

## 2020 FoTTSA Presidents' Roundtable – Key Highlights

The 2020 Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (FoTTSA) Presidents' Roundtable was held via a virtual meeting on Saturday, September 19th, 2020. There were 20 beach Associations represented and it was reassuring to learn how much the associations have in common, as well as specific challenges some areas are facing, and all the innovative ways Associations are engaging with their members.

Each Association made a brief presentation on its number of current members and key concerns. Common issues included the matters of short-term rentals (notably AirBnB) and associated problems, road safety specifically excessive vehicular traffic speeds on Tiny Beaches Road, FoTTSA Water Testing program and high(er) E.coli results, and the infestation of Gypsy Moths.

Other issues noted were poor internet service at some of the beaches, an increase in the number of squatters on our beaches and high water levels on the Bay. There was also an update on Teedon and Sarjeant Gravel Pits; and a commitment from FoTTSA to work with Council on the Tiny Island Causeway and by-law enforcement.

Below is a brief update about a few of the issues/items discussed. All documents can be found at: [www.tinycottager.ca](http://www.tinycottager.ca)

**Short Term Rentals:** Currently, Tiny Township is working on a new licensing plan. As part of the process, FoTTSA presented a deputation in May and here is the presentation [FoTTA's deputation](#). Feel free to share.

**Road Safety:** FoTTSA conducted a survey and will be presenting their recommendations to Council on September 28th. Here is the [presentation and recommendations](#). Feel free to share.

**Water Testing:** Information about the program and the results from past years is [here](#). The complete 2020 results will be posted as soon as the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit releases its results for the public beaches in Tiny.

**Gypsy Moths:** As part of FoTTSA's investigation about gypsy moths, a survey was conducted to solicit feedback from property owners. A deputation is being prepared and the plan is to present to Tiny Township Council on October 19th. Recommendations include that Council commit to spraying private and public lands with gypsy moth infestation in Tiny.

**Drinking Water and the Teedon and Sarjeant Gravel Pits:** Visit the [new website here](#) to learn more about the back story and why Tiny's unique water resource needs protecting.

**Whats Next:** In the coming months, FoTTSA will be giving particular attention to getting Council involved in sorting out the 'causeway' as well as the overarching problem of weak or non-existent by-law enforcement. *(The matter of dredging between Bechwith and Christian Islands and the mainland is influencing the near-shore currents and removal of sand from many of the Tiny beaches, leaving a preponderance of rocks and stones on the beaches.)*

**Social Media:** All members are encouraged to receive the receive the monthly [FoTTSA Flash](#) and to follow FoTTSA on social media: [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Tinycottager.org](http://Tinycottager.org)

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