



RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this year's edition of the annual newsletter. Great news! We will be meeting at the village quonset this year for the first time in three years. We are looking forward to seeing everybody in person!

**2022 ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, May 22nd, 2022
10:00 a.m. at Quonset**

Coffee available—bring your lawn chair

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Council
2. Financial Report
3. Tax Assessment
4. Thank You(s)
5. Lake Capacity Study
6. Environment - Waste Disposal Guidelines
7. Building Permit Process
8. Storage Lots – Public and Individual
9. Q&A

LAKE CAPACITY STUDY OF BIG SHELL LAKE

From our conversations with ratepayers, your Echo Bay Council understands that we all desire to protect this place we all hold so dear, especially for future generations. With that in mind, Council has partnered with the councils from the Resort Village of Big Shell and the RM of Spiritwood to embark on a Lake Capacity Study of Big Shell Lake. The goal is to learn and understand the impacts of our use of the lake, which will help in determining how future development guidelines and criteria should be modelled, with an eye towards preserving the lake and the surrounding area. We have applied and have been approved for a grant from the Province of Saskatchewan to fund 75% of the cost of this study. The remaining 25% will be split in a relatively equal manner between the three partners. The result is that our portion will be in the range of \$15,000.00 out of a roughly \$115,000.00 total cost. This equates to about \$80 per ratepayer. Council feels this is a very efficient use of resources and will go a long way to helping us reach our goal of protecting this wonderful place we all cherish.

Over the next months, you may see a survey come your way about the way you use the lake. It is designed to help the consultant firm that wins the tender to learn more about us and how we use the lake. You will also see people from the winning consultant firm out on the water, taking samples and gathering data to build their report. We hope to do a public information session this summer so that folks can come out and learn more about the process. We also have had the fortune of other studies done in the past that we have access to for information. This will help tell the story and to expedite the process. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to touch base with council.

WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

We wanted to thank the residents for adjusting very quickly to the new rules on waste disposal within the Resort Village. There was only a couple of instances where things had to be rectified. It's interesting to report that it wasn't always council or the summer workers that fixed the errors. Residents stepped in and helped their neighbors make corrections as well. Below is a review of how to dispose varying materials.

Yard Waste Site - accepted and prohibited materials shown and outlined below. The Yard Waste Site only accepts trees, branches, leaves, weeds and reeds. We can no longer dispose of construction lumber, or any wood that is treated or painted, plywood or particle board, as well as plastics, metals etc. in the yard waste site. Please refer to the flier or the entrance sign at the Yard Waste Site.

Clean Dirt Site - accepted and prohibited materials outlined in the attached flier. The Clean Dirt Site only accepts sand, dirt and clay. 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.

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.

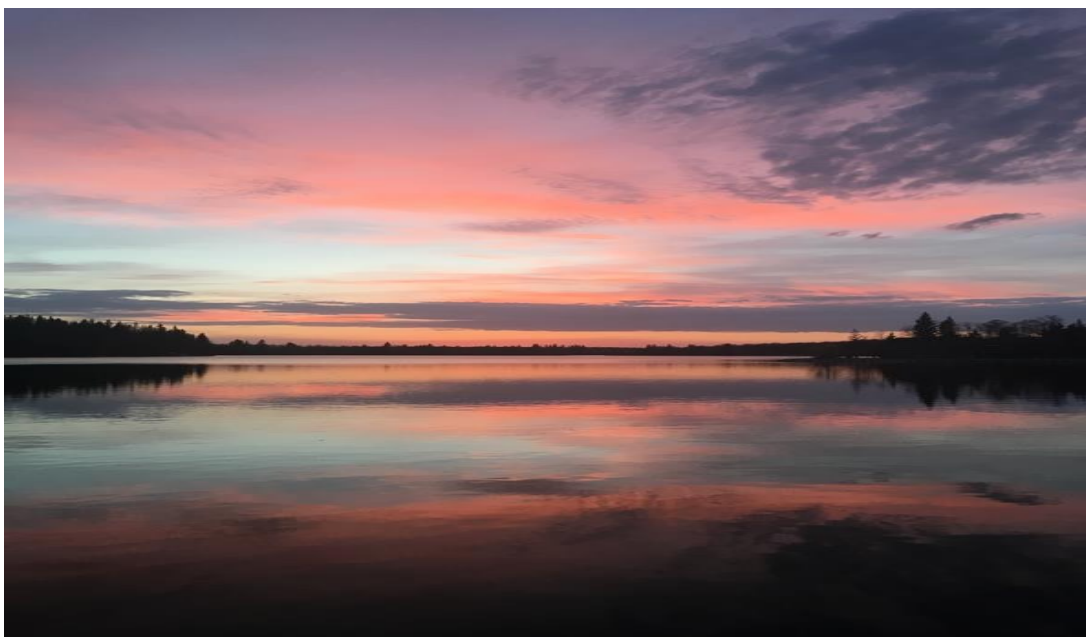
We have two new blue waste bins for the resort village. They will have the small bear proof lids in the middle of the larger lid. These bins are similar to the ones you see in National Parks. We specifically ask that you ensure only household waste goes in the blue waste bins. Have a look at decals on the bins to ensure you are putting your waste in the right place. Please refrain from using these bins to dispose of large bulky items or construction waste.

