



PROJECT UPDATE:

Fall 2020

Waterfront Redevelopment. COVID-19 has messed with us, but it's hard to imagine a better time to have torn our waterfront apart! We could never have done this work during a normal spring or summer. If we had contracted this job out it would have exceeded \$750,000. Due to a series of miracles, we anticipate that it will cost just \$158,000. We are SO thankful for everyone who gave financially and to **Dale Blackburn, Jeff King** (CR Engineering Inc.); **Ryan Booth** (Stella Jones); and **Jason Bailey** (Van Island Plastic Factory) for their assistance. Special recognition goes to the following companies and individuals for their incredible support and generosity:



- **MOWI** donated 33 sections (7,000 sq. ft.) of used steel dock. Special thanks to **James Rogers & Roger King** and their entire team.
- **Rock Bay Industries** built our new 60' aluminum ramp and provided the expertise to modify the donated docks. Huge thanks to **Dennis Bellavance, Rick Shuttleworth** and their crew!
- **Diamond Bay Marine Services** repaired the existing pier, removed our old docks & piles, constructed the new ramp head, and installed our new piles and docks. We couldn't have done this without **Lee Roberts** (age 86) and **Aaron Sopracolle**. Thanks guys!

Remaining work includes running power to the sailboat dock (\$13,000), installing potable water for a **drinking fountain** and cold water shower (\$3,000), building an **outhouse** near the life jacket shack (\$2,000), building ladders, storage racks for canoes, kayaks, and SUP's (\$4,000), and low profile docks for launching canoes & kayaks, tubing, and swimming (\$6,000). Please pray that we will have sufficient volunteers to make it all happen and that God will continue to provide to the last detail! The end is in sight.

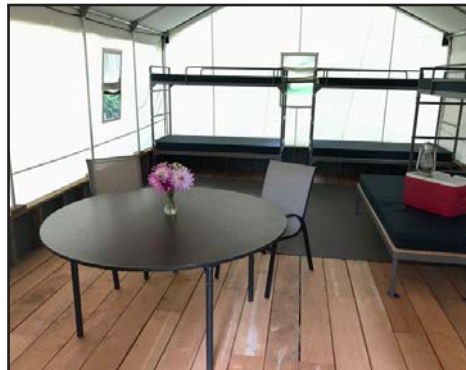
Kitchen Expansion. Work is under way to add temporary walk-in cooler & freezer space on the north end of the kitchen. This will allow us to remove the existing cooler and freezer from the centre of the kitchen so we can increase prep space for the short term. Eventually, we hope to **double the size of the kitchen** by expanding to the west. Camp has grown significantly since 1979, and the original envelope is no longer adequately sized or equipped to effectively feed 250-300 people and care for our staff and volunteers. Improvements will include additional prep space, tripling the size of our freezer and cooler, moving the pantry to the main floor (we've been hauling 50 pound sacks of flour up and down the stairs for 40 years!), and relocating and enlarging the dish pit. The new design will even include a packing room for our Woodsman and Sailing camps (no more packing food in the hallway!). Watch for more on this exciting project in future newsletters.



Katie's Cottage Renovation. This one-bedroom cottage was **Steve Swanson's** first construction project over 40 years ago. We received it as part of a \$1,000,000 property gift in December, 2018 from the King family. Many thanks to our great volunteers: **Peter Kingma** and **Tony deWaal** (gutting and framing); **Devon Heidema** and **Mark Wobma** (wiring); **Barry Neufeld** (drywall & mudding); **Tom & Tam Perry** (painting). Next steps include replacing the exterior cladding, installing donated v-groove pine on the vaulted ceiling, and installing flooring, trim, and cabinets. Once complete, Katie's Cottage will house volunteers, guests, and pastors and missionaries who need a place to renew. **If you are interested in helping,** please contact **Chris Contenti** at volunteer@camphomewood.com.



Tents. We started replacing our platforms and canvas tents in the spring of 2019, and 11 of 13 are now done. Many thanks to **Tom & Tam Perry** for milling 6,000 sq. ft. of decking. **Joel Loeve** has rebuilt 6 lower tent platforms, and we will replace two upper platforms this fall (one for Ranch and one for Work Crew girls). **Clearbrook Iron Works** donated **26 bunk beds** this spring, which will give us enough beds to finish equipping all 13 of our Harbour tents. More mattresses are needed, but we are getting close to completion. Many thanks to all of you who gave at our dessert fundraisers over the past two years to make this project possible!



Rent-A-Tent. Thanks to the hard work of those involved in upgrading our tents, we were able to advertise on Airbnb throughout July and August. Running as a 'camp ground' for 6 weeks helped us generate much needed revenue. In addition to seeing some familiar faces and making new friends, we added about \$15,000 to camp's bank account. We hope the lessons learned this year won't be needed for the summer of 2021!

Garden Suite Upgrade. **Cliff Stauffer** worked on the Garden Suite under the Craft Shop in his 'spare time' after putting in long days at Camp Bob. Cliff added two bedrooms, built and installed new kitchen cabinets and countertops, and expanded the 2-piece bath to include a 5' tub – no more walking to another building to shower! This basic 'bachelor pad' has been transformed into a beautiful 2-bedroom suite for staff. This is part of the Board's ongoing commitment to upgrade all of our staff housing. We have now completed 50%.

