

RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this year's edition of the annual newsletter. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, council is postponing the Resort Village of Echo Bay Annual Meeting and hope that next year we can return to in person meetings at the Quonset.

Please contact anyone from council if you have questions or concerns. (Contact information is at the end of this newsletter)



COVID-19

Please follow Provincial directives and guidelines throughout the summer. **Public washrooms and the kitchen facilities will be closed until further notice.**

NEW WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDELINES:

To control our waste disposal costs and fall in line with Ministry of Environment regulations, we have changed the rules of what goes where for our various drop sites. Last fall, the Resort Village had to spend \$4200 to clean out the banned materials mixed throughout the waste material before Saskatchewan Environment would approve us to burn the material in the Yard Waste site. We had to hire a company to pick through the site to remove the banned materials. If we cannot burn the materials the area will fill up in a year or two and we will not have a place to take this material. The consequence of being guilty of burning banned materials is a large fine and an environmental cleanup that would cost the Resort Village hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Effective immediately, our old "Clean Fill Site" is now called our "Yard Waste Site", with accepted and prohibited materials shown and outlined below. We can no longer dispose of construction lumber, or any wood that is treated or painted, plywood or particle board as well as no plastics, metals etc. This site is now only for the items shown on the flier or the signs which is trees, branches, leaves, weeds and reeds.



The material above was found in the yard waste site on April 21, 2021. A painted chair, a fish filleting table (made from pressure treated wood and plywood) and a cupboard door complete with hinges! All banned products that will need to be pulled out of the Yard Waste Site.

Our old "Dirt Fill Site" is now our "Clean Dirt Site", with accepted and prohibited materials outlined in the attached flier. Metal, concrete, and bricks need to be removed from the Resort Village of Echo Bay as we do not have any area to dispose of them. We have new signage for both these sites that will be up very soon, so please watch for it.

If you witness anyone dumping the wrong material at either site, please make one of the councilors aware of the issue. People disposing of material in the wrong place could cost the village unnecessary time and money.

With the blue waste bins and the orange recycle bins we need to reinforce what goes into them. Please have a look at the flier and the new decals on the bins to ensure you are putting your waste in the right place. We specifically ask that you ensure only household waste goes in the blue waste bins. Please refrain from using these bins to dispose of large bulky items or construction waste. Do not fill Recycle bin with large boxes from purchases brought to the lake. Take those large boxes back to the city recycle sites! The recycle bin needs to be used for regular household recycled items. **Follow the flier and the decals to**

be sure what is acceptable and what is not. The flier has been included in this email and we have added them to the drop package that is put on all doors for the spring.

Any item that needs to be disposed of and is not household garbage or regular household recycle needs to be removed from the Resort Village of Echo Bay.

A large waste bin will be placed at the Quonset in early May, for about one month, to help residents deal with items that are not household garbage or recycling material. Residents that have items to dispose of, can utilize this for their spring cleanup. Once this bin has been delivered, we will send a note out so that it can be used. This will not be for large appliances. Large appliances cannot be disposed of anywhere at the lake. They need to be taken to approved facilities designed to handle appliances.

Please remember that for any construction project, we have 3 loaner waste bins that can be set at your site. They can be used for many projects around the cottage from simple cleanup to larger renovations. Cost to you is only \$90/bin tip. Please contact us to arrange delivery of a bin to your location.

Echo Bay Waste Site Materials Guide

Please place accepted materials in their marked areas of the waste site.

YARD WASTE	HOUSEHOLD WASTE	RECYCLE	DIRT
<p>ACCEPTED MATERIALS: (Trees, Leaves, Branches & Stumps, Tree Trimmings, Lake Reeds, & Lake Weeds.)</p>  <p>PROHIBITED MATERIALS: (Building Materials, Lumber, Pressure Treated Lumber, Railroad Ties, Stone, Brick, Clay, Sand, & Gravel.)</p> 	<p>ACCEPTED MATERIALS: (Household Waste Only, Including Kitchen Waste.)</p>  <p>PROHIBITED MATERIALS: (Construction Waste, Hazardous Waste i.e. Chemicals or Batteries, Liquids, Large Metals, & Appliances.)</p> 	<p>ACCEPTED MATERIALS: (CLEAN: Paper, Plastic, Cardboard, & Household Tin & Aluminum.)</p>  <p>PROHIBITED MATERIALS: (Garbage, Electronics, Glass, & Plastic Bags or Film.)</p> 	<p>ACCEPTED MATERIALS: (Sand, Dirt, Clay, etc.)</p>  <p>PROHIBITED MATERIALS: (Metal, Concrete, Rock, & Brick.)</p> 

LAKE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In order to be proactive about ensuring that this wonderful place we all enjoy stays vibrant, relevant and healthy, council will be organizing a Lake Stewardship Committee to work towards an up-to-date study of our lake and surrounding area. We want to pick up where the most recent (2014) attempt left off and use the information from the 1987 Lake Study to create a roadmap for the future of Big Shell Lake.

