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The Manitoulin Phragmites Project



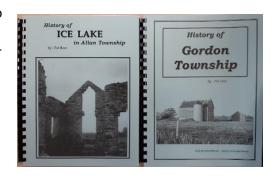
The Manitoulin Phragmites Project has just published the results of its 2023 campaign fighting against phragmites: the invasive plant that has overcome many parts of the island. For Gordon/Barrie Island, there are several places within the municipality that have been affected. Most areas are under control but there are some that need watching.

The people running the Phragmites Project are looking for local 'Phrag Watchers' to report to them if there is a problem. Some of these locations are: Julia Bay, Ice Lake

Causeway, Lake Wolsey Causeway, Salmon Bay, Goose Gap Cres, and the 10th Line. Anyone who is interested in becoming a 'Phrag Watcher' by reporting to the experts about phragmites spreading, contact us here at the Municipal Office on 29 Noble Sideroad, or call us at 705-282-2702. We can prevent this fast-spreading destructive species from wrecking parts of our delicate ecosystem here on beautiful Manitoulin Island.

History of Ice Lake and History of Gordon Township Books Now Available

We have recently forrtified our stocks of history books due to increased demand from our residents. Repsonding to several inquiries for The History of Ice Lake, we also ordered another 20 copies of The History of Gordon Township. The history recorded in these books should be of great interest for any new arrival on the island. The author — Pat Best - did a great job at recording the early history of the area. They are for sale at the Municipal Office on Noble Sideroad. Proceeds from book sales to towards our culture and rec budget.



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Gore Bay Fire Department



The Gore Bay Fire Department is excited to announce that they have six more certified firefighters in the Gore Bay/Gordon/Barrie Island Fire Department.

We at the office would like to extend our congratulations to Andrew Cone, Andy Campbell, Kyleen Robertson, Devin Wheale, Zach Robinson, and Jon Oliver. These firefighters are now certified for 'Interior Attack,' in accordance with O. Reg 343/22 Firefighter Certification, Section 4(2). The Fire Department is our front line of protection from fire and the many different types of emergencies that might befall our residents here on the island.

Vulnerable Persons Registry

For those who know of someone who would qualify as a vulnerable person, there is a registry now where you can volunteer information for a friend or family member who will receive special attention during the event of an emergency. This information is private and will not be shared with anyone else other than the municipality. It is part of our evolving efforts to help protect and care for those in need during an emergency. For more information about the registry, please check out our website: gordonbarrieisland.ca. Or you can drop by the office and sign the registry in confidence for a loved one.

Vulnerable Person Self-Registry

In the event of an emergency

the Registry provides important information to first responders when special attention may be required.



*Registration is voluntary and free!

Municipal Snow Removal

As a reminder, please do not dump snow on the side of municipal roads from your driveway. By dumping the excess snow across the road, you create a danger for both drivers and the snow plows. Please be mindful of this. And exercise good etiquette by pushing the excess snow to the side of your driveway instead. Thank you.

Next Council Meeting

The last council meeting took place on February 6th at the Municipal Office on Noble Sideroad. As a reminder, meetings are open to the public. And the minutes of each meeting are available to residents at the Gordon/Barrie Island Municipal Office.



- HAPPY FAMILY DAY ON FEB 19TH -

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