



## **Ma-Me-O Beach Wastewater Project May 2020 Update Questions and Answers**

### ***Is the wastewater system working properly now?***

Last fall, given that the heat tracing system was not operational, the Summer Village undertook some efforts to reduce the risk of freezing over the winter. Unfortunately, over the winter, some sections of the wastewater line still froze. Our operating contractor, THS Septic and Civil Solutions is working in the Summer Village thawing lines to bring the system back on line. With the warmer weather, we are expecting the system to be fully operational very soon.

### ***What about people who have connected to the system and have had to pump out over the winter? Who pays for that?***

Residents who are connected to the system and needed to pump out holding tanks over the winter, are asked to please provide a copies of your paid invoices to the Summer Village Office for reimbursement under the contactor's warranty.

### ***Does Ma-Me-O Beach have a local system that is different from the system used by the other Summer Villages in the Regional System?***

Yes. Our system is heated under conditions of extreme cold. Otherwise the components of our main line are exactly the same as all the other participants in the South Pigeon Lake Regional System. Due to the high water table at Ma-Me-O, the local ground conditions could not support a deeply buried system and our lines had to be shallow buried. Because the lines run above the frost level, the lines were heat traced to prevent freezing. That is the only significant difference. Hundreds of households in the County of Wetaskiwin, and the Summer Villages of Norris Beach, Crystal Springs, Grandview and Poplar Bay are running on this system without any issues. Therefore, Ma-Me-O Beach residents can be confident that once the heat tracing issues are resolved, the system will perform year round as designed.

The Summer Village has engaged an independent electrical consultant to review the heat tracing design, materials and installation to determine the exact steps needed to repair the heat tracing. The heat tracing repairs will be undertaken this summer under the agreements in place.