

# COUNCILLORS SCOTT SHEARD AND EARL MANNERS

## BAY NOTES



### WARD 3

Pointe Au Baril, Skerryvore, Shawanaga Bay, Frederic Inlet, &  
Lighthouse neighbourhoods

## JANUARY 2019

The January 2019 meeting of the Township of the Archipelago took place on January 17-18, 2019 – For more information, please consult [www.archipelago.on.ca](http://www.archipelago.on.ca)

### Township Update

1. **OP Plan Amendment No. 61:** The Township of the Archipelago Official Plan Amendment No. 61 (General Amendment) was enacted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with modifications. The amendments will be posted on the TOA website shortly.
2. **Cannabis Retail Outlets:** The Government of Ontario provided Municipalities with a one-time window by January 22, 2019 to opt out of permitting physical cannabis retail stores within their boundaries. The Province has also limited the number of retail cannabis stores to 25 in all of Ontario to begin operation April 1, 2019 with two available for all of northern Ontario in northern Municipalities with a population of 50,000 or greater only.  
The Township of the Archipelago initiated a consultation with approximately 25 local businesses:

- Five (5) businesses responded to survey,
- One (1) business indicated interest in a cannabis retail operation,

A ratepayer on-line survey was posted on the TOA website on December 11, 2018 and was open for input until January 4, 2019. The following results included:

- 513 responses were received, 96% of which were residents, tenants or cottagers
- 51% of the respondents supported having cannabis retail stores
- 39% opposed
- 10% were undecided.
- 4.9% indicated they were considering applying for a cannabis retail operation.

TOA Council voted to opt in by not exercising the one-time opportunity to opt out.

3. **Bill 66:** The Province has introduced Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018. Schedule 10 of the proposed legislation would amend the Planning Act to allow municipalities to pass "open-for-business planning bylaws". The Bill would allow for by-laws to override important planning, water, agricultural and environmental protections contained in the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014, Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015, Clean Water Act, 2006 and other provincial legislation including protecting the Niagara Escarpment and the Green Belt. No notice of public hearing is required prior to the passing of an 'open-for-business planning by-law'

or any appeal rights thereafter. The general goal and objective of the TOA Official Plan is to respect, maintain and improve the natural environment of the area. TOA Council therefore, indicated its opposition to Schedule 10 of the legislation and called for its removal from the Bill. Further TOA Council indicated that even if Bill 66 were passed with Schedule 10 included, the Township would not exercise the powers granted to it in Schedule 10 or any successor sections or schedules to pass open-for-business planning bylaws for the duration of this term of office.

<https://www.parrysound.com/news-story/9145264-archipelago-says-no-to-fast-tracking-development/>

Under pressure from Municipalities, environmental groups and citizens, **Schedule 10 has been withdrawn!**

4. **Deerhorn Conference:** The Township of the Archipelago supports the re-establishment of this conference beginning in 2019. Consultation with Ratepayer Associations and the GBA, GBBR, GBLT and GBF, etc. are in progress regarding possible locations, programming and scheduling.
5. **ToA | GBBR 2019 Work Plan:** Council reviewed the Draft 2019 Work plan between the TOA and GBBR. [www.gbbr.ca](http://www.gbbr.ca)
6. Council heard presentations from the West Parry Sound District Museum [www.museumontowerhill.com](http://www.museumontowerhill.com) and the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail Expansion proposal for the Georgian Bay coast. [www.waterfronttrail.org](http://www.waterfronttrail.org)

## Skerryvore Update

1. Council was provided with a general update on road work as outlined in the December Newsletter.

## Pointe au Baril Update

1. Council was provided an update on the Nursing Station construction and agreements with EMS.
2. Council was provided an update on the Community Centre. The playground construction is complete; two benches are to be installed and landscaping to be completed. Porch repair quotes will be solicited and planning for electrical load inspection has started in anticipation of potential HVAC improvements.
3. The North East Georgian Bay Snowmobile Club has scheduled a Winter Whirl at the Community Centre on Saturday February 2nd and 3rd, 2019.
4. A pavilion/gazebo at the Georgian cliffs Memorial Cemetery has been approved by the MNR.
5. The GBBR program for 2019 will include a Butterfly Habitat Garden Review in Pointe au Baril as well as other locations along the coast of Georgian Bay.

## Did You Know

1. Voter turnout in the recent TOA election was 37.6%. In Ward 1, Pointe au Baril Station and surrounding area, the voter turnout was 45.9%. In Ward 3, Pointe au Baril Island neighbourhood, the voter turnout was 52.7% of 984 eligible voters. Of the 519 ratepayers who voted in Ward 3, 82.3% or 427 voted by internet and 17.7% or 92 voted by phone.
2. The TOA Bylaw Enforcement Officer is available to attend Ratepayer AGM's if requested in advance.