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TALPINES POA

Delegation to Council 2020



Sunset over Sturgeon Bay, Waubaushene 2020

YOU KNOW US BY NOW

Our Mission:

- To create community engagement and enhance our community
- To protect our natural resources and protected species
- To test the waters of Sturgeon Bay to ensure it is clean and accessible for residents and visitors
- Pine Street Beach beautification
- To enhance the safety and usability of the Tay Trail and to ensure it is a “gentle trail”, suitable for seniors and children, for walking, hiking, slow cycling and to ensure it is non invasive for residents
- Phragmites and other invasive species removal in coordination with Georgian Bay Forever

OUR DELEGATION LAST YEAR FOCUSSED ON THREE THINGS:

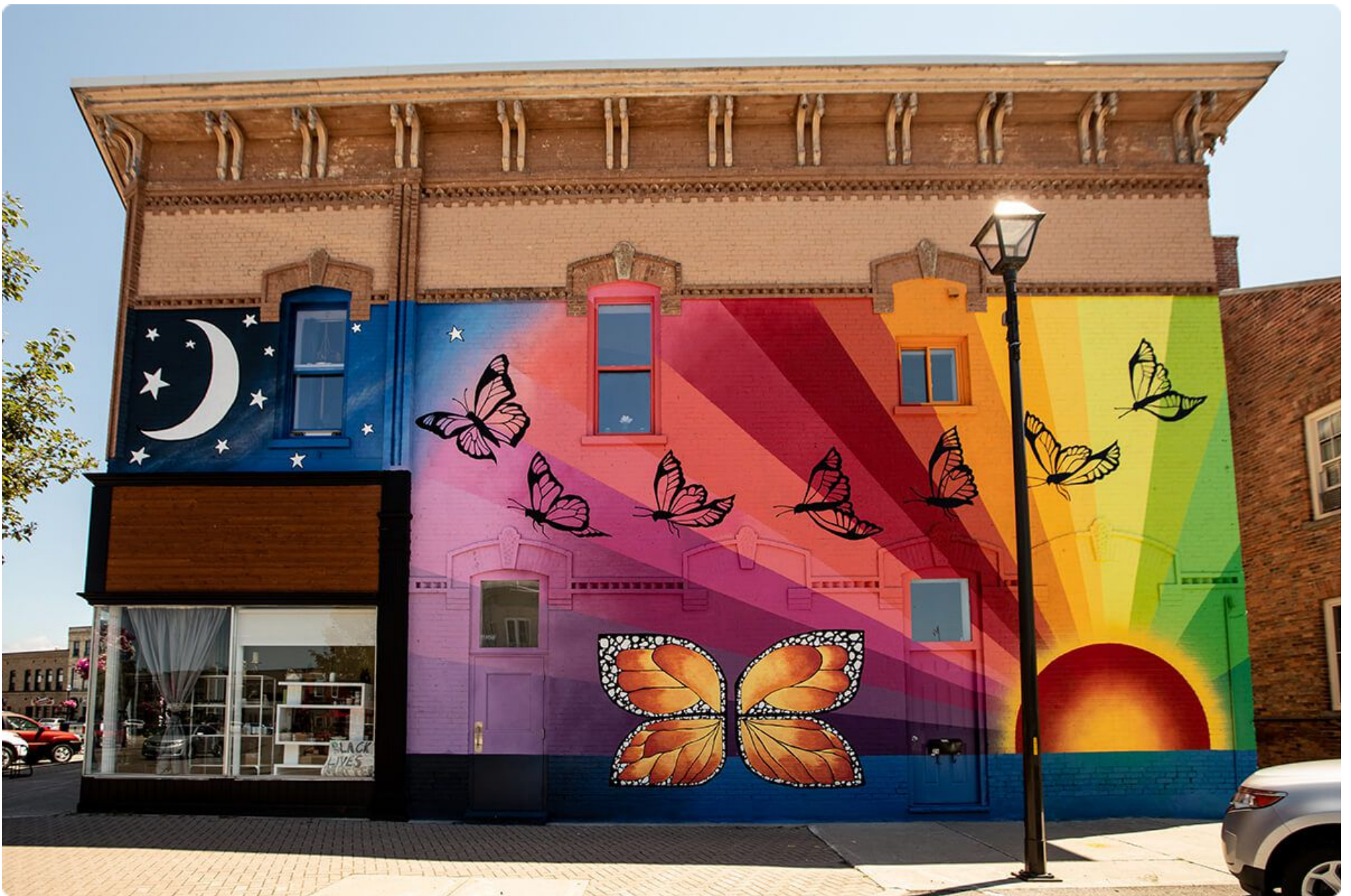
- ✦ PINE STREET BEACH BEAUTIFICATION
- ✦ IMPROVING TAY TRAIL SAFETY THROUGH ENHANCED SIGNAGE
- ✦ ENHANCING PROTECTION FOR ENDANGERED TURTLE SPECIES THROUGH SIGNAGE ON OUR ROADS AND THE TRAIL

