

The Three Beach Beat

May 2019



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Bryan Young, Georgina Beach

Welcome back to our beautiful beach! Spring appears to have arrived after a long winter. Our beach association has been actively working to better our community. We have introduced a Facebook page to communicate with our membership, giving members an additional means to communicate with us. Links to local events and activities have been posted on this site. Join the site at "Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beaches and Ratepayers Association". We encourage all members to join and participate. Further information can also be accessed through our website at <http://yourbgw.ca/>

Behind the scenes, I've joined a new group of beach association presidents in Tiny, facilitated by the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA). We had our first meeting last month, and another one is scheduled for the fall. The goal is to identify common challenges and share best practices.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting schedule of summer events and activities planned for a variety of interests. These activities include yoga on the beach, a boot camp, a running club, a movie night at the baseball diamond, and painting activities. We look forward to your participation, and will post updates on Facebook. Our annual field day will be on Sunday, August 4, 2019.

We hope to see a noticeable reduction in speeding on our roads as a result of our association's new "Slow Down" signs, which are available to all members. See our Facebook page for further details.

As always, our AGM will be on Sunday, June 30, at Owen Park. Please come to support your association.

On behalf of the board of directors, we welcome you and your families back, and wish you a happy summer at the beach.

BCAG ACHIEVES TWO WINS

by Tara Marshall, Bluewater Beach

A better parking strategy for the bottom of the 5th Concession and at the end of Trew Avenue and an amendment to Tiny's Official Plan are just two successes achieved by the **Bluewater Community Action Group (BCAG)** on behalf of local residents since last fall. BCAG was introduced in the Fall 2018 issue of this newsletter. Comprising board members from the Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beaches & Ratepayers Association, the Bluewater Dunes Ratepayers Association and the Bluewater Dunes Protection Association, BCAG engages with Tiny Township Council, staff and concerned citizens to protect, manage and maintain our community beaches. The BCAG does not hibernate during the winter months! Oh no. We have been hard at work and our meetings with Tiny councillors have been fruitful. Here's an update.

Revised parking strategy

The BCAG has been actively encouraging changes to the township's Parking Strategy as paid parking has created serious safety and overcrowding issues on our roads and beaches. With the help of resident input, deputations to Council and collaborative consultations with Council members, paid parking has been removed from both the 5th Concession and Trew Ave. Permit parking will remain as it offers our neighbours better access to our community beaches. Remember, BCAG is committed to good beach access for all Tiny taxpayers.

Revised Official Plan and Recreation Master Plan

Another concern that BCAG addressed with Tiny Council and staff was the wording in the Official Plan (OP) draft and the Recreation Master Plan (RMP) draft. The OP had originally labelled Bluewater Beach a "Major Beach Park". We successfully had this changed to "Beach Park with a Master Plan," which will help protect the dunes. Bluewater had also been labelled a "Major Water Park" in the RMP. This was inconsistent with the OP and misleading, as Bluewater Beach is a community beach with a restoration element. In addition, "Major Water Park" could create an impression that facilities such as washrooms, slides, shade, picnic tables, etc. may be available, which is not the case. As a result of BCAG efforts, "Major" has been removed from both the Official Plan and Recreation Master Plan and replaced with "Beach Parks with Master Plans."

Small victories!

Moving forward, BCAG always has work to do. We are seeking confirmation from the township that it will uphold an existing motion from Council that Blocks A and B will remain community beach and not part of "Bluewater Beach Park". Tiny owns Blocks A and B, which are narrow strips of shoreline that stretch from Bluewater Beach Park to the Cleopatra, much of which is currently under water due to the high water levels. All BGW, BDPA and BDRA members will be interested in this outcome as it will affect all of us. Watch for more on this in a future issue. Urgently needed signage noted hereafter.

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Help slow down speeding drivers with a lawn sign available at no cost to BGW members. Unsafe driving is a year-round issue, but particularly acute in the summer months when people, and especially children, are more likely to be walking or biking on our roads.

One sign per residence is provided at no cost as part of your paid membership, and additional signs are available at a cost of **\$6 each** or **2/\$10** (great if you're on a corner or double lot).

You can pick up your lawn signs at our June 30 Annual General Meeting or the annual Field Day August 4 (both taking place at Owen Park), or by arranging a time by emailing *Jennifer Pluimers* at bgw.assoc.jennp@gmail.com

Wishing you safe travels this summer, and remember to please **slow down** and **obey speed limits**.

ROAD FLOODING UPDATE

As you may be aware Tiny Beaches Road South saw unprecedented road flooding this year between the 5th and 6th concessions. The flooding caused severe access issues for residents, as well as significant vehicle and property damage.

The flooding situation was a real eye-opener to many who were affected by it. This ordeal has identified that the current drainage and infrastructure of our roads are not adequate to handle drainage from the snow and rain. We have been in contact with the township concerning this issue and have seen some temporary assistance to alleviate the immediate situation.

