemented for the 2021 season. There are more than 300 identified STR properties in Tiny at this time. Neighbours of STRs have complained about noise, overcrowding, parking and a disrespect of others. When the regulations take effect, if you have STR concerns in your areas please contact the Township.

Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA)

The Cawaja Propertyowners Association is a member of FoTTSA. <http://www.tinycottager.org/who-we-are/> Andrew Chomentowski is the CPOA's representative on the FoTTSA Board. The Federation publishes and delivers the Tiny Cottager newsletter twice a year. Between publications, The FoTTSA FLASH provides updates by email. I encourage you to sign up to receive the Flash by contacting Lynn secretary.fotts@tinycottager.org.

After you became a member of the CPOA you will receive a FoTTSA Discount Card that can save you money at local stores like Rona. **It's possible to save more than the cost of your CPOA membership on one purchase at Rona.**

Kindly visit <http://www.tinycottager.org/retailers-discounts/> to see the list of participating retailers in the area.

New Garbage Carts

New carts with plastic wheels and lids will be delivered to addresses beginning in the summer and through the fall. The organics carts will utilize a gravity operated cart lock to help eliminate the potential for entry by animals. These are these are the cart sizes: Garbage Cart - 240 L (50% increase in garbage limit), Organics Cart - 120 L, Recycling Cart - 360 L. Please reference Simcoe County's Waste Management site for more details

Director Report - Andy Woyzbun

Volunteers needed for Reviewing our By-Laws

The CPOA by-laws define the rules for how the organization is constituted and governed by its members and the Board -, it defines the rules for the acceptable uses of our beach. We have experienced challenges with the changing nature of our residents and an expanded number of visitors. To address this, CPOA has initiated a review of our current by-laws to bring them up-to-date where necessary.

Any member who has an interest in contributing to the by-law review, please drop a line to awoyzbun@rogers.com.

In Memoriam

Cawaja has suffered several losses of friends and family that have been a part of the Cawaja community. Our sympathy is with everyone who has suffered a lost this past year.

Tom Zakrzewski, a very long-time member of the CPOA Board, passed away on Boxing Day from cancer. Tom was a major contributor to the successful CPOA Agreement with the Township that normalized our relationship. Tom, his wife Ewa, and daughters Kara and Alexa have been at Cawaja for many years.

Tom Czudec, Past Treasurer of the CPOA, passed away a year ago from cancer. Tom and his parents have been Cawaja property owners since the late 1950's. Tom and his wife Anka have a very close relationship with many of our members.

Your 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Janet Surgeoner-Marks, President
Adam Parsons, Vice President
Andrew Chomentowski, Secretary
Donna Harding-Miaskowski, Treasurer
Baden Russell, Director
Lianne Verheyden, Director
Andy Woyzbun, Director

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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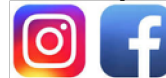
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Landline: (905) 270-0825

Important Numbers

- Township Offices – 705-526-4204
- By-Law Office (24 Hours) – 705-526-4136
- Simcoe Customer Service including Recycling and Garbage – 1-800-263-3199

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