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Many Spouses, Tenants & Multiple Owners Omitted from the Voters List!

By JACK ELLIS

Are You On The Voters List?
To check if you are on the Voters List:
• Visit the Township's website, tiny.ca and click on Town Hall > 2010 Municipal Election > Internet Voter Lookup; or
• Telephone the Clerk's Office at 705-526-4204; or
• Visit the Municipal Office in person.

The internet check asks for your first and last name, and the number and street of your **Tiny Township** property. It **does not respond** to your home or mailing address.

Note that the Voters List is compiled from assessment data provided by MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation). Seasonal or non-residents likely **will not have received the Municipal Enumeration forms** sent by MPAC in June for their property in Tiny. Instead, MPAC will have sent the Township their list of registered owners of such property in Tiny.

Frequently, spouses, tenants and even some multiple owners are not registered on title and thus, are not on the Voters List – **even if they were on the List last election. Check the Voter Lookup for each eligible voter in your household!** If they are not on the list, you may have them added by the following procedure:

- Eligible persons who are **not** on the Voters List can be added by completing an **Application to Amend the Voters List (Form EL15)**. This form is simple to complete, and can be obtained from the Township Office or online at the Township website noted above.
- You can be added to the Voters List at any time the Municipal Office is open, up to 8:00 pm on October 25th.
- The EL15 form can be brought in personally to the Office, mailed or faxed (705-526-2372), or submitted by email to the Deputy Clerk, Anita Wetherell, awetherell@tiny.ca.

Your Vote Is Essential
While many of our readers come to Tiny Township for renewal and rest, we have a substantial investment in our properties in Tiny, as reflected in the taxes we pay.

The municipal election coming up in Tiny Township on **October 25, 2010**, is worthy of your **serious** attention. The political situation in Tiny is never without its complications and we are looking at an incoming Council who will govern our affairs until 2014.

The use of mail-in ballots makes it easy to cast your vote. As in 2006, the 2010 municipal election in Tiny will be done **entirely by Vote By Mail kits**. The system worked quite well last time, with a good turnout and it eliminates the need to travel in person to vote.

The mail-in system levels the playing field for convenience of voting for all electors regardless of where they live. Thus, there is **no excuse** for not voting!

Who Is Eligible to Vote?
You are eligible to vote if on election day, October 25, 2010, you are:

- A resident or an owner or tenant of land in the Township of Tiny, or the spouse or same-sex partner of such an owner or tenant;
- A Canadian citizen;
- At least 18 years old on voting day; and
- Not prohibited from voting by law.

How Do You Get Your Vote By Mail Kit?
• All persons who are on the Voters List as of September 15, 2010, will receive a Vote By Mail kit directly from DataFix, the Township's vote kit provider. **This mailing will be done in the week of September 27th.**

- Persons added to the Voters List after September 15, 2010 and before October 1, 2010 will receive their Vote By Mail kit by mail from the Township.
- Those added to the Voters List **after October 1, 2010** and up to October 25, 2010 must come to the Municipal Office to pick up their Vote By Mail kit. These electors will have the option of returning their ballot by 8:00 pm on October 25, 2010, or conducting their vote at a secure location in the Township Office and depositing the ballot package in the ballot box.

To make sure you actually receive your Vote By Mail kit, make sure the Township has your **correct mailing address**. There is no way to check this online. You must telephone the Township during their office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:30) and ask.

If it is likely that you will be at a **different address** for the period from September 27 to October 25 you may

notify the Deputy Clerk to mail your Kit to another temporary address. (You must pay return postage if out of the country.)

If you **do not receive** a Vote By Mail kit, or if the kit is incomplete or if the ballot has been incorrectly marked, a replacement kit will be provided. The voter may go to the Township Office or request verbally or in writing that a replacement kit, or part of a kit, be sent to you. The Township will provide the replacement kit either in person at the Township Office or have it mailed if time permits. You must complete a Replacement Ballot Application and it will be noted by the Clerk that a replacement kit was issued.

**For Municipal Election assistance only the Township Office will be open
9 am – 8:30 pm, Friday, October 1, 2010
10 am – 2 pm Saturday, October 16, 2010
to receive ballots, add eligible voters to the Voters List and provide Vote By Mail kits or replacement kits to eligible voters.**

What Is In The Vote By Mail Kit And How Does It Work?

- Your Vote By Mail kit will consist of:
- one voting instruction sheet;
 - one composite ballot;
 - one white secrecy envelope;
 - one bar coded Voter Declaration Form;
 - one yellow return envelope with prepaid postage.

- How do you actually vote using the kit?**
- You **complete and sign the Voter Declaration form** included in the kit.
 - You then **mark the ballot** contained in the kit, following the instruction sheet.
 - You may vote for **one** candidate for Mayor, **one** for Deputy Mayor, **up to three** for Councillor, and **one** for School Board Trustee (according to which Board you support).
 - Make **clear, distinct marks** because the ballots will be electronically scanned.
 - You then **insert the ballot into the white inner ballot envelope** (a secrecy envelope), which you then **seal**.
 - Then place **the Voter Declaration form and the inner envelope containing the ballot SEPARATELY** into the **yellow business reply envelope**, also sealing this. (This yellow outer mailing envelope has prepaid postage from within Canada.)

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The mail-in voting deadlines are as follows:

- **October 15th is the final recommended day to mail** the return envelope back to Tiny from anywhere in Canada.
- If you miss this date, you may deposit the return voting envelope in a ballot box in the **Tiny Municipal Office** during regular office hours or up to 8.00 pm on October 25th.
- Obviously, **someone else** can drop your sealed ballot package in the mail for you by October 15th, or at the Municipal Office by October 25th.

What can go wrong?

- In the 2006 election, **over 1,000 ballots were rejected** for various reasons. One all too common reason was that both the Voter Declaration form and the ballot had been placed in the inner envelope together, thus identifying the elector. Other reasons your vote could be negated are:
- If, for any reason, your returned kit is not received, or is received after 8:00 pm on October 25th, **your vote will not be counted.**
 - If you have not signed the Voter Declaration form, the Clerk will attempt to contact you and get you to sign it before 8:00 pm on October 25th, otherwise your vote is **rejected.**

- If you put more than one ballot and/or declaration form in one return envelope, your vote may be **rejected** (unless the number of ballots equals the number of declaration forms).
- The usual reasons for rejecting a ballot as “spoiled” apply, such as making an identifying mark on the ballot, voting for more candidates than allowed, etc.

How are the votes counted?

- The ballot packages will be opened as they arrive, and sorted by poll in groups of 50. Candidates will be informed daily of the numbers returned, and the names of electors whose votes have been received.
- At 1:00 pm on October 25th, the Council Chamber will become the tabulating centre. The sealed inner envelopes will be opened, the ballots removed, electronically scanned and the votes tabulated. Only poll officials, candidates and their scrutineers can be present for the count.
- When the count is complete, unofficial results will be posted in the Georgian Shores Swinging Seniors Centre, after approximately 9:00 pm on October 25th.
- The official result will be posted in the Township Office and on its website by 4:30 pm on October 27th.

Hopefully, all voters will exercise their democratic right and VOTE!

The Wye Marsh

By JULIA LOACH, AGE 11



As Canadians, we should be proud of our great outdoors and we should experience the wonders of nature instead of sitting at home watching television. The Wye Marsh, an amazing outdoor experience, is a great place to visit.

At this beautiful nature park, there are many things to do. You can take an extraordinary walk, see great presentations, look at various animals, outdoors and indoors, and last, but certainly not least, go “Behind The Scenes”.

I promise that if you take a walk at the Wye Marsh, you will not forget it. There is a wonderful boardwalk, a very tall lookout tower, and various routes and destinations to stop and look, or even to see, a presentation, like the Sugar Shack, the Bee House and the Trumpeter Swans. There are a lot of amazing animals to see. There is everything from turkey vultures to rattlesnakes, and from eagle owls to snapping turtles. Most of the animals are outside, but some are kept in aquaria and terraria inside for you to see.

