



**MINISTER OF
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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Dear Grand Beach Cottagers,

Our government recognizes the importance of making significant investments in Manitoba's provincial parks, and that is why I would like to confirm that we are investing \$4.5 million dollars to complete a much-needed new sewage lagoon at Grand Beach Provincial Park.

Recently, a number of you have reached out to me to convey concerns regarding plans to improve crucial infrastructure within the park, and specifically, the fees surrounding the sewage lagoon and several other proposed projects. I want to thank you for sharing your concerns, and I would like to take this opportunity to clarify our plans to work with you on these important projects.

First and foremost, I want to state unequivocally; the potential future cottager fees for the Grand Beach developments have not been established. Before anything is firmly decided, our government will consult with you in determining the distribution of these costs.

Our government recently extended the moratorium or freeze on provincial park cottager lease and service fees through to 2020, meaning your lease and service fees remain frozen at 2015 rates. So, your rates will not change for the next two years, guaranteed.

In the coming years, the department is planning to decommission the current wastewater treatment facility servicing the western area of the park, including the cottage subdivision, park district office and beach area. This will require new necessary wastewater management infrastructure to be established in this area prior to the facility's decommissioning. But my department will not proceed with these potential new infrastructure projects without first consulting and receiving input from Grand Beach cottagers.

We are continuing to explore the development of a fair and sustainable fee structure, and we are working in partnership with cottagers to ensure Manitobans can enjoy their cottages and be able to pass them on to future generations.

Again, I want to thank you for sharing your concerns with me; I look forward to working with you in achieving a fair and sustainable solution for the collection of cottager fees in Grand Beach Provincial Park.

Highest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rochelle Squires'.

Rochelle Squires
Minister