

Storage Compound Development at the Resort Village of Echo Bay

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The look around the resort village was not exactly picture perfect. Boat trailers, utility trailers, ice fishing huts, etc. were beginning to spill over onto Municipal Reserve lands and into the treed areas around the village. This did not make Council particularly happy, they felt they needed to come up with a plan that could help eliminate this issue...

So in 1997 Council submitted a Phase I proposed sub-division plan to Community Planning to develop:

- 1) a **secured public storage area** where individuals who owned a cabin in the resort village could **rent space** and store two items on a yearly basis and:
- 2) a **storage lots that could be purchased** by individuals who owned cabins in the resort village.



Public rental storage area

The project began in 1998, developing the public storage area and preparing four fenced lots that were available to purchase. Many cabin owners took advantage of the rented storage space and as the lots sold three to four more lots were prepared and fenced.

It took until the summer of 2006 to see the sale of last three of the **19 lots** that were developed. The prices of the lots varied from \$2,400 to \$3,000.



Privately owned lots
with cold storage building

Then in the summer of 2007 people again expressed interest in purchasing storage lots and so began Phase II. In 2008 a proposed plan for **21 lots** was submitted. Excavation began in the summer of 2009 the lots were to developed and ready for sale. The Phase II lots sold for \$7,800 and it was a complete sell out by the spring of 2010.

In both phases the cost of the lots including fencing on three sides. Owners of the storage lot were responsible for the gate to the front of their property.

In closing, the storage lot developments answered the need for storage space and provided the resort village with a small profit which was used in other village infrastructure projects. A win, win situation!