With the orange recycle bins, DO NOT fill the 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.**

During the majority of the year, 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.


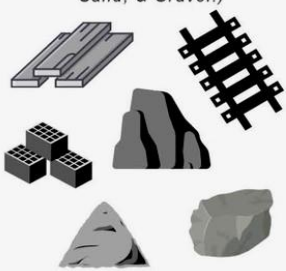
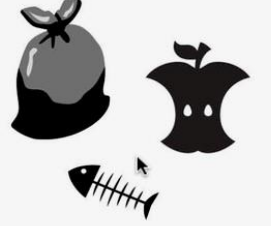
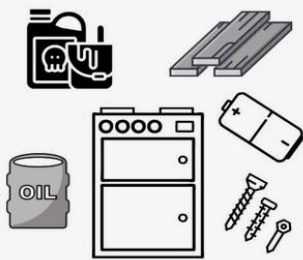


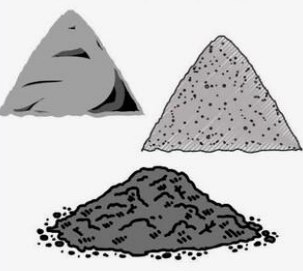
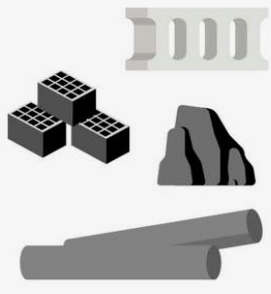
A large waste bin will be placed at the Quonset in early May. Residents will be given the opportunity to deal with items that are not household garbage or recycling material. This bin is not for large appliances. Large appliances cannot be disposed of anywhere at the lake and need to be taken to approved facilities designed to handle appliances.

Please remember that for any construction project, we have 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 \$100/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> 

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 2022 Resort Village Budget. Based on our proposed budget the 2022 Echo Bay municipal flat tax will increase by \$50 to a total of \$800. 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 for another summer. They take great pride in keeping the Resort Village looking trim and neat. We are excited have them back for another year! This will be their 12th season working during the summer at the Resort Village!

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 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 visitors.

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 must 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 fourth year of a four-year contract. The 2022 cost is \$25 for the remaining year 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 – SOLD OUT!

We are happy to say we are all sold out of lots in Phase 3. The only way to get a private storage lot is through a private sale.

PLAYGROUND ADDITIONS

In 2021 we completed our playground! We are pleased to see so many people enjoying the improvements we made. Kids are having a blast on the new equipment. We would like to thank the playground committee for all their hard work. The results are amazing! Thank you to everyone that helped us install, on a very warm day.

BOTTLE AND CAN RETURN

Thank you to all residents who came out to help with the bottle/can sorting last summer. The plan is to have two sorting bees 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

Having a family celebration at the lake and need more room? Our Quonset is available for use on a first come basis. There are 10 tables and 60 folding chairs and the addition of L.E.D. light fixtures has brightened up the area. The kitchen has a fridge, microwave and sink with hot water. Council has formalized the procedure for residents to utilize the Quonset for private functions. On the Village website you will be able to find a form to fill out and submit to Tara. 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 and of electricity and sewage use. These fees will also be used to repair and maintain the Quonset.