The presentations are always well done with lots of

information and opportunities to learn about the animals. Two of my favourites are the hawk and owl presentations.

The greatest experience at the Wye Marsh in my opinion is the “Behind the Scenes” experience. It is absolutely full of fun. You get to see what it is like to be a falconer who is a person who trains and takes care of birds of prey that are born in captivity. You get to feed the birds and handle them, and you fly one as you walk around the marsh and watch it follow you through the trees and then have it land on your hand to eat. Mike, our bird of prey expert, took us on this walk and it was a thrill to have this opportunity to see and handle these beautiful birds. (I should warn you, though, that “Behind the Scenes” costs \$60 per person.)

In conclusion, the Wye Marsh is amazing, and I recommend it for everyone. I never thought I would hold a Harris Hawk on my hand, pat a Snowy Owl or feed a mouse to a Barn Owl. Thanks to the Wye Marsh, I did! The Wye Marsh gives you a chance to see Canada’s amazing wildlife.

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Our Roadsides as Garbage Dumps: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly

By BEVERLEY MACDONALD (WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PENNY BARR, CAMERON LOACH, ANDREW COMBES, H. ALAN FRYER, AL TAYLOR AND DORENE TRUNK)



I find it astonishing that some people treat our roadsides as if they were dumps. Whether you're a permanent resident or a cottager, keeping Tiny beautiful should surely be important to you. But on a drive or a stroll, it's very common to come across pop cans, bottles and coffee cups, and not unusual to find discarded paint cans, furniture, and worse.

Fortunately, there is a little army of volunteers out there that has taken responsibility for cleaning up some of the mess. Some of them just "do it"; while others have banded together under the Township's Adopt-a-Road campaign, which provides signs, some training, and safety vests, and arranges for pickup and disposal of the collected waste. A number of local residents and groups participate, including the Township's Fire Department volunteers. Station 3, for example, does Champlain Road from the 16th Concession to Toanche, while Station 2 in Wyevale cleans up part of County Road 6. (If you'd like to know more about the program, get in touch with the Public Works Department at 705-526-4204.)

Other groups and individuals work at it without any signage or other kind of recognition, one being the Southern Georgian Bay Real Estate Association. In April 2008 they started a "spring clean up" in conjunction with Earth Week as part of a public relations project. They clean several roads throughout Simcoe County. Their first year, a two-mile stretch on Cedar Point Road, starting at Concession 19, yielded over 50 bags of garbage. And there are many such stories.

Two years ago, seven-year-old Cameron Loach from Rowntree Beach found the following items on Concession 12: 18 paper cups and a bag from Tim Hortons, a wine bottle, a pink mitt, a pizza box, and a nice china coffee cup. This year, the Barr family's haul was much more substantial: four tires with rims, boxes of rotting slipcovers, several speakers, cement poured into the ditch to harden.

Loretta Charlebois of Coutnac Beach has taken on a stretch of road from Toanche Park to 1381 Champlain Road, about 4.4 km. The Shawkers start where she leaves off, and work the stretch right through to 1771 Champlain Road. This part of the road is reasonably built up, and for the most part the refuse consists of cups and containers (Tim Hortons, McDonalds, Kentucky Fried), cigarette packages, pop cans, beer bottles, and newspapers. The members of the North Tiny Community Association have been collecting refuse from 1771 Champlain Road through to the end of Sawlog Point Road twice yearly – spring and fall. They have also taken responsibility for the 3 km. Bush Road, which runs from Coutnac Beach through to the Sawlog Bay Store.

Almost daily for the past three years, Roger Robitaille (the Township's Manager of Planning and Development)


and Gary Higgins have walked Concession 9 from Tiny Beaches Road South to County Road 6 and back. They start at 6:30 am and are back in roughly an hour. It's a morning constitutional, which they miss when inclement weather keeps them in. As well as the usual coffee cups, beer, vodka and whisky bottles, pop cans and plastic bags of dog poop, they find items such as car tires, toilets, sinks, animal and fish parts (once, a dog wrapped in a blanket and another time, a dead goat), and drag them to the side of the road for pickup by the township's garbage service. One day, when Roger was driving along Concession 9, he noticed a car pulling a trailer loaded with a stove and refrigerator. The driver stopped and dumped them into the ditch. When Roger stopped and wrote down the license number, the chap claimed he was "just disposing of them". Roger pointed out that the Transfer Station was the appropriate destination for such items, waited while they were loaded back onto the trailer, and followed him to make sure that that was where they were left.

A group from Cedar Ridge and Cedar Point has adopted a two-mile stretch of Cedar Point Road from the ferry dock to the 18th Concession Road. Their collective finds include several toilets, countless car tires, TV sets, two computers, a broken mast from a windsurfer, and enough beer bottles to buy dinner out on the deposit returns. "We were not long into our cleaning-up exercise before our thoughts turned to suitable punishments for the offenders that drop and dump all that litter and waste. Before the day was through, it became a particularly painful and blood-thirsty form of execution that we settled upon, with of course, it being a mandatory sentence with no chance of appeal!"

Kingswood Acres' annual road cleanup once came upon a large commercial van roof. On another occasion they found a large garter snake under a piece of cardboard and found "a large bloody plastic bag filled with bones and gore". The OPP who "were called in case it was something other than animal" reassured them that it was indeed animal remains.

In fact, there are a fair number of unknown heroes, who faithfully pick up garbage as part of their daily routine. Some even plant flowers in heavy traffic areas, hoping that people will have second thoughts before fouling a lovely roadside garden.

The contrast is striking. A significant portion of Tiny's population trashes (literally) the landscape for the rest of us, taking no responsibility for cleanup, while others, frustrated, devote hours and hours to putting the roadsides back the way they should be. If you happen to be one of the thoughtless, please do rethink. Tiny deserves better of you!




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Report on Council

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LAFONTAINE PAVILION: In May the tenders for the new pavilion came in significantly in excess of the \$660,000 budgeted. The township, provincial and federal governments are each to provide a third of this sum. Lengthy discussions took place over several meetings and staff eventually was able to suggest that a new structure of 50' by 170' on the new location could be constructed for approximately \$585,000 including taxes. This figure represents the lowest quote received for the main building with the ancillary building and some inside work like washrooms and rink fencing removed. Any money left from the \$660,000 total would be used to finish the project.

Council suggested that further monies would not be provided and that residents needed to consider fundraising for outstanding items. The Lafontaine community seemed to understand this.

Staff is to be commended for their diligence on this project. Construction started in July immediately following the Festival du Loup.

PARKING ITEMS:
Balm Beach – In May, staff presented a report regarding paid parking at Balm Beach. Council requested that the area covered be increased and consideration be given to using a small parkette on Balm Beach Road for more parking. Council also directed staff to talk to local business owners, to prepare a second report, and then to prepare for a public meeting to hear from local residents. So far there has been no second report and no public meeting.

Plan 1596 and the 6th Concession Road – In May, Council decided that there would be "No Parking" along Old Trail Road, Shades Valley Road, Glen Oak Drive and Tsirargi Avenue, though there would continue to be permit spaces on the 6th Concession Road.

Cawaja Beach – Also in May, two members of the Cawaja Property Owners Association presented a proposal to have all roads in their area in the 11th concession designated as "No Parking" and to allow a maximum of 35 permit parking spots.

Council did not agree with this request and instructed staff to continue to work with the community toward a mutually agreeable solution. Apparently no resolution has been reached over the past three years regarding this situation.

"HOLDING 1" LIFTED FROM MANY PROPERTIES: Positive news. In May, as a result of the septic re-inspection program, 688 properties had the "Holding 1" designation removed. These are locations where septic systems were installed prior to 1974 and it was not known if they operated properly. The inspection program cleared these properties.

