



July 2021

# Water Bill information BULLETIN

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**WASAGA SUNDAES**  
July 11th to September 5th!  
An ice-cream trail every Sunday throughout the summer!

Visit [www.letstalkwasagabeach.ca/wasaga-sundaes](http://www.letstalkwasagabeach.ca/wasaga-sundaes) to learn more

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## Mayor's Message

Like the rest of you, I am so happy to see the reopening of many of our local businesses. There is a sense of optimism as Ontario slowly reopens.

Here at the Town of Wasaga Beach, we continue to focus on the delivery of important municipal services. This includes moving Wasaga Beach forward through investments in public infrastructure. You have probably noticed a few projects underway in various parts of town.

On that note, I am pleased to tell you that council recently authorized staff to issue the construction tender notice in July for the twin-pad arena and library project. Five pre-qualified general contractors have until Aug. 11 to submit their bids.

In other news, we recently received the town's 2020 audit report. The town's independent auditors confirmed the town remains in a healthy financial position. I encourage you to watch the related presentation on our website. See the June 29th council meeting.

Personally, I'm pleased to see the return of summertime favourites in our community such as Jazz and More in the Park, as well as Movie Nights, and the Wasaga Beach Farmers' Market. Our library is rolling out great summer programs too and I encourage you to check these out with your family.

We continue to support our local businesses through various programs. For quick reference, they include:

- Open Parks;
- Open Patios;
- Open Patios Music;



- Wasagalicious;
- Wasaga Sundaes.

As we move through summer, I hope each of you find some time to enjoy the good weather with friends and family. Please remember to observe all public health rules.

Stay safe and I look forward to updating you again soon.

Sincerely,

Nina Bifolchi,  
Mayor.

Please contact the Water Clerk at (705) 429-3844 ext. 2245 if you experience any of the following:

- If the property was **occupied** during this billing cycle but both the **Previous and Current Read are the same.**
- If the current bill reflects 'Flat Rate Residential' water/sewer rates.



## E-RECEIPTS AND BILLING

The town is also 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 [ebilling@wasagabeach.com](mailto:ebilling@wasagabeach.com) and include the following:

- 1 The subject line should state the municipal property address, starting with the street name. For example, Main Street 123.
- 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.

## Find out what events are happening

### Looking for something to do in Wasaga Beach?

Visit the Events section of our website at [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com).

We update the site regularly with information so make it a place you visit online.



## Town finances in great shape

Town finances are in great shape, members of council heard recently during a presentation of the 2020 audited financial statements.

Jay Anstey, a partner at Baker Tilly, the firm the town uses for independent auditing services, provided an informative overview of the statements. You can review the presentation by watching council's June 29th meeting on our website at [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com).

Anstey noted the municipality has healthy reserves and is overall in a good financial position to meet the needs of the town today and in the years ahead.

Jocelyn Lee, director of finance for the Town of Wasaga Beach, also addressed the town's good financial standing in a staff report that council received for information.

She highlighted the net surplus for the 2020 fiscal year is \$1.8-million.

## Work continues on twin-pad arena and library project

The twin-pad arena and library project has cleared another important milestone.

The town will issue tender documents in July to the five pre-qualified general contractors with a closing date to bid of Aug. 11, 2021.

The estimated construction cost is \$44-million, within an overall project cost of \$59-million. Construction costs have increased somewhat, but the overall budget remains the same.

Visit our project page at [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com) to learn more.

## Town installing rainbow crosswalk

The town is installing a rainbow crosswalk at Mosley and 39th streets, in front of the Wasaga Beach Youth Centre.

The rainbow crosswalk represents the town's commitment to LGBTQ+ programming at the youth centre and identifies the centre as a safe and accepting space in our community.

"The LGBTQ+ community is an important part of Wasaga Beach and this installation helps convey that message," Mayor Nina Bifulchi said.

Josh Pallas, recreation and youth coordinator for the Town of Wasaga Beach, echoed the mayor's comments and spoke about the centre's operations.

