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Lakeside Waste Collection Pilot for Water-Access and Island Residents **Update to Milford Bay / Beaumaris Location**

July 24, 2020 (Muskoka, ON) – The District of Muskoka launched a waste collection pilot project to service water-access and island residents in the Township of Muskoka Lakes who have been impacted by the [Bin Site Transition Plan](#).

During the pilot project this summer, collection trucks will be at three locations on Sundays for scheduled 1.5 hour periods to accept household bagged garbage and sorted recycling. This special collection is intended for residents whose homes are only accessible by boat. This pilot is *not* intended for