NORTH SIMCOE TRANSFER STATION UPDATE: In May, officials from the County of Simcoe and the Ministry of the Environment provided an update regarding this site on Golfink Road, west of Midland. Council questioned the County official about the monitoring of the site as traces of TCE have been found. Based on their studies it appears that the plume carrying these chemicals originates outside the closed dump site. At present the MoE is reviewing the monitoring devices and their locations to confirm that the site is properly covered. The MoE official did make the point that the County is providing more monitoring than is required as this site preceded the current guidelines. County personnel also advised they are considering plans to expand the actual transfer facility as



the increase in recycling is stressing the present capacity.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE NORTH SIMCOE ANGLERS AND HUNTERS: In June, Council approved a motion to proceed with negotiations to purchase the property owned by the North Simcoe Anglers and Hunters on the 8th Concession Road. This includes roughly 55 acres and a modern building of approximately 6,000 square feet. The primary use of the facility will be as a community centre for Wyevale and Perkinsfield. Wyevale residents have been petitioning Council for a suitable meeting location in recent months.

HST – SOME GOOD NEWS: In June, the Treasurer completed an analysis of the impact of the HST on Township expenses and estimates. Using 2009 expenses, he found that the Township would have a net gain of about \$72,000.

GEORGIAN SANDS WATER MAIN PROJECT: In July, Council learned that the first phase of this project is complete. They decided to continue with it until all of the available grant money is exhausted. An additional \$826,452 (2/3 grant money, 1/3 township contribution) will be used to replace water mains on Desroches Trail, Gignac Court, Concession 16 West and Concession 15 West. This work is not yet complete.

LAFONTAINE BEACH MASTER PLAN: The first public meeting was held on July 10th to seek input from the public. According to Councillor Cornell approximately 60 people attended and the topic of greatest concern was better access to the water. Consultants are preparing a report and there will be a further public meeting on November 6th in the Council Chambers to discuss their recommendations and the issues, which must be addressed with the relevant government agencies.

LETTERS SENT TO 1,000 HOUSEHOLDS: Early in August, Mayor Breckenridge advised Council that she had been updated at a recent SSEA meeting about the requirements of Drinking Water Source Protection under the Clean Water Act. Letters identifying potential threats to municipal water systems have been sent to 1,000 Township of Tiny residents. Information is available at <http://www.ourwatershed.ca> and on the Township website.

PROPOSED McMAHAN WOODS DEVELOPMENT NORTHEAST CORNER OF CONCESSION ROAD 4 WEST AND CROSSLANDS ROAD: Council continues to

be in an awkward position as the County still has not decided on how many lots it will allow, pending receipt of the Province's growth plan. Regardless, the County continues to ask the Township to proceed with a public meeting. Council was reluctant to do so when the issue of the allowable number of lots has not been resolved: it could be as many as 51 or as few as 20. The developer has the right to go to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) at this time. If a public meeting were not held then members of the public could not appear at the OMB hearing. That being the case, Council decided to proceed with a public meeting.

At the well-attended public meeting on August 30, the developer's planner Darren Vella presented the proposal – 51 lots on 35 hectares of land zoned as future development in 1977, 19 hectares of retained woodland, two entries off Tiny Beaches Road South.

Nearby communities then presented their concerns. Tim Cane of Jones Consulting spoke on behalf of the Bluewater Dunes Ratepayers' Association, raising 10 questions, including whether the development truly conforms to the various planning documents: the Provincial Policy Statement, the County Greenlands Policy with its 20-lot maximum and the Township's Environmental II overlay, the regional ANSI on the site, and Township policies put in place in the years since 1977.

Irene Wilson, President of Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beaches Association, spoke about the cumulative impact on the environment of development of existing vacant lots, of the 66 lot Montabello subdivision on Concession 5, and of this proposed 51 lots. She questioned the validity of the traffic study, which was done on a cold May weekend rather than at peak use in July or August. She asked whether the aquifer could support all these additional households, questioned whether pedestrian traffic to and from the beach could be managed safely, and noted that the estimate of 2.5 individuals per household would probably be well below actual use in summer months.

Ian Ferguson, a resident at Bluewater Georgina Wendake Beaches, brought a map showing that the ANSI and the County Greenlands cover the entire property, not just the Nipissing Ridge part of it. He quoted from a series of letters regarding the requirement that no more than 20 lots could be built on County Greenlands.

SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN: In August,

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Invasive Species Field Trips

By Sara Street & Judith Grant

This summer the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre received a Walmart – Evergreen grant for an Invasive Species Education Program. The goal of this grant was to increase awareness about invasive plant species, their impact and remediation. As part of this program, the Wye Marsh created in-house workshops and outreach field sessions. The latter gave participants an opportunity to learn about the origins of the species, the identifying features of each species first hand and to learn about best practices for control of these plants.

Two of the field trips took place in Tiny Township, from 7 to 9 pm on the evenings of July 22 and 27. Both started on the beach in the 13th Concession, where there are thriving stands of Phragmites australis and Sweet White Clover, lots of Colt’s Foot and some Spotted Knapweed to see and discuss. The groups then travelled up Concession 14 to consider another stand of Phragmites and a field of Spotted Knapwood. From there, it was on to two patches of Dog Strangling Vine on the water side of Tiny Beaches Road north of the Wymbolwood Store, a location that included an example of Common Buckthorn.

Sara Street (Wye Marsh’s Environmental Technician), conducted both sessions, but the first evening had the luxury of two additional experts: Diane Hasley, who had spoken about Invasive Weeds at FoTTSA’s Annual General Meeting in June, and Lynn Short, who works at the Humber Arboretum for Urban Ecology in Toronto. Also present that first evening were Pat Armstrong and Kate Harries who had pulled the Garlic Mustard in Tiny Marsh this May and last May. The lively discussions among these knowledgeable people about what worked best in particular situations were helpful to those learning about problem plants for the first time.

The group that assembled the second evening was a little larger – some 15 or 16 individuals including one of the Township’s Councillors, André Claire. Actually seeing these invasive species on the ground was a really useful backdrop to the discussion of which control methods were most effective. As a result of these field trips, there are now knowledgeable individuals to consult about problem invasives on many of Tiny’s beaches. For those who were unable to attend, Diane Hasley has put together some clear, useful information, advice, and pictures which can be found on FoTTSA’s website -- www.tinycottager.org. See Invasive Species in the left hand column of the main page or the notice headed Invasive Species Information.

In conclusion, Sara Street notes that “there are new invasive species that are discovered all the time, so when creating new gardens and bringing plants onto your property always choose native plants!” For advice, contact Sara Street at The Wye Marsh or Lynn Short at lynn.short@rogers.com

Wireless High Speed Internet Update

By Bill Sweeney

There is no one solution for residents of Tiny. A list of internet service providers covering Tiny Township can be found at:- <http://ruralconnections.simcoe.ca/plans/index.htm>

Bell Aliant and Rogers offer high speed internet service via their cellular networks: both have stores in Midland. They both offer similar plans at similar prices.

Their "Stick" plugs into a USB port on an individual computer and can provide internet service wherever cellular coverage is available for that company.

Their "Hub", which is powered from a wall outlet, provides a stronger signal and can give internet access to more than one computer.

Both companies offer locked-in two-year contracts, which have varying prices depending on usage.

For a non locked-in service, it is necessary to purchase the equipment upfront. This could be of interest to seasonal residents who do not require service during the winter as it is possible to disconnect and reconnect (\$35 service charge to reconnect).

As an example, after an initial two-year period, a Hub with five months service plus reconnect fee would show an annual savings of approximately 50%.

Other providers on the list may offer coverage in areas that do not have cellular service.

Nitrate Testing – Is Your Well Water Safe?

