



# WBNEWS

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## New council holds inaugural meeting

The new town council held its first meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The meeting took place in the council chamber and included the swearing in of council members.

The council is comprised of the following people:

Brian Smith, mayor;  
Tanya Snell, deputy mayor;  
Joe Belanger, councillor;  
Sasha-Rose Dileo; councillor;  
Faye Ego, councillor;  
Ellen Timms; councillor;  
Richard White, councillor.

Visit our website at [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com) to learn how you can reach members of council.

## Toys for Tickets returns for another season

The Town of Wasaga Beach's annual Toys for Tickets campaign runs until Dec. 10.

### HOW DOES THE CAMPAIGN WORK?

Every person who receives a parking ticket – with the exception of accessibility parking violations – is eligible to participate in the program. In lieu of paying a fine, parking ticket recipients have an alternative option of purchasing a toy and bringing it to town hall at 30 Lewis St. Bring the toy to the Municipal Law Enforcement Department during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The value of the toy must be equal to or exceed the amount of the parking ticket. Please include the receipt for the toy as well as your parking ticket. In addition, the

toy must be unwrapped and in its original packaging. People can donate more than one toy – in relation to their fine – as long as the total cost of the toys is equal to or exceeds the fine amount (taxes not included).

The town will donate the toys to the Kinette Club of Wasaga Beach. The club will distribute the toys to families in need over the Christmas season.

For more information, contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Office at 705-429-2511.

## Get meeting information on our website

Find dates and times for upcoming committee and council meetings on [www.wasagabeach.com](http://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.

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.

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All in.



Wasaga Beach



Town officials met with Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson to mark the opening of the revitalized Pridham Park Bridge and McIntyre Trail.

## Bridge and trail revitalized thanks to \$280,000 Community Building Fund grant

On Oct. 28, the Town of Wasaga Beach officially opened the revitalized Pridham Park Bridge and McIntyre Trail.

In 2021, the town received a \$280,000 Community Building Fund-capital stream grant from the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Trillium Foundation to help with this revitalization work.

MPP Brian Saunderson met with town officials to see the results of the work.

“It’s great to see OTF funds being invested in important infrastructure so that the residents and visitors alike can enjoy healthy and active use of the beautiful trails of Wasaga Beach,” said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey.

The repairing and resurfacing of the trail and pedestrian bridge will improve safety and extend the life of these community assets. The project also improved bridge and trail accessibility. The wood decking of the bridge was redesigned with a smooth, flat, non-slip surface. The bridge was widened to accommodate larger sized wheelchairs and regulation height handrails were installed to help people with limited mobility. The trail was widened and resurfaced, creating a more accessible pathway.

The pedestrian bridge crosses McIntyre Creek, just west of Sunnidale Road and north of Pridham Court.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation’s (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund. Since 2020, OTF has supported Ontario’s economic recovery by helping

non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit [otf.ca](http://otf.ca) to learn more.

## Wasaga Beach Public Library crowned 2022 Georgian Bay Reads champion

The Wasaga Beach Public Library (WBPL) is proud to celebrate that on Oct. 22, 2022, staff member Connie Cook was awarded the winner of Georgian Bay Reads for her defence of the book *Daughters of the Deer* by Danielle Daniel.



Library staff member Cathy Turrie with Connie Cook, winner of Georgian Bay Reads.

Georgian Bay reads has been the premiere literary event along the South Georgian Bay shore for the last 14 years.

Involving five local libraries (Clearview Public Library, Collingwood Public Library, Meaford Public Library, Springwater Township Public Library and Wasaga Beach Public Library), the event pits five books and five defenders against each other in a lively debate and high paced discussion to prove that their book is worthy of the title of Georgian Bay Reads.

Designed as a wrap-up event for Ontario Public Library Week, this year marked the event’s return to an in-person format at the Clearview Public Library branch in Stayner.

The event creates a connection between the five communities around Southern Georgian Bay and provides a forum to share, discuss, and celebrate Canadian literature.

As a result of the win, the Wasaga Beach Public Library will host the 2023 event.