"Our youth centre offers a variety of programming for young people, including programs geared towards LGBTQ+ youth. We are proud of the work we have done and we look forward to expanding on it. A highlight for us was being nominated for a 2019 Simcoe Pride Organization of the Year award, recognizing the centre and its role in town," Pallas said.

Cortney Dreifelds is a local resident with her wife and son, a member of the LGBTQ+ community, and works in athlete rehabilitation.



"Moving to Wasaga Beach a couple of years ago had been a dream come true for our family, so when we heard about Wasaga Beach celebrating Pride, we truly felt like we belonged more than ever. The installation of the pride crosswalk shows Wasaga Beach youth that they are accepted and embraced in their own community," she said. "Regardless of your religion or sexual orientation, pride is simply about love. Now more than ever we need to come together as a community to foster our economy, and re-connect after such a challenging year. Wasaga Beach's Pride initiatives will help our community re-connect at a safe distance, and create a new normal for a better future."

The town plans to have a formal unveiling of the crosswalk during Simcoe Pride, which runs July 26 to Aug. 8. A Simcoe Pride flag raising at the RecPlex will take place at 11 a.m. on July 26 and immediately after there will be an unveiling of the crosswalk and an open house at the youth centre, subject to COVID-19 public health regulations.



*On July 2, Mayor Nina Bifulchi and members of council were happy to attend the grand opening of Merle Norman Cosmetics at Stonebridge Town Centre. Welcome to Wasaga Beach!*



## Team established to negotiate town-owned beachfront lands

The town has established a team to negotiate with Slate Asset Management the purchase+sale, and development agreements for town-owned land at the beachfront. Council, at its meeting in June, received a report on the team from CAO George Vadeboncoeur.

He noted that on May 25, 2021, council approved the selection of Slate Assessment Management as the preferred developer for town-owned land at the beachfront and authorized the creation of a team to negotiate with the company.

The team is comprised of the following people:

- George Vadeboncoeur, CAO;
- Doug Herron, director of planning for the Town of Wasaga Beach;
- Kevin Lalonde, director of public works for the Town of Wasaga Beach;
- Shawn Oakley, vice-president, real estate advisory services, Deloitte;
- Gianni Ciufu, partner, financial advisory government sector leader, Deloitte;
- Bill Mocsan, procurement specialist and fairness advisor, Bill Mocsan and Associates;
- Mary Ellen Bench, lawyer, Dentons;

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## Building activity report shows development chugging ahead

Coordinated Committee at its June 10 meeting received the Building Department Summary Report for May for information.

The department issued 51 building permits with a total estimated construction value of \$6.5-million.

In cue for building permits are applications for approximately 156 townhomes and 37 single-detached homes.



The **Open Parks Program** provides new opportunities for businesses to maximize their capacity and introduce new avenues for revenue generation while allowing for physical distancing during COVID-19. Through this program, businesses can book time to use outdoor spaces at municipal parks. Visit [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com) to learn more.

## SPECIAL EVENTS



**\*New Location\***  
**WASAGA SPORTS PARK**  
**1888 Klondike Park Rd.**  
**Tuesdays**  
**7:00PM - 9:00PM**



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Please remember:

- Bring your own chairs
- Maintain physical distance
- Limited capacity



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Contest  
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your kids to  
keep  
reading

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Reading  
Club

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June was Seniors' Month in the Town of Wasaga Beach. Mayor Nina Bifolchi and Deputy Mayor Sylvia Bray joined Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee chair Fiona Ryner for a flag-raising and proclamation reading at town hall on June 4.



Mayor Nina Bifolchi, Councillor Stan Wells, Deputy Mayor Sylvia Bray, and Councillor George Watson recognized Wasaga Family Foot Clinic for 25 years in business on June 21. Congratulations Dr. Kew and team. Thank you for your service in our community.

**211** can help

Are you looking for information about programs and services in the community?

Check out [www.211ontario.ca](http://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.

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JOIN US FOR FREE OUTDOOR  
**MOVIE NIGHTS**

\*NEW LOCATION\*

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