By Denise Gardian

At FoTTSA’s Annual General Meeting, Greg Athron from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment in Barrie pointed out the issue of nitrates that are sometimes found in well water.

Nitrate is a chemical compound that is one part nitrogen and three parts oxygen, and is the most common form of nitrogen found in ground water. Nitrates are highly soluble in water; nitrate has no taste or smell and can only be detected and identified by having your water tested. Nitrate in ground water originates primarily from the leaching of fertilizers, animal manure, human waste, or septage spread on farmers’ fields. Nitrate can get into your drinking water from runoff from farms, golf courses, home lawns and gardens, landfills, poorly managed animal feedlots, and faulty septic systems. If you have a private well, nitrate may get into your well if it is not adequately constructed or is improperly located. High levels of nitrate also may indicate the presence of other contaminants in your well water.

A high nitrate concentration in drinking water can be harmful to infants, pregnant women, nursing mothers and seniors. High concentrations reduce your blood’s ability to transport oxygen. In babies, especially those under six months old, methaemoglobinaemia, commonly called “blue baby syndrome,” can result from oxygen deprivation caused by drinking water high in nitrate.

Pregnant women are also more susceptible to nitrate/nitrite-induced methemoglobinemia since they have higher than normal levels of methaemoglobin. The level of methaemoglobinaemia peaks around the 30th week of pregnancy and declines to a normal level after pregnancy. Nitrate ingested by the mother may also lower the amount of oxygen available to the fetus and more birth defects can result.

When nursing mothers ingest water containing nitrate, the amount of nitrate in breast milk may increase. Although no confirmed cases of "blue-baby syndrome" have been associated with nitrate in breast milk, it may be advisable for nursing women to avoid drinking water that contains nitrate.

Seniors who have genetically impaired enzyme systems for metabolizing methemoglobin may also develop methaemoglobinaemia. People who have heart or lung disease, certain inherited enzyme defects, or cancer may be more sensitive to the toxic effects of nitrate than others. In addition, some experts believe that long-term ingestion of water high in nitrate may increase the risk of certain types of cancer.

Greg Athron of the MoE pointed out that sand on lots along the Tiny shoreline doesn’t always adequately filter out nitrates in drinking water and suggested that Tiny shoreline residents check the nitrate levels in their wells.

Acting on this recommendation, FoTTSA set up the means to provide nitrate sampling for Tiny shore residents through their beach associations. The beach associations that participated in testing for nitrates this summer were; Addison, Carusoe Bay, Edmor/Georgian Heights, Georgian Drive, Kettle’s, Kingswood Acres, Nottawaga, Pennorth, Rochelle, Rowntree, and Woodland as well as two sam-

ples taken north of the 14th Concession West. A total of 124 water samples were taken. The outcome of the overall nitrate study was quite positive with only three samples showing nitrates above the “acceptable” limit of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards, which is 10 mg/L. Two other properties tested in the 6/7 range. All five property owners were urged to contact the Severn Sound Environmental Association or the Midland Health Unit for guidance and advice.

Available home treatments for nitrate removal from drinking water are: distillation, reverse osmosis and ion exchange. Mechanical filters, carbon absorption filters and water softeners will not remove nitrates. Boiling your water will not eliminate nitrates in drinking water, and actually raises the concentration of nitrate levels. Overall, the results of the FoTTSA study were positive, although caution is still in order, as one study on nitrate levels cannot conclusively state that Tiny’s whole shoreline is in excellent shape from nitrate contamination of drinking water. Best not to be complacent.

What you can do to minimize nitrate contamination of drinking water is to use as little fertilizer as possible on your land, and utilize the most environmentally friendly fertilizing products if you do. Organic fertilizers are the best option. Best also to be “well aware” by making sure that wells are located appropriately, and that wells, septs and holding tanks are all in good working order as they are the opening for nitrate contamination of drinking water.

Sources: BC Ministry of Health, The British Columbia Groundwater Association, Conservation Manitoba, Environment Canada, Health Canada, Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

Candidates Tiny Election 2010

Mayor:
PEGGY BRECKENRIDGE
Peter Davenport
RAY MILLAR
Deputy Mayor:
GEORGE CORNELL
GEORGE LAWRENCE
Councillor:
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ELECTION 2010 SPECIAL

The President's Message: Our Recommendations for Tiny's Next Council and How We Arrived at Them

By JUDITH GRANT

As in the last two elections, FoTTSA's interviews with candidates were conducted together with representatives from the board of Tiny's Residents Working Together (TRWT). But this time, there were some differences:

- The Site 41 Group, now re-forming as Simcoe Aware to raise interest in municipal affairs all across the County, joined the interview team
- In addition to two interviewers from each organization, two observers from each organization watched the process, and each candidate was welcome to bring a supporter to observe his or her interview
- All those who appeared on the Township's "List of Certified Candidates" were invited to be interviewed.
- Three candidates (Cathy Burgers, Janet Evans, and Ken Scott) refused to be interviewed by FoTTSA.

The sessions were somewhat like job interviews. We all wanted to know how well equipped the candidates were for the positions they sought. Sitting members of Council were questioned on their records, their views on

future issues and challenges in Tiny.

New candidates were asked what effort they have made to understand what would be required of them. Did they have experience that would make them fair and useful members of Council? Were they prepared to spend the time required to do a good job? How much did they know about the Township as a whole, perhaps through serving on a Township committee or other organizations?

The interviews were not our only source of information about candidates, of course. The FoTTSA board discussed what was learned through the interviews, but also drew on its collective experience of each of the candidates, and in some instances went looking for additional information.

In the last two elections, the list of candidates for Mayor and Deputy Mayor contained only one strong candidate, and it was straightforward to arrive at recommendations for all five Council positions in common with TRWT. This time two contenders for both top posi-

tions are strong candidates, all with Council experience and outstanding records.

Thus, for the top two positions FoTTSA has decided to present to you our comments on all of the four strong candidates for Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and let you come to your own decisions on whom to support.

For the three Councillor positions, on the other hand, there are three candidates that all interviewers found to be highly experienced in Tiny and municipal politics, best prepared and most likely to serve the Township well.

The only unfortunate aspect of this election in Tiny is that because of the "embarrassment of riches" at the top of the ballot, Tiny will be deprived of the services of two deserving and talented politicians for the next four years.

Therefore this year, more than ever before, we urge you all to weigh the issues and candidates thoroughly, and **MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT AND MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE IS PROPERLY REGISTERED!**



We believe
PEGGY BRECKENRIDGE
would again be an excellent Mayor

In 2003 we recommended Peggy Breckenridge in her successful bid to become a Councillor and then in 2006 we supported her candidacy for Mayor of Tiny Township.

In 2006, she emphasized that Tiny needed a Mayor who would inspire positive thoughts about the Township in neighbouring municipalities and in prospective employees. She spoke about the need to foster community pride and to unite the Township's diverse communities.

During this term she convinced her Council of the need to establish a fresh image of the Township through professionally designed, consistent signage.

She initiated two annual community events – the Mayor's Pig Roast and the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament. The Pig Roast allows residents to meet and speak with Council in relaxed surroundings, and it showcases local talent. The Golf Tournament raises about \$5,000 each year for worthy local causes.

As Mayor, Peggy chairs meetings of Council. One regular observer noted, "Peggy understands her role as Mayor is one of governance not administration". She keeps her cool under pressure, or when members of the public misunderstand Council actions or decisions, using "grace and restraint in her responses and explanations."

She has led a Council that aggressively sought and

acquired over \$5,000,000 in infrastructure funding. Together they created a comprehensive Strategic Plan. Taxes continue to be among the lowest in the County. She has established positive relationships with neighbouring municipalities.

She has been effective on County Council, representing Tiny on a number of County committees. She played an important role in halting Site 41, delivering effective speeches at key moments. This result was achieved in part by her outreach to County Councillors at the AMO Conference in Ottawa just days before the moratorium vote.

