



Turtle Lake Watershed July 2023 Newsletter

The 2023 Summer Lake Season is now in full swing. It is a time for renewal, for rest and relaxation, a time to establish new relationships, renew old relationships, a great time to be alive and at the lake. Everyone wants their 2023 “Turtle Lake Experience” to be “the same” but “different”. Not too different but a little better!

Here are some of the changes you can expect to your “Turtle Lake Summer Experience”

The Turtleford Coop finally opened on July 6, after an extensive and challenging renovation, its South Bay Store.



Lawrence Weinrauch, the Turtleford Coop GM, reports that the interest and customer response to the store opening has been almost overwhelming, with initial daily counts of 600 to 900 customers. Lawrence suggests that the Coop will likely have to make changes to its product selection and inventory storage. He asks customers and members to have patience with the store’s growing pains. *Lawrence Weinrauch, GM of the Turtleford Coop will present followed by Q&A at the TLWI July 24 AGM on the status of the South Bay Store.*

Sgt. Larry Baker is the RM of Mervin Community Safety Officer. CSO Baker, a retired RCMP Staff Sargent, is tasked with enforcing both Municipal Bylaws and agreed upon Provincial Statutes within the RM of Mervin Boundaries. ([Click here to see Job Description](#)) This is of interest to most Turtle Lake residents and visitors as many must utilize RM of Mervin roads to access both Turtle and Brightsand Lakes. *CSO Baker will present followed by Q&A at the TLWI July 24 AGM*



The proposed 2023-2024 Turtle Lake Management Study is still on hold awaiting notification of the results of



application for a \$75,000 Provincial Government TSS Grant to help fund the study. *Bob Yohnke, Chair of the Turtle Lake Study Planning Committee will present followed by Q&A at the TLWI July 24 AGM*

The TLWI is installing additional signage at Turtle Lake boat launches. Encouraged by the success that South Bay and Kivimma-Moonlight Bay is having with their “No Wake Zones” the TLWI is installing signage, shown to the right, suggesting that “Wake Surfing” and “Jet Ski Acrobatics” be done only in those areas of Turtle Lake that are greater than 5 metres in depth. The TLWI’s intention is to educate watercraft users about lake bottom and shoreline damage that results from these activities in shallow water. It is hoped that all users of Turtle Lake will encourage everyone to comply with the signage suggestions.



Remember :

The Turtle Lake Watershed AGM

7:00PM, Monday July 24, 2023 at the Turtle Lake Mission

Bob Yohnke, RM of Mervin-CSO Larry Baker, Turtleford Co-op GM-Lawrence Weinrauch will present and take questions.

Everyone Welcome!

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