



July 2017

# Water Bill information BULLETIN

Town of Wasaga Beach | 30 Lewis Street, Wasaga Beach, ON | (P) 705-429-3844 | (F) 705-429-6732

Enclosed is your water bill for the months of May and June 2017. If your water bill indicates a balance forward, it's important to note that interest has been calculated to the current billing date. Interest will be applied at 1.25% on the first day of each month thereafter. For your convenience, your water bill can be paid in the comfort of your home online, or through internet / telephone banking.

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.



## INTRODUCING E-RECEIPTS

Now when you visit Town Hall to make a payment you can receive your receipt via email. Ask a Customer Service Representative for further details.

**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.

## Message from the Mayor

As we slip into full summer I trust that residents are enjoying all of the wonderful outdoor amenities that our great community has to offer.

It has been my pleasure to run into many of you at the various events I've attended, including the launch of our Age-Friendly Community Plan, which took place at the RecPlex on June 22.

The plan outlines goals that address priorities related to infrastructure, housing, service and support, health care, leadership, and engagement.

Ultimately, the plan is about ensuring seniors are able to stay in our community.

In other news, council continues to work on many projects, including the downtown master plan and the need for a high school.

Council has shortlisted Fram Building Group and Slokker Canada as the municipality's potential development partner to develop town-owned lands within our downtown. This is an exciting step towards building a complete community and I look forward to talking more about it as we move forward.

On the high school front, council has asked the Simcoe County District School Board to build a school in town for students in Grades 7 to 12.

Why have we done this?

There is a need for a third elementary school in town, plus we are sending 760 students out of town each day so they can attend high school. We think a Grade 7-12 school makes the best sense and hope the school board will agree.

I will continue to keep you up-to-date on these two issues, as well as the many other projects council is working on, in the months ahead.

If there is anything that I can do to help, please contact me by calling 429-3844, ext. 2225. You can also e-mail me at [mayor@wasagabeach.com](mailto:mayor@wasagabeach.com).

For regular updates on the town, I encourage you to visit our webpage at [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com), as well as our Facebook page and our Twitter page.

In closing, I hope you continue to have a great summer and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith



## Water Billing Schedule:

Due Date:	Billing Period:
April 21, 2017	January – February 2017
June 21, 2017	March – April 2017
August 21, 2017	May – June 2017
October 21, 2017	July – August 2017
December 21, 2017	September – October 2017
February 21, 2018	November – December 2017

\* Please note where the set due dates noted fall on a holiday or weekend the payment due date is defined as the next business day.

## Important dates regarding Wasaga Distribution Inc.

At the June 27 council meeting, members of council agreed in a 6-0 vote to hold a special meeting on July 18 to make a formal decision about the future of Wasaga Distribution Inc. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the RecPlex, 1724 Mosley Street. Council did intend to hold a special Committee of the Whole meeting on July 18 so it could consider public input and then at a council meeting on July 25 would make a decision about the long-term future of the utility. But members of council have decided there is sufficient public input to make a decision on July 18. Mayor Brian Smith, Deputy Mayor Nina Bifolchi, Councillor Joe Belanger, Councillor Bill Stockwell, Councillor Ron Ego, and Councillor Sylvia Bray all supported making a final decision about the future of Wasaga Distribution on July 18. Absent was Councillor Bonnie Smith.



The Town of Wasaga Beach unveiled its new Age-Friendly plan on June 22. To review the plan, visit [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com).

## Six new life-saving stations at beachfront

There will be six new life-saving stations at the beachfront this summer thanks to a partnership between the Town of Wasaga Beach and Ontario Parks.

One of the new stations will be placed at Beach Area One on the spit at the mouth of the Nottawasaga River, three will be erected at Beach Area Two, and two stations will be placed at Beach Area Five.

The new stations are in addition to one at Spruce Street, another at Third Street, and one at Beach Area

Five at 30th Street.

Each life-saving station is signed and contains a shepherd's hook and a lifebuoy. The town has invested \$1,000 in the stations and the province has invested another \$1,000.

"Safety at our beachfront is something that is extremely important to the municipality. I hope that as we move forward we can have even more of these life-saving stations," Mayor Brian Smith said. "And we will continue to work towards having lifeguard stations at these beach areas as well."

## Wasaga Beach...Way Back When open house

Residents are invited to a special event that will recognize the long and vibrant history of Wasaga Beach.

The Historical Advisory Committee, The Town of Wasaga Beach, and community partners will host a casual, fun, drop-in event that will focus on Wasaga Beach's past.

Dubbed Way Back When, the event will include artifacts, photo displays, special guests, interactive activities,

storytelling, movies and music.

The open house will take place at Marlwood Golf and Country Club, 31 Marlwood Avenue, Wasaga Beach, on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you have any photos or artifacts that you would like to display or lend to the event, please contact Lindsay Neale at [lindsay.floras@rogers.com](mailto:lindsay.floras@rogers.com).

For more information, please contact Lindsay Neale at 705-352-4174 or Joe Bickerstaff at 705-241-9762.

## Wasaga Beach Events 2017

 Wasaga Beach Events |  @WasagaEvents | [events@wasagabeach.com](mailto:events@wasagabeach.com) | 705.429.3844 x 2287 | [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com)

### August 18 - 20 - Wasaga Under Siege

Join us in commemorating the 203rd anniversary of the sinking of the H.M.S. Nancy. Visit British, American, and native encampments on Nancy Island Historic Site. Re-enactors will transport you back to the War of 1812 through musket and cannon firing, 1812 cooking, fashion and surgeon demonstrations, as well as native drumming and storytelling. For more information visit [www.wasagabeachpark.com](http://www.wasagabeachpark.com).

### September 3 - Memories of Summer Fireworks

Please join the Town of Wasaga Beach in celebrating a wonderful summer season. Our annual Memories

of Summer fireworks display will take place on Sunday, September 3 (inclement weather date September 4) at Beach Area Two. The show starts at dusk. For more information, visit [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com), or call 705-429-3321, or e-mail [recreation@wasagabeach.com](mailto:recreation@wasagabeach.com).

### September 15 - 17 - Stonebridge Wasaga Beach Blues

One of Ontario's newest blues festivals, Wasaga Beach Blues, will feature a range of blues musicians and styles. For more information, visit [www.wasagabeachblues.com](http://www.wasagabeachblues.com)