



*Our new sign is now at the beachfront! We look forward to seeing your photos with it. Remember to tag us on social media.*



*Thank you to the Donato family for their support.*

## J. Donato Construction donates \$10,000 to twin-pad arena and library

The Town of Wasaga Beach is pleased to announce that J. Donato Construction Ltd. has donated \$10,000 to the town's twin-pad arena and library fundraising campaign.

"My family and I moved to Wasaga Beach in 1985 because it's a great place to raise a family and operate a business," said company president Joe Donato. "The community has always supported my businesses: The Donato House Hotel, my family's restaurant, and of course, J. Donato Construction Ltd. Our donation is a small way to give back to the community that has given us so much."

Mr. Donato said the new arena and library complex will serve a valuable purpose.

"The new facility will provide residents of all ages a space to play, learn, socialize, and improve their health and well-being," he said. "It will become the centre for fun and community that our town deserves."

Mr. Donato added he looks forward to seeing residents enjoy the new state-of-the-art building.

"My wife Antonietta and I are excited about this new facility and all it has to offer," he said, adding his family has fond memories of the Wasaga Stars Arena. "The Donato family has practically lived in the arena

since my children learned to skate. My grandson Michael has played on the Wasaga Stars hockey team for over 10 years, so you've likely seen me and my family in the stands cheering."

Speaking on behalf of council, Mayor Nina Bifulchi thanked Mr. Donato for the generous contribution to the twin-pad arena and library project.

"This gift is greatly appreciated and will help provide a facility that has a real positive impact on residents and visitors to Wasaga Beach," Mayor Bifulchi said.

Learn more about donation opportunities to the twin-pad arena and library project by visiting our website.

### Project background information

In January 2019, town council identified the twin-pad arena and library project as a priority for this term. The Wasaga Stars Arena, built nearly 50 years ago, is at the end of its lifespan. The library, which opened in 1994, is too small to meet the needs of our growing community. A review, including a community consultation process, determined 544 River Rd. W. as the best site for a new 117,669-square-foot joint-use facility. When the new complex opens in the summer of 2023, it will include two NHL-size ice surfaces, an indoor walking track, a modern library with proper program space and meeting rooms. The town is funding the \$59-million investment through reserves, long-term financing, and community donations.

## Town finances in great shape

At the June 23 council meeting, Jay Anstey of Baker Tilly presented the results of the 2021 audit of town finances.

Baker Tilly is the auditing firm the town uses to review its financial activity.

Anstey said the town is in a strong financial position and can easily meet its obligations. He found no irregularities and issued a clean audit report.

Council received the report for information and approved the audited financial statements as presented.

Residents with an interest in town finances are encouraged to watch the report on our Town of Wasaga Beach YouTube channel. It starts around the 20-minute mark.

## Town submitting funding applications for EV charging stations

Council authorized staff to submit funding applications, that if approved will pay for the installation of five electric-vehicle charging stations at public locations in town.

Staff will submit applications to the EPCOR GO EV Funding Program and the Tourism Relief Fund – RT07 Public Sector Funding Program.

The five sites are as follows: town hall parking lot, Nancy Parking Lot, twin-pad arena and library site, Oakview Woods/RecPlex parking lot, and the Wasaga Sports Park.



# We're moving Wasaga Beach forward



Several infrastructure projects are taking place in the weeks and months ahead. See our list for details and give yourself extra time when travelling in town as you might encounter project-related delays. Timing and duration is approximate and subject to change.

1st Lane Cul-de-sac  
 Installation of a catch basin with Storm Tech unit for storm drainage; road reconstruction  
 Mid summer

Public Works (150 Westbury Rd) - Berkley Street to top of hill  
 Road reconstruction  
 Summer

Municipal Picnic Area at waterfront  
 Remove sand from parking area; trim trees and roots, slope banks to allow pedestrian access to beach area, delineate parking new parking stalls, install angled parking signs along Fourth Street  
 End of Summer

Sunward Playground  
 Restoration of walking path and placement of asphalt surface  
 Fall

Ryther Road  
 Single layer of surface treatment (tar and chip) from Marl Lake Trail south to Flos Road 6 West  
 Summer

Joanne Crescent  
 New road construction including storm and sanitary sewer, water main and sidewalk  
 Late Fall

48th Street South – from Mosley to Aster Drive ditching project  
 Ditch excavation, culvert removal and replacement  
 Mid Summer

Shore Lane Drainage Improvements – 39th St. N. to 41st St. N.  
 Completion of surface course asphalt and boulevard reconstruction  
 Summer

Crocus Drive, 48th Street, Orchid Street to Mosley  
 Road reconstruction  
 End of Summer

Nottawasaga River forcemain and watermain crossing at Schoonertown Bridge  
 Forcemain and watermain replacement  
 Fall

Orchard Drive walking path  
 New asphalt  
 Fall

Beach Drive reconstruction – Phase 1  
 Reconstruction of Beach Drive, from First Street to Third Street, including reconstruction of Third Street. Beach Drive will be raised 1.5 metres and set back 7.5 metres from its current alignment  
 TBD

Spots Lane – between Westbury Road and Savarin Street  
 Road reconstruction  
 Summer

West end elevated water tower and Public Works Depot site  
 Grading and servicing for the new water tower and Public Works Depot at Beachwood Road, west of 75th Street, including construction of a new road, Joan Avenue, and looping of watermain on Beachwood Road  
 TBD

72nd Street North – north of Shore Lane for 75 metres  
 Road reconstruction  
 Summer

Pridham Park Pedestrian Bridge  
 Replacement of the pedestrian bridge over McIntyre Creek, east of Pridham Court  
 Fall 2022

Freethy Road – west of Klondike for 600 metres  
 Double layer of surface treatment (tar and chip)  
 Summer

Glendale Park playground replacement  
 Replacement of existing playground with new equipment  
 Summer 2022

Ramblewood Drive Urbanization – 45th St South to 58th St South  
 Completion of surface course asphalt, line painting and pavement marking, boulevard restoration, including sidewalk construction  
 Late fall 2022

Mills Park Playground  
 Replacement of existing playground with new equipment  
 Fall 2022

## QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THE PROJECTS?

Please contact the Wasaga Beach Public Works Department at 705-429-2540. Project work is dependent on weather. Project Area Work Estimated Completion

[www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com)

Mapleside Drive, Orchid Street and Lilac Street  
 Servicing and new road construction, further to a Local Improvement Petition  
 Fall 2023