

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024-25

Membership as at December 31, 2024: 60

Membership Fee was \$30.00 per household.

Operating revenue from memberships: \$1,800

New Tiny Administration Centre: Our board collected over 250 signatures on a petition to halt construction of the new building until a referendum could be held to assess the population's desire to accept the necessity and costs of a new administration building. Over 7,000 signatures in favour of a halt to the building were collected by FOTTSA who then enlisted the help of Boris Kowalsky who then gave the petition to Mike Schreiner, leader of the Green Party. Mr. Schreiner presented our petition for a referendum to the Ontario Government who refused to act upon our request to halt the construction and hold a referendum. The Tiny Township council was deaf to all pleas to halt construction of the new administration building. Construction of the new administration building on the 9th Concession has begun. Your taxes will be increasing to pay for the new building. Please take down your signs if you have not already done so.

The board paid Karen Zulynik \$150 from the operating funds to pay for the "STOP THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING" signs. The signs were distributed by the board to both members and non-members of the association.

Beach & Dune Maintenance: Our board had three meetings with township officials and the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) to discuss repairs and restoration of the beach and dune areas. The township replaced the wooden fencing at the north end and added a small fence at the south end of the beach. In conjunction with the SSEA, board members and Ingrid Egner planted native species in the dune area. Ingrid Egner and board members pulled out phragmites and spotted napweed which are invasive species. The board has requested garbage cans with lids to reduce insects and ease clean-up. Mobi mats or a rolling boardwalk will not be installed at our beach. Various mats have been installed at other beaches with limited success. The blowing sand and changing shoreline are problematic. No costs were incurred by the board for the fencing or the plants.

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Accessible Viewing platform: The Township's Accessibility Committee will be building a viewing platform at the Trew side of the boardwalk. No costs were incurred by the board.

Oktoberfest Party: There were 50 members in attendance. It was a great success and we all had lots of fun. We owe Ania and her family a vote of thanks. Thanks to all the members who brought appetizers, salads and dessert. The total cost of the party was \$757.47 (including chicken, pies, sausages, sauerkraut, tables, prizes).

Legal Issues: To comply with the amendments to the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) effective October 18, 2024, we hired Baulke Stahr McNabb, LLC, a legal firm in Collingwood, to review our articles of incorporation and our by-laws. The lawyer recommended amendments to our by-laws and articles of incorporation. We paid \$542.40 in legal fees for the review of the by-laws 2024.

Printing: The printing of flyers and other material has become very costly. The board determined that it was cheaper to buy a printer, ink and paper than have Staples do the printing. The cost of the printer was \$271.18. The printer is located at 50 Nicole Blvd, Jessie's home.

Volley Ball Net: Currently, there are no volley ball clubs, leagues or teams in Tiny Township. However, the township is interested in developing the sport. To that end, Thomas Bialas, Tiny Township Recreation Services Coordinator, has set up a net at Stott Park and allocated Monday evenings from 7pm onward for adult volley ball. His contact information is tbialas@tiny.ca or phone 705-526-4204, toll free 1-866-939-8469.

Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament June 5, 2025: To maintain goodwill with the current council, the board decided to contribute \$200 to aid the charities that operate in the township.

New Shoreline By-law: The board submitted comments on the new Shoreline By-law. As no members in our association are classified as shoreline owners, our neighbourhood is not directly impacted. However, the new by-law only applies to private property; it does not apply to municipal property. Consequently, the township could take down the boardwalk and fencing and pave the dunes if they

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so wish. The new shoreline by-law will not protect our beach; for preservation of our beach, we are reliant upon the current Official Plan and the goodwill of the Tiny Township Council. Jessie attended the May 6, 2025 public meeting on this topic and expressed her concerns on behalf of the membership.