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Municipal Election 2018

This is a municipal election year.

Nominations for the position of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and councillors will be accepted from May 1 to 2 p.m. on July 27, 2018.

Election Day will be held Oct. 22, 2018. The new council will serve a four-year term.

The election will utilize the same methods as in 2014 – Internet and telephone voting.

Residents with questions about the municipal election should contact clerk Andrea Fay at 705-429-3844, ext. 2223 or by e-mail at clerk@wasagabeach.com. Questions can also be directed to deputy clerk Laura Borland at 705-429-3844, ext. 2224 or by e-mail at deputyclerk@wasagabeach.com.

Wasaga Beach Youth Centre

Upcoming Youth Programs and Events

Youth Out Trip to Sky Zone – March 3, 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., \$55, Grades 7-12, register by Feb. 22.

March Break Drop In – March 12-16, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Youth Centre, Grades 7-12.

Open Gym Time – Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m., Worsley E.S., Grades 7-12.

LGBTQ+ Club – First Thursday of each Month, 7 p.m., Youth Centre, Grades 7-12.

TGIF Youth Nights – Second Friday of each Month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., RecPlex, Grades 5-8.

PA Day Drop-In – April 27, May 18, June 1, 12-9 p.m., Youth Centre, Grades 7-12

Youth Out Trip to Retro Planet – April 26, 4:15-10 p.m., \$40, Grades 7-12

National Youth Week events – May 1 to 7, watch for more details.

For more information, including how to register, visit www.wasagabeach.com/youth-centre.

Message from the Mayor

It brings me great pleasure to present you with the Town of Wasaga Beach's latest newsletter.

February is a time of year when we celebrate our families.

Specifically, the third Monday in February is Family Day.

As a husband and father, and now a grandfather, I can tell you family means the world to me.

Serving as your mayor, I always try to keep families in mind. Making our community better for the people who live here is the whole reason I got into municipal politics.

All of our town services are geared towards families in some fashion. The Wasaga Beach Public Library offers a variety of resources for families. The Wasaga Beach Youth Centre does too. And so does our Recreation Department.

Of course, the list goes on.

For example, our transit system provides an affordable way for people to get around town. Our parks and playgrounds provide a safe place for people to gather and play.

Your council is always looking for ways it can improve services and amenities for the families who live here. The new community hub we plan to build as part of the downtown project is one example.

If you have ideas about how we can make Wasaga Beach a better place, I encourage you to reach out to me or another member of council. I can be reached at 705-429-3844, ext. 2223, or you can e-mail me at mayor@wasagabeach.com.

In closing, I want to say what an honour and a privilege it is to serve as your mayor.

Sincerely,
Brian Smith, Mayor.



Budget 2018

Investing in infrastructure, providing funding for new recreation services and programs for seniors, and laying the groundwork for the future are key aspects of the 2018 municipal budget approved by council.

The town's operating budget is \$37-million and the capital budget is \$15-million. Wasaga Beach residents will see an estimated 2.97 percent increase on their municipal property taxes. The average homeowner with a property assessed at \$320,000 will see an increase of \$62.79 to the municipal portion of their annual tax bill. Of that increase, \$14.13 is due to an increase

in assessment and \$48.66 is due to the municipal tax rate increase. With the county and school board rates factored in, the overall increase for an average home is estimated at \$57.04 per year.

Major capital investments include \$6-million for roads and bridge projects, \$3.2-million for water and sewer projects, \$2.5 million for the design of the new community hub (arena, indoor recreation space, cultural space and library) and \$450,000 for parks' projects.

For more on the budget, visit the Media Releases and Public Notices section of www.wasagabeach.com.



Follow us on social media

If you use Facebook and Twitter then please follow us for accurate information about the Town of Wasaga Beach. On Facebook, you can find our page by searching for "Town of Wasaga Beach," and on Twitter our handle is @WB_Media. We share information almost daily.



In print

Each week the Town of Wasaga Beach publishes information in The Sun newspaper. Please make a point of reviewing the town pages. You'll find information about meetings, tender notices, programs, and much more. The information changes weekly so please review each edition.



On the web

Our website can be found at www.wasagabeach.com. On the site you'll find all kinds of information, including agendas, how to reach members of council, news releases, contact details for departments, and schedules for town sanctioned community events. There's also a link to Rogers Television, where you can watch recorded council meetings. Check the site regularly to stay up-to-date on the town.



YouTube

Our Coordinated Committee meetings, and our Committee of the Whole meetings, are available for viewing on our YouTube channel. Search "Town of Wasaga Beach" to find the channel and the meeting you wish to watch.



Call us!

Need help with something related to the town? You can call us and one of our customer service representatives will direct you to the right department. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff can be reached by telephoning 705-429-3844.

Wasaga Beach Fire Department

Working smoke alarms and fire escape plan essential

This year has started tragically with eight fire fatalities across Ontario.

The Wasaga Beach Fire Department reminds residents that you may have just seconds to safely escape a fire in your home and that's why early detection of fire is absolutely vital.

Only working smoke alarms provide those precious seconds you and your family need to safely escape a fire. Remember, it's the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test these alarms monthly.

It's also important that you develop a home fire escape plan. You need to know what to do when the alarm sounds. Keep these following points in mind:

- Sit down with everyone in your household and discuss how each person will get out of the home in a fire.
- Practice your escape plan with everyone in your home.
- Make sure everyone can get out quickly.
- Plan two ways out of each room, if possible.
- Help those who need it.
- Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults, people with disabilities or anyone else who may need assistance.
- Get low and go under the smoke to the nearest safe exit.
- Choose a meeting place outside, a safe distance from your home.
- Get out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building. Once you have safely escaped, call the fire department from outside your home.

Public Works Department

Road Occupation Permit

If you are looking to build a new driveway or modify an existing one, Wasaga Beach regulates the construction and maintenance of driveways and entrances within the road allowance.

A road occupation permit is required for new entrances or changes to existing entrances. Your permit can be obtained from the Public Works office or online via www.wasagabeach.com.

Who do I contact if I see a pothole?

Potholes usually occur in the spring when frost develops and snow is melting, and usually develop on the side of the road.

Residents are warned to be careful when going through puddles because they can hide potholes.

We can use your help in identifying locations that require attention so that they can be repaired in a timely manner. Pothole complaints are addressed on a priority and scheduling basis.

To report a pothole, please contact the Public Works Department at 705-429-2540.

Waste management

Residents are reminded the new 2018 County of Simcoe Waste Management Calendar is now available.

Copies can be picked up at the Public Works office or at town hall.

The new calendar also highlights the county's new services and changes, including garbage limits, as well as textile and electronic collections.

For more information, visit www.simcoe.ca/dpt/swm.

Tax bills

If your tax bill indicates a balance forward, interest has been calculated to the current billing date. Interest will be applied at 1.25% on the first day of each month thereafter. If you have questions regarding your tax bill, please contact the Town's Treasury Department at (705) 429-3844.