AND SO WE'RE BACK.

PINE STREET BEACH BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

A MURAL:

Murals have been a highly successful way of supporting local artists, enhancing public spaces, and delighting the users of those spaces. We ask you to set aside a budget of \$5,000.00 in order to engage an artist to paint the water side of the green metal building at the Pine Street Beach. Or, give us permission to paint a mural and we will fundraise, search for an artist, and consult with the Parks Department on a design, and timing of the painting.



Street Mural in Goderich, Ontario

A GAZEBO AT THE PINE STREET BEACH PARK

We thank the Parks Department and Tay for the picnic tables provided, but seniors and small kids need shade too, and there is very little of it to be found at the Pine Street Beach. Most other parks in Tay have a gazebo. We don't need anything fancy, but we ask you to consider budgeting for the purchase and installation of a gazebo, like the one here. We have some great builders in our group who could also help.



Costco Ready to Build Gazebo. \$2999.00

A RAMP OR STAIRS TO THE BEACH

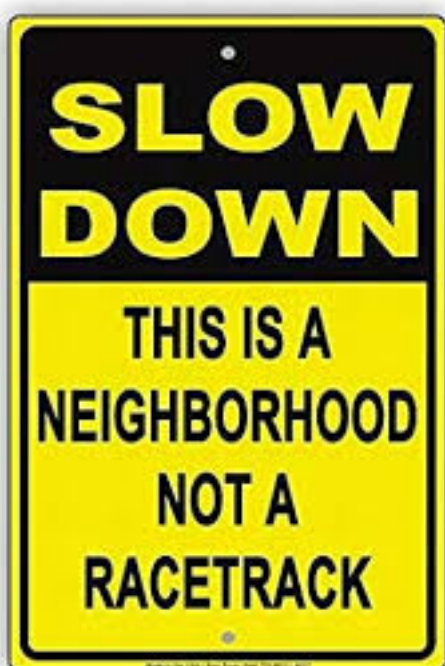
We are appreciative of the large stones placed at the bottom of the hillside at the Beach to prevent further erosion. The Pine Street Beach was open all summer and was well loved by resident families and visitors. But it is hard for some people to access, due to the erosion of the previous stone path. We asked for a ramp last year, but no money was set aside in the budget to build one. SO, WE'RE BACK. Please set aside funding for the Parks Department to build a ramp or easy stairs to the beach.

THE TAY TRAIL

Last year in our delegation, we raised the issue of motorized vehicles on the Trail. We are grateful to the Township and the Bylaw officers who did manage to "stakeout" and fine several people riding motorized vehicle. But the culprits' answer always seems to be "we didn't know". We are asking for more signs on the Trail.

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES OR EBIKES

SLOW DOWN!



THIS YEAR WAS A BANNER YEAR FOR TURTLES

The turtles were plentiful this year, to the great delight of nature lovers. Last year we asked for signs on common turtle crossings, but none were installed, and our request was denied. We ask you to set aside some minor funding for **TURTLE CROSSING SIGNS**. Or, give us permission to install them in consultation with the Roads Department. The roads nearest to the water had many sightings of dead or damaged turtles this year.



On a final note, we at Talpines are huge supporters of the new Community Hub Committee and their quest for a Community Hub in Waubaushene. We believe that a community hub building, whether new or restored, will be very popular, well used, and is badly needed in Waubaushene. We believe it should be a high priority.



The "Wall of Handprints" at the Hazel Street Public School, Waubaushene

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND FOR CONSIDERING OUR REQUESTS