



## **2022 OUTER ISLAND PROJECT YEAR END REPORT**

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### **OVERVIEW**

The Outer Island Project is a community driven initiative founded by White Squall well over 25 years ago. The aim is to maintain wilderness campsites and picnic spots on the outer islands of Georgian Bay, as well as near wilderness sites on more heavily used places such as Franklin and Huckleberry Islands. The installation and care of 'Thunderboxes' provides all users with a sanitary facility, helping keep the islands pristine. We also dismantle fire pits where possible and encourage folks to 'Save the Trees and See the Stars.' This voluntary fire ban is supported by a variety of community groups and individuals as a strong way to reduce risk of island and shoreline fire in the hot, dry summer months.

A lot of the stewardship activity has been by volunteers with little to no cost. White Squall Staff are also asked to go out as part of their workday. This has proven to be an effective means of getting things don efficiently, as they are experienced in the work needed and can accompany myself (Tim Dyer) at short notice. My time is entirely volunteer. The White Squall motor boat has been used for many years as the workboat for the project and donated for the use by the owner, Jesse Dyer. We had to purchase a new 4 stroke motor this past year which was a significant cost, but badly needed. This cost has not been included.



We are fortunate to have a lot of support for this effort with several citizens volunteering to join us. Our issue is that the decision to go is last minute, based on weather and boat/staff availability. Because of this, it is difficult to organize volunteers on short notice. However, in the long-term - enabling and encouraging everyone to do their part out there is key, because we can't do it by ourselves. We have coached many folks in how to remove/renovate/install thunder boxes and pick up garbage. We'll continue to support anyone who can go and do this kind of work themselves. It's really quite straightforward:)

The Georgian Bay Biosphere has been a significant partner with us over the past few years. They have a dedicated 'Outer Island Fund' established within the GBB to receive donations. This fund is open to anyone interested in helping with campsite cleanup where expenses are incurred. For 4 years, the annual "Franklin Challenge" has provided significant fundraising dollars to the fund, with this year providing approx. \$13,000.

## PROJECT SUPPORTERS

There are well over a hundred private individuals who have contributed through the Franklin Challenge through the year. The following are our major corporate and organizational sponsors. I apologize in advance if I've missed anyone - please let me know:)

- Peter Istvan Photography
- Rockwater Wealth
- Georgian Bay Biosphere
- Georgian Bay Land Trust
- Great Lakes Sea Kayak Association
- Gilly's of Snug Harbour
- Carling Township
- Carling Fire Department
- Salus PFD's
- Trestle Brewing Co.
- Thom Morrissey Photography
- Bearwood Canoe Company
- North Shore Apothecary
- Crofters Food Ltd
- Killbear Park Mall
- Kingdom Outdoor Products
- Irma Hammil
- The Wonderful People Who Let us Use their Beach
- Jessica Vergeer Studios
- Kropf Industrial
- Trysport
- Up North Company



## FINANCIAL REPORT & REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Saw	\$20.00
Rake	\$37.00
Staples	\$10.00
Motor maintenance Spring	\$75.00
Motor Winterize & check	\$250.00
Posters	\$270.00
Franklin Challenge Gas	\$110.00
Franklin Challenge Volunteer Expenses	\$45.00
Season Gas	\$330.00
Staff Wages	\$750.00
Contribution to Operating Insurance	\$1,000.00
Office Admin - 20hrs@\$35	\$700.00
Boat Rental	\$875.00
P/U of Donated Tremblay Canoe (staff time/gas) (many thanks to Jean and Paul Hargreaves	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,572.00</b>
<b>Donations outside of the GBB Outer Island Fund</b>	
Individual Donations	\$205.00
<b>Requested Funds from the GBB Outer Island Fund</b>	
(Total expenses minus donations)	<b>\$4,367.00</b>

## MNRF - DAY USE SITES

There are 3 provincial day-use sites in our area on Huckleberry, Pancake, and Franklin Islands. All were traditionally managed by MNRF and serviced by well-maintained boat docks/large vault toilets and enjoyed by a wide variety of users. Sadly, they have been allowed to erode into disrepair, with many of the dock structures leaking bits of foam into the water. The MNRF has abandoned their role and funding in this and their efforts to rehabilitate these sites is far less than adequate.

