

South Bay Turtle Lake

Winter 2021/22 Newsletter

Thankyou to all the volunteers, workers, and committees that make our community. Your ongoing efforts, suggestions and input are greatly appreciated.

Winter 2021 / 2022 has been a time to test our resilience. Amazing snowfalls promise higher lake levels in the spring but have tested us all with dealing with keeping roads and access clear. Some opportunities to improve South Bay have been identified and will be an area of focus for 2022.

AGM:

Subject to restrictions the AGM will be held Sunday May 22 10am at the Livelong Hall.

Bridge:

Just a reminder that the Hamlet has purchased one opener for the bridge gate for each lot location in South Bay. Residents will get one complimentary opener per lot with additional openers available for purchase if requested.

Boat Launch:



Last fall the pads of the boat launch were repositioned. Although winter's frost action is a constant challenge the focus was to eliminate gaps and bumps. Residents are reminded to launch only on the north side of the dock. This would be the left side of the dock when facing the lake at the launch.

Multicourt:



The summer saw lots of activity with the addition of a Multi Court to the South Bay with over 70% of the costs donated by members of the community.



Volunteer committees organized fund-raising events that culminated in the construction and installation of the Multi Court. The Multi Court consists of a full-sized basketball court with three pickleball courts and are now available to all. Weather cooperating, a Grand Opening is planned for Saturday, May 21 from 12:00-1:30pm. Free smokies will be served (first come, first serve) and an introduction to pickleball for new & interested players will be provided.

Thank you to all who donated!

Green Space Revitalization:

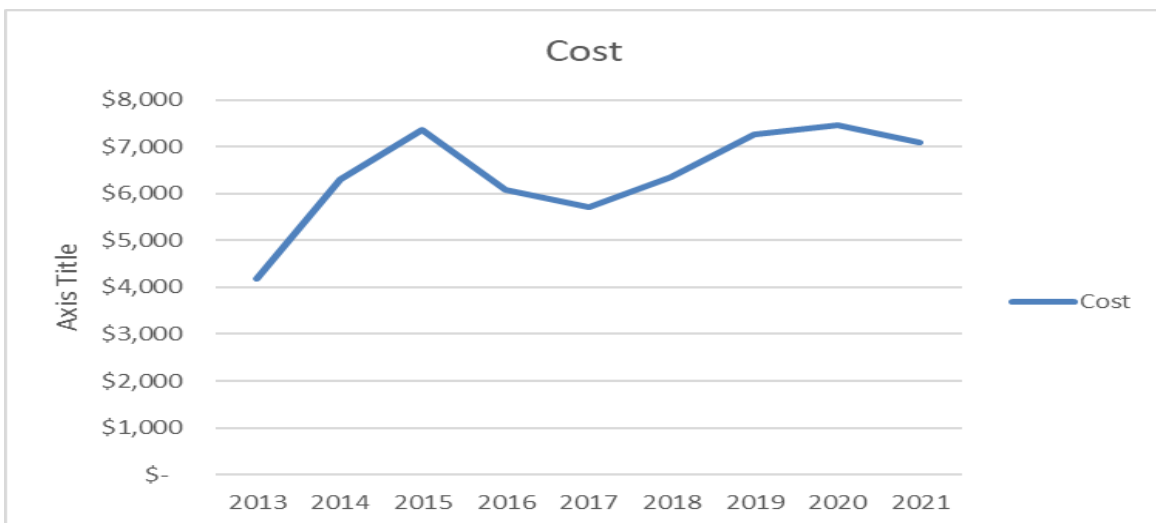


The Green Space Revitalization project was completed with an abandoned road and ditch being repurposed into a vibrant greenspace. In addition to adding fill, seeding grass and planting trees, flood risk and risk of infrastructure damage will be reduced by directing drainage to a dewatering sump.

Dewatering:

Three dewatering sumps were installed in 2020 and 2021. This spring, the drainage lines and pumps will be installed to complete the project.

Garbage:



Garbage cost seems to have finally leveled out and may be trending down. Residents are asked to ensure the gate is locked when done.

There were several instances in 2021 where the garbage bins were filled with cardboard boxes (fridge, washer, drier, satellite, mattress and more). Residents have worked hard to afford new purchases and to do the best for their environment. We ask all residents to take cardboard and other recyclables the 8 kms to the Livelong recycle station. This is a RM funded recycle site using, in part, your tax dollars. Let's use the station, reduce our costs, and help our environment at the same time.

Trunk & Tailgate Market:

We are looking forward to the return of the Trunk & Tailgate Market. Subject to regulations the organizing committee is planning for Saturday, July 16 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is an amazing event featuring local artists, crafts, people and businesses. Please keep an eye on the South Bay website for updates. South Bay @ <http://southbayturtlelake.ca>

Swimming Lessons:

Swimming lessons are planned for summer of 2022. Again, please watch our website for dates and times.

Maintenance Services:

South Bay Hamlet maintenance is open for tender. This includes grass cutting, snow plowing, garbage area preservation, as well as other activities. Interested parties should contact a Board Member.

RM of Mervin Community Plan:

We ask South Bay residents to visit RM of Mervin website and participate in the Community Plan Survey. It is important that all RM residents, including Lake Property owners, give input to the direction the RM of Mervin takes in future development.

To view the Survey please view Mervin website @ <https://rmofmervin.ca>

Storage:

Storage lots are still available at \$200 per year. Contact a Board Member for more information.

Ongoing Activities:

2022:

- Dewatering Sump and Line install
- Road Access Improvements