



RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

**2025 ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, May 18th, 2025
10:00 a.m. at Quonset**

Coffee available—bring your lawn chair.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Council
2. Introduction New Summer Workers
3. Financial Report
4. Tax Assessment
5. Public Storage Compound
6. Security Issues and Solutions
7. Thank You(s)
8. Q&A

SECURITY ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

Security concerns have been a growing issue for the RV. Other surrounding areas also have similar concerns. As a result, a brainstorming group was convened in February to discuss the concerns and possible solutions. There is not one solution to address concerns. Firstly, cabin owners need to secure their properties as each determines necessary such as strengthened door locks, enhanced lighting, property air tags and security cameras etc. Also, all owners are to keep a watchful eye for unusual traffic through Echo Bay and report any suspicious activity to the Spiritwood RCMP. It is our collective responsibility to keep RVEB safe. Next, with helpful input from the brainstorming group, a couple of options for enhanced RVEB security will be discussed at the AGM to gain further input and support for the next steps. If you would like to discuss specifics related to RV security measures, please contact Lori Frank at 306-222-3693.

SUMMER WORKERS

Ruth and Manfred are retiring after fourteen years working at the Resort Village. Our new summer workers are Gracie Belyk and Knox Uzelman who are both grandkids of original cottage owners at the Resort Village. They will both be at our Annual Meeting and look forward to meeting some of the cottage owners!

TAX ASSESSMENT

Included in this Newsletter you will find the 2025 Resort Village budget. Based on our proposed budget the 2025 Echo Bay municipal flat tax will remain the same as last year at \$850. Storage lots will remain the same at \$125 per storage lot. It is a reassessment year for properties in Saskatchewan for property tax purposes. Education tax will probably not be the same as last year.

PERMITS

1. New builds, additions, new decks, and permanent sheds all need a permit. If you are demolishing or moving a building, you need a permit as well. Both permits are available online at <http://rvechobay.com> or contact our administrator. There is now also a guide to the building process on the website.
2. For work along the water's edge, you need to get a permit from the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency. Their web site is www.wsask.ca.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community garden has been well received and there sure are a lot of green thumbs in this village! The new wildlife fence was constructed around the Community Garden area last spring. The gardeners were happy that they no longer had to share their hard work with the deer in the area! If you have an interest in the community garden, please contact (call or text) Diane Stene at 306-321-4850. Have a great growing season!



QUONSET/WASHROOM/KITCHEN

Having a family celebration at the lake and need more room? Our Quonset is available for use on a first come basis. The kitchen has a fridge, microwave and sink with hot water. Council has formalized the procedure for residents utilizing the Quonset for private functions. On the Village website you will be able to find a form to fill out and submit to Tara Bueckert, Administrator. She will then inform the Summer Workers so that

preparations can be made. We have also implemented a \$100 fee to help recoup the costs of preparation, insurance, electricity and sewage use. These fees will also be used to repair and maintain the Village Quonset.



THANK YOU

There are so many people that step up each year to improve and enhance Echo Bay. Special thanks to the following people and we apologize if we have missed anyone:

- ☺ Ted Hanson for getting the fire started in the Yard Waste Site in January. It was a real complete burn of the material. This is a very important step to ensure that we have access to the Yard Waste Site for many years to come.
- ☺ The Social Committee for the great work they did on The Pancake Breakfast and the Boat Parade. The Social Committee includes Tanya Ringdal, Amie McCaig, Jenny Bartsch,

Jessica Pawlik and Carla Loney-Tindall. **Watch for announcement on this year's Pancake Breakfast!**

- ☺ Gene and Adele Dupuis for their grill and cooking all the sausages for the Pancake Breakfast.
- ☺ Richard Fitch for grooming the cross-country ski trails all season long and keeping them in great shape. Also, big thanks for posting the completion and track maps on our RV of Echo Bay Facebook page.
- ☺ Levi Adams for installation, grass cutting and maintenance of the Disc Golf Course. He is looking for volunteers to help!
- ☺ Jordan Uzelman and Chris Frank for providing winter access to our cabins by offering their expertise at operating the snowplow truck.
- ☺ Brian McCaig for doing the Sewage Lagoon maintenance, repairs everything and exercising his tractor therapy to float the roads, pushing up of the clean fill and plowing a little snow.
- ☺ Bob Bodnarchuk for all he does around the Resort Village. He does so many things I cannot keep up.
- ☺ Diane Stene for looking after the Community Garden managing all the gardeners and dealing with all the people that want in to the Community Garden
- ☺ Jordan Uzelman great work repairing the ceiling of the village Quonset.
- ☺ Brennan Caswell of Kaz Contracting for all the little jobs he completes for the Resort Village. Sometimes at short notice. He is always here when we need him. If you see Brennan thank him for his work!
- ☺ Greg Vevang for rototilling the community garden, beach areas and volleyball courts. Also for helping with the plumbing issues in the Kitchen/Washroom building.
- ☺ Dale Pollon and family for the installation, removal and maintenance of our public dock at the boat launch! Seems like every year there is one or two legs that mysteriously get bent that Dale gets repaired!

***Thanks to so many who contribute in a variety of ways
throughout the year. You are appreciated!***

**RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY
2025 BUDGET**

<i>REVENUE</i>			
	ACTUAL 2023	ACTUAL 2024	PROJECTED 2025
Municipal Taxes	\$138,904.62	\$138,904.62	\$138,900.00
Misc. Revenue	\$29,981.17	\$24,215.50	\$22,550.00
Provincial Revenue Sharing	\$18,454.00	\$20,842.00	\$21,000.00
REVENUE	\$187,339.79	\$183,962.12	\$182,450.00

<i>EXPENSES</i>			
	ACTUAL 2023	ACTUAL 2024	PROJECTED 2025
General Government	\$52,249.62	\$48,807.39	\$50,805.00
Protective Services	\$9,715.92	\$9,577.71	\$12,075.00
Transportation	\$101,726.43	\$89,871.80	\$94,300.00
Environmental Services	\$24,371.93	\$26,078.57	\$23,000.00
Recreation and Culture	\$3,681.00	\$4,151.54	\$4,250.00
EXPENSES	\$191,744.90	\$178,487.01	\$182,730.00

NET (Revenue - Expenses)	\$(1,090.98)	\$5,475.11	\$(1980.00)
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NEW OFFICE HOURS – RESORT VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Tara Bueckert, our Village Administrator also works for the Village of Shell Lake. We will now be sharing the office with the village. Tara will be available for Resort Village of Echo Bay people to contact her at the new phone number from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Previously Tara could only conduct Echo Bay business after 3:30.

ECHO BAY VILLAGE COUNCIL

If you have any questions after reviewing this year's newsletter, please contact a council member by phone or email.

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HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE SUMMER!