

# NEWS & NOTES

## BY MAYOR TED WALKER & COUNCIL

As the summer nears a close, I hope that this reaches you all safe and well. Due to COVID-19 there hasn't been much to report over the last few months, with most events and activities cancelled or postponed.

Early this summer the Talpines Property Owners' Association spent a day cleaning up along the Tay Shore Trail in the Waubaushene area along with some members of council. They did a great job and it's encouraging to see people continuing to contribute to our community even during the pandemic.

While there hasn't been much in the way of events, staff have been busy with a number of projects including lots of roadwork, preparing for the replacement of the Mackenzie Park washroom, and preparing for the phase 2 capacity expansion of the Tay Area Water Treatment Plant which will also include measures to address seasonal cosmetic taste and odour issues.

At the municipal office, staff have been preparing to re-open the office to the public. While we have continued to provide service over the phone, online, by mail and by appointment during the last 5 months, I am pleased to report that the municipal office will be re-opening to the public as of Monday, August 24.

Due to continued COVID-19 precautions, which has the Township splitting our workforce into two or more separate groups, not all municipal office staff are working from the municipal office, so same-day service for some services may not be available as we may need to send documents off-site to process your request. You are encouraged to call ahead for services other than building and finance if you're looking to speak to someone directly about other less frequently sought services. You can reach us at 705-534-7248. All staff are also available by telephone during our regular business hours of 8:30-4:30 Monday to Friday if you'd prefer to talk to us over the phone rather than visiting our office. If you do wish to come by the office, please remember to follow health unit mandated COVID-19 precautions including wearing a face covering when coming inside and staying home if you are unwell or exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms.

Along with the municipal office, the Tay Township Public Library is also re-opening as of Tuesday, August 25, with modified hours. The three library branches will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 3pm (Waubaushene closed Wednesdays) as well as 1:30pm to 4:30pm on Fridays. They will also have curbside service between 4pm and 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Port McNicoll and Waubaushene, and Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Victoria Harbour. All three branches will also have curbside service between 11am and 2:30pm on Saturdays. For full details, check out their website at [tay.ca/Library](http://tay.ca/Library) or give them a call at 705-534-3511.

For the latest information about COVID-19 impacts to Tay Township municipal services and for links to some additional useful info visit our COVID-19 webpage at [tay.ca/COVID-19](http://tay.ca/COVID-19).

Until next time, stay safe, stay healthy.

*Stay connected with Tay! Find out about upcoming Council meetings at [tay.ca/calendar](http://tay.ca/calendar), subscribe to receive Township news at [tay.ca/subscribe](http://tay.ca/subscribe), view and submit community events at [tay.ca/events](http://tay.ca/events), and follow us on Twitter*

## Council Calendar

Meetings will be held by video and telephone conference during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit [tay.ca/Meetings](http://tay.ca/Meetings) for details on how to connect to the video conference or how to call-in to listen by telephone.

View the meeting schedule and agendas at [tay.ca/calendar](http://tay.ca/calendar).

## Land Use Planning Public Meetings

**August 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

- **Proposed Housekeeping Changes to Zoning By-law 2000-57**
- **Proposed Amendments to Official Plan and Zoning By-law (Talbot Street)**

## Regular Council

**August 26 at 7 p.m.**

**September 23 at 7 p.m.**

## Special Finance Committee

Meetings (Budget)

Ted Walker is Mayor of Tay Township. Contact him at [twalker@tay.ca](mailto:twalker@tay.ca).

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## Municipal Office Now Open to Public

As of Monday, August 24, the Tay municipal office will once again be open to the public. After months of providing service over the phone and online, we can't wait to be able to help you out in person once again.

Due to COVID-19 precautions to ensure operational continuity, some staff continue to work at alternate sites, so please call ahead if you're looking for less often sought services to ensure we'll be able to help you out that day. Otherwise we'll still be able accept and pass along info and documents to off-site staff for processing. Routine building and finance services will be available each day.

When visiting our office please remember to follow health unit regulations requiring face coverings when indoors; and in consideration of other community members, please stay home if feeling unwell or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

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## Late Fee & Interest Waiver Ends Septemebr 25

The interest and late fee waiver for all bills due after March 16, 2020 will be ending at the end of the day on September 25, 2020.

You may pay bills online via your bank, at a bank branch, by mail, via our drop-box, or in-person at our office. See [our website](#) for info.

Check our COVID-19 webpage at [tay.ca/COVID-19](http://tay.ca/COVID-19) for updates to this policy.

