

NCYC Yards Report 2021

This year was again marred by Covid 19. Members adapted to the challenge of fewer hands to do the work. They stepped up to fill the gaps where ever needed. In particular I want to thank the volunteers who worked on the rail yard project. The oversight of the contractor, the operators of our backhoe, the crew removing the old rail, the gang reinstalling the ties and rail, those that drove spikes and put the finishing touches to the North side of the rail yard. Great job. Before final closeup, the electrical cable and standards along the North side need to be secured from bank erosion.

On a personal note, I was away from the Yacht club for much of the summer attending to family matters and relocating to Greater Sudbury. I now live in Hanmer. Thank you, Gilles, for your support by shouldering my responsibilities at the club and providing oversight of the railyard project. Thank you, Leighton, for your understanding and leadership as Commodore in this difficult year.

This year's railyard project was huge in that the scope of work was expanded and it marks the last time the club needed to contract out a large excavation of clay and placement of a proper foundation for boat storage. In the future, the final steps of improving drainage along the West side of the railyard and repositioning of rail spacing on the South side can be done in house, and broken down into smaller steps.

The mower and backhoe were prepped for another season. The lawn was mowed and grass trimmed on a weekly basis by volunteer members this year. Though attendance was cut in half, I thought it was important for morale and club pride to keep the yards near Bristol fashion. Thanks to Glenn and others who attended the grass.

Roadways were maintained using granular A gravel, limestone or clear stone as needed. Thanks to Paul and others who maintain and operate the backhoe to make the NCYC roadways smooth.

Trees were removed where necessary and the woodpile stocked up for campfires next year.

The electrical infrastructure was maintained. Rewiring was necessary to install GFI plugs along the South Side of the railyard. Thanks to Daryl and members who have expertise in the trades.

The beachfront was let go this year. Water levels dropped 2 feet and fewer children at the club this summer made the beach a low priority. With things returning to normal and the NCYC 50th being celebrated in 2022, the MC is committed to having the beachfront and grounds restored to its best. We look forward to welcoming our members and guests to enjoy all our grounds have to offer in the coming year.

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