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BAY NOTES Ward 3

Pointe au Baril, Skerryvore, Frederic Inlet, Shawanaga Bay & Lighthouse Neighbourhoods



April|May 2019

ToA Council Meetings took place on April 25 & 26th, and May 16 & 17th, 2019.



Community Brief

Here are neighbourhood summary updates ...



Skerryvore Update

Road Rehabilitation

The Township is eligible to apply under the Rural and Northern Communities Funding stream for assistance in infrastructure improvements and projects. The assistance would result in 60% federal funding, and 33.3% provincial funding, with the remainder the responsibility of the Township.

Council authorized staff to apply for a shovel ready project; the Skerryvore road project. This project,



Pointe au Baril Update

Nursing Station | Ambulance Station Base

The lease agreement between the Township and the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound for the base station in Pointe au Baril is currently in execution between the two organizations. Pointe au Baril is very fortunate to have medical services located in our community.

Community Centre

including the rehabilitation of its entire length and water crossings, is estimated to be a \$1.2m expenditure.

We will keep you updated on application approvals.

The electrical load study of the Community Centre has been completed in an effort to provide better environmental controls in a sustainable way.

PaB Playground

The new playground at the Community Centre is now complete and available to all.

PaB Lighthouse

The Facility Review continues for this community icon.

We will keep you updated on approvals

Much activity for small municipality

Council Update

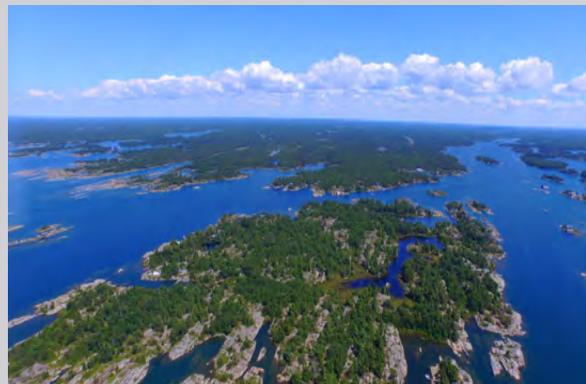
Council focus on Community assets and Environmental issues as guided by our Official Plan ...

Reducing Litter & Waste in Our Communities

Our Reeve of the Township, His Worship Bert Liverance provided comprehensive input to the provincial government consultation and discussion paper titled: "Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Discussion Paper on Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities". The response highlighted our efforts to preserve the high-quality, near-wilderness recreational character and natural environment of the Township of the Archipelago. The coastal nature of our Township required that we expand the focus of reducing litter and waste beyond road sides, parks and communities to water access only areas.

We encourage you to consult the Township website for our input that includes:

- Community Day of Action,
- Prevent Litter in the First Place – Enact Legislation, Regulations & Enforcement Capacity,
- Move to Full Producer Responsibility,
- Seek Targets and Consistent Definitions/Metrics,
- Reduce, Divert Food & Organic Waste,
- Reduce Plastic Waste from Landfills & Waterways,
- Provide Clear Rules on Compostable,
- Recover the Value of Resources,
- Support Competitive & Sustainable End-Markets.



Municipal Modernization Payment from the Province

The Province has provided municipalities across Ontario with one-time, unconditional payment for modernization of service delivery and the reduction of future costs through investment in projects.

Council has authorized the Chair and Vice Chair of the 'Finance and Administration Committee' to work with Staff to identify where and how the one-time payment of \$675,170.00 should be best applied to the Community.

One-time Payment

'Investing in Canada' Infrastructure Program

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Council has authorized staff to apply for a shovel ready project; namely, the Skerryvore road project. This project, including the rehabilitation of its entire length and water crossings, is estimated to be \$1.2m expenditure.

Application Update in Upcoming Months

Economic Development in District of West Parry Sound

Regional Economic Development Officer Presentation

Glen Brandon, Regional Development Officer updated Council on the activities of his Office in West Parry Sound. Examples included the development of a digital marketing plan, an employee attraction strategy, an economic summit and a housing summit. The TOA is a partner with other municipalities in these activities to ensure that mainland communities remain thriving and continue to support the off-shore communities in the ToA.

