

# CAWAJA PROPERTYOWNERS ASSOCIATION

(Established in 1955, Incorporated in 1965)

## 2016 SPRING - SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### President's Welcome

We welcome back all residents to Cawaja for the spring and summer seasons.

During the winter, members of the Board were busy dealing with community issues on your behalf. Meetings were held with municipal officials dealing with a broad range of subjects, such as parking, community signage and invasive plant species management. Our working relationship with the Township is very positive which benefits both the Cawaja community as well as the Township. This co-operative working relationship shows the benefits of the Co-Ownership Agreement arrived at between our two organizations.

A new Pilot project has been put in place by the Township dealing with parking. Given the complaints from residents for the past number of years, Council and staff have arrived at the new Pilot program to better police the parking in the community—the roads servicing Cawaja fall into this Pilot area. Between May 15<sup>th</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup>, all vehicles parking on the roads will require a permit. A total of 150 non-resident permits will be sold by the Township. Vehicles that do not have a permit will be ticketed by the By-Law Department. Upon entering the community, signs are currently being installed stating that cars require permits for street parking. We thank the Council and staff for working on this program—we anticipate that it will have a positive impact going forward.

The annual beach cleanup was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Although the weather was inclement, the work crews picked up over 40 large bags of debris from the beach. The Township assisted by removing the collected refuse at the end of the Concession roads.

During the winter, some of our Board members attended seminars on "phragmites" or beach reeds—these are the invasive plants that are growing at the north end of our beach. We were educated on the current practices for dealing with these unwelcome reeds. These plants are now a significant concern for many communities given that they take over large waterfront areas throughout the province.

We will be holding our AGM on August 6<sup>th</sup> at The Place at Balm Beach—please mark this date in your calendars.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to welcome everyone back for 2016.

Regards, Adam Parsons,  
President CPOA

### CPOA Board Membership

We would appreciate if members of our community would come forward to volunteer for service on the CPOA Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of all residents to serve on the Board at some point in time. Many of our current members have served for many years and we would appreciate if new individuals would come forward to volunteer for service and bring in new ideas and perspectives. Please make contact with any member of the Board or email us at [info@cpoa.ca](mailto:info@cpoa.ca).

### Membership

We ask that all owners of property at Cawaja pay their annual dues to the Association. The modest fee of \$100.00 pays for programs that benefit the entire community, such as common area maintenance expenses, insurance, security officers on long weekends, cleaning the beach of refuse between May – September and reed maintenance, are some examples. If you have not paid to date, please visit the Cawaja website at [www.cpoa.ca](http://www.cpoa.ca) to fill out the membership form and forward your payment. All of the services provided have an associated cost, in order to maintain the standards we have come to expect.

### Richard Hinton's Councillor's Report

Your Tiny Township Council has been working very hard and getting lots done—I can report to all of our members that the Council is working very well together, and we are looking forward to see how our test permit parking strategy will work for the residents of Tiny. We will also be working in the future on parking at our major parks, and so I am looking forward to reporting those changes soon.

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Council held its first town hall meeting which was well attended and lots of topics were raised by attendees.

The European reed continues to be a significant problem throughout the whole Township, an issue which Council is taking very seriously, trying to come up with a municipal game plan, working with other municipalities within our reach. I am looking forward to reporting our progress in the fall, and in the meantime, I want to wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me [councillorhinton@tiny.ca](mailto:councillorhinton@tiny.ca) or 705-526-4204 and I will be happy to discuss with you.

## Fire Safety

We remind all residents that the burning of leaves is no longer permitted by the Township. Individuals caught burning will be subject to a fine. Township By-Law officers will be actively enforcing this ban immediately.

With many owners opening up their cottages for the summer, we remind you to replace your smoke detector batteries for the season. You should also test the operation of your detector on a regular basis due to the extreme cold and hot temperatures associated with seasonal residences, which can impact the operation of these devices.

We recommend that all cottages should have a fire extinguisher at their premises in the event of an emergency. These can be purchased at any hardware store. As well, if you have a fuel fired furnace, the installation of a carbon monoxide detector is mandatory.

## Reed Maintenance

Over the winter, some of our Board members attended a seminar dealing with phragmites or "Beach Reeds". Given the spread of this invasive species throughout the province, it has become a serious issue for all communities. To address the problem, there are various ways to deal with this plant, however with respect to our beach, the Ministry of Environment will not allow us to spray in many areas due to the proximity of the lake or ponds. Given this fact we will continue to cut the reeds twice a year in order to keep them from spreading. If you have these reeds on your property, we would appreciate if you can also maintain them through a cutting program to inhibit them from germinating and spreading.

## Water Testing

During the summer, FoTTSA will be testing the waters on the shoreline of the lake— an ongoing program to study the water quality during the peak summer months. This program is run by volunteers who carry out the tests once a week. We are looking for an volunteer who will represent Cawaja. The test samples need to be taken either Sunday evening or Monday morning. We would very much appreciate if someone would please come forward to help us out with this program—please contact us at [info@cpoa.ca](mailto:info@cpoa.ca).

## Septic Tank Maintenance

All of our residences at Cawaja are on septic systems. The municipality has put an inspection protocol in place for all septic systems. We remind all owners to regularly maintain their system to avoid problems—the tanks do need to be pumped out to maintain proper flow and function. If you have an active residence, you should consider contacting a licensed contractor to inspect your tank and associated pipes for proper operation. It is better to carry out preventative maintenance to avoid issues when least expected. The most common issues found are tree roots in the leaching bed, damages to the pipes due to excavations or vehicles parking over holding tanks.

## By-Laws Governing the Community

The Township By-Law Department continues to be kept busy enforcing issues such as camp fires, liquor, dogs and camping on our beach. Given that the regulations have been in place for over two years, residents should become familiar with the rules to avoid problems. Please take a minute to review the by-laws governing Cawaja under our co-ownership agreement with the Township by visiting the CPOA website at [www.cpoa.ca](http://www.cpoa.ca) under Co-Ownership Agreement.

## Cawaja Pines General Store

Once again we are fortunate to have the Cawaja Pines General Store open to service our community. The selection of convenience items such as breads, dairy products, beverages and household items is exceptional. We encourage all residents to patronize the store in order to show our support. We all remember how inconvenient it was to drive to a distant location when the store was not in operation. Given that, let's all patronize the store to show our support.

## Your 2015-2016 Board of Directors

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