## NEW INITIATIVES ON THE BAY

This is really encouraging as other individuals and groups are taking ownership, looking after the islands.

### Cathcart Islands

Graham Poole  
dug new pit on west side halfway up  
checked north end box  
**Cost - none**

### Western Isles

Sergey Strakhov and Explore Georgian Bay Meetup Group  
box installed on main isle  
This is quite remarkable and is the first time one has been put in out there -  
big thanks!!  
**Cost - none (box supplied by Outer Isle Project)**

### North Channel

Tom Payne, Marc Bradford, Lee Kelly, Laura Yates  
T-box installed on Fox Island - a heavily used site, with plans for a second  
**Cost - none (box supplied by Outer Isle Project)**

### Shawanaga Island

Steven Kell  
Shawanaga First Nation has been installing thunder boxes on sites around  
Shawanaga Island  
The Outer Island Project has helped through t-box donation plans/advice  
**Cost: none**

## OUTER ISLAND PROJECT WORK REPORTS 2022

### Aug. 12 - McCormick Island, Agassiz, Big McCoy, Dart & Green Isles

Tim Dyer, Zack Crafts, Emma Kitchen

#### McCormick Isle

- Gathered garbage
- Dismantled 3 firepits
- Renovated two boxes
- Dug a new hole and installed box
- New signage

#### Agassiz Isle

- Inspected isle for possible t-box but decided not needed

#### Big McCoy –NW site Isle

- Dug new hole, moved box
- New signage
- Renovated second box
- Removed several firepits
- Dart
- Renovated box
- Installed stand-alone sign
- New signage

#### Green Isle

- Renovated NW box
- Checked western and SW boxes
- New signage,
- Installed new box on east site
- Gathered garbage

**Cost: \$60 gas, volunteers - no staff charge**

### Aug. 3 - Franklin Island

Jan Raymond, Tim Dyer

#### Regatta Bay Sites

- 4 sites in Regatta Bay were visited
- Significant garbage picked up
- New thunder box installed on the southwest side of the bay
- 4 boxes renovated



Inlet south of Regatta

Dismantled 3 firepits  
Picked up garbage  
New signage  
Renovated box

Savage Rocks site

Dug new hole and moved one box  
Renovated second box  
Removed firepits and gathered garbage  
New signage

Henrietta Point

dismantled fire pits  
garbage picked up  
3 boxes checked - all ok

**Cost: \$60 gas, \$250 for one staff, 1 volunteer**

**July 15 - Franklin Island**

Tim Dyer, Corine Green

West Side of Franklin Just North of Henrietta

Deer Site - renovated box  
two fire pits dismantled  
garbage picked up

Site Across from Duff Memorial

renovated box, dismantled fire pits, and picked up garbage

**Cost: \$50 gas, \$250 for one staff, 1 volunteer**

**June 16 - Cathcart, Lally and Stapley Isles**

Peter Wassermann, Tim Dyer

Lally/Stapely

Boxes checked on garbage, firepits - boxes ok

South End Cathcart

renovated existing t-box, picked up garbage, dismantled fire pits  
Engineered site - checked - dug new hole and installed box

**Cost: \$70 gas, \$250 for one staff, 1 volunteer**

## June 25 - Snake Islands

Jesse Dyer, Tim Dyer  
Centre Isle

New Box Installed, disposed  
of old one  
All boxes checked, fire pits  
dismantled, garbage picked  
up

**Cost: \$50 gas, no other cost -  
both volunteer**



## June 15 - Franklin Island

Tim Dyer  
Western Sand Site (near Deadhead)

Dug new pit, renovated site  
garbage picked up

**Cost - \$40 gas, no other costs**

## May 14 - Big McCoy Isle

Tim Dyer  
North West site

Renovated both boxes  
dismantled fire pits and picked up garbage

South Coast

Checked boxes - all ok

**Cost - none**

## May 5 - Franklin Isle

Tim Dyer  
Henrietta Point

checked all three t-boxes,  
picked up garbage  
removed several fire pits

**Cost - none**