

WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Recently, I recalled a memory from long ago of my mother, Eleanor Palmer, saying out loud, “I sure hope the Deanlea Beach Association (DBA) keeps going.” I was perhaps in my early twenties at the time and I didn’t understand the statement nor the concern. The DBA was just there, somewhere in the background. A few concerned neighbours would get together to talk about stuff. She was one of them. At one point, she was the President of the DBA. She seemed to know everybody on the beach. But what was her fear? That there wouldn’t be enough concerned neighbours to talk about stuff? That there wouldn’t be enough money to do stuff? That we wouldn’t have any more Fun Days? Forty years later, I, and my fellow DBA Directors, have the privilege of sitting

where she sat. And seeing the bigger picture things she saw. And understanding the same things she understood. I now understand that her comment was a call to the generations. An appeal to sustain something good that was created several years ago for the benefit of all Deanlea Beach residents. It’s a unique and remarkable construct in these parts: a shared commons, owned collectively by all, organized for the objective of bringing our residents together. And as long as it exists, the DBA maintains privacy for its residents. Legally, the organization (the DBA) has to be managed every year by paying taxes, having a Board of Directors, and maintaining the common property. And it has to be supported by the community. In September, my Mom passed away

after living a full and rich life. The DBA is still healthy and is strongly supported by all of us. We should all be very proud of our 83% membership rate, which is near historically-high levels. That’s remarkable. And wonderful! That’s most everybody participating and very few free-riders. That’s a lot of concerned neighbours that get together to talk about stuff! Although occasionally I have the same fears that my Mom had, I also have a very strong faith that everyone in our community, particularly the next generation, recognizes the special place we have and will consider how best they can help keep this organization going.

We look forward to seeing you again next season and hope you have a happy, safe winter.

TREASURER’S REPORT

In 2019, we received membership fees from 182 of a possible 219 properties (or 83%). This is an increase of 12 from 2018 in which 170 fees (78%) were collected. There are 18 empty lots that are included in the 219 total properties. The Deanlea

Beach Association 2019 Financial Statements will be presented in detail at the 2020 Annual General Meeting. This year we have been able to communicate a consistent message to the entire Deanlea community so there is

a better understanding of why we need to collect fees from everyone. Thank you Deanlea friends and neighbours for helping us communicate this message!

DBA COMMON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Several 'large' trees have been identified as dead and/or dangerous and deemed necessary to have them removed from

pathways and roadside immediately on Deanlea common property. This work is scheduled to take place before the end of

2020 by a private contractor. A further update will be provided via the next newsletter and again at the AGM.

HYDRO ONE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE

Did you know that trees account for more than 30% of power outages?

To ensure its customers and employees are safe and that electricity is there for you when you need it, Hydro One has completed a walk-through of the Deanlea

Beach community and identified a number of trees and/or branches that are obstructing hydro lines. The trees marked with an orange "H" or an orange dot will be removed; and trees marked with a blue dot will be trimmed. It was scheduled

to begin in late Fall, however at the time of this newsletter, no work has started in our community. This work will be done by Hydro One.

FUN DAY 2019 RECAP

We are delighted that so many people turned out for Fun Day on our little stretch of beach. We would like to thank the volunteer coordinators for their contribution and the many people that jumped in to help during the day.

Raffle - Thank you to Wendy Spademan and Anna Armstrong for coordinating a

very successful raffle and to everyone who contributed prizes to the Raffle table.

Games - Oldrich and Anna Kaciak, Kyle Locke, Darcy Spademan, Loris Gaiotto

Lunch - Connie Wheeler, Marjory Ingrassia, Vivian McKeown, Larissa Varga, Rita Varga

Clean up - Barry Locke, Brian Wheeler, John Varga, Richard LaRose, Marc Armstrong

And a very special thank you to Lorrie Locke for organizing the day and to her family, Barry, Kyle and Katie for stepping in whenever and wherever they would needed!