A significant and noteworthy initiative for your attention is ToA's involvement in the expansion of broadband in the West Parry Sound District that includes our acquisition of the MNR Tower in Parry Sound to support communication networks throughout our municipality. Looking forward, the Economic Development Office wants to work with the GBBR on green energy projects and the potential for electric boats on the waters. This is an area of interest to the TOA, as well.

Parry Sound Area Community Business and Development Centre (CBDC)

Director Gord Knowles updated Council on the activities of the CBDC. The focus of the CBDC is to develop and support small and medium-sized enterprises, mostly in the service industry to this point, through loans and grants. Ninety-five per cent of the budget comes from FEDNOR, a Federal government agency supporting northern Ontario.

Provincial Matters & Legislation

Bill 108: More Homes, More Choice Act

The TOA passed a resolution in response to the introduction of Bill 108 by the Province. While we support more housing in the Province, the response raised numerous concerns about the Province's lack of consultation and the following key issues:

- Conflicting timelines that limit the review of applications for By-law amendments and variances,
- Loss of municipal control of development and planning with the re-introduction of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to replace the Local Planning Act Tribunals (LPAT) and
- Gutting of the Endangered Species Act.

Many municipalities (over 40) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario have raised similar concerns and many others with the Legislation and requests for the Province to reconsider. Recently, under significant criticism from across the province, the Government held some but not all of the amendments proposed in Bill 108.

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One of the consequences associated with this Bill is the elimination of funding for the Ontario Agency coordinating the research and response to invasive species such as Phragmites. Ratepayer associations and individual ratepayers can add their voices to this discussion, as well. Unfortunately, Bill 108 with several amendments received Royal Assent at the time of writing.

Check the AMO website for a summary of the Legislation and its potential impact.

Provincial Review of Two-Tier Government and Potential Impact on the TOA

The TOA Council discussed the position paper drafted by your Ward 3 Councillors in response to the Provincial Review of Two-Tier Government (including the District Municipality of Muskoka) and its potential impact on the TOA and amalgamation. The position paper was referred to the Strategic Directions Committee to assist their efforts to update and develop a Township strategic plan that reflects current state.

The position paper was also distributed to Ratepayer Associations and formed the basis of our last Newsletter. It will be resent along with the April|May 2019 Newsletter.

Importantly, there will be an opportunity for further consultation of the TOA Strategic Directions at Ratepayer AGM's this summer prior to presentation and discussion at the revitalized Deerhorn Conference this September. Please note that the Deerhorn is a formal consultation between ToA, rate payer associations and the G5.



By-law Enforcement & Fire Prevention

By-law Enforcement/Fire Prevention Officer

The TOA renewed the contract of Gary Joice as By-law Enforcement/Fire Prevention Officer. Gary is planning to attend as many Ratepayer Association AGM's as possible this summer.

Please contact him directly through the TOA Office or website.

Copies of the Township's by-laws are available by contacting the Township Office!

Potential Septic System Pollution - Addressing Concerns

Further to our March update on septic systems and community wide management, your Councillors have undertaken to develop an education session with our Township Staff.

Here is a 'heads up' on the date this summer.

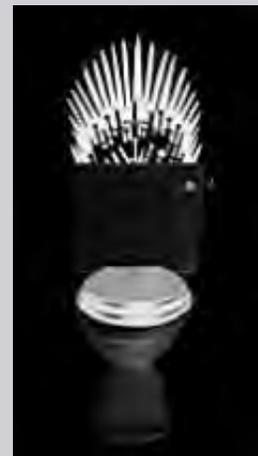
Scott Sheard and Earl Manners, your Ward 3 Councillors are sponsoring a joint presentation and discussion from the Township of the Archipelago and the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve on septic systems entitled:

Game of Thrones: Maintain Your House of Septic

Ojibway Club Lounge

Tuesday July 30, 2019

11:00 AM



11:00 AM

Mark your calendars! There will be an opportunity to meet with your councilors following the interactive presentation. See you there ...

Flush without Guilt!

Did you Know ... ???

Our municipality operates one landfill site (Site 9) that is shared with our neighbour, the community of the Shawanaga First Nation!

Our landfill is estimated to have a life span of another 25 years with the Township continually working to extend its life.

Our municipality operates eight (8) transfer stations, including two (2) water-access sites with staffing to support the public in the disposal and sorting of waste!

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