



New docks were installed on Mill Creek as the Township of Rideau Lakes continues with development of the waterfront park.

Township settles on Delta, Beverley and Troy Lakes for next round of septic inspections

The Township of Rideau Lakes has extended their agreement with the Mississippi-Rideau Septic System office to continue with 300 inspections per year in 2022 and 2023.

For 2022, the focus will be on Troy Lake, Lower Beverley Lake and Delta's settlement area.

The township's septic re-inspection program began in 2007 and since then (MRSSO) has conducted over 2000 septic inspections. Until 2014 the program was voluntary.

Since 2015, it became mandatory, based on criteria such as overall lake quality and past non-participation in the program.

The 2020 program inspected properties on Bass

Lake, as well as in the village of Portland, the first time non-waterfront properties were selected.

In 2021, 310 septic systems were inspected and 43 per cent needed 'remedial work' - primarily a pump out, a need for high level alarms needed or tank corrosion was identified.

Another 47 per cent of systems were okay and 10 per cent of systems need replacement.

The inspections were mainly around Otter Lake, Otter Creek and the Lower Rideau.

Compared to the 2020 program the overall level of compliance has increased.

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee

(RLLAC) and various councillors have suggested the program should focus on areas within the Cataraqui watershed as the mandatory program's focus has so far been on the Rideau Valley watershed.

After consulting with the conservation authority and RLLAC, the final decision for 2022 was Troy Lake, Delta (specifically the east side of Lower Beverley Lake) and a portion of the village of Delta.

For the 2023 program it is recommended that the rest of Delta and Lower Beverley be completed.

The cost for 2022 and 2023 is approximately \$30,000 per year.

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