



Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OPERATIONS REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

APRIL 1, 2022, to MARCH 31, 2023

In the peak months of 2022/23, the park was visited by 30,000 more people than during the same periods in 2020, the year Covid19 pandemic restrictions began.

There were 142,596 people that came through our gates. This number was comprised of 85,017 members and 57,579 guests. The previous year's total number was 138,315.

Our busy season numbers were as follows:

Summer Months

June, July, August 2022 - 78,548
Previous numbers to compare are:
June, July, August 2021 - 77,460
June, July, August 2020 - 57,140
June, July, August 2019 - 58,841

Skating Months

Dec – March 31, 2023 – 33,307
Previous numbers to compare are:
Dec, Jan, Feb, March 2022 - 25,801
Dec, Jan, Feb, March 2021 - 35,840
Dec, Jan, Feb, March 2020 - 23,847

Probably considered the most significant event to happen in 2022/23 was the departure of Park Superintendent Chris Sobey. After over 35 years working at Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association, he moved on to enjoy his retirement. The Board of Directors wishes Chris the best in his new endeavors, whatever they might be.

Michael Horder was hired shortly after as the general manager. Michael comes to us with a strong effective background in facility and lake management and is excited to make the most of the opportunity here at Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association.

Michael's priorities as general manager includes water quality and worker safety. A water quality plan was presented to the Board of Directors and most of the plan has already been initiated. Discussions continue to implement the remaining steps.

Occupational Health and Safety is also important to the Board of Directors and therefore they have signed an Occupational Health and Safety Policy and directed Michael to update our health and safety program.



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Unfortunately, though planned, new trees were not planted in the spring of 2022 due to a lack of healthy supply.

Part of the south beach retaining wall was rebuilt, with plans to continue its remediation in the future.

In May, the lake was topped up using the city water supply and the lake water was treated for rooted weeds on June 22nd with Reward Aquatic herbicide. Alberta Health Services water samples were all deemed acceptable ensuring a healthy recreational environment for all swimmers. Some algae blooms did proliferate in August.

Smokey Trout Farm supplied the lake with fish in May and September. We received a limited number of tiger trout (100) and approximately 1,100 rainbow trout. Our fishing rules continue to be limited to two fish per household per month.

While battling hot weather and wildfire smoke, the summer months continued to be a favorite for lake members. There was an increase in vandalism of park property, mainly, the spray tagging of benches and other areas within the park. However, even with those problems, we were fortunate to have no major concerns. The police or emergency services were not required.

Park events continue to be popular including our Canada Day BBQ, Music in the Park, and Movie at the Lake night. The movie event had over 1000 people in attendance.

The Fish Creek water supply pipeline water meter had issues functioning and was replaced under warranty in July. Unfortunately, a major leak at the Fish Creek pump house was discovered while draining the line for winter. It was fixed in early spring 2023 at considerable cost.

Kicking off the holiday season, the Christmas light display was turned on December 3rd and a lake favorite, the fireworks display on New Year's Eve was spectacular. Even with the cold weather we still had many attendees in person as well as watch from their cars in the Promenade parking lot and community center parking lot. We received a lot of positive comments on social media regarding the event.

The winter season had the lake ice open for ice fishing and foot traffic on November 25th. The top rink was opened December 3rd. Construction of the lake rinks involved flooding the ice with lake water to provide a smooth and level surface to start with. Skating on the lake ice rinks and pathway system opened on December 10th. Ending the season, the lake ice maintenance was discontinued on March 23rd and the lake ice was ultimately closed for the season on April 6th.



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Purchases and repairs in 2022/23 included a UTV, pole lights converted to LED and three of the back pickleball courts were repaired and lines for four additional courts and nets added. The make-up air unit in the main building and the shop heater failed, both were repaired.

In addition, the Fish Creek 10Hp pump was repaired and installed, the south washroom interior was painted, and light fixtures replaced. Two RedMax backpack blowers were also purchased.

In March 2023, the elm trees were pruned and a decision to have staff plant flowers moving forward was made.

2022/2023 could be remembered for bringing back the past (ending the Covid19 Pandemic restrictions) and simultaneously, a year of significant change for Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association.

*****THANK YOU*****