



Municipal News

July 2023 E-Edition 1

 Wawa, Ontario

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

July 11

August 15

September 5

September 19

October 3

October 17

November 7

November 21

December 12

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following is a summary of decisions from Council at its Regular Meeting held June 20, 2023.

- Support flying Pride Flag in June
- Support Financial Donation to Mask-Wa Transportation Association Inc. Bear Train Business Plan Development
- Support EDTAC Tourism Recommendations
- Accept Staff Recommendation and Support Renovations to the Deck, Roof, and Irrigation System of the Michipicoten Golf Club
- Accept Staff Recommendation and Submit Funding Application for Phase 2 to NOHFC for the Renovation of the Wawa Airport
- Accept Wawa Music Festival Request for Sponsorship

Council Meeting minutes and a link to the meeting recordings can be found on the website at www.wawa.cc

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Wawa Municipality



Wawa Tourism

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Melanie Pilon

Fellow Wawaites,

As I begin to settle into my first term as Mayor, it is a great honour to sit down and pen my first "Message from the Mayor". During the election season, particularly during the Candidates Night held in the Fall, a predominant theme was made clear from the residents that citizens wanted and expected increased communications and transparency. In an effort to inch closer to this goal, the Municipality is proud to release the "Municipal News", an electronic newsletter (print copies available by request). It is my hope that "Municipal News", will help not only to inform citizens but also engage people in municipal affairs and the community at large.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The EDTAC was established to provide advice and strategic direction to Council on policies and procedures that should be considered for the purposes of fostering and advancing economic, business and tourism opportunities in Wawa and area. Current initiatives of EDTAC include:

- Community Improvement Plan Update
- Business Dinner Dates
- Housing Action Plan

For more information:
705-856-2244 ext. 223

SAVE THE DATES 2023

Wawa Music Fest
July 22

Summer Market
July 29 & August 26

Wawa Salmon Derby
August 18-20

Fall Fair Market
September 9

Bundle Up Market
December 1 - 3

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WAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Monday - Closed
 Tuesday - 11:00 - 7:00
 Wednesday - 11:00 - 7:00
 Thursday - 11:00 - 7:00
 Friday - 11:00 - 5:00
 Saturday - 11:00 - 2:00
 Sunday - Closed

TD Summer Reading Club
 July & August - French/English
 Fun Crafts, STEAM experiments
 Call the Library for more details!
 705-856-2244 ext. 290



Spell Jammers

Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesdays | 4:30-7:00PM

For Young Adults



STRANGER THINGS

ESCAPE ROOM

A WAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDRAISER



AUGUST 18/19/20
 IN THE MUNICIPAL
 CONFERENCE ROOM (THE
 OLD OPP)

You may be the only people who can thwart Vesna's plans and keep the Upsidedown from taking over Wawa.

This event is a WP Library Fundraiser and the cost is \$20.00/4 player team. Payment must be made at the time of sign-up to reserve your spot. We accept cash or e-transfer at circulation@wawa.cc. SIGN UP AT THE CIRCULATION DESK OR CALL 705-856-2244 EXT 290 TO RESERVE A TIME SLOT!



Ontario Parks
 Park Passes Available for Free!
 Lending time is for one week.
 You must have a valid library card!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Annika Morrison is filling both Recreation Programmer and Travel Counsellor roles for the Municipality this summer. This multi-talented young lady grew up in Wawa and graduated from MHS last year. We are able to use her talents in recreation as well as teaching her new skills in tourism. We consider ourselves lucky to have her with us and encourage the community to stop by the TIC, where she will be working for the remainder of the summer!



SUMMER HOURS

Townhall - 40 Broadway Ave.

Monday - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 CLOSED - Saturday & Sunday

RECREATION & TOURISM

comexicanus
 CELEBRATING CULTURES & REACHING OUT WITH THE ARTS
 backroadARTScollective

arts 2gether

DAYCAMP DATES 2023!

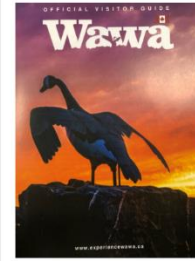
haliburton july 3-7
 algonquin highlands overnight & day july 17-21
 wawa july 24-28
 wilberforce august 7-11
 haliburton august 14-18
 minden august 21-25

\$125/daycamp \$325/overnight
 pre-register to hold your spot
 spaces are limited!

Wawa

MMCC Proshop Hours
 Monday to Friday
 10 am - 4 pm
 705-856-2244 ext 240

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE



Check out our New Visitors Guide

Pick one up at the Tourist Information Centre

Online Version is Coming Soon!

WE ARE OPEN!
 Stop by the iconic TIC and explore offerings from local artists, browse some of Wawa's history and visit with the Goose!
Hours:
 Monday - Saturday:
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: Closed



Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Healthy Democracy Project - Appointment Mayor Pilon

In June 2023, Mayor Melanie Pilon was appointed as a member of AMO's Healthy Democracy Project. The Project will promote the value and importance of municipal governments in Ontario's political system, while focusing on the diversity of leadership and perspectives. Mayor Pilon will represent multiple key interest groups, including urban Indigenous people, single-tier municipalities and the northern perspective. The AMO Board of Directors approved a 4-year allocation of more than \$1 million to advance its commitment to more equitable representation, increased participation and better understanding of the important role of local governments.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Community Safety Zones

The Municipality of Wawa is designating the areas around schools as Community Safety Zones. Community Safety Zones are sections of roadway that are identified as being of special concern for public safety and are used in areas that are prone to traffic violations, Community Safety Zones allow for the doubling of fines associated with traffic violations. The signs that include "BEGINS" and "ENDS" define the legal limits of the zones. The rules of the road do not change within the zone, only the penalties for the violations are increased.



MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATION

All Council meetings are live streamed on [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com). Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found on the municipal website: www.wawa.cc

Follow Updates from the Municipality:

Website - www.wawa.cc - Daily Updates
 Facebook - Wawa Municipality - Daily Updates
 JJAMFM Radio - Town Talk - Every Wednesday
Call 705-856-2244 for more information!

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Municipality is currently updating the Wawa Strategic Plan. This plan will guide the decision making of Council for the next 4 years. A draft will be presented to Council at the August 15, 2023 meeting.