Peggy brings valuable skills and experience to the role of Mayor. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree, a Diploma in Education, and took numerous business courses as she worked up to a number of senior management positions, including becoming President and General Manager of Sunbeam Canada for a time.

Although Peggy and husband Terry moved permanently to Tiny Township only in 2003, she was not new to the area. She grew up in Midland and has been a seasonal resident in Clearwater Beach for 28 years.

As Mayor, she has been a member of the

- Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA)
- Source Water Protection Board
- Physician Recruitment Board
- Severn Sound Sustainability Plan Steering Committee

• North Simcoe Chamber of Commerce
She is happily married, enjoyed raising her children, and is now an enthusiastic grandmother.

If she were elected for a second term, she wants to

- complete Council's strategic objectives, including finding a solution to septage disposal and dealing with encroachment issues

- see the Severn Sound Sustainability Plan and the County's Waste Management Strategy carried out
- get master plans completed for Tiny's major shore parks

- help find an effective structure for County Council

Were she re-elected Mayor, she would, as one constituent observed, "provide continuity for important issues both in Tiny and at the County of Simcoe".

Visit <http://www.peggyfortinymayor.com> for more info.



We believe
RAY MILLAR
would make an excellent Mayor

In 2003 we recommended Ray Millar as a candidate for Councillor in Tiny Township. When he was elected and served from 2003-2006, we were impressed by the energy, focus and principles he brought to bear on Township issues. Our Council observers found him to be thoroughly prepared. He also made succinct, clear reports about issues raised in committees he served on as Council representative (the Historical & Heritage Committee and Springwater's Recreation Advisory Committee). He found time to respond to telephone calls and e-mails. His grasp of the Township's Procedural and Purchasing By-Laws and of the Municipal Act kept staff and Council from straying beyond mandated bounds.

Before his election to Council, he had practical experience of Township administration, as a volunteer fire fighter, captain and Fire Chief in Tiny. Although there is gossip about his termination "without cause" in the mid 1990s as Fire Chief, we note that he subsequently reached an out-of-court settlement for wrongful dismissal, and continued to be employed in the Toronto fire department. He clearly had earned the support of his volunteers in Tiny, who, after his dismissal, gave him an award recognizing that "his service as Fire Chief transformed the department and established a new standard of emergency response in the Township of Tiny".

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When we first recommended him, Ray Millar had completed a number of courses in municipal finance, administration, accounting, fire fighting administration, and law, which stood him in good stead during his stint as Councillor. He has continued to take courses, primarily in law, but also, recently, in dispute resolution.

During his term as Councillor, he was a busy man – holding down a full-time position as a fire fighter, and another as a builder, owning (with his wife) Paragon Homes, which featured energy efficient homes. Yet he found between 30 and 50 hours a week to devote to his job as Councillor. Asked in 2010 whether he has time for the Mayor’s job, he pointed out that he has sold Paragon Homes, has completed the dispute resolution course, and has thus freed up a substantial amount of time.

He is a longtime resident of Wyevale, where he and his wife have been raising their five children, three of whom are now either off at university or are on their own.

In the years since 2006, he has continued to give time to his community, as

- chair of the Site 41 Community Monitoring Committee, taking the issue of Site 41 to the Environment Minister, the Ontario Ombudsman, and the Ontario Environmental Commissioner
 - director and founding member of Zero Waste Simcoe, raising awareness of the need for recycling and composting by individual households and for provincial regulation of packaging and product recycling
 - parent representative on the Simcoe County District School Board’s Accommodation Review Committee for area secondary schools
- If elected, he intends
- to have the Township introduce zero based budgeting
 - to strive for greater accountability and transparency at the Township and County
 - to work for more effective representation at the County

Visit <http://www.raymillar.ca> for more information.



We believe
GEORGE CORNELL
would make an excellent
Deputy Mayor

In 2006, we supported George for election to Council, and he has demonstrated effective leadership skills during these four years. He worked to achieve consensus on challenging issues within the Township.

George has over 25 years of business experience in the energy sector in Canada and the U.S. He is a graduate Professional Civil Engineer from the University of Toronto. He has demonstrated financial, budget and strategic planning, problem solving, communication and interpersonal skills. Approachable and genial, he is energetic and encourages teamwork.

During his term on Council, George has been the most consistent in listening to all sides and making reasoned, rational responses in the best interests of the Township. He is persistent and explores different approaches to a problem. He acknowledges diverse points of view, yet strives to achieve a consensus amongst Council members. His analytical background causes him to sift through the information and focus on core facts.

An important contribution has been his involvement in the Strategic Plan. His work with the Huronia Airport resulted in the development of the Airport Business Plan & Economic Impact Study. He also played a key role in the airport’s successful Federal Government Grant application (\$290,000) for “T” hangars.

As Council representative on the Community Recreation Committee, he facilitated communication between Council, staff and the Committee, showing leadership in rejuvenating the relationship between the township and our recreation associations. He supports the “Environment First” thrust of Tiny’s Official Plan, as a strong and effective tool for the stewardship and protection of our natural resources.

George and his wife Sandy have made Tiny their home since 2003. His activities in the community have included the North Simcoe Physician Recruitment Program, Vice President of the Huronia Community Foundation and most recently (with his wife Sandy) a new project to establish a Cancer Support Centre to serve our area.

- As a member of Council he served on:
- Huronia Airport Commission (Chair since 2009)
 - Community Recreation Committee
 - North Simcoe Business Retention and Expansion Task Force (North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation)

George feels that some of the challenges facing Tiny and Simcoe County are:

- Fiscal responsibility and realistic taxation levels
- Waste and septage management
- Appropriate sites for alternative energy
- Invasive plant species
- Drinking water quality including nitrate and e-coli levels
- Lake water levels and pollution
- Effective stewardship of Township property

As Deputy Mayor, he believes that strong, effective and transparent representation at Simcoe County is essential, particularly relating to fiscal responsibility, waste management, alternative energies and water quality.

As Deputy Mayor, he would work co-operatively as a team with Council, and ensure that the concerns of constituents were treated with fairness and respect. He would seek out the best value for the taxpayer’s dollar during these challenging economic times. His disciplined, rational decision making skills would be an asset at both levels of government.

Visit <http://votecornell.ca> for more information.



We believe
GEORGE LAWRENCE
would again make an excellent
Deputy Mayor

We supported George Lawrence’s successful candidacy for Deputy Mayor in the last election and we believe that he will fill the post admirably for the next four years.

He has become an effective contributor to activities at the County of Simcoe.

Our observer at the Corporate Services Committee commented particularly on his successful interventions regarding the proposed cancellation of bulk garbage pickup, the proposed wind turbines in northwest Tiny, and, of course, the cancellation of Site 41. At the meeting on August 12, 2009 (the one just before the moratorium vote on Site 41), he did “a magnificent job of working the room” before the meeting, and then made “a solid presentation with passion and commitment and generally standing up to opposition”.

At the Township, no one has been more conscientious than he about making himself available to constituents who telephone or e-mail him. He goes to see particular problems for himself, sometimes traveling the length of the Township a couple of times in a single day. Last year, he spent many hours at the Site 41 protest camp, encouraging the protestors. He spoke vigorously about the cause on radio.

At Tiny’s Council Meetings, he arrived thoroughly prepared and, when there was a need, ready to raise questions. He did his share of Council committee work, serving on the Site 41 Community Monitoring Committee and on Tiny’s Accessibility Advisory Committee.

George has given a great deal of time to his community. He gained his first broad experience of the Township as Chairman of TRWT and editor of its newspaper Tiny Ties from 1996 to 2006, when he resigned in order to run for Council. (He continues to sell advertising and to submit pictures for Tiny Ties.) While serving as Chairman he familiarized himself with the wind turbine issue, hosting two public meetings on the subject. He cut his teeth on Site 41 in those years too, writing many articles for Tiny Ties and organizing a demonstration at Queen’s Park. Also, each year since 2001 he has organized the highly useful Seniors Information Day.

