

## RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this year's edition of our annual newsletter. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic council has made the decision to postpone the Resort Village of Echo Bay Annual Meeting. We are sprucing up this year's newsletter to provide more information and hope to have a meeting later in the summer.

In the absence of a meeting please contact anyone from council if you have questions or concerns. (Contact information is at the end of this newsletter)



### **2020 IS AN ELECTION YEAR**

If you are interested in volunteering to be on Echo Bay Council please contact a current council member to get more details on what we do and how you can make a difference in our resort community. An election will proceed this summer, but we await direction from the Provincial Government on public gatherings. In all likelihood it could be an online voting process. We will keep you posted

### **COVID-19**

With Covid-19 is important our resort community follows Provincial directives and guidelines throughout the summer. At the time of writing this newsletter there were three cases of Covid-19 in the town of Shell Lake. **Please note playgrounds, public washrooms and the kitchen facilities will be closed until further notice.**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

1. **CLEAN FILL** - Contributors to the "Tree Dump/CLEAN Fill" – PLEASE note the sign at the entrance outlining allowable material in this area. Anything that does not naturally rot or deteriorate does not belong in the clean fill. When unloading debris back up as close to the main pile so residents do not have to drive through your clean fill items. As a courtesy, flatten spikes, nails and screws with a hammer. Four rental "Loaner" bins are available for construction projects or yard clean up. Contact the administrator for information.
2. Residents are welcome to use the Sand Pit area to deposit clean earth. **Concrete and other building materials must be removed from the village.** Please have your contractor level the sand pit area at the end of your project.

## **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://rvehobay.com> or contact our administrator. There is now also a guide to the building process on the website.
2. Contact the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency for work along the water's edge. Their web site is [www.wsask.ca](http://www.wsask.ca).

## **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!

## **TAX ASSESSMENT**

Included in this Newsletter you will find the Resort Village Budget. Based on our proposed budget the 2020 Echo Bay municipal flat tax will remain unchanged at \$750. Storage lots will remain unchanged at \$110 per storage lot.

## **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. 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 second year of a four year contract. The 2020 cost is \$75 for the remaining 3 years for storage of up to two units equivalent to the size of a boat trailer. Contact Ted Hanson 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 if possible.

## **STORAGE LOT – PHASE 3**

There are 13 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](http://www.rvechobay.com) to access the printable form. Complete and send the form and payment to the Resort Village of Echo Bay.

## **PICKLEBALL COURTS:**

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America. Throughout Saskatoon both indoor and outdoor courts are being used to their maximum level. Anyone that goes south for the winter knows what a popular game it is as well. There has also been considerable interest in pickleball courts here at Echo Bay and Council and volunteer residents have been exploring the feasibility of constructing Pickleball Courts.

Thanks to Don McDonald it was discovered that federal government grants were available to us and funding applications were submitted last summer. We were notified in March, 2020 that we would receive \$25,000 for construction of pickleball courts. A public meeting for more collaboration from the community was immediately scheduled to gather feedback and input from residents and to consider additional funding options. Unfortunately this meeting was canceled due to Covid-19.

Total construction costs including concrete pad, chain link fence, posts and nets, plus painting of court and lines is \$47,185. We have the \$25,000 government grant, a \$5000 donation from MR Steel (Peter's family), \$1000 donation from Nordic Industries (Holinyaty family) and the Tindall family is donating \$1000. This would leave only \$15,185 for the Resort Village to invest in to have a facility worth close to \$50,000 for our residents to enjoy. The balance of the funds will be taken from dollars we have set aside from the Lot Extenders land sale.

At our recent council meeting we voted to proceed with the construction of the Pickleball courts. With careful consideration and input from residents it was decided that the best site for the courts would be north of the community gardens. This site was chosen for several reasons. It is centrally located, relatively flat which minimizes the amount of earth that has

to be moved to accommodate a concrete pad, does not have many trees on the site, and has great protection from the wind by the band of trees on the west side. Contractors are lined up and ready to proceed when the time is right this spring.

Questions or inquiries on the construction of pickleball courts can be directed to Joe Tindall or Don McDonald.

### **BOTTLE AND CAN RETURN**

Thank you to all residents who are recycling their pop/alcohol cans/bottles, and milk/juice containers in the barrel behind the recycling bin. Recycling money went towards the purchase of two park benches, one for each playground area. Money collected from future recycling will go towards further park improvements. A huge thanks to Michael Lulchak who volunteers to collect and sort 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 are happy to announce that the EBDG course will be operating again in the hay field and surrounding area this summer. There will be an "Echo Bay Disc Golf" sign at the community bulletin board, along with a course map and disc golf rules. Tee pads will be flagged and we hope to have the course mowed similar to 2019. With concerns of COVID-19, the course will be a tone course to mitigate any chance of transmission. We will be looking for basket sponsorship in 2021.

We encourage you to try a round of disc golf with friends and family! If you have questions or want to get involved with EBDG contact Levi Adams at [levi.w.s.adams@gmail.com](mailto:levi.w.s.adams@gmail.com).

