

Presentation to Council of Harrison Park
Protecting Sandy Lake from Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
August 28, 2018

The Friends of Sandy Lake AIS Committee has formed a company named "Sandy Lake Water Protection Working Group Inc." in order to apply for funding and hire employees.

Sandy Lake Water Protection Working Group Inc. (SL-WPWG) has:

- Constructed a watercraft inspection office and with the assistance of the LUD and permission from Council, has located the small building at the Main Street Boat Launch.
- Inspected watercraft at the boat launch. So far, 4 high risk watercraft were sent to Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP) to be decontaminated. (This year, RMNP has allowed us to send them high risk watercraft for decontamination.)
- Installed 10 "Can I launch here?" signs at lakes identified by the Municipality and are waiting for the 10 signs that are on order to arrive so they can be installed at Sandy Lake and three other nearby lakes.
- Purchased lockable gates and installed them at 3 locations as specified by Council.
- Installed 10 hubs to prevent trailered watercraft from going around the lockable gates. The hubs are 6" x 6" posts (supplied by the Municipality).

The capital costs for this project were covered as follows:

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| 1. Friends of Sandy Lake | \$ 8,000 |
| 2. Heritage Coop | \$ 1,000 |
| 3. In-kind donations of material | \$ 5,800 |
| 4. The work to construct the office, place the signs and install the hubs was done by volunteers. | |
| 5. On weekends, watercraft inspections are being done by a summer student that was hired and paid for by Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve. | |
| 6. Watercraft inspections are also performed by volunteers trained by the Province of Manitoba. | |

Trailered watercraft are now directed to launch at the Main Street Boat Launch where they can be inspected.

The Community of Sandy Lake and visitors are very supportive of these initiatives.

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Watercraft Inspection Office (WIO)



Lockable gate at the end of the Lagoon Road



Lockable gate at West Bend Dock



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Figure 1 (Proposed area for the AIS Special Service Levy)