He and his wife Joan have been permanent residents of Tiny Township since 1981. George was a successful builder, and took early retirement in 1995. He is sensitive to private property rights, and is also concerned that the Township’s inland and back lot residents have well-maintained, pleasant parks to visit on the shore.

And what does he see as the key priorities facing Tiny’s next Council?

- dealing with the Township’s septage, where he’s been proactive, visiting nearby treatment options, consulting the MoE in Barrie, and attending a conference on septage
 - getting the Township’s budget under control
 - improving staff morale
- And at the County of Simcoe?
- overhauling County staff
 - getting effective political governance

George Lawrence has the thorough knowledge of key issues, the passion, and commitment that are essential for anyone aspiring to one of the top two political positions in the Township.

...our election profiles continue on the next page

On Election Night, after 9 pm, October 25th, unofficial election results will be posted at the Swinging Seniors’ Centre. We will post those results on <http://www.tinycottager.org>.

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We believe you should re-elect
ANDRÉ CLAIRE
as Councillor

During the past four years, André Claire has been a strong advocate of the “Environment First” statement of Tiny’s Official Plan. He has received positive ratings from constituents for his prompt response to their concerns. Upon learning of an issue, he would personally examine the situation and then work diligently to find potential solutions. His engaging manner and dedication to preserving our natural resources are valuable attributes. He is fully bilingual and has played an active role in the preservation and celebration of our rich Francophone history and heritage.

His background as a professional engineer (with credentials from the INSA, Lyon, France and certified as a Professional Engineer in Ontario since 1982) provides him with analytical proficiency and technical knowledge that enhance his decision-making skills at Council. He consistently demonstrates a keen understanding of municipal issues and applies a logical approach to their solutions. A Tiny property owner since 1983, he and his wife, Ingrid chose to make Tiny their retirement home in 2001.

A keen environmentalist, his activities have included opposing Site 41, supporting Bluewater Dunes Restoration and investigating alternatives to the spreading of septage on township fields. He has supported an Environmental Assessment as a first step to assess septage issues and develop solutions. André understands that Township management of our resources will be affected by the introduction and modification of provincial bills such as the Environment Protection Act, the Nutrients Management Act, the Clean Water and Drinking Water Source Protection Act, and the Green Energy Act. His logical approach will be an asset when implementing the changes that will be required by the province.

His commitment to the preservation of our rich bilingual heritage has restored the Festival du Loup to Tiny and encouraged community involvement. Through his representation on the Historical and Heritage Committee, he is actively involved in the organization of the 2015 Champlain celebrations in our Township.

He has also worked diligently with the Parks and Recreation Associations to bring together a Memorandum of Understanding to encourage optimum use of our facilities. A Volunteer Policy Framework was developed to promote community involvement.

- As a member of Council he served on the:
- Community Recreation Committee
 - Historical and Heritage Committee
 - Site 41 Community Monitoring Committee
 - North Simcoe Future Development Steering Committee
 - Nottawasaga Improvement Plan
 - Champlain Celebration Committee
 - Summerama Organizing Committee
 - Georgian Bay Hospital Community Based Nomination Committee
 - Georgian Bay Hospital Re-Branding Committee

As a Councillor for the past four years, André has proven that he listens, understands, and evaluates fairly the many interests of the residents of Tiny. A team player, he works co-operatively with other members of Council to reach responsible decisions. He is environmentally focused, but maintains fiscal accountability. He is eager to continue the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the environmental initiatives that have been started this term. He stands for responsible stewardship of our Township.

Visit <http://www.andreclaire.com> for more information.



We believe you should re-elect
NIGEL WARREN
as Councillor

As one of Tiny Township’s Councillors for the last four years, Nigel Warren served constituents well, responding to phone calls and e-mails, and listening carefully to what was said to him. He brought citizens’ concerns up in Council meetings. He was tenacious, returning to issues until they reached resolution or were taken as far as possible.

Before each Council meeting, he went over the Township’s cheque register, and questioned anything that struck him as odd, or inefficient, or inappropriate. He looked for value for money.

He was willing to come and look at problems “on the ground”.

He was very much his own man and was not influenced by others unless they won his support with a better factual argument.

He was honest and direct.

The past four years have broadened his knowledge of Tiny. He was part of a Council that consistently opposed Site 41. With the others he supported the University of Guelph’s “Visual Impact Study” which provides a scientific approach to the siting of wind turbine developments. He was involved in the decision to acquire the Hunters and Anglers Clubhouse for use as a community centre.

As a member of Council he served

- on the Huronia Airport Commission
- on the Simcoe County Growth Sub-Committee
- on the Bluewater Dunes Restoration Committee

As a citizen he served his community as

- a member of the North Simcoe Family Health Team Committee
- vice president of the Sandcastle Community Association
- a member for the last six years of the Policing Committee
- a referee for the same period for the Huronia Soccer Club and local high schools
- a volunteer driver for a local service agency
- an area coordinator and block captain for Neighbourhood Watch
- and, for a year and a half, a director of the Simcoe County Children’s Aid Society.

Until his retirement, Councillor Warren worked as a purchasing and materials manager. As a senior manager with Burlington Technologies, he negotiated with Ford, General Motors, Chrysler and Toyota. He holds a Business Certificate from McMaster University.

When he and his wife became permanent residents of Tiny in 2003, they already knew the area well from many visits to relatives in the area. His wife is connected to the Maheu and Leroux families, descendants of settlers who came to Lafontaine over 150 years ago as loggers, later farmers around Lafontaine and Perkinsfield.

And issues that concern him for the next term of Council?

- Finding a way to manage septage other than spreading it on farmland
- Managing waste better by reducing, re-using and recycling, and halting the use of landfill sites
- Keeping industrial wind turbines out of Tiny
- Completing the current Council’s strategic objectives, including a review of the Township’s consultants, planning for replacement of retiring staff, and finishing the Official Plan Review.

Community-minded, tenacious, experienced, Nigel Warren has proved to be an excellent Councillor.

Visit <http://www.nigelwarren.com>



We recommend that you elect
GIBB WISHART
as Councillor

When Gibb Wishart put his name forward as a candidate for Councillor in May, we first wondered whether he was just another of the long list of potential ‘freshman’ running for Council this time.

We soon learned otherwise. An e-mail from a former FoTTSA director who has served with Gibb on Tiny’s Committee of Adjustment during 2006-2010 told us “Gibb is a person that FoTTSA should consider supporting....Most important, he has ‘common sense’”.

Although he has lived permanently in Tiny for only five years, serving on the Committee of Adjustment introduced him to land issues throughout Tiny and made him thoroughly familiar with our “Environment First” Official Plan. In addition, he has observed the current Council in action and come to some clear conclusions about ways Council might relate better to staff and the public.

But beyond that, he has a wealth of valuable experience and perspective to bring to the job of Councillor in Tiny. He served:

- two and a half years on the Planning Board for the then newly merged Township of Georgian Bay, while it was drafting its original Official Plan. (His family has cottaged near Go Home Bay since 1889, and still does.)
- twelve years as a Councillor and member of the Committee of Adjustment in the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio in south Simcoe County, west of Alliston. (During that period he was Co-Chair of a County of Simcoe Solid Waste Management Committee at a time when County was trying to place a landfill site in his Township. The Committee got the dumpsite turned down.)

• during his Council service in Adjala-Tosorontio the two Townships were amalgamated, and Gibb played a key role in “smoothing out the bumps”

Gibb and his wife Susan and their daughter Nancy live on the 13th Concession West in Tiny. He holds a Business and Commerce Degree from McGill and a Business Management Degree from Ryerson. After 15 years in the food industry, he spent another 15 as a Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Officer. For the last 11 years he has been a general contractor building ICF homes and renovating century homes.

