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CENOTAPH/MONUMENT RESTORATION PROGRAM



MUNICIPALITY OF WAWA AND ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION WAWA BRANCH

The Wawa Memorial Cenotaph was constructed in 1949 and donated to the Royal Canadian Legion Wawa Branch 429. This monument is the focal point for Remembrance Day Ceremonies and other special recognition days in the community.

The Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program (CMRP) is a program which has been established by Veterans Affairs Canada "to assist communities to properly conserve their cenotaphs/monuments which were created to honour Canada's war dead and Veterans".

An approved funding request submitted by the Municipality of Wawa to Veterans Affairs Canada has enabled the emergency restoration work to be completed to the Wawa Memorial Cenotaph.

Some factors contributing to the deterioration of the cenotaph include vandalism, environmental wear and deterioration of concrete components.

The restoration included repairing loose or deteriorated concrete on the existing base, adding a new cap to the existing base, removal of any loose rock and reinstalling, installing new rock where required, all mortar stripped from joints and apply new mortar and new anchors for plaque. The existing plaque was removed, cleaned professionally and reinstalled. The results of the restoration work are remarkable.

The immediate maintenance of the monument has also resulted in arresting further deterioration. The Municipality of Wawa and the Royal Canadian Legion wish to preserve the memory of our veterans and their contribution during wartime and wish to honour them by restoring this monument to its rightful state. This has been accomplished.

It is with great appreciation that the Municipality of Wawa and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 429 Wawa acknowledges the financial assistance of the Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada through the Cenotaph/Monument Restoration Program funding received for the restoration work to the Wawa Memorial Cenotaph.



INNOVATION — PART OF OUR FUTURE



Chris Wray, AMCT
CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer



The socio-economic fabric of Northern Ontario is changing; perhaps faster than many would have predicted. Despite the resurgence of the mining sector in the north, there are few bright spots. In fact, much of the news is downright depressing. The small, rural

communities in the north, continue to be plagued by decreasing assessment and taxation revenues, increasing operating costs and an infrastructure deficit that may never be eliminated. All this in addition to the continued responsibility for many costs (ambulance, social assistance, etc.) that are more appropriately paid for by the Province of Ontario. The forest sector has almost completely collapsed under the pressure of a "perfect storm" of conditions (a successful Canadian dollar, depressed US market and an oversupply of product due to insect infestation in the Western Provinces). Skilled labour is almost non-existent and that which remains is for the most part unavailable while we continue to deal with the out migration of our youth.

One potential bright spot could be found in the old saying that "necessity is the mother of invention". If I could be so bold as to suggest that the future of Northern Ontario will be very much different than the past; total reliance on the extraction of natural resources will no longer be the norm and we certainly should not be looking for others to save our economy – we need to do it ourselves.



Those of us who choose to call Northern Ontario home, need to start believing that we have the unique ability to become true innovators. In order to do this we must combine our strengths and work together by cooperating on a regional basis so that we can ensure we do not miss an opportunity to compete globally. The traditional model of one community competing against another needs to be removed from mainstream thinking and ceremonially placed in the local landfill. If we can do this, we can indeed succeed.

In order to succeed, we do need to knock down the barriers that slow down the pace of change or innovation. These barriers include; difficulties in accessing the necessary resources, too much government bureaucracy, access to technology, the lack of regional "think tanks" or facilities that

can contribute through research and development, the lack of regional core economic development staff employed by the senior levels of government and the lack of sharing best practices along with the continuation of small-minded turf wars, to name a few.



Northern Ontario is blessed with a host of natural resources, which if managed properly can provide an economy that can survive for many generations to come. In order to manage it properly we do need to think of those resources very differently; this is where innovativeness has a role to play.

It is my firm opinion, and that of others, that innovation and technology can break down all of the barriers discussed and help Northern Ontario, region by region, become quite active in an innovation agenda – whether it is Provincial, Federal or World Wide – and there are examples.

The Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre (SSMIC), established in 1999 continues to be a catalyst for growth in innovation, particularly information technology. Through a focus on innovation, the award winning SSMIC plays an important role in the future growth and prosperity of Northern Ontario. Focusing on the three core areas of business incubation, SME support services and market development projects, the SSMIC has positioned itself as a leader in innovation across Canada.



