



RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

**2024 ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, May 19th, 2024
10:00 a.m. at Quonset**

Coffee available—bring your lawn chair.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Council
2. Financial Report
3. Tax Assessment
4. Environment - Waste Disposal Guidelines
5. Lake Capacity Study
6. Public Storage Compound
7. Thank You(s)
8. Q&A

LAKE CAPACITY STUDY OF BIG SHELL LAKE

The Lake Capacity Study of Big Shell Lake was completed this past fall. The results of the study are posted on our web site and includes both the complete study and a Project Summary. The health of the lake and surrounding area was found to be generally very good. The study made some good recommendations to keep it that way. It included annual inspections on infrastructure surrounding the lake including lagoons and waste management facilities. Based off this study we need to complete the following:

- Create updated density regulations to limit the number of lots that can be developed within the Lakeshore Development District
- Ensure development density and site coverage is compatible with the physical capabilities of the shoreland and water body.
- Allow for conservation of a publicly accessible waterfront.
- Avoid the use of retaining walls below the high-water mark and require more natural landscape features, including rocks and plantings set into a stable slope.

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 flyer or the entrance sign at the Yard Waste Site.

Clean Dirt Site - accepted and prohibited materials outlined in the following flyer. 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 recycling sites! The recycle bin needs to be used for regular household recycled items. **Follow the flyer and the decals to be sure what is acceptable and what is not.**


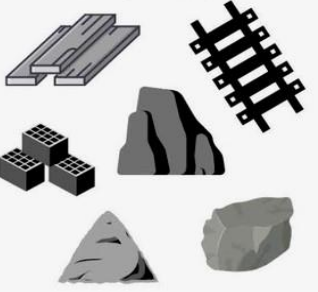
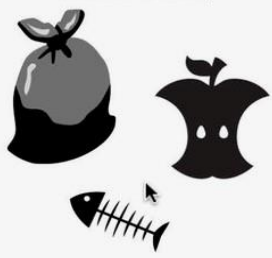
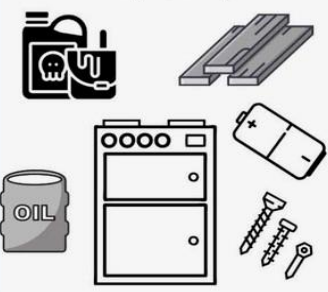


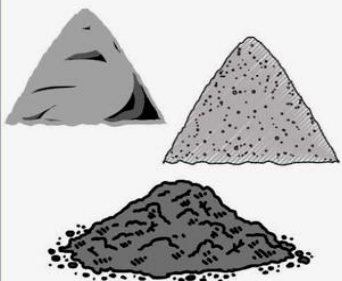
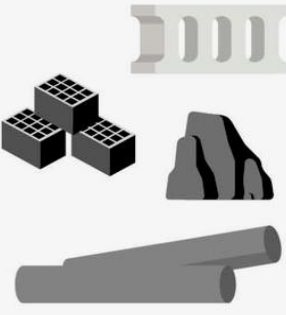
During most of the year, any item that needs to be disposed of and is not household garbage or regular household recycling needs to be removed from the Resort Village of Echo Bay.

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 Sophie Uzelman, Councilor, 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> 

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 2024 Resort Village budget. Based on our proposed budget the 2024 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. Education tax should remain the same as last year.

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 14th 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! There is a new wildlife fence being constructed around the Community Garden area. The gardeners will be happy that they no longer need 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. 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 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 Quonset.

MESSAGE FROM ECHO BAY DISC GOLF (EBDG)

The Echo Bay Disc Golf course was busy in 2023 with many residents and friends playing the course throughout the summer. We want to thank the sponsors and Council again for their support. There is a new entrance sign and basket stickers at each hole.

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.

Baskets will be installed by **Saturday May 18**. Swing by this summer to see the new signage and to try out our amazing 18-basket course.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Last year the pickleball courts experienced a great deal of activity! The courts are a wonderful addition to the Village and this year, you will see a swing set and slide next to the courts so older kids/adults can enjoy playing pickleball and smaller kids can enjoy the swing set and slide and be in close proximity to their adults playing pickleball. Thank you to Sophie Uzelman, Councilor, for acquiring and coordinating the install of the swing set and slide.



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, Blair Miller and Arnie McKay for getting the fire started in the Yard Waste Site in January. They did such a good job that it was still burning last month. 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.
- ☺ 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, a 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!
- ☺ Darrell Baird and Blair Miller for providing winter access to our cabins by offering their expertise at operating the snowplow truck. Started like a lamb but went out like a lion!!
- ☺ Brian McCaig for doing the Sewage Lagoon maintenance, repairs on everything and exercising his tractor therapy to float the roads, pushing up of the clean fill and a little snow plowing.
- ☺ Michael and Elizabeth Lulchak for organizing the Bottle and Can return program including picking up all the bottles in the Waste Bin area and storing them in and around his storage building. The program has ended but Michael and Elizabeth put a lot of work into it over the years.
- ☺ Bob Bodnarchuk for all he does around the Resort Village. He does so many things I cannot keep up. I know he repaired/reconfigured the cross-country groomer. He spent a couple days on a Bobcat redoing the banks of the garden area to name a few.
- ☺ Kim Mossop for loaning his Bobcat for Bob Bodnarchuk to use for two days!
- ☺ Rick and Diane Stene and Blair and Sharon Miller for reconfiguring the Community Garden area so that we can put a fence around it. It was many days of hard work.
- ☺ The Holinaty Family and Nordic Fencing for supplying all the chain link fence, including installation to go around the entire Community Garden. There better be lots of fresh vegetables showing up on their cottage front door!
- ☺ Jordan Uzelman for doing such a great job on repairing all the cross beams and installing the new surface on our bridge.
- ☺ Greg Vevang for rototilling the community garden, beach areas and volleyball courts.
- ☺ Sharon Miller for looking after Community Garden for over five years.
- ☺ Diane Stene for taking over the management of the Community Garden project!

☺ Dale Pollon and family for taking over 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
2024 BUDGET**

REVENUE			
	ACTUAL 2022	ACTUAL 2023	PROJECTED 2024
Municipal Taxes	\$129,415.00	\$138,904.62	\$138,900.00
Misc. Revenue	\$39,089.17	\$51,966.83	\$26,050.00
Provincial Revenue Sharing	\$16,489.00	\$18,454.00	\$18,000.00
REVENUE	\$184,993.17	\$209,325.45	\$182,950.00

EXPENSES			
	ACTUAL 2022	ACTUAL 2023	PROJECTED 2024
General Government	\$34,282.08	\$48,921.12	\$44,105.00
Protective Services	\$8,544.79	\$9,715.92	\$10,075.00
Transportation	\$66,690.66	\$101,726.43	\$96,900.00
Environmental Services	\$59,734.66	\$24,371.93	\$26,000.00
Recreation and Culture	\$14,650.00	\$3,681.00	\$5,650.00
EXPENSES	\$183,902.19	\$188,416.40	\$182,730.00

NET (Revenue - Expenses)	\$1,090.98	\$20,909.05	\$220.00
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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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