DBA IN MEMORIAM POLICY

From time to time the Deanlea Beach community has the sad occasion of losing one of its members. As a testament of our caring and close knit community, the DBA will, during these times, receive requests from family and friends to, in some way, honour an individuals memory. The DBA's standing policy is to make an annual

donation of \$100.00 to the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation in memory of those DBA members who have passed on. The Foundation raises funds for critical equipment and technology not funded through the Government to ensure patients receive the care they need. For more information on the GBGH

Foundation visit: gbghf.ca

In addition to the Deanlea Beach Association website, members can share information and pictures on the Deanlea Beach Facebook page (search Deanlea Beach, On Canada) created by Deanlea members!

GREAT LAKES WATER LEVELS

The Nottawasaga Bay water levels in 2019 were very high; but just short of the historical high levels observed in 1986. A graph of the recorded monthly mean water levels for Lake Michigan-Huron (in the following link) shows the steady rise since the low levels of 2013: [http://](http://re-wm.usace.army.mil/ForecastData/GL-BasinConditions/LTA-GLWL-Graph.pdf)

re-wm.usace.army.mil/ForecastData/GL-BasinConditions/LTA-GLWL-Graph.pdf. The severe storm on Oct. 31, 2019 cut away a good portion of our dunes and left us with a much wider beach front. A six-month forecast (in the following link) suggests the Lake Michigan-Huron water

level may remain at or near historical highs for 2020: <https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Monthly-Bulletin-of-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>.

TEEDON GRAVEL PIT - EXTRACTION OF GRAVEL AND WATER IN TINY TOWNSHIP

You may be aware of the developing matter of extractions of gravel and water in our Township. Here is a brief summary. Aggregate (gravel) and water have been extracted for more than a decade at the site of the Teedon Gravel Pit in Tiny Township. This pit is directly over the aquifer that supplies pure water for most of North Simcoe and as far as south as the GTA. You may recall that this aquifer was threatened over 10 years ago by the proposal to establish Dump Site 41, which, thankfully, was ultimately rejected. The gravel acts like a natural filter, producing the finest pure water aquifer in the world. Residents near the Teedon Pit who rely on groundwater began reporting silt in wells, local streams and springs soon after the aggregate operation expanded in 2009, although the connection between the pit operation and the contamination of wells is disputed by the province and the pit owner. Neighbouring private wells have been contaminated by the silt to an extent that they have been rendered unusable. Tests are now being done to determine if the contamination has spread as far as the Wye Marsh. Natural springs in the area are also contaminated, including the artesian well water you may be familiar with at the natural water source on County Road 27 just north of Elmvale.

The current owner of the pit, a Swiss-owned company CRH Canada Group Inc, which owns Dufferin Aggregates working the Teedon site, is extracting and washing gravel over the aquifer, with as many as 40 truckloads of gravel leaving the pit in an hour. The Company's bid to further expand the gravel extraction northward and continue with the extraction of water was rejected by Tiny Township.

As Members of the Deanlea Beach Association, we are connected through

our Association's membership, with the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA). Being concerned with the preservation of our environment, FoTTSA joined the fight against the expansion of the Teedon Gravel Pit (northward) and the renewal of the Company's permit to take water from the site.

The gravel pit owners appealed Tiny Township's failure to amend its Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw to allow for the northward expansion of the pit into French's Hill to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. FoTTSA has now been granted official party status in the appeal, and is helping to support the Township's position.

The potential impacts to the water and environment are so serious that lawyers with the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) have agreed to represent FoTTSA at the appeal, pro bono. Nevertheless, FoTTSA is incurring expenses related to the case. A small portion of our annual DBA dues is going to support this case to preserve the purity of our water and protect our environment. While the direct legal costs will be covered by CELA, there will be additional costs and expenses associated with FoTTSA's support of the Township, including for example, office costs, travel expenses and so on. In addition, there will be costs associated with hiring expert witnesses (hydrogeologist, planner, and engineer) each of which would run between \$15,000 and \$50,000.