The "new kid on the block" is the RainTree Corporation. Located in Wawa, RainTree is the exclusive manager of the Global Forest Carbon Fund – the world's first buyer's pool for reforestation based carbon credits. The "brainchild" of Wawa's Gerry Liddle, RainTree seeks, among other things, to permanently restore deforested areas back to their original state while promoting sustainable economic development. While the market in Ontario and Canada continues to develop on a daily basis, RainTree has been actively pursuing and arranging opportunities around the globe – that's right – from Wawa, Ontario! Liddle does not intend to stand on his present laurels either. While RainTree "ramps" up its staffing, new markets and opportunities are developing, among other places, right here in Northern Ontario.

These are only two of many stories from across Northern Ontario – there are others; and they need to be told. Innovativeness, in the face of our collapsing traditional economy, needs to play a key role in diversifying Northern Ontario by using the resources at our disposal and through developing the potential that exists.



MUNICIPALITY OF WAWA INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES



Bill Lamon, CRSS
Director of
Infrastructure Services

Garbage Collection:

Curbside garbage collection in the Town of Wawa and Michipicoten River Village is provided by Miller Sanitation (under contract with the Municipality of Wawa). Garbage must be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. the day of pickup. No garbage should be placed at the curb on the night before pickup and all garbage must be in closed containers to help prevent problems with wildlife. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your collection, please call Miller Sanitation at 856-7329.

Landfill Site:

The Municipal Landfill Site is located on High Falls Road (approx. 4km south of Wawa and 2.6 km east of Hwy. 17). The landfill site is operated by J. Provost Contracting. Tipping fees must be paid in cash at the time of drop off. Businesses wishing to open an account at the landfill must complete, and have approved, a credit application at the Municipal Offices (40 Broadway Ave.).

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Common Tipping Fees:

Car – per bag:	\$1.00
Car Trunk:	\$4.00
Small Utility trailer:	\$6.00
½ ton truck – ½ load:	\$11.00 (max 8ft. box length)
½ ton truck – full load:	\$29.00 (max. 8ft. box length)
Tire – car, up to 15"	\$6.00 ea
Truck tires 16-24"	\$11.00 ea
Appliances	\$11.00 ea (df c's must be removed)

Recycling:

A recycling depot for CANS ONLY is located at the Michipicoten Memorial Community Centre in the back parking lot (3 Chris Simon Drive).

Hazardous Waste:

Hazardous waste cannot be collected at curbside nor deposited at the landfill site. For more information on hazardous waste try these links:

www.cielap.org/pdf/hwfactsheet.pdf

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/land/hazardouswaste.htm>

Some examples of Household Hazardous Waste:

Pesticides: mouse poisons, ant traps, herbicides, insecticides

Paint Products: paint, solvents, paint thinners, turpentine

Automotive: auto batteries, gasoline, motor oils, oil filters, antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid

Cleaners & Household Products: ammonia, bleach, cleaning fluids & household cleaners, drain cleaners, dry cell batteries, oven cleaners, medications, aerosol spray cans, syringes, nail polish & remover, mercury from thermostats & thermometers

Other: battery acids, barbecue starter, pool chemicals, propane

A few of the methods that household hazardous waste finds its way in to the environment are: down sewers (catch basins), down drains, dumped onto the ground or into ditches, burning, put in regular garbage. *One litre of oil can contaminate 2 million litres of water!* - Environment Canada

WHAT CAN I DO?

Use It Up!

- Use products up before purchasing new products.
- Purchase amounts that can be used up easily.
- Do not use pesticides that are more than 10 years old, as they may be banned.
- Read and follow label safety directions.
- If you can't use it up, store safely until next hazardous waste disposal collection which is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 (see notice below for details).

Store it carefully!

- Store hazardous products out of reach of children in a locked cupboard or high shelf.
- Store in a dry place, and keep from freezing.
- Store away from heat or flames.
- Keep original label intact.
- Store in original container.
- Do not mix products together.



~ NOTICES ~

- **Abandoned ice fishing huts** found along William Teddy Park and Wawa Lake shoreline areas will be impounded by the Municipality on Monday, April 28, 2008. Owners have until the **Sunday, April 27th** to remove their ice huts. Impounded ice huts which are not claimed by Friday, May 9th will be sold at a public sale to the highest bidder.
- It is an offence to enter **Municipal gravel pits**. This is a dangerous practice and violators will be charged with trespassing.
- Pursuant to the Highway Traffic Act and Municipal By-Law No. 999-95, **reduced load restrictions** will be in effect commencing **March 24, 2008**. Roads affected are Harbour Road, High Falls Road, Steephill Falls Road and Tremblay Flats Road.
- **2007 Drinking Water Annual and Summary Reports** for Wawa are available to view at the Municipal Office, 40 Broadway Avenue, during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).
- There will be a **household hazardous waste** event held on **SATURDAY, MAY 3rd** at the Infrastructure Services yard, 40 Montreal Avenue, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES VITAL STATISTICS



MARRIAGE LICENSES

The Office of the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer assists with and processes Marriage Licenses. The Clerk also provides Marriage Services.