We can also learn from Meeting Lake as they have already begun this process in earnest. We will be reaching out to other stakeholders in the area including the Resort Village of Big Shell, RM of Spiritwood and others to assess their interest in a joint effort. This committee will need volunteers to help reach its goals, so if you have interest, please contact Aaron Loraas.

PERMITS

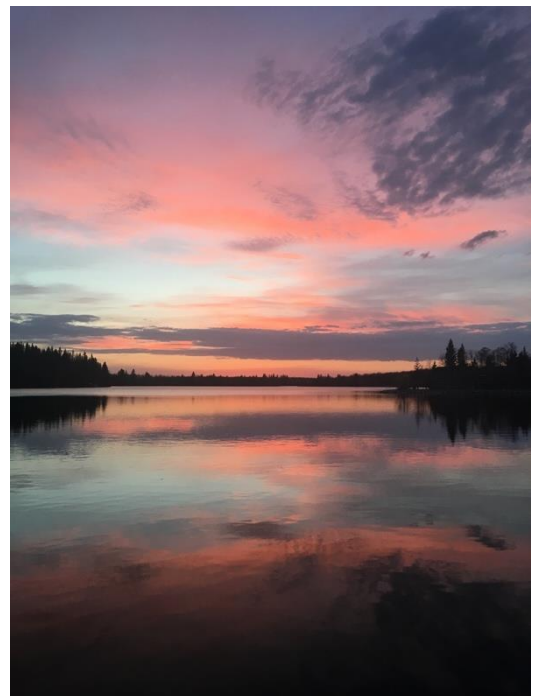
1. New builds, additions, new decks, and permanent sheds all need a permit. If you are demolishing or moving a building you need a permit as well. Both permits are available online at <http://rvechobay.com> or contact our administrator. There is now also a guide to the building process on the website.
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.

TAX ASSESSMENT

Included in this Newsletter you will find the Resort Village Budget. Based on our proposed budget the 2021 Echo Bay municipal flat tax will remain unchanged at \$750. Storage lots will remain unchanged at \$110 per storage lot.

SUMMER WORKERS – RUTH AND MANFRED

We are happy to announce our summer workers, Ruth and Manfred are returning. Please note their health and safety is of the utmost importance to us and we kindly ask our lake community to respect 6 foot physical distancing guidelines throughout the summer or unless otherwise directed. If you are approaching the Quonset please knock on the door before you enter so physical distancing can be maintained. Thanks for your help in this!



DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

During the past year there were some serious issues involving dogs not on leashes. Council also received several complaints of dogs running at large and off of their owner's property.

Our bylaw states: **“all dogs, when off the premises of their owners, must be leashed and under proper control. All dog owners are required to clean up after their dogs.”** We request the cooperation of all residents to control their dogs and the dogs of visiting friends.

PUBLIC STORAGE

We appreciate people using public storage as it eliminates trailers, fish shacks etc. from being stored in the bushes around the village. You only have to drive through lake areas that do not have public storage areas to appreciate the way these storage programs keep our cottage/lake areas looking more organized and less junky! Thank you to everyone who parked their units along the perimeter of the public storage area leaving room in the middle for backing units up and moving within the public storage area.

Please put the tags you were provided with on your stored items. Untagged units will be removed from the area. We are on the third year of a four-year contract. The 2021 cost is \$50 for the remaining 2 years for storage of up to two units equivalent to the size of a boat trailer. Contact Sophie Uzelman if you would like to secure a spot in public storage.

