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your update on what's happening in Wasaga Beach

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Get your parking permit

Residents who do not wish to pay for parking in Municipal Parking Lots must display their resident parking permit.

If you have not yet purchased your resident parking permit, please visit the town office located at 30 Lewis St. to obtain your pass, or fill out the online form to have the pass mailed to your address.

New this year, residents are able to purchase TWO parking permits per municipal address at \$28.25 each. For more information, please call us at (705) 429-3844 or www.wasagabeach.com.



Tax bill

E-Billing

To sign up for e-billing for tax and water bills, please e-mail: ebilling@wasagabeach.com. Please include the following information:

- 1) Your municipal address;
- 2) Your name and telephone number;
- 3) Your e-mail must come from the e-mail address that you would like the bill sent to.

Paying your bill

Payments can be made the following ways:

- 1) In person at town hall, 30 Lewis St., Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- 2) Use our drop box beside the front door (cheques only).
- 3) Payments can be mailed to the address indicated on your bill.
- 4) At most financial institutions.
- 5) Through online banking.
- 6) Pre-authorized payment plan.

Mayor's Message

I am so pleased that we can share with you an important update on the redevelopment of town-owned land at the beachfront.

Recently, council approved Slate Asset Management L.P. as the preferred developer. We also authorized staff to assemble a team to negotiate the purchase and sale terms.

So much effort has gone into reaching this point.

In 2014-2018, we saw the town purchase these beachfront properties and the creation of the Downtown Development Master Plan, complete with a community consultation process.

This term, we've continued to move forward with beachfront redevelopment by completing important related studies that had not been done. See our project page on the town website to learn more about the history. We also went through a detailed and proper process to identify a preferred developer, which is the stage we are at today.

We started by hosting a Request for Expression of Interest process that shortlisted potential developers. We then issued a formal Request for Proposal call. Our staff, consultants, and council members vigorously reviewed submissions before settling on Slate.

As I have said before, we are now in the negotiation period with Slate. There are many important details to work out - including phasing and timing for the project. Watch our website for updates as we continue to move forward.

On another note, I was pleased to see the province is starting to re-open Ontario. A three-step plan for re-opening was announced May 20. This is certainly good news.

So many in our community have struggled during the latest shutdown. I know it has not been easy. The town has attempted to help by temporarily waiving certain fees and penalties. See our website to learn more. We have also rolled out Support Local messaging and that continues.



To make sure that nothing puts the reopening in jeopardy, please continue to follow the public health rules. The vaccine rollout continues and we hope for brighter days ahead.

Stay safe and talk again soon.

Nina Bifulchi is mayor of Wasaga Beach.

211 can help

Are you looking for information about programs and services in the community? Check out www.211ontario.ca online or telephone 2-1-1.

211 is a trustworthy source for information and services to deal with life's challenges. You can access 211's services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Check out our programs

Looking for fun and interesting things to do in our community?

Visit our Recreation, Events, and Facilities page at www.wasagabeach.com to learn about all of the great activities happening.

The Wasaga Beach Public Library also offers an array of programs for your enjoyment. Learn more at www.wasagabeach.library.on.ca.

Another way to stay up-to-date on programs and activities is to follow our social media channels. Search for them on Facebook and Twitter.

More cycle-friendly Main Street!

We are making changes to the configuration of Main Street, from River Road West to the south side of the Main Street Bridge.

The new configuration includes three lanes - one lane in each direction with a common centre turn lane - plus bike lanes on each side of the road.

Please note the bike lanes will extend to 6th Street north of the bridge.

The changes are known as a Road Diet and will mean a more cycle-friendly experience for residents and visitors.

Our COVID-19 information page your local resource

Throughout the pandemic, our COVID-19 information page has been your one-stop location for details about the town's response to this health crisis.

As well, the page contains extensive information from other sources, including the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit, Government of Ontario, and Government of Canada. In addition are resources for our local business community.

You can find the page at www.wasagabeach.com. Be sure to check out our Business Recovery page on the website as well.

Contractors pre-qualified for twin-pad arena and library project

Council, at its May 25 meeting, approved the list of pre-qualified contractors for the twin-pad arena and library project.

They also authorized staff to provide the contractors a tender package when council deems it appropriate to release the tender for construction.

Council also directed staff to work with Colliers International – project leaders – as well as MJMA design consultants to develop the construction tender package.

Watch our website for updates.

Wasaga Beach Farmers' Market returning for another season

The Wasaga Beach Farmers' Market is back for the summer.

On May 25, council approved the town entering into an agreement with the market to operate at the RecPlex parking lot, starting June 15. The market plans to have 24 vendors this year. See our website for further details.

Open Fires By-law

The Town of Wasaga Beach would like to remind its residents and visitors of the "open fires" by-law.

Property owners are not required to obtain a permit, however, the by-law rules must be followed to ensure fire and health safety.

- Only dry seasoned firewood shall be burned (no rubbish or yard waste).
- Smoke from the fire is your responsibility; do not allow smoke to interfere with others enjoyment of their property.
- A fire shall only be set in an outdoor burning device complete with a spark arrester.
- Fire shall be less than 1 metre in diameter and ½ metre in height.
- A minimum of 4 metres from any combustible material must be maintained (i.e. structures, fence, trees etc.).
- Each fire shall be supervised by a responsible adult with access to adequate means of extinguishment (i.e. garden hose, bucket of water etc.).

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in fines or the removal of your burning privileges.

The full open fires by-law can be found on www.wasagabeach.com.

Meeting agendas

Visit our website at www.wasagabeach.com to learn about upcoming meetings of council and committees. You can even subscribe to receive notifications of new agendas ready for viewing. Our website includes minutes of past meetings. Questions about a meeting? Call our Clerk's Department at 705-429-3844, ext. 2224.



**Moving Wasaga
Beach Forward**

**Investing in
our future...
Building our community**

**Our new twin-pad
arena and library means:**

**A place for people to
play and develop.**

**A spot to experience
community events.**

Space to learn and create.

Indoor activities for all ages.

See our Q&A page at
www.wasagabeach.com
to learn more.