



CLCA Newsletter: July 2020

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Watch for:

A membership drive will occur in July to confirm and update contact information.

Contact any Board Member for more info or email the Clear Lake Cabin Owners association at info@clearlakecabinassociation.org

- Past President: Brad Collett
- President: Lyle Grobb
- Vice President: Andrew Urbanowicz
- Secretary: Esther Mark
- Treasurer: Jacqueline Chapin-Downey

Members at Large

- Marlene Willson
- Keith Vinthers
- Devin Warren
- Sandy Kluka
- Regent Bellemare
- John George
- Web Master: Gale Simpson

Note: CLCA membership fees will not be charged this year.

Washrooms:

Covid-19 has resulted in fewer bathrooms being opened. Bathrooms 1, 3, 7, 8, and the shower building are open. This is because cleaning must be done twice as often this year. Parks have recently opened **bathroom #5** as well.

The Board has NOT had any formal discussions with the Park regarding permanent washroom closures BUT there is an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place between our organizations on this issue. It was signed when Parks Canada offered to install water/sewer to our area AND keep the existing washrooms for a period of at least 5 years after water installation. The time period stated in the MOU has passed, so, the Board expects Parks Canada will initiate discussions on this topic in the near future.

Cookshacks:

Due to Covid19, cookshack users are asked to remove items such as tablecloths, utensils, chairs etc., as soon as they are finished in the cook shack. This will reduce unnecessary touching of such items when someone else would like to use the cookshack. We need to remember that everyone needs to have access to the cookshacks.

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Shower building keys:

Available for \$5.00 for cabin owners only.
Available from Brad Collett at 70-4th street south
Phone: 204-648-4509

Lost and found:

Located at: 15 2nd St. North -- Marlene Willson

Defibrillator:

Reminder: There is a defibrillator located on the north side the shower building

Aquatic Invasive Species Program (AIS)

Brandice Hollier is the new AIS Project Coordinator for RMNP. She has worked for the Park for the last 4 years. A reminder that all watercraft canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, inflatables must be inspected before being launched. For more information on the AIS program please visit <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/mb/riding/visit/moto-boat>.

The Park is planning on installing signs at the beach areas regarding inspection of nonmotorized watercraft, including beach toys and inflatables. There is also a plan for the Park to have more of a presence in the main beach area to communicate with visitors about this information.

Trees

All tree removals in the park; whether they are hazard trees, trees removed for development and landscaping, or Dutch elm disease, require a permit. Contact Parks Canada at 204-848-7275 to request a tree removal permit. Trees on leased property are the responsibility of the lessee. Parks Canada will conduct hazard assessments and issue permits where required. Parks Canada can also provide information on licensed tree removal companies. If a tree does damage your cabin you are advised to contact your insurance company to arrange for removal. Parks Canada will continue to conduct a hazard tree assessment on an ongoing basis with additional assessments and removals in the fall.

Deadwood Wednesdays

Next Deadwood Wednesday Tree/Brush clean up is July 29 and August 26.

Drainage Issues

Parks Canada is aware of various drainage issues and will continue to address and assess the situation. Unprecedented rain this season has not helped.

Off-Lot Tree and Brush Clearing

No off-lot tree/brush clearing or off lot development is permitted. Permits are required for development in the cabin area, including water hook up. Please contact Allison.bardsley@canada.ca for development questions or requests.

Water Sewer and Garbage Billings

Water, Sewer and Garbage billings should be sent out the week of July 6. Payment can be made via mail by cheque or calling 204-848-7275 by credit card. Hours of operation are Monday to

Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Park's call volume is very high right now, so if you do not get through, please try again. RMNP is not accepting in person payments at this time although but hopes to move to a phase to possibly open the administration building later this summer.

Information on the RCMP detachment in Wasagaming

RCMP members work out of Wasagaming detachment year-round. There are support staff there all week except for Thursdays. With the Covid-19 restrictions in place, a lot of the services are minimized, such as criminal record checks and finger printing. The door is locked.

As always, please call 911 in case of an emergency. If you want to report a non-emergent incident, call 204-848-2442. This call goes to a dispatch and a file is created and assigned immediately to a member working. For general inquiries only, please call 204-848-2659.

Be aware:

Thefts have occurred in the old campground. Identify belongings and keep belongings secured

Campground upgrades completed and in progress by the Park:

- drainage on 2nd St. North improved with addition of new pavement
- sidewalk in front of shower building installed
- emergency evacuation exits are being developed north and south ends of the old campground
- procedures for emergency notification will be developed

Projects taking place this year:

- Infrastructure work to upgrade the Visitor centre.
- townsite parking and trail paving project will be completed this summer in the parking lot next to the visitor centre, The Ominik Marsh trailhead and the emergency access to the Clear Lake Cabin Area
- construction on Highway 19 was started in June
- road way micro surfacing will take place in the following areas (started in June)
 - highway 10 and TaWaPit drive to Balsam
 - highway 10 and Columbine to Wasagaming Drive
 - highway 10 and Wasagaming to Mooswa Intersection
- The Wasagaming Stormwater management project was to be completed in June. This includes the parking lot next to Friends of Riding Mountain
- The log refinishing work at the East Gate National Historic Site kiosk and the Gatekeepers Cottage resumed in June.
- Restoration work at grey Owl's Cabin took place in the spring of 2019, which involved replacing the concrete foundation pads and rotten bottom logs. Work will resume when it is safe to do so, within the Cove -19 context

Projects completed last year:

- Construction in the main parking lot in Wasagaming was completed in June of 2019. There are 275 delineated parking spots available and visitors can safely head to the beach or townsite on paved sidewalks equipped with way finding signs and a new

information node. Of special interest are three electric charging stations, two Tesla chargers and one universal chargers. Visitors with electric cars can now charge their cars in the park.

- seal coating took place on highway 10 from the Parks south entrance 25 kilometres northbound

- 3 heritage buildings in the park received new foundations last summer and fall: The Whirlpool North Warden Residence at the East Gate, the former doctor's residence at 140 TaWaPit, and 154 Columbine. Friends of Riding Mountain have moved back to 154 Columbine

- trees were removed round the former doctor's residence and landscaping was completed

- Fire Smart tree removals were completed around the Anishinabe Sharing Lodge last fall to safeguard the building from fire, treefall, moss build up on the roof, and small animal access

Other

RMNP indicated that they appreciate everyone's understanding that many service levels will vary this season due to Covid-19, the late start, new standards, and unprecedented weather.

Have a wonderful summer!