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## Talpines Property Owners' Association

**September 2 at 9:30 a.m.**  
**- Strategic Plan and Budget Objective Overview**

**September 10 at 10 a.m.**  
**(Long Term Plan - Roads & Related)**

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Committee of All Council

**September 9 at 1 p.m.**

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Council Advisory Committee Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Council Advisory Committee meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

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## COVID-19 Resources

[tay.ca/COVID-19](http://tay.ca/COVID-19)

Visit [tay.ca/COVID-19](http://tay.ca/COVID-19) for the latest information about impacts to Tay Township municipal services and links to COVID-19 resources and information.

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COVID-19 Public Health Information

**Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**

**Public Health Ontario**

**Public Health Canada**

Telehealth Ontario: 1-866-797-0000

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Mental Health

# Beach and Tay Shore Trail clean-up in Waubaushene



Talpines POA Tay Shore Trail Clean-up May 2020

Early this summer the Talpines Property Owners' Association spent a day cleaning up the Pine Street beach and along the Tay Shore Trail in the Waubaushene. Thanks for pitching in!

## Looking for Something? 2-1-1 Can Help!

If you or someone you know is in need of community services, 211 Ontario's community navigators (<https://211ontario.ca/> or call 2-1-1) can help you find and get connected with the help you need - whether it is grocery delivery, financial assistance, or someone to talk to during these stressful times.

## Need Assistance for Your Business?

For information about business assistance please visit the [County of Simcoe Economic Development Office's website](#) and the [Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe's website](#).

## Looking for CERB or other Personal Financial Assistance?

For information about the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, for those who are now without employment or self-employment income visit [Service Canada's website](#).

## Get COVID-19 Information from the

Adults: [ConnexOntario](#) at 1-866-531-2600

Kids: [Kids Help Phone](#) at 1-800-668-6868

Post-Secondary Students: [Good2Talk](#) at 1-866-925-5454

## County of Simcoe

For information about COVID-19 impacts to County of Simcoe services, [visit the County of Simcoe COVID-19 webpage](#).

## Business Support

Visit the [County of Simcoe Economic Development Office website](#) and the [Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe website](#) for information and links to COVID-19 related business support.

## Personal Resources

[Canada Emergency Response Benefit](#)

[211 Ontario](#)

[Southern Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce List of What's Open](#)

[Tourism Simcoe County List of Businesses Offering Delivery](#)

[County of Simcoe's Letters to Seniors: Pen Pal Program](#)

[Culture Alliance: Online Culture Festival](#)

# Health Experts

For information about COVID-19 visit the [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website](#).

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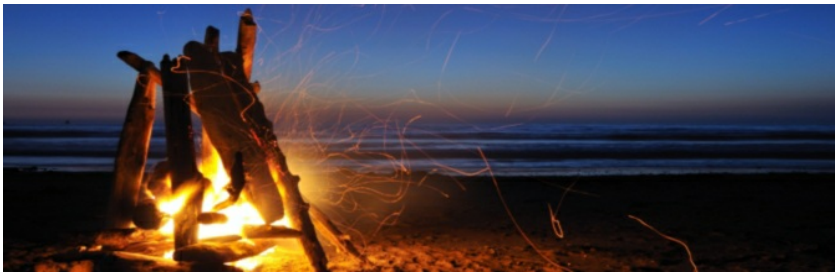
## Tay Township COVID-19 Impacts to Services & Information

For the latest information about COVID-19 impacts to Tay Township municipal services and for links to related information resources visit our COVID-19 webpage at [tay.ca/COVID-19](#).

Staff are available to assist you in-person, by email and telephone at 705-534-7248 during regular business hours. Visit [tay.ca/contact](#) for staff contact information.

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## Fire Permits Available Online



Spend some time in your backyard with your family, but not your friends and neighbours. Get your 2020 Fire Permit online at [tay.ca/FirePermits](#)

Visit [tay.ca/FirePermits](#) for the latest fire hazard rating.

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## Building Permits and Inspections

Applications are being accepted both in-person and online at this time.

Email [planning@tay.ca](mailto:planning@tay.ca) to submit a **planning application**.

Email [building@tay.ca](mailto:building@tay.ca) to submit a **building application**.

Building inspections will be conducted as normal with appropriate COVID-19 precautions. Contact the building division at 705-534-7248 x220 or [building@tay.ca](mailto:building@tay.ca) to book an inspection.

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## Simcoe County Collects App

Need a reminder about which waste stream gets collected each week? The County of Simcoe has a super simple app for iPhone & Android that you can install and setup in a minute or two. Just install and enter your address to get reminders about what to put out and updates about any weather delays.

Go to [Simcoe.ca/WasteReminder](#) or look for the free *Simcoe County Collects*

Go to [Simcoe.ca](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or look for the free Simcoe County Collect app in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Week 1  
Garbage & Organics Collection



Week 2  
Recycling & Organics Collection

For more information about waste collection visit [Simcoe.ca/CollectionsChange](https://www.simcoe.ca/collectionschange) or contact Service Simcoe at 1-800-263-3199.

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