

**CAWAJA PROPERTYOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**(Established in 1955, Incorporated in 1965)**

**2017 SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to all of our members for the summer of 2017.

During the winter and spring, we have been in discussions with the Township to amend certain rules specific to Cawaja Beach. Since the establishment of the Co-Ownership agreement we have found that certain property use rules needed to be amended in order to improve the enjoyment of the property. As stated at the AGM last year, we were going to spend the fall and winter reviewing and updating certain rules. During the AGM, the membership will vote to approve four changes.

- Allowing small sun shades and tents on the beach for day use.
- Restricting cooking on the beach area.
- Policing the planting of shrubs on the beach.
- Clarifying the issue of obstructions on the beach.

Please review the property use rules regarding the beach. These can be found at the community web site [www.cpoa.ca](http://www.cpoa.ca).

We remind everyone that the AGM will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> at “The Place” on Balm Beach Road.

During May we had a very successful spring beach cleanup. In association with the Township we were able to open up a wider area of the beach in certain areas. Brush and plants that had overgrown the beach area was cut back. A significant amount of refuse was removed. It was great to see the participation of many residents during this day. We would like to thank Janet Marks for her organizational efforts. We would also like to thank the Township for participating with us during this event.

The Township has now put into effect the adjusted parking plan though all of Tiny. During 2016 we noticed an improvement to the number of cars in

the back streets. Many residents appreciated that the back roads were no longer congested with parked cars. We thank Council and staff for working on this program.

The relationship between our Association and the Township is strong. The co-operation we have received from staff to work on various issues has been positive. This strong working relationship has proved to be very beneficial to both parties and we will continue on this positive path.

We look forward to another enjoyable summer at Cawaja.

**Richard Hinton’s Councillor’s Report**

Isn’t it great that summer has finally arrived!

This spring for the first time in the CPOA’s history, there was a joint effort in maintenance on the co-owned beach. The Township’s Public Works Department sent seven workers and equipment, and cleared over 25 feet of beachfront area. This fall, we have agreed to another joint project for an additional 20 feet of beachfront within the same area.

I am so proud that finally we are in a place that we are able to work together, getting these important projects done.

Have a great summer—hope to see you on the beach.

**Reed Maintenance**

We are still actively managing the phragmites on the beach. As agreed at the AGM, a community phragmites cutting day was held. We received a positive turn out and a significant number of the plants were cut back. As all residents know, this is an ongoing maintenance issue for Cawaja. Our efforts over the years are having success for the plants are in retreat. We will also retain the

services of a third-party contractor to cut the reeds twice a year to limit their growth. We ask all residents to try and cut these plants if they are present around their cottage.

### **Septic Tank Inspection Program**

Residents will be notified during the summer that their septic tank will be inspected by a third-party engineering firm to confirm its compliance with municipal regulations. Residents are required to have their tanks pumped out and a report sent to the Township office. This program protects our ground water from pollution associated with broken septic tanks and beds. If anyone has any questions, please contact the municipal office for clarification.

### **By-Laws**

We remind all members of our community to reacquaint themselves with the By-Laws governing the community. On a number of occasions, the By-Law Officers were dealing with violations relating to dogs, liquor, camp fires and leaf burning. A copy of the Association's property use rules are posted on the website at [www.cpoa.ca](http://www.cpoa.ca). If required the By-Law Department can be reached at 705-526-4136.

There are a few rules we would like to remind the residents of in advance of the summer season.

- Do not obstruct the waterfront area with recreational equipment such as boats, chairs and flotation devices. Residents and visitors need free and clear passage along the beachfront.
- Animals are not allowed on the beach between 10 AM – 6PM from June 15 – September 15.
- The burning of leaves and other garden refuse is strictly prohibited.

### **Annual Dues and Board Service**

As all of our residents are aware, the Association can only function with support from the community. We ask that all property owners pay their annual \$100.00 in dues to support the programs put in place to help the community. For the modest fee,

we are able to pay for property insurance, beach cleanup, cutting the reeds as well as other property maintenance expenses each year. In addition, we ask that members put forward their name for Board service. A community is only as strong as its volunteer base. Each member is responsible to help out with the operation of the Board and its activities. We look forward to receiving the names of new candidates to work on the Board.

### **Farm Fresh Food Festival**

SAVE THE DATE—**August 18 & 19**—come out and visit with exhibitors from our farming community. Experience life as a farmer and learn more about what farmers do and why they do it. Come learn about and enjoy food!

Fun for the whole family:

<http://www.northsimcoeagriexpo.com>.

### **Your 2016-2017 Board of Directors**

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### **Important Links and Telephone Numbers**

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

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