He gives his time generously to the larger community. He contributes to the Out of the Cold program in Midland, has served The Covenant Church in Penetanguishene as an Elder, Board Member and Trustee, helps in the youth program in the park in Penetanguishene, and participates for a week or two each year in mission programs in Paraguay, South America. He also does road pickup twice a year on rue Lafontaine from the Village to the Shell station.

What would he like to accomplish, if he were elected?

- Bring a halt to the spraying of septage on farmers’ fields, preferably by working toward a lagoon system of treatment
- Improve the township’s municipal beaches by getting rid of invasive plants and stagnant water
- In the wake of Site 41, encourage recycling, re-using, reducing and refusing when shopping
- Hold the line on tax increases
- Keep Township Council’s business visible and open to the public

Gibb Wishart’s experience, idealism, and practicality would make him an excellent Councillor.

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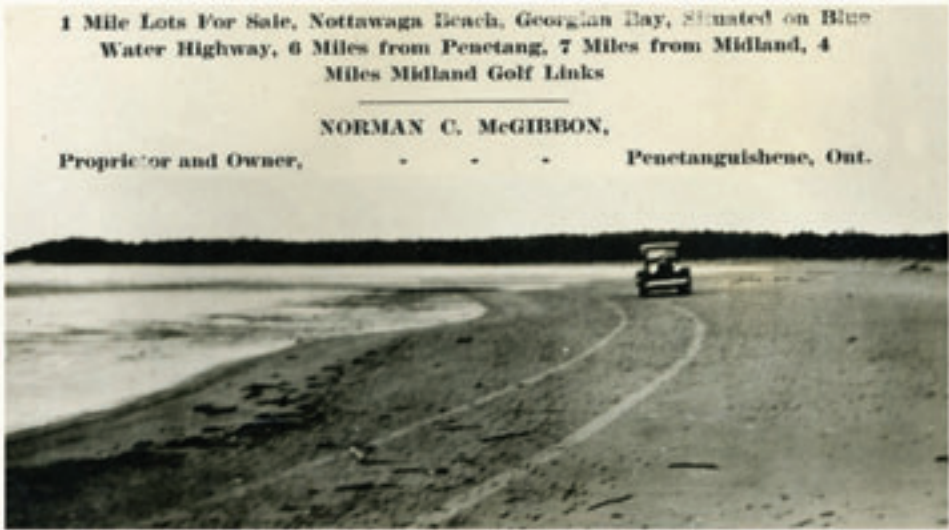


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Early Days at Nottawaga Beach

By Elizabeth Scott



‘Wonderful times during simpler days’ is how many Nottawaga Beach cottagers, past and present, describe their summer memories. Though decades have passed since my own childhood days at Nottawaga, even today whenever I return, time seems to miraculously shrink as recollections of fun and friendships come to mind.

Our beloved Nottawaga Beach is a sandy stretch that extends from the 12th to the 13th Concession of Tiny Township. In the late 1800s, Charles McGibbon (1856 - 1919) purchased the uninhabited land. He had come to the area in 1873 at age 17 to run a lumber mill in Penetanguishene. Charles didn’t build any cottages, though, and upon his untimely death from apoplexy in 1919, passed on the mile-and-a-quarter-long parcel to his son, Norman Chester McGibbon. In 1924, Norman built the first cottage on the path known today as Nottawaga Drive.

Norman’s daughter, Margaret Blackman, 86 years young today and living in Toronto, remembers spending her summers from birth to age 14 (1924 to 1938) at the beach. “Those were the best days of my life. We went up to the cottage when school was finished and came home when Labour Day came. There’s just a general feeling of it being wonderful,” she reminisces.



David, Margaret (age 2) & Helen McGibbon, 1926

Norman’s cottage later sold to the Archdekin family, then to Cecil (Tiny) Cathers. Byse Cathers, Cecil’s daughter,

owns that cottage today and one of Cecil’s sons, John, purchased nearby property also on Nottawaga Drive.

Though Nottawaga Beach runs from the 12th to the 13th Concessions, it’s actually divided into two parts by Lafontaine Creek. This stream and its tributaries flow through farmlands from the 18th Concession and Methodist Point Road to Nottawaga, where it empties into Nottawasaga Bay. Ironically in the beginning, because of the creek, two separate cottage communities developed, one to the north and the other to the south of the creek. Then in the mid-1960s the creek and challenges relating to its management brought the two sides together.



The McGibbon Cottage, 1924

In 1924 as Norman McGibbon was building his family cottage well south of the creek, to the north, along the laneway known today as Scott Lane, Milton Edward (Tim) Tully and Nada Rhoda Tully were also constructing two cottages, one for themselves and one to rent out. They bought the land from Norman for a mere eight dollars an acre. The Tully family, including Tim and Nada’s great grandchildren, continue to summer there today.

Just before the Tullys’ arrival at Nottawaga, however, there was a Mr. Price living at the end of the lane. He owned a fish business in Penetang and built the very first cottage, which my father, Jim Scott, bought in the mid-Sixties from a later owner, the Partinos.

The Bensons of Midland, Charlotte, Mary and Bea, built two rentals beside the Tullys. Then, after the stock market crash of 1929, my grandfather, Charles Edward Scott, also a lumberman, purchased 10 lots from Norman on the north side for \$250 apiece. As the lumber business had slowed almost to a halt during the Depression, my grandfather decided to use his lumber to build cottages instead, completing the first one in 1937, with seven others following suit, over the next seven years. (A ninth, beside the 13th Concession, was completed later, in 1960). In the late 1990s, the Township named Scott Lane in my

grandfather’s honour.

There’s a charming story about how Charlie’s eighth cottage got its name: the only one with two storeys, built as living quarters for the domestic staff of his cottage tenants. When my grandmother, Viola Jean Scott, first saw it being built, she exclaimed, “It’s like the King Edward Hotel in Toronto!” From then on it was affectionately known as ‘the King Eddie.’

Meanwhile, on the south side of the beach, in 1932, Dr. J. Ross Parrott, a Midland dentist, was rebuilding the Hamilton Inn, a mid-1800s era stage-coach hostelry. He moved the Inn, one log at a time, from the old Penetanguishene Road to Nottawaga. Today, the Inn is part of a newer structure which, until 2009, remained in the Parrott family (see www.tinycottager.org / Issue Archives / 2006 Fall / A Heritage Building for the Inn’s whole story).

Other families who originally settled on the beach’s south section include the Archibalds, Clarks, Edwards (they owned the Edwards Store in Midland), Irwins, Pinchens, and Proudfoots. Dr. Morley Harvey, a medical doctor from Midland also cottaged there (he outfitted his truck with caterpillar tracks so he could get to his country patients). A Reverend Wren owned three or four cottages as well.

During the early years, before it reached the Bay, Lafontaine Creek detoured south in front of the beach’s southern cottages. Natural forces of wind and waves made the length of that section widen and grow. As well, during storms, the creek would flood, recede and form shallow ponds between the cottages and the lake. To reach the beach without getting wet, residents had to use creative means to cross the water. Some constructed makeshift bridges -- others paddled across in dinghies. Children didn’t mind the shallow sun-warmed pools, though, and spent countless hours ‘fishing’ for minnows or pollywogs.

Eventually the creek tracked so far south that it affected a large number of cottagers. To deal with the situation, in the early Seventies, the southern cottagers banded together and formed the Nottawaga Creek Association (NCA). (Our family joined them since our cottage, formerly the Prices’, was right beside the creek to the north.) This informal group tried several ways to fill in the wayward section of creek, including pulling sand from the sand bars and/or dunes. Finally, one year the group hired a bulldozer. That worked. Afterwards, regular monitoring of the creek to ensure it emptied directly into the Bay was all that was required. Pollywog pools were filled in but minnow catching carried on in the Bay.