Marriage License application forms may be picked up at the Municipal Office or from the Ministry of Government Services Website www.gov.on.ca.

Requirements for Marriage License

The fees for the Marriage License and Marriage Ceremony are according to the Municipality Schedule of Fees. Cash, debit card or credit card payments are accepted.

BIRTH, DEATH & MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

The registration of births and deaths within Municipality are the responsibility of the Vit Statistics section of the Municipal Office. However, the Municipality cannot issue certificates.



Certificates for Births, Deaths and Marriages are issued by the Office of the Registrar General. Application forms and the fee schedule are available at the Municipal Offices, 40 Broadway Avenue, or from the Ministry of Government Website at www.gov.on.ca.

CEMETERY



The Municipality of Wawa operates the Woodland Cemetery.

The Vital Statistics section of the Municipal Office also provides services for the sale of cemetery plots, burial services and monument installations.

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Phone (705) 856-2244

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www.wawa.on.ca

MUNICIPALITY OF WAWA FINANCE TEAM



Left to right:
Cindy Lamon, Human Resources Associate; Chris Wray, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer; Doreen Pavlic, Deputy Treasurer; Stephanie Scheuermann, Revenue Associate; Tiffany Parent, General Accounting Associate; Melissa Murray, Accounts Payable Associate



ONLINE PAYMENTS



PAYING YOUR BILLS ON TIME

PROPERTY TAX and WATER & SEWER BILLS DUE DATES

The Municipality asks each customer utilizing online payment processing services for property tax and water & sewer payments, to verify the effective payment dates and processing times with their financial institution to ensure their payments are made prior to or on the Municipality of Wawa Due Dates.

Customer payments made through financial institutions payment processing services must be received by the Municipality on or prior to the due date or on the last business day of the month, whichever shall apply. Payments made through the bill payment remittance service program shall be treated as any other payment process and credit charges may be applied to the account as appropriate.

Payments not received on or by the Municipality's Due Date, shall be subject to interest and penalty charges.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Municipality of Wawa would like to welcome Francois Couture as the second member to its Building Department who will be with us for one year. As Intern Building Inspector for the Municipality, Francois' responsibilities for the most part will be in the administration of the Ontario Building Code Act and the Ontario Building Code in relation to residential construction as well as other small buildings.

Francois, who holds a Certificate of Carpenter, has extensive experience in both residential and commercial construction. He is also bilingual in both English and French making him an ideal candidate for this position.

He is currently enrolled in the Internship Program approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and will be working closely under the mentorship of our Chief Building Official towards obtaining mandatory qualifications under the Ontario Building Code Act.

In light of the recent closure of the Weyerhaeuser Wawa Oriented Strand Board Plant, the creation of this intern position is a welcomed employment opportunity for this area.

The Municipality has entered into agreements with Dubreuilville and White River to provide services related to the administration of the Ontario Building Code Act within those municipalities which has substantially increased the work load for the Building Department.

This intern position was made possible through funding received from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and with the continued assistance and support provided by Mr. Eugene Wilson, Northern Development Officer with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

Francois can be reached at (705) 856-2244 ext. 238 or by email at fcouture@wawa.cc.



Francois Couture
Intern Building Inspector



DID YOU KNOW THAT ONE OF THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF SCALDS & BURNS IN A HOUSEHOLD IS CAUSED BY HOT TAP WATER TEMPERATURE?

Although scalds caused by hot tap water are not uncommon, many people are not aware that ordinary household tap water can be a source of injury. They may recognize the danger, but may not be aware of the severity of the short exposure periods that can result in serious burns.

Exposure to scalding hot water for a brief period of time results in second and third degree burns, sometimes resulting in disfigurement and even death, especially in vulnerable population (children, elderly people with physical and cognitive disabilities).

Here are ways to help eliminate tap water scalding in your household:

1. Install a Master Thermostatic Water-Mixing valve conforming to CAN/CSAB125-01 factory set at 49° C (120° F) and installed as close as practical to the top of the hot water tank.
- OR**
2. Install thermostatic-mixing valves conforming to CAN/CSA-B125-01 at each fixture and designed so that the outlet temperature does not exceed 49° C (120° F).

Reduction of hot tap water temperature in accordance with the Ontario Building Code Standards in a household to 49° C (120° F) will eliminate most tap water scalds and give you peace of mind that your family is protected from tap water.



