

WBNEWS

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Message from the Mayor



On behalf of town council and staff, I wish you a very Happy New Year.

My hope is you had a pleasant holiday with family and friends. I know I enjoyed celebrating the season with loved ones, especially our grandchildren.

I am pleased to share with you that on Jan. 17 the town reopened Beach Drive. Town council and staff are happy to have restored road access to this historic area of our community. It was nice to have so many residents join us for the re-opening ceremony.

Looking ahead, this will be a busy year for the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Some of the things your council and town staff will work on include the following:

1. Establishing council's priorities for this term.
2. Creating the 2023 operating and capital budgets for the town.
3. Successfully implementing and completing the capital projects planned for the year.
4. Determining next steps for town-owned land at the beachfront.
5. Finishing the twin-pad arena and library project and opening the facility to residents and visitors later in the year.
6. Determining how best to use the town's portion of the proceeds from the new casino.
7. Organizing and holding great events – think fun and lots of it – for residents and visitors.

The above is a high-level look at what will be taking place in the year ahead. You can stay informed about town business throughout 2023 by ensuring you do the following:

- Visit our website for updates.
- Watch our council meetings online (via the town website) or in-person.
- Review our monthly council highlights package (available on the website).
- Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter (sign up on our website).
- Follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

Throughout the year, if you have questions, concerns, or simply wish to make a comment on a town matter, please reach out to me, or another member of council, or town staff. Our contact information is available on the town website at www.wasagabeach.com. We are always glad to hear from you.

Ultimately, this year and always, our objective is to deliver the best possible services for the people of our community, while at the same time positioning Wasaga Beach for continued success.

In closing, please remember to hug the ones you love and be kind to each other.

Brian Smith is mayor of Wasaga Beach.

E-receipts and billing

The town is offering paperless water and tax bills. Sign up for e-billing and receive your bills via e-mail. If you would like to sign up for this option, please e-mail e-billing@wasagabeach.com and including the following:

1. The subject line should state the municipal property address, starting with the street name.
2. The body of the e-mail should state your name and phone number.
3. The e-mail must come from the e-mail address you want the bill sent to.

If you have questions, call us at 705-429-3844.

All in.



Wasaga Beach

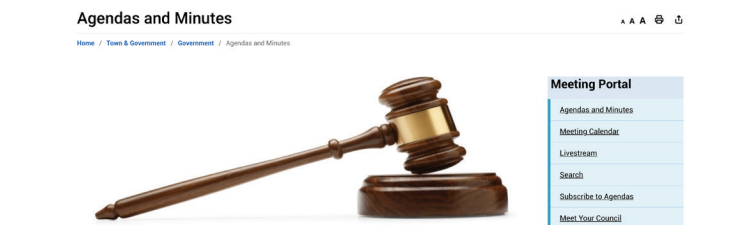
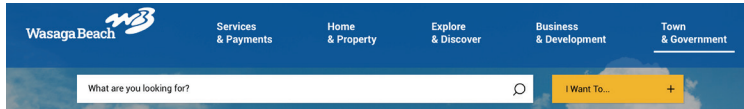


Mayor Brian Smith and council members cut the ribbon to officially reopen Beach Drive.

Beach Drive reopened

Members of town council officially reopened Beach Drive on Jan. 17.

Also on hand for the occasion were town staff involved in clearing the sand off the road, as well as residents. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this historic day. It was great to see so many happy people in attendance.



Meeting information on our website

Find dates and times for upcoming committee and council meetings on www.wasagabeach.com.

Meeting agendas are also available on the website. Through the site, you can register to receive an e-mail notification when agendas are ready for review.

Meetings are livestreamed on the site and recordings of the meetings are available as well.

Wasaga Beach Youth Centre

The Wasaga Beach Youth Centre is at 1621 Mosley St. The centre operates Monday to Saturday, from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Visit the centre and access great programs, computers, wi-fi, games, and much more.

Learn more on our website at www.wasagabeach.com.

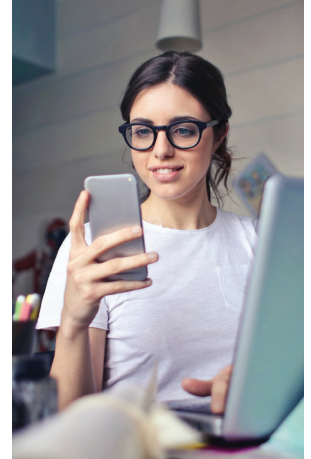
The town also produces a monthly council highlights package that is available on the website. You can subscribe on the site to have the highlights e-mailed to you. The highlights provide an overview of what took place at the council meeting, as well as links to staff reports and other relevant information.

Learn about what's happening

Our website is your best source for information about upcoming special events, activities, and programs.

See our online calendars to learn about the different things that are happening in the weeks and months ahead.

Visit www.wasagabeach.com.



2023 budget consultation

Council and staff are working on the draft 2023 municipal budget and want to know your priorities for the town. Visit our community engagement website at www.letstalkwasagabeach.ca and take our survey. Share your views on how the town should use municipal dollars in the year ahead.

can help

211 is a helpline that easily connects people to the social services, programs and community supports they need.

Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211ontario.ca.

Seniors Active Living Centre

Our Seniors Active Living Centre is a great spot to access programs and fellowship.

Located at 1621 Mosley St., the centre offers an array of things to do.

Visit our website at www.wasagabeach.com to learn more or drop by the centre and chat with us.

