

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Hello,

It has been a fast-paced week for us as we continued to prepare for the busy May long weekend and worked on completing projects. With the park being open this week, we started our regular daily tasks such as cleaning washrooms, garbage pickup, and well checking. Additionally, staff put in the boat docks at the beach and the boat launch this week, and after the heavy rain on Thursday, certain areas of the park required grass mowing, which was taken care of on Friday. As a result of the rain and heavy winds on Thursday, seven trees came down in the park, including three that blocked roads, but maintenance had all the trees cleared by 10:30 am that day.

### **Grant Projects**

On Tuesday, maintenance staff installed the eavestrough on the rental cabin. This upgrade was part of the rental cabin upgrades included in our grant application. Next week staff members will finish that grant project by replacing the metal skirting. I also intend to pick up the new frames for the new picnic tables this week that will provide seating at the beach concession, and this will finish the campground upgrade grant project.

### **Burn Pile**

After burning the pile last week, I checked this past week and noticed several pieces of lumber and a couple of sheets of plywood covered in carpet thrown into the pit. I asked front store staff if the key had been signed out that week, and it wasn't; therefore, someone likely dumped the wood by going around the chain and cabling. We will need to remove the wood from the pit and store it until we order a dumpster, as we will not be able to burn them. After reviewing the security cameras at the front store from that day, I could not determine who dumped the lumber. To hopefully prevent this from occurring again, I will be increasing surveillance at the burn pile while it is busy in May and June.

### **Day Campsite Sizes**

This past week, I measured the new site sizes for the campsites that have grown since the 2015 measurements. With the new measurements, we enlarged the size of four sites to support 50ft trailers, hopefully allowing customers with larger trailers to stay with us in the park. After measurements, maintenance staff installed new posts on ten sites to mark the site's boundaries. This week I would like to plant trees in seven of those sites to reforest cleared areas, enhance privacy, and form natural barriers.

### **Electrical Boxes**

We budgeted to replace some of the aging and rotting wooden boxes protecting the electrical meters in the seasonal areas this year. We plan to replace the two boxes in Poplar Cove as one was rotted entirely through, leaving the meters exposed, the other is also quite rotten and on the verge of collapse. Earl built one new box this week, he designed the boxes solidly with a sliding door that will ensure safety and prevent tampering, but as a bonus, it will also be a lot easier for Chelsey and myself to read the power metres at the end of the season. As time and the budget permit, we will continue building and replacing boxes.



## **Beach Concession Improvements**

In the past week, we completed numerous improvements to the beach concession. Maintenance snaked the drains of the concession and hopefully cleared the blockage in the drain that, when it rained, caused water to back up into the beach concession through the floor drain. For as long as I have worked for the park, this has been an issue, so I am glad that we resolved this problem. We also snaked the drains in the shower house to prevent blockages so that we do not need to call out a plumber again this year. On Wednesday, Earl installed the new security cameras at the beach concession; there are three cameras located in the building and three located on the exterior of the building. I hope that these cameras will enhance the security of the beach concession and reduce instances of staff harassment. Maintenance staff also installed a new wall-mounted fan that I had ordered in March. This fan aims to increase the airflow on staff members, which will hopefully help alleviate some of the heat-related issues we have had in the beach concession. Maintenance also finished installing the rubber baseboards inside the beach concession I had started installing two years ago.

## **Septic Services**

We are having a bit of trouble this year with the response time to empty our septic tanks. I contacted our septic provider almost two weeks ago to empty the seasonal septic tanks of individuals who have moved out and they have not been emptied yet. We had a similar situation last year at the beach concession, and we had to close public washrooms and defer tasks such as washing laundry for the rental cabin. As septic service is key to many of our operations, I would recommend that we look into other septic providers that could serve us in the case of a prolonged delay or other unforeseen situations.

It was great to see the park bustling with campers, seasonals, and cabin owners this weekend. At the front store, employees had their work cut out for them as both Saturday and Sunday were quite busy. This weekend was an excellent training opportunity for our returning and new employees. They were exposed to various situations, high volumes, and had the chance to meet many of our patrons. Next weekend I will train another returning employee and a new staff member.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Kind Regards,

Damen Van Meter