HOW HOT IS YOUR TAP WATER? HOT TAP WATER BURNS LIKE FIRE

60	<p>Danger: 60° C (140° F) or higher Your child could be badly burned in just seconds!</p>	
55	<p>Warning: 55° C (130° F) Your child could be badly burned in 10 seconds!</p>	
49	<p>Low Risk: 49° C (120° F) It would take 10 minutes for your child to be burned. This is NOT a safe temperature for your child's bath. It is too hot.</p>	

TOURISM



Grandma Doors Come to Wawa Summer of 2008!



Lori Johnson, Director
Community Services

“Get your Grandma out of the shoebox and on to Broadway!”



The Grandma Doors project is a public art display created by residents of the community. The idea is an invention of Mary Wright who is a community artist residing in Hancock, MI. She engaged community residents in Hancock & Marquette, Michigan to create more than 200 doors that tell the story of their grandmother. The doors were displayed in downtown Hancock and the Harbourfront Park in Marquette, Michigan in the summer of 2007. The public art display attracted a significant amount of visitors to both communities.

A similar display is planned for Wawa for the summer of 2008. Every resident in the community, and those who have moved away, but have ties to Wawa are invited to create a Grandma Door. All that is required is a photo of your grandmother (s) and a small story. Everything is provided including the door, paint, base coat and enlargement of the photos.



The doors will be created in downtown Wawa inside stores and outside on the street during late April and early May. Being an “artist” is not a requirement. Artist Mary Wright and other community volunteers will be on hand to help with tips on designing the door.

This is a very unique opportunity for residents to be a part of a community art display. The goal is to create 200 doors that will be showcased from the Visitor Centre to downtown Broadway Ave. They will be installed during the last week of May and will be on display until Thanksgiving. When the display is dismantled, the doors will be returned to the person who created the door. Hopefully, the doors will return the following spring and be displayed once again.



A brochure about the project has been distributed in the community. So, consider participating in this very unique project. The brochure will include a form to sign up for this project. Also, many doors are required. We are specifically looking for interior doors that may be lying around your home or property and are not in use. If you have a door to donate to the project, please contact Lori Johnson @856.2244 ext. 241 or June Hardy at 856.2244 ext. 240.



COMMUNITY CENTRE



Bridget Apnar, Assistant Director
Community Services

UPCOMING EVENTS

*“Life is like a ten-speed bike.
Most of us have gears we never use.”*

- Charles M. Schulz

**Vehicle Licensing Office
Regular Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday — 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.**

Call 856-7128 for more information.

- April 10th & 11th Tourism Keys Workshop
- April 11th, 12th & 13th Men's Curling Bonspiel
- Sunday, April 20th Scrapbooking with Emma
- Thursday, April 24th EDC Business Awards
- Saturday, April 26th Rotary Radio Auction
- Saturday, May 3rd Wawa Archery Competition
- May 5th — 9th Wesdome Mine Competition
- May 9th & 10th Wawa By-Hands Festival
- Saturday, May 31st Safe Kids Day
- Sunday, June 1st Heel 'n' Wheel-a-Thon
- Friday, June 20th Spaghetti Dinner — Black Fly Cmte.
- Saturday, June 21st Black Fly Run



LIBRARY UPDATES

JASI conversion is well underway. We have finally hit the half way mark in putting new barcodes on our materials and members are receiving their new library cards.

While working on barcode conversion staff are also very busy getting ready for the summer programs.

Wawa Public Library will once again participate in the TD Summer Reading Club.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ The TD Summer Reading Club is a joint initiative between the TD Bank Financial Group, Library and Archives Canada and the Toronto Public Library.
- ❖ TD Bank Financial Group provides all the posters stickers and activity books free of charge to all Canadian libraries registered for this program.
- ❖ The theme and the materials for the program are developed by a team of children's librarians from the Toronto Public Library, in collaboration with children's librarians from Ottawa and Montréal.
- ❖ The total number of children registered for the TD Summer Reading Program in Canada in 2007 was 248,000 - **10,000** more than in 2006.
- ❖ The total number of activities and programs offered by Canadian libraries in 2007 was 21,000 - **3,000** more than 2006.
- ❖ The total TD Summer Reading Program participants in 2007 were 433,000 - **78,000** more than in 2006.
- ❖ Canadian children read almost **two million** books searching for "Lost Worlds" (2007 theme).
- ❖ The Wawa Public Library partners with the Ontario Early Years Centre to make the program available for preschoolers and their parents.
- ❖ The TD Summer Reading Club is **FREE** at the Wawa Public Library.
- ❖ Each week we do a craft at the club.
- ❖ Last year we held 14 dub meetings.
- ❖ 50 children registered for our club.
- ❖ The total attendance at our meetings was 180.
- ❖ Each participant receives a bag of promotional items.
- ❖ The Wawa Public Library TD Summer Reading Club always has a pizza party at the final summer meeting.
- ❖ You do not have to attend every meeting to be a member of the TD Summer Reading Club.



