



RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

**2023 ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, May 21st, 2023
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. Public Storage Compound Renewal
8. Social Committee Report
9. Q&A

LAKE CAPACITY STUDY OF BIG SHELL LAKE

The Lake Capacity Study of Big Shell Lake is nearing completion. The next step is to conduct the boat traffic study, an important step in the process that is done in two steps. Step one is to fly a drone around the lakeshore first thing in the morning to count all watercraft on lifts, tied to docks and on the shore. The next step is to count all vessels actually on the water midafternoon of July long weekend. This part of the study is key and provides a true idea of lake usage.

WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDELINES

Below is a review of how to dispose of 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.

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.**



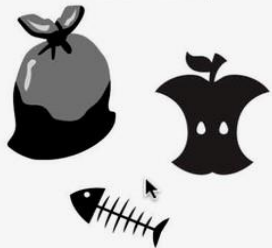
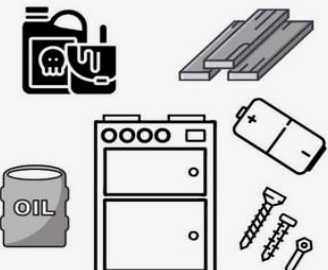


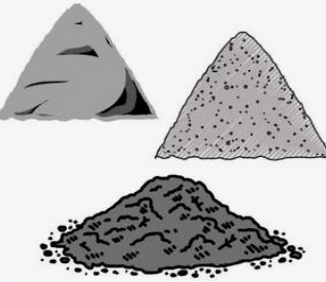
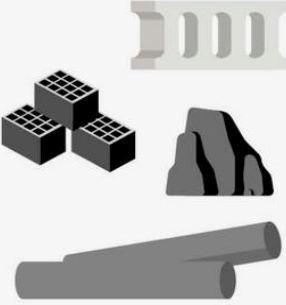
During the majority of the year, any item that needs to be disposed of and is not household garbage or regular household recycle needs to be removed from the Resort Village of Echo Bay.

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, recycling material or large appliances. Large appliances cannot be disposed of anywhere at the lake and need to be taken to approved facilities designed to handle appliances. **The small bins beside the large bin should never be used for garbage of any kind.** Every time somebody puts any garbage in the small bins it costs the residents of the Resort Village \$120!

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 \$120/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 ie. 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> 

PUBLIC STORAGE

This is the year that everybody must renew their contract on the Public Storage Lot. The fee for renewal is \$160 for four years. Please put the new tags you will be provided with on your stored items. You will be supplied with two tags to store two units equivalent to the size of a boat trailer each. Untagged units will be removed from the area. New keys and tags will be available at the Annual Informational Meeting in May. If you need a new key and tags to secure a spot in public storage contact Sophie Uzelman. The lock will be changed on May long weekend.

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

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 2023 Resort Village Budget. Based on our proposed budget the 2023 Echo Bay municipal flat tax will increase by \$50 to a total of \$850. Storage lots will increase by \$15 to \$125 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 13th season working during the summer at the Resort Village!

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!



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. 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.

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)

The Echo Bay Disc Golf course was busy in 2022 with many residents and friends playing the course throughout the summer. We want to thank the sponsors and council again for their support. There will be a new entrance sign and basket stickers at each hole that will be put up May long offering directions for the course.

The course does need volunteer support throughout the summer, so if you are interested in helping, please text, call, or email Levi at 1-306-221-0273 or Levi.w.s.adams@gmail.com.

Basket install will be **Saturday May 13 @ 9:00-10:00am**. Swing by this summer to see the new signage and to try out our amazing 18-basket course.

MESSAGE FROM THICKWOOD TRAILS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Our club really stepped up this year again to sign trails, clear brush, clean shelters, groom trails, repair groomers and stack and haul firewood and all the other small things required for great trails. Visitor comments in the shelter guestbooks seemed really positive and we would like to thank all Echo Bay residents for your support. Your efforts are appreciated and noticed!

Please remember when you ride a snowmobile you have permission to ride on the trail between the stakes only, not beside them and your snowmobiles must be plated/registered to ride Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association trails.

Also be mindful and respectful in the offseason when riding quads and side by sides of the local landowners and reduce your speeds by their houses and livestock. Some of them are the ones who give us permission to have a snowmobile trail and we would not want to lose that option. We have had some concerns of people riding where they should not in the summer. Just because we have a snowmobile trail in the winter does not permit folks to ride in the same corridor or cross the same land after the trails are closed.