Having worked together for one common purpose, the NCA members continued meeting to discuss common interests and renamed themselves the Nottawaga Beach Association (NBA). The membership increased and included cottagers on the creek’s north side. In 2000, Association members voted unanimously to buy the remainder of the McGibbon property. The Nottawaga Beach Association became incorporated and today owns the beaches, dunes and greenbelt woodland area.

As the saying goes: “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” The sands of Nottawaga Beach may shift and move, but the natural spirit of this peaceful oasis will continue on for generations to come.



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Celebrate the Harvests of Tiny

By IRENE WILSON



The long hot summer that attracted so many to the beaches and waters of Georgian Bay has also resulted in bumper crops of produce from Tiny's agricultural community. Many cottagers like to take the time to support our hardworking farm neighbours and market gardeners by searching out local produce to incorporate into their fall menus. Some simple, adaptable recipes are listed below to assist your culinary endeavours.

Try spending an afternoon meandering through the pastoral farmlands of Tiny. Enjoy the relaxing vistas of barns, fields and forests surrounding Georgian Bay and explore the offerings of this year's harvest. Hearty red tomatoes bursting with old fashioned flavour, juicy cucumbers, varieties of squashes, crisp beans and sweet corn are among the selection that can be found. Produce stands crop up like mushrooms at the end of driveways. Reasonably priced, fresh, ripened, flavorful vegetables can be found with honour system cash boxes to collect your payments.

A popular, year-round stand is Dubeau's. Located at County Road 6 and Concession 11, it's run by Dennis and Kim Dubeau and their family. A spectrum of potatoes in red, white and gold is available in quantities to suit everyone's needs, including stocking up for the winter. Fresh fruits, including our own Georgian Bay apples are currently available. Select from vegetables, jams, preserves, baked

goods, farm fresh eggs, pumpkins, squashes and peaches and cream corn that bursts with sweetness and flavour. The corn should be available as late as Thanksgiving weekend. Specialty items include homegrown garlic and colourful gourds to decorate your Thanksgiving table. Pick up a couple of jars of homemade preserves as hostess gifts or to enhance your Thanksgiving dinner. Bring your empty egg cartons for immediate recycling.

Penetanguishene Farmer's Market, open Saturday mornings until early afternoon up to Thanksgiving, is located at the base of Main Street by the water. Various Tiny Township food entrepreneurs bring their locally produced goods, many of which are organic, for sale. The selection changes weekly and provides an interesting array of stands to browse through. Arrive early to get the best selections. If you wish to explore a little south of Tiny, Elmvale hosts a farmer's market downtown, each Friday morning.

A variety of squashes are available and can be served in assorted ways. They are a rich source of vitamins and fiber. Cut an acorn squash in half, brush with butter or olive oil and a sprinkle of brown sugar, bake at 400 F. for about 30 minutes or until tender for a quick vegetable dish. Mash cooked squash with maple syrup & butter or grated ginger and brown sugar as a side dish to the Thanksgiving meal.

Butternut Squash Soup (serves 6-8)

1 medium butternut squash (3 pounds, peeled, seeded & cubed)

(I pierce my squash several times and microwave on high for 6 minutes, let stand until cool. This softens the squash and makes it easier to cut and peel.)

1 tbsp olive oil
1 medium onion, peeled & diced
2 stalks celery, chopped
2 medium potatoes, peeled & chopped
1 medium carrot, chopped
1/2 dozen sprigs parsley or cilantro
6 cups chicken stock
Salt & pepper to taste

- Fry onion in oil until soft, add celery and fry for 2-3 minutes.
- Add stock & remaining ingredients, bring to a boil, and simmer for 30-40 minutes until squash is tender.
- Puree in blender in small batches.

Variations:

1. Add 1 tbsp grated ginger and/or dash of hot pepper flakes while simmering.
2. Add 1/2 teaspoon of curry powder while simmering
3. Stir in 1/2 cup of 10% cream or coconut milk before



The Dubeau Family serving.

Roast Tomatoes (serves 8)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F/180 degrees C

4 large tomatoes cut in half
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1 tsp dried (or 1 tbsp fresh) oregano or basil
1 minced garlic clove
1-2 tbsp grated parmesan cheese

1. Cut tomatoes in half, and place cut side up on baking sheet
2. Mix olive oil, balsamic vinegar, oregano or basil, garlic and drizzle over tomatoes.
3. Sprinkle with parmesan
4. Bake for 30 minutes. Serve hot or cold

Make Ahead (Garlic Optional) Mashed Potatoes (Serves 6-8)

5 pounds red or gold potatoes, peeled & quartered
Boil & drain (reserving cooking water)
1/2 cup potato water from cooking
1/2 cup milk
250 gm/8 ounces cream cheese
6 cloves diced garlic (optional)
Salt & pepper to taste

Optional additions: 1/4 cup of:

1. finely chopped parsley OR
2. finely chopped dill OR
3. finely chopped chives OR
4. finely chopped green onion
5. head of roasted garlic chopped

Mash potatoes with potato water, milk, cream cheese, garlic or other herbs & salt & pepper to taste.

Spoon into casserole dish and store for up to 24 hours.

Bake at 400 degrees F. for 30 minutes

To brown the top, brush with 2 tbsp melted butter before baking.



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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE FOR WOODLAND BEACH PARK: Community Stewardship Committees (similar to the one that keeps an eye on Bluewater Park) are to be set up for each of the major shore parks after a new Council is elected. However, at its meeting at the end of August, Council felt that an interim committee was needed right away for Woodland Beach Park, and decided to strike such a committee, with terms of reference similar to those of the Bluewater Dunes Restoration Advisory Committee.

ZERO-BASED BUDGETING / BUDGET MEETING DATES: At the end of August, four members of Council – Councillors Nigel Warren, André Claire, and George Cornell, and Deputy Mayor Lawrence – all made points in support of zero-based budgeting, and in particular in support of having one department tackle it during the next budget period. Such a budget is built up from scratch (services required, staff needed to supply those services, supplies to be purchased etc.), instead of being built on the previous year's numbers. Treasurer Doug Taylor was open to the idea and the Recreation Department was selected for the experiment. According to Mr. Taylor, some of the principles of zero-based budgeting are already in play in the budget process in Tiny Township.

Budget meetings are to begin at 9 am on January 17, 2011, February 7, 2011, and February 21, 2011.

SITE 20 RESOLUTION / STATUS OF CLOSED LANDFILLS: At the end of August, zoning issues regarding the closed landfill on Part Lot 15, Concession 14 West reached a reasonable conclusion. The landfill area is to be designated and a setback of 30 metres to be established around it. Only one property is affected. The report from Genivar Consultants is to be released to the surrounding property owners.

The Township's Chief Planner, Roger Robitaille, commented that of 36 closed landfills on the County's list for Tiny Township, only 13 remain to be resolved. However, as these same landfills have been cleared a couple of times before, he has opened a file on each one for future use, if needed. He intends to supply details in a report to Council.

PHRAGMITES UPDATE: In September, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment finally gave written approval for use of glyphosate on the stand of Phragmites australis in the 8th Concession road allowance parkette. As approvals are required for each of the many patches of Phragmites on Township lands, individual applications are now being prepared. The Public Works Department hopes to be able to have a spraying program in place for next year. This fall, according to the Manager of Public Works, Phragmites on municipal shore properties is to be cut.

FALL COMBINED LEAF AND YARD WASTE PICKUP: Pickups are scheduled for the last week of October and the first week of November. Last fall Council decided to extend this service to private roads that have Simcoe County garbage service. The remaining private roads are not accessible to big trucks and residents on them continue to have the transfer station as their only option.

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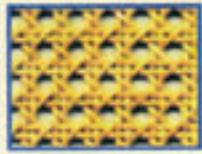
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