Jayne Griffith
Chief Librarian/ CEO



OPEN AIR BURNING PERMITS



Just a reminder to all residents within the Municipality of Wawa that ALL open air burning conducted between April 1st and October 31st requires a permit. Permits may be obtained at the Municipal Offices, 40 Broadway Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Burning Permit applications can also be downloaded through our On-Line Documents at www.wawa.cc. All fees must be submitted with the application. An on-site inspection is required before a permit will be issued. For more information, please contact the Wawa Fire Department at 856-2244 ext. 278.

Open Air burning includes the following:

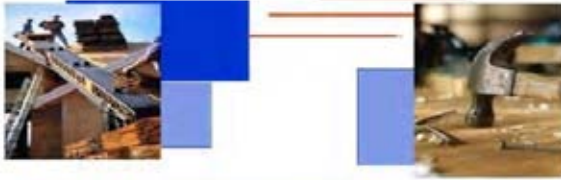
Type of Burn	Fee
Incinerator	\$30.00
Brush Piles	\$30.00
Grass/ Leaves	\$10.00
Seasonal Recreational Use (includes campfire, chiminea, fire pit, fire bowl, cut-off barrel, etc.)	\$20.00



Regular Council Meetings Tuesdays @7:00 p.m.

April 15, 2008
May 6, 2008
May 20, 2008
June 3, 2008
June 17, 2008

Agendas may be picked up at the Municipal Office after 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before.



What is the Northern Housing Homeowner Repair Program?

The Northern Housing Homeowner Repair Program provides a forgivable loan to low-income homeowners, whose homes are in need of repairs. The objective is to help homeowners keep monthly operating costs affordable and therefore provide a safer, healthier home to live in.

What is eligible in the Northern Homeowner Repair Program?

Repairs are eligible if they improve the safety and health of the residents of the home.

- Examples include:
- Structural Repair
 - Heating Upgrades
 - Fire Safety Upgrades
 - Electrical Wiring
 - Plumbing Upgrades/Repairs
 - Window Replacement
 - Roofing Jobs
 - Insulation Improvements



For more information or applications, please contact:
Housing Services
Algoma District Services Administration Board
705-842-5808 ext 225 or 1-888-326-3133 ext 225

Forms are also available at the Wawa Municipal Offices, 40 Broadway Avenue.



ENROLL NOW

*** PAYMENT PLANS ***

Enjoy the benefits of the Municipality of Wawa voluntary Payment Plans. The plan options offer you a convenient way to have your water & sewer service and property tax payments automatically deducted from your bank account. It is an easy way to manage your finances.

Currently available for accounts not in arrears are the following plans:

1. **Pre-authorized payment plan options for property taxes and water & sewer services** (includes a ten month plan).
2. **Pre-authorized credit card payment plan for property taxes and water & sewer services.**

There are no service charges or sign up fees for enrolling in the plans. You may view the terms and conditions of the Payment Plan Options on the Wawa Website www.wawa.cc Online Documents or contact Revenue Services in the Finance Department, Municipal Offices at 40 Broadway Avenue, Wawa, ON or phone (705) 856-2244 ext. 227.

**PROPERTY TAXES
2ND INSTALLMENT DUE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008**

WAWA TRANSIT SYSTEM

The Municipality of Wawa offers a dial-in / demand response transit system to the residents of the community, which consists of a specialized curb-to-curb transit service. The transit vehicle is a minibus capable of carrying up to 12 seated passengers and up to 2 passengers in wheelchairs.

Available to Everyone In Wawa and the Mission
Call 856-2244 Ext. 240 to book a ride in advance.



Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday —8:45 am to 2:45 pm

	Rate of Fares		Passes	
	Wawa	Mission	Wawa	Mission
Children (10yrs. & Under)	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
Seniors / Disabled	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$25.00	\$35.00
Adults	\$3.50	\$5.00	\$35.00	\$50.00

Website Credit Card Payments Available in 2008

Keep posted to our website at www.wawa.cc for more information regarding this new way to pay your property taxes, water and sewer service bills using this program. Approved customers will also be able to pay their miscellaneous accounts receivable through this program.