***Please park your unit along the perimeter of the fence and leave the center open.**

STORAGE LOT – PHASE 3

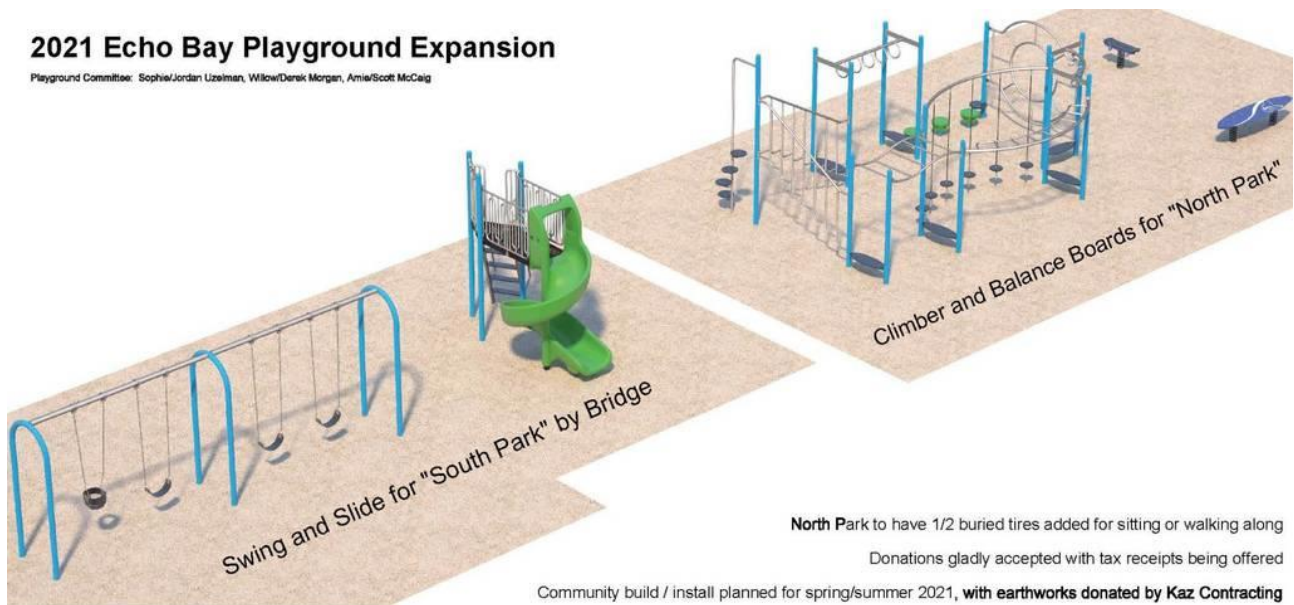
There are 10 storage lots available for purchase in the Phase 3 storage lot area. Cost for the 50' by 50' lot (includes chain link fence on three sides) is \$10,000 plus GST. The surface is clay capped only and gravel is not provided. Purchasers are responsible to build up the area of their lot for storage or to construct a storage building. If interested, visit www.rvechobay.com to access the printable form. Complete and send the form and payment to the Resort Village of Echo Bay.

PLAYGROUND ADDITIONS

The Resort Village of Echo Bay has had a Playground Committee working diligently this winter putting plans together for new playground equipment. They are excited to announce this summer we will be adding more structures to both playgrounds. The south playground by the bridge, we will be adding a swing and large slide (as seen in picture) To the North playground we will be adding a large climbing structure, two balance boards (boards will help with wake board and skateboard balance) and soccer nets. Thank you to Market Tire for donating more tires for kids to play on. We will install tires down the tree line. Thank you to Kaz Construction for donating his equipment and time to help our install. Will update everyone when structures will be here to install. At that time we will be looking for help to do all the installation. No experience necessary. We are gladly accepting donations to help pay for our new playground. Tax deductible receipts will be issued to those willing to donate.

2021 Echo Bay Playground Expansion

Playground Committee: Sophie/Jordan Uzelman, Willow/Derek Morgan, Amie/Scott McCaig



BOTTLE AND CAN RETURN

Thank you to all residents who came out to help with the bottle/can sorting last summer. I am sure we will have another sorting bee this summer. Also thanks to all who are recycling their pop/alcohol cans/bottles, and milk/juice containers in the barrel behind the recycling bin. Recycling money went towards park and playground improvements. A huge thanks to Michael Lulchak who volunteers to collect and sort and return our bottles and cans. Please reach out to him if you wish to offer a hand in this work.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community garden has been well received and there sure are a lot of green thumbs in this village! If you have an interest in the community garden please text Sharon Miller at 306-227-7113. Have a great growing season!

QUONSET/WASHROOM/KITCHEN

With the Covid-19 rules that we have today the use of the Quonset/Washroom/Kitchen facilities are closed and will be reserved for the exclusive use of our summer workers. A notice will be posted on the public bulletin board when these facilities become open for public use and rental.

MESSAGE FROM ECHO BAY DISC GOLF (EBDG):



We have exciting news! Council has accepted the EBDG Committee's proposal to develop a more permanent disc golf course in the hay field with better tee boxes, new disc golf baskets, and improved field maintenance. We are thrilled to be moving forward with the development of the course, but we need your help!

To develop the course, we need 18 sponsors, one for each hole of the course. The sponsorship involves a \$650 commitment to cover new baskets, signage, tee box development, and any other expected costs. Your name or business, if

you desire, will receive sponsorship recognition through signage on the course. Sponsorship funds can be given through the Resort Village of Echo Bay, and a charitable tax receipt will be issued. Please consider taking part in improving the course and providing another great activity for everyone at Echo Bay to enjoy.

To find out more about how to sponsor the Echo Bay Disc Golf Course please visit the Resort Village of Echo Bay website or reach out to Levi Adams at 306-221-0273 or Levi.w.s.adams@gmail.com.