If you would like more information about our club check out our Facebook page or contact us at thickwoodtrailsecretary@gmail.com

Reflections & Announcements from

ECHO BAY SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Growing a sense of community...

2022 was an exciting year around Echo Bay as multiple social events were launched and/or expanded upon. The 2nd Annual Music by the Lake event welcomed over 150 people to a casual outdoor gathering by the quonset. Concert-goers loved *The Barrelman* and confirmed that the friendly, laid-back vibe was exactly what Echo Bay is all about.

Noticing the constant flow of traffic to and from the pickle ball courts, we also held a two-day clinic in July during which nearly 30 lake goers came out to work on their technique. An Echo Bay Pickle Ball What's App thread was simultaneously created so that anyone looking for a partner or a competitor can simply send out a message to a group of prospective parties. **Send a What's App message to 306.220.8063 if you'd like to join.**



September's pancake breakfast, where you could order a hoodie or tank top alongside your pancakes, was also well attended. Big thanks to all of those who helped with set up, take down, dishing out and ... of course, pancake flipping. There will be more pancakes in 2023 but we intend to take a break from clothing sales, potentially looking at another in a year's time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2023...

Saturday, July 1 - Canada Day Pancake Breakfast & Boat Parade

Saturday, August 19 - 2nd Annual Music by the Lake - *The Velvet Hand*

To opt-in to an Echo Bay direct email list

- promoting upcoming events, ticket sales and community-building initiatives only -

email tanyaringdal@gmail.com.

Email addresses will never be shared outside of the committee or used for non-committee matters. You may opt-out at any time.

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:

- ☺ Want to send a big Thank You out to Aaron Loraas for his very productive three years on council. He took the lead on many activities at the resort village that made a positive difference. He also initiated the lake study that will be very useful going forward in protecting Big Shell Lake. He will be missed on council and at the lake.
- ☺ The Social Committee for all the great work they did including The Pancake Breakfast, Pickleball Clinic, The Barrelmen Concert and Echo Bay Clothing sales. Members of the Social Committee were Tanya Ringdal, Shantelle Fitch, Amie McCaig, Cathy Allen and Carla Loney-Tindall.
- ☺ Gene and Adele Dupuis for their grill and cooking all the sausages for the Pancake Breakfast.
- ☺ Ted and Tyler Hanson for repairing the water pressure system in the kitchen/bathroom facility. Worked on it for quite a few hours before they got it solved.
- ☺ Levi Adams for installation, grass cutting and maintenance of the Disc Golf Course. He is looking for volunteers to help!
- ☺ 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 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.
- ☺ Jordan Uzelman for doing such a great job on refinishing the end walls of the Quonset.
- ☺ 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!

- ☺ Dale Pollon, Reg Bartsch and Joe Tindall for putting in the public dock and Aaron Loraas, Daryn Form and Stacey Dbvig for taking out the public dock. Somebody for bending one of the support legs of the dock and telling council about it so it could be replaced. Dale Pollon has agreed to be the guy looking after the public dock at the boat lift. So if you happen to be the guy that bends the pole on the dock make sure you let Dale know!
- ☺ Richard Fitch and Diana Sutton for grooming the ski trails all season long and keeping them in great shape.

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



**RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY
2023 BUDGET**

REVENUE			
	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	PROJECTED 2023
Municipal Taxes	\$121,445.00	\$129,415.00	\$144,725.00
Misc. Revenue	\$12,418.62	\$39,089.17	\$26,000.00
Provincial Revenue Sharing	\$10,999.00	\$16,489.00	\$15,000.00
REVENUE	\$144,872.62	\$184,993.17	\$185,725.00

EXPENSES			
	ACTUAL 2021	ACTUAL 2022	PROJECTED 2023
General Government	\$3,761.56	\$34,282.08	\$43,305.00
Protective Services	\$7,649.41	\$8,544.79	\$10,075.00
Transportation	\$71,717.74	\$66,690.66	\$98,800.00
Environmental Services	\$13,184.58	\$59,734.66	\$27,850.00
Recreation and Culture	\$1,245.68	\$14,650.00	\$2,700.00
EXPENSES	\$128,713.62	\$183,902.19	\$182,730.00

NET (Revenue - Expenses)	\$16,159.00	\$1,090.98	\$2,995.00
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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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