

# Are You Suffering High Water Shoreline Damage?

# Have You Noticed Our Water is Murkier Than Usual?

## We must protect our beach!!

Hello neighbours. We are the Bluewater Community Action Group (BCAG). We exist to protect, manage, and maintain our unique Bluewater community. (see over for our Vision Statement).

We are hand delivering this flyer to all waterside residents in our community. We are the stewards of Bluewater beach health.

### High Water Issues

We don't have to tell you how devastating the recent high water has been to many residents. Some are losing decks and there are actual threats to whole cottages along the bay. We wish everyone good luck in protecting your properties. The recent Webinar by ROWI has indicated that water levels may rise even higher. We will be contacting everyone through your beach association to start a letter writing campaign to get some political attention on this issue. There are some changes that can be made to help alleviate the problem. But we are going to need to be heard. We could be facing billions of dollars in damages in Lake Huron/Michigan. <https://www.facebook.com/RestoreOurWaterLevels>  
<https://www.georgianbaygreatlakesfoundation.com>

### Environmental Protection of Our Beach Through This Issue

This high water has caused numerous environmental problems. Old septic systems on the waterside have been compromised, tons of soil, weeds, and city grass has been swept into bay by the high water. This is very concerning. We live here for our beautiful beaches and crystal clear water. With all this new debris thrown into the water, there could be real environmental degradation when the water recedes. Old septic nutrients and garden soil will leave perfect growing conditions for invasive weeds and city grass. There are already signs of algae and excessive murkiness in the water. This was a severe problem in Woodland beach and Cawaja beach a few years back. Their beaches were virtually taken over by invasive weeds and city grass. NOTE: there are also significant MNR fines for shoreline changes that destroy fish and wildlife habitat. We all have an obligation to prevent this from happening in Bluewater.

We respectfully ask all waterfront residents to follow these simple rules when working on your property.

**DO** protect your property with stone, sand, rock, wood, concrete blocks, and other inert materials.

**DO NOT** add topsoil, peat moss, or other biologic materials to the waterfront side of your cottage.

**DO** clean up old septic systems if near the water.

**DO NOT** move weedy and/or sandy soil from the back of your property to the waterside.

**DO** rake up and bag weed debris on your shoreline

NOTE: any property changes must abide by all local, provincial, and federal laws and permitting

## It Takes a Community Effort to Protect Our Beautiful Beach!

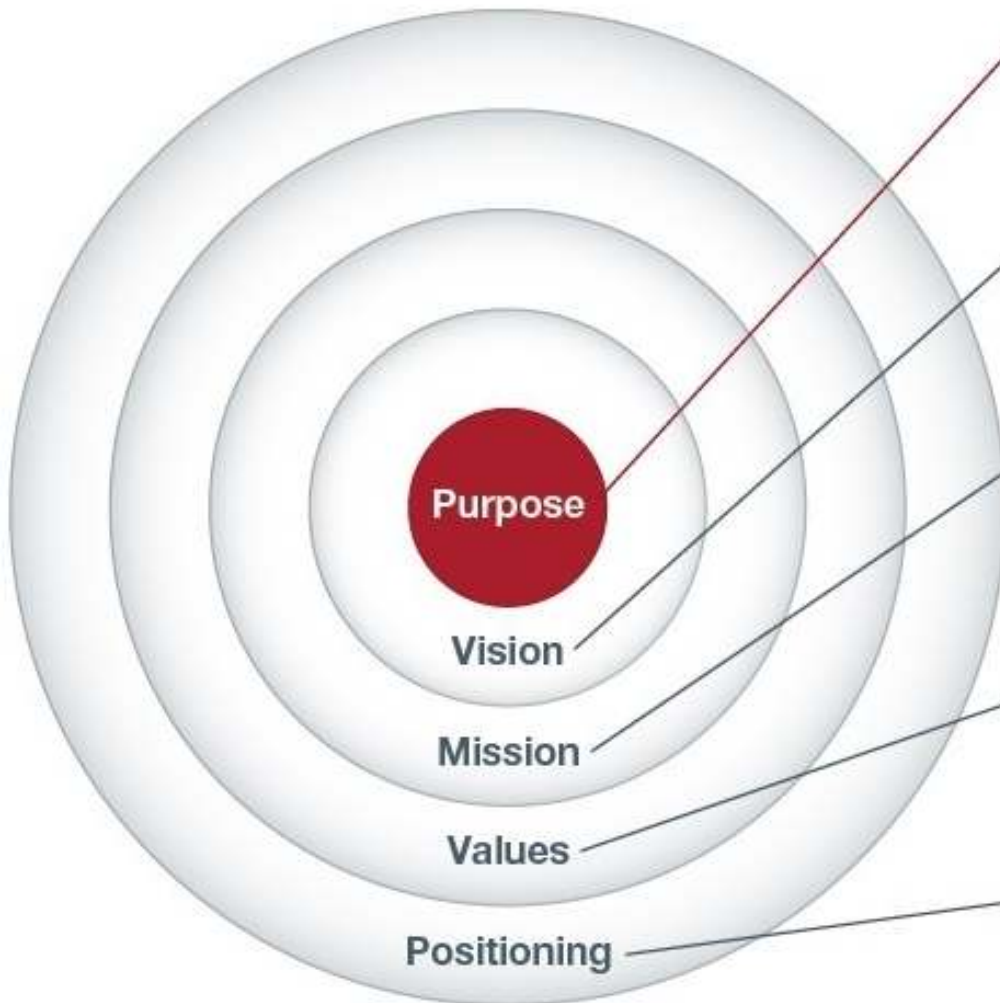
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# Bluewater Community Action Group (BCAG)

A coalition of concerned Bluewater Residents

- 1) BDRA - representing 180 homes behind Bluewater Dunes
- 2) BGW - representing 480 homes in Bluewater, Georgina, and Wendake beaches
- 3) BDPA - representing 700+ citizens concerned with protection of Bluewater Dunes



## Why we exist

To protect, manage, and maintain our unique Bluewater Community.

## What we aim to achieve

To protect our dunes, beaches, and fresh water from degradation due to poorly managed growth while balancing the rights of existing residents and the need for all Tiny residents to enjoy the Community.

## How we plan to achieve our vision

To engage Town Councillors, Township staff, and concerned citizens to develop and implement Master Beach Plans, Recreation Plans, and Action Plans for environmental protection, septic/sewage issues, parking, public safety, capacities, and sustainability. All in a spirit of cooperation, transparency, and mutual respect.

## What we stand for and how we behave

Environment first. Without our clean water, beaches, and dunes, there is no Community.

Tiny taxpayers second. We pay the bills, and salaries and expect mutual respect between our elected representatives, Town Staff, and Tiny residents.

## How we differentiate

We are collaborative. We discuss. We are common sense. We recognize that growth is inevitable, but it must not destroy our environment nor our sense of community.