### **MESSAGE FROM THICKWOOD TRAILS SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

The Thickwood Trails Snowmobile Club would like to report a successful season. Due to increased traffic on the trails we welcome more volunteers to facilitate a safe riding experience (clearing trail, firewood for the shelter, selling tickets, etc.)

Our trails exist because landowners permit riding through their personal property. Trespassing and going off the trail jeopardizes our use of the trail system. Landowners have contacted The Club to report trespassing on their land resulting in the closure of the trail

north of Meeting Lake to Fuzzy's shelter. Some trails around Big Shell Lake are also in jeopardy. **PLEASE** stay on the trail! **ATVs are NOT** allowed on any designated snowmobile trail at any time of the year.

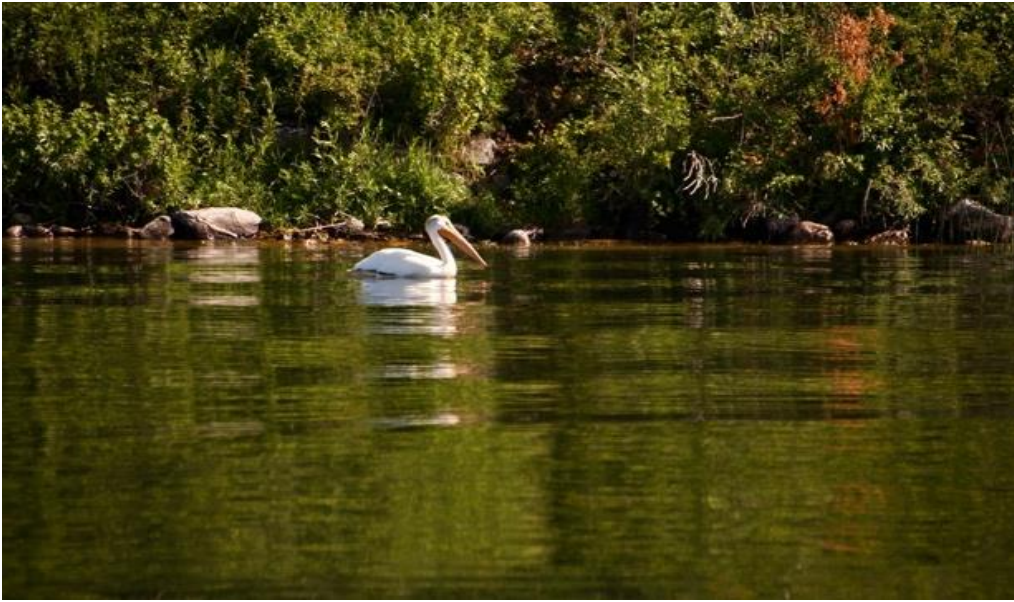
Thanks to all who donated to The Club when we had the groomer out to move ice shacks off the lake. We hope to keep providing this service. Check out our Facebook page for updates at Thickwood Trails Snowmobile Club or call Dale Chuhaniuk at 306-883-7870.

## **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 new 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.
- ☺ 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.
- ☺ Bob Bodnarchuk for his expertise in welding and repairing various things around the Resort Village.
- ☺ Greg Vevang for rototilling the community garden, beach areas and volleyball courts.
- ☺ Sharon Miller for looking after Community Garden
- ☺ Bob Bodnarchuk, Randy Barwick and Kim Mossop for burying the waterline from the Washroom/Kitchen facility to the community garden.
- ☺ Aaron Loraas for making sure all of our garbage bins remain in good repair and help in replacing those that need it.
- ☺ Garry Smulan for looking after the public dock.
- ☺ Richard Fitch for mechanical work on the snowmobile and doing ski trails.
- ☺ Levi Adams and Corbin Tindall for setting up/maintaining Disc Golf Course.
- ☺ Ruth & Manfred for returning as our Summer Workers for 2020. You are the best!

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



**RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY  
2020 BUDGET**

<b>REVENUE</b>			
	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>PROJECTED 2020</b>
Municipal Taxes	\$112,695.00	\$119,733.00	\$121,805.00
Misc. Revenue	\$5,275.37	\$7,177.84	\$6,500.00
Provincial/Federal Revenue Sharing	\$16,571.15	\$21,994.68	\$16,700.00
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>\$134,541.52</b>	<b>\$148,905.52</b>	<b>\$145,005.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>			
	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>PROJECTED 2020</b>
General Government	\$34,581.17	\$35,323.28	\$41,655.00
Protective Services	\$7,255.61	\$8,341.16	\$8,150.00
Transportation	\$46,592.22	\$90,723.92	\$67,100.00
Environmental Services	\$12,563.91	\$12,768.79	\$15,000.00
Recreation and Culture	\$2,166.78	\$5,614.56	\$2,700.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$103,159.69</b>	<b>\$152,771.71</b>	<b>\$134,605.00</b>

<b>NET (Revenue - Expenses)</b>	<b>\$31,381.83</b>	<b>-\$3,866.19</b>	<b>\$10,400.00</b>
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## **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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