Dr. William Shotyk, who will be a key expert witness in this case, has recommended a complete moratorium on the extraction of gravel from the site, until "the impacts on groundwater flow systems are fully understood" and to ensure that water quality in the aquifer is not compromised. The fourth pre-hearing conference call

regarding the extension of the Tendon Pit is to be by teleconference in the latter half of November this year. It is to be attended by parties only (the gravel pit reps, the Township reps, and FoTTSA). Jonathan Kahn, representing CRH Canada Group Inc. said that at the teleconference meeting in November, it will probably be possible to schedule a future in-person Prehearing Conference. All parties agree that the gravel pit's two applications -- one under the Planning Act regarding the extension of the gravel pit and its need for Official Plan and Bylaw amendments -- and the other under the Aggregate Resources Act to renew CRH's permission to take gravel -- should be heard at the same time since they cover much the same material. It's taking some time to resolve the issues arising from the initial planning application and to get through the relevant ministries for the gravel taking permit.

The Permit to Take Water -- PTTW -- is a separate issue and will not be rolled in with the others. It is ongoing and has not been granted yet; FoTTSA is monitoring it, and the CELA lawyers will represent us in the 10 days allowed for comment once the decision has been taken.

FoTTSA is going to need additional financial support for this legal work. If you wish to make a financial contribution to the expenses associated with the legal defense in support of Tiny Township's refusal to grant approvals for expansion of the gravel pit extractions, please contact Linda Andrews of FoTTSA by email: lindajaneb@gmail.com Your Deanlea Beach Association will keep you informed of any further developments on this matter, as they occur.

Douglas Cruickshank
FoTTSA representative on the Deanlea Beach Association Board of Directors

DBA MEMBERSHIP FEES - JANUARY 2020 KICK-OFF!

Why Pay your Membership Fees?

Deanlea Beach is a private beach and is restricted to paying members of the Deanlea Beach Association as outlined by the boundaries in Plan 793, Plan 1481, and Plan M76. Your annual payment is for Municipal Property Taxes on paths, roads, and beach areas to maintain our legal ownership of a private beach. The fees are also used for membership in the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations www.tinycottager.org, maintenance of our private roads and paths (tree removal, pot holes, and poison ivy), Liability insurance coverage, Annual Financial Statements and CRA filings as required for the DBA Non Profit

Corporation. Please visit the DBA website for community updates and list of volunteer Board Members;
<http://www.deanleabeach.ca>

The annual fees are \$60. However, if you pay on or before June 30, you can take advantage of the early payment discount and pay \$50 (\$51.50 via PayPal). Those who pay later will have to pay the full \$60 (\$61.50 via PayPal).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Lorrie Locke - DBA Treasurer
26 Lakeside Drive
or email at treasurer@deanleabeach.ca

Payment Options

1. Credit card or PayPal - Visit: <http://deanleabeach.ca> and click on the "Pay My Dues Online" link.
2. In Person - At the Annual General Meeting Sat. May 16, Noon – 2pm /or Fun Day Sat. Aug. 1.
3. By Mail – Cheque payable to: 'Deanlea Beach Association'
PO Box 1231, Perkinsfield, ON L0L 2J0
4. Interac E-Mail Transfer: treasurer@deanleabeach.ca
Security Question: Best day on the beach?
Password: funday

DBA CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Palmer	President
Petra Wolfbeiss	Vice President
Lorrie Locke	Treasurer
Connie Wheeler	Secretary
Claudio Renini	Communications
John Gordon	Director
Peter Rossborough	Director
Anna Dragert	Director
Douglas Cruickshank	Director

2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

DBA Annual General Meeting - Sat. May 16 - 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Membership Fees early bird cutoff - Tues. June 30
Deanlea Beach Fun Day - Sat. Aug. 1

CONTACT US

You can find the Deanlea Beach Association on the web at:
www.deanleabeach.ca

You can contact us directly by email at:
board@deanleabeach.ca

And by letter mail at:
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Moved or new to Deanlea Beach? Update us with your contact information. Write a letter to the above mailing address or send an email to treasurer@deanleabeach.ca with the following information:

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DEANLEA BEACH ADDRESS:
DEANLEA PHONE NO:
HOME MAILING ADDRESS:
HOME PHONE NO.:
WORK PHONE NO.:
MOBILE PHONE NO.:
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