We are continually communicating with the township to find a permanent solution. We look forward to building a working partnership with the township to meet the residents' and the township's needs. We will keep you updated on the process.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Welcome to the 2019 cottage and membership season.

Maintaining the quality of life on Bluewater, Georgina, Wendake Beaches depends on funding from your membership fees.

Active members help build a vibrant and happy community.

Your membership helps maintain

- clean beaches and water quality testing
- vehicular traffic speed limits and parking limitations
- site security inspections during the winter months
- Field Day and other annual events... awards, prizes, food, and more
- your voice represented in Simcoe County politics

Your paid membership is good for one year, May 1st to April 30th.

Here are four easy ways to renew or sign up:

- via e-transfer - log onto your banking website and send an Interac payment to bgw.assoc@gmail.com
- cheque payable to BGW Beaches Association, mail to 63 Sandyhook Square, Toronto, ON M1W 3N6
- or deliver to 1015 Tiny Beaches Rd S through the mail slot
- plus deliver before our Annual General Meeting, June 30, (cash or cheque)

If your contact information has changed in the past year, please print off the 2019 membership form on our website - <http://yourbgw.ca/images/BGWmf2019r.pdf> - follow the instructions presented.

The membership fee is a modest **\$60** for a one year, or **\$165** for 3 years. FYI, among the 18 beach associations in Tiny, our fee is below the 50th percentile. I am inviting all cottagers and householders to join the association to build up a strong and vibrant community. Without your financial support service and benefits will suffer. I wish you sunny and enjoyable season.



Photo by William White on Unsplash

WINTER PATROL UPDATE



Hello Spring from Winter Patrol! This winter produced strong winds, big temperature swings, snow, ice, and significant flooding. I have notified many members of missing shingles, downed branches and trees, as well as dislodged siding, eaves troughs, and soffits and more.

The temperature swings created a lot of ice, making it difficult to get to some properties. As many of you know, when an issue occurs on your properties I send you a photo. This is the easiest way to communicate issues. Please ensure I have your email address, or cell number for this purpose.

How you can help

Ensure you include an email address and/or phone number when you renew your membership. With this information Winter Patrol can contact you quickly to advise of any damage or repair work required — and send photos.

I hope you all had a safe winter, and wish you all a happy, safe summer.

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SIGN UP to receive "THE TINY COTTAGER" ONLINE



Your BGWBRA is the largest association of 17 shoreline groups. Pressing concerns going forward will initiate FoTTSA to take notice of the diminishing residential beach front use in our communities from Wasaga Beach to Thunder Beach.

Now you can receive a digital version of *The Tiny Cottager*, a newsletter published twice yearly by the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA), by signing up on the federation's website:

www.tinycottager.org/sitev2/.

You'll also receive *FoTTSA Flash*, an e-newsletter published 5-6 times a year. To protect your privacy, FoTTSA keeps all email addresses confidential, and does not share them with any other organization.

FoTTSA is an umbrella organization that represents the interests of participating beach associations in Tiny Township. FoTTSA reports highlights of every Council meeting, defends shoreline owners' interests in discussions with Tiny Township (e.g., the development of Tiny's new Official Plan), tests lake water in over 100 locations every other summer, and much more. Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beaches and Ratepayers Association is a member of FoTTSA.

SIGN UP for TINY CONNECTS

The Township of Tiny has launched a new notification system that enables you to receive news, information and alerts. When the township issues a notification about a potential safety hazard or concern, anyone who opts in will receive a message on the voice or text communication methods provided. The Township may ask that you confirm that you have received the message. Once you confirm, you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods regarding that particular notification. If you do not confirm, the system will continue to attempt to reach you at all of the contact paths that you have registered.

Once you have created an account and added your contact information, you can choose from a list of optional notifications to receive. The information you provide will be protected and not used for any other purpose.

Choose from these categories of notifications:

- **Stay Informed** - learn about road closures, burn bans, water restrictions and more
- **Participate** - hear about community events, recreation programs and public meetings
- **Be prepared** - receive alerts about pending and existing emergencies

You can stop receiving emergency alerts and optional notifications at any time by removing your contact information from your profile.

Find out more at www.tiny.ca/tinyconnect



Tidbits of Info: **DID YOU KNOW**
Your BGW Assoc was established in **1960**
Longest annual Field Day Event since **1962**
600 owners have properties within the BGW

FACEBOOK

by Jennifer Pluimers, Bluewater Beach



Your BGW is now on **FACEBOOK!**

You can find our Facebook page by searching "*Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beach Association*". Be sure to "**Like**" and "**Follow**" our page for the most up-to-date information about upcoming BGW events, local hot topics, notices of beach closures, and notices of any local safety concerns. Please do engage with us on Facebook and share what you feel may be of interest to our BGW members to the wall.

Follow us at www.yourbgw.ca A copy of this newsletter and detailed community information is available.

Note: All information is updated as necessary to maintain accuracy. Please contact the Webmaster