MESSAGE FROM ECHO BAY DISC GOLF (EBDG)



Thank you to the 15 companies and individuals who sponsored the disc golf fundraiser in 2021 and thank you to those who gave their time to helping with the installation of the course. Echo Bay now has an 18-basket course with tee pad markers located in the hay field and surrounding area. Our plan for the spring of 2022 is to add an entrance sign with sponsorship recognition and put logos on the baskets. If anyone is interested in getting involved with disc golf at Echo Bay by giving financially or helping with course upkeep, please let us know. We plan to install the course for the summer in May long weekend. For further information you can email Levi at Levi.w.s.adams@gmail.com or call him at 1-306-221-0273.

We encourage everyone to get out to the course and give disc golf a try.

MESSAGE FROM THICKWOOD TRAILS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The Thickwood Trails Snowmobile Club had a busy and challenging season and we are so happy that many of you enjoyed our trails. With the help of generous donations, we were able to replace one warm up shelter and move the existing one to another location on our trail system. A big thank you to those who donated money, time and expertise to getting this shelter built and to those who helped keep the trails going all year long. Echo Bay folks have always been great supporters of our Club and it is appreciated!

We would like to remind snowmobilers that to ride on any Saskatchewan trails, your sled must be registered through any motor licence issuer and \$110.00 of each registration fee goes 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. And no other motorized vehicles from December 1 to April 15.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Dale Chuhaniuk at 306-883-7870. Also, check out our Facebook page for updates at Thickwood Trails Snowmobile Club or visit our Instagram page.

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:

- ☺ Would like to thank the volunteers that showed up on a very hot day to install the playground equipment. There was a lot of people helping throughout the day. We will miss some of the people that were there, we apologize if we missed you. The people we were able to keep track of were Scott, Amie & Erin McCaig, Sophie, Jordan, Tyler & Cory Uzelman, Glenn Maxwell, Derek Morgan, Dale Pollon, Kegan Weiland, Cody Rousseau, Kevin Downing, Joe Tindall, Levi Adams, Peter Trumpy and Jim Smith. You all did a fantastic job. Thank You. Special thanks to Kaz Contracting for his time and hard work as well.
- ☺ Holinaty Family and Nordic Fencing for donating fence, gate and installation on Resort Village storage lot.
- ☺ Levi Adams for organizing the fundraising, ordering and installation of the Disc Golf Course. In the end through donations of many generous people it was completed at virtually no cost to the Resort Village.
- ☺ Darrell Baird and Neil Buswell for providing winter access to our cabins by offering their expertise at operating the snowplow truck. Most snow we have had in several years was handled really well by our two snowplow gurus!
- ☺ Brian McCaig for fixing the bank of the lagoon that was washing away.
- ☺ 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! I cannot keep track of all the things he does for the Resort Village!
- ☺ 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 putting in the public dock. Neil Buswell and Greg Vevang for taking out the public dock.
- ☺ Richard Fitch for mechanical work on the snowmobile, swapping snow mobiles and basically keeping things running.
- ☺ Richard Fitch and Diana Sutton for keeping the ski trails groomed.

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



**RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY
2022 BUDGET**

REVENUE			
	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	PROJECTED 2022
Municipal Taxes	\$120,768.33	\$121,445.00	\$135,595.00
Misc. Revenue	\$24,835.52	\$12,368.62	\$12,450.00
Recreation and Culture Grant	\$28,600.00	\$50.00	\$1,500.00
Provincial/Federal Revenue Sharing	\$20,831.02	\$10,999.00	\$10,000.00
REVENUE	\$195,034.87	\$144,872.62	\$159,545.00

EXPENSES			
	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	PROJECTED 2022
General Government	\$33,761.56	\$34,676.34	\$42,605.00
Protective Services	\$7,649.41	\$7,208.30	\$8000.00
Transportation	\$71,717.74	\$76,101.63	\$78,900.00
Environmental Services	\$13,184.58	\$9,734.66	\$24,850.00
Recreation and Culture	\$68,913.33	\$992.60	\$2,700.00
EXPENSES	\$195,226.62	\$128,713.62	\$157,055.00

NET (Revenue - Expenses)	-\$191.75	\$16,159.00	\$2,490.00
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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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