

BENNET'S BAY LAKE ACCESS AND PARKING

At the 2010 Cottage Association's annual meeting it was decided that we should take steps to improve parking at Bennett's Bay. The ad hoc committee looking into this subject includes Ed Bennett Sr., John Nelson, and me (Dalton Ferris).

Our recommendation is to expand the current parking area to include a new 30 metre by 100 metre parking area. This new area could allow for parking of up to 60 vehicles. This change requires the approval of the Association Directors, the Municipality, and the MNR because we need to modify the land use permit to include the expanded parking area and all current parking areas. We are seeking these approvals now with the expectation that all approvals will be in hand by summer 2011.

After clearing and developing the new area, half of the new parking area will be ready for use by the summer of 2012 and the remainder by the summer of 2013.

What we have known as a Dock permit will be gone for 2012 and replaced by a Lake Access and Parking Permit, as we need new revenue to create and maintain the parking area and the current lake access locations. Although it is not yet decided, the new Lake Access and Parking Permit could cost \$50 annually; we may make a parking permit available for \$30 annually for those who just park and are picked up at the docks by family or friends.

We would like to make these permits available online as well as through the current mail-in and store purchase methods.

For the year 2012 and beyond, the current Dock Committee will become the Lake Access and Parking Committee. There will be ongoing costs and attention needed at both the access points and the parking areas. This responsibility will come to us through our stewardship of the land use permit held by the Municipality.

There will be an ongoing flow of information regarding this matter through the newsletters, at the annual meeting, conversations at the access points and through this web site.

I hope that the many users of our lake will appreciate these improvements and changes.

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