MESSAGE FROM NEW SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On behalf of our committee of five, I am excited to share that Echo Bay's newest committee - the Echo Bay Social Committee - is active and looking excitedly towards the summer months. Based on recent news, it appears that COVID and its dreaded variants will continue to limit our abilities to be social, but there is always something we can do to build connection.

And one such thing is to have a contest! We are calling on Echo Bay residents - all people big and small - and their friends and family to help us find the perfect logo for our little piece of paradise. More information can be found on the Resort Village of Echo Bay Facebook page or www.rvechobay.com.

We would also like to draw your attention to our newly established Resort Village of Echo Bay Facebook (FB) page. It is our hope that FB is an opportunity to build community, share information and announcements. We kindly ask you to not use this platform for the promotion of small business.

Big thanks to the volunteers who have taken up positions on the new committee. They include: Tanya Ringdal - Chair, Cathy Allen, Shantelle Fitch, Amie McCaig and Carla Loney-Tindall.

MESSAGE FROM THICKWOOD TRAILS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The Thickwood Trails Snowmobile Club is pleased to see increased traffic on our trails. Thanks to everyone for staying on the trails which helps when asking for landowner's permission to allow the trails to go through their private property. We would like to remind snowmobilers that in order to ride on any Saskatchewan trails, your sled must be registered through any motor license issuer. 80% of the registration fees go to the provincial trail fund and this really helps to keep our trails open.

Please remember ATVs and motorcycles are NOT allowed on any designated snowmobile trail at any time of the year.

We have many volunteers from Echo Bay and we would like to say a big THANK YOU for your help. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Dale Chuhaniuk at 306-883-7870. Also, check out our Facebook page for updates: Thickwood Trails Snowmobile Club.

PICKLEBALL COURTS:

Our Pickleball court construction was completed this past summer. They were used extensively right up to Thanksgiving weekend when they were closed for the season. The Resort Village of Echo Bay thanks the following for their support in the construction of the Pickleball Courts.

Government of Canada - NHSP Grants
MR Steel (Peters Family)
Loraas Family
Nordic Fencing (Holinyaty Family)
Nick & Cathy Allen
Joe & Carla Tindall
Dale & Betty Pollon
Don & Debbie McDonald

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:

- ☺ Darrell Baird and Neil Buswell 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 on everything and exercising his tractor therapy to float the roads, pushing up of clean fill and a little snow plowing.
- ☺ Michael Lulchak for organizing the Bottle and Can return program. For picking up all the bottle in the Waste Bin area and storing them in and around his storage building.
- ☺ Thanks to all the many volunteers that showed up to sort bottles and cans at Michael Lulchak's storage building. We had lots of people there, so it made quick work of a big pile!
- ☺ Bob Bodnarchuk for his expertise in welding and repairing various things around the Resort Village. A special thanks for the holder he built for the back of the plow truck to hold the large patio blocks that are put in there every fall for weight for snow plowing. Now we can put them in and take them out with the loader on the tractor. No more pinched fingers!
- ☺ Greg Vevang for rototilling the community garden, beach areas and volleyball courts.
- ☺ Sharon Miller for looking after Community Garden. Also, for bringing supplies out of Saskatoon to the summer workers all summer!
- ☺ Garry Smulan for looking after the public dock.
- ☺ Richard Fitch for mechanical work on the snowmobile and doing ski trails.

- ☺ Don McDonald for his work on securing the grant for the construction of new Pickleball courts and also for his help in getting them built.
- ☺ The crew that did the concrete work to secure the pole holders into Pickleball courts. It was a full day's job in the drizzling rain! Pictured below is the concrete crew, from left to right Joe Tindall, Bob Heroux, Grant Hladun, Crew Boss – Don MacDonal and Ted Hanson.



Thanks to so many who contribute in a variety of ways throughout the year!



**RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY
2020 BUDGET**

REVENUE			
	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	PROJECTED 2021
Municipal Taxes	\$119,733.00	\$120,768.33	\$121,805.00
Misc. Revenue	\$7,177.84	\$24,835.52	\$6,700.00
Recreation and Culture Grant		\$28,600.00	\$1,500.00
Provincial/Federal Revenue Sharing	\$21,994.68	\$20,831.02	\$15,750.00
REVENUE	\$148,905.52	\$195,034.87	\$145,755.00

EXPENSES			
	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	PROJECTED 2021
General Government	\$35,323.28	\$33,761.56	\$39,125.00
Protective Services	\$8,341.16	\$7,649.41	\$7,900.00
Transportation	\$90,723.92	\$71,717.74	\$79,800.00
Environmental Services	\$12,768.79	\$13,184.58	\$18,000.00
Recreation and Culture	\$5,614.56	\$68,913.33	\$2,700.00
EXPENSES	\$152,771.71	\$195,226.62	\$147,525.00

NET (Revenue - Expenses)	-\$3,866.19	-\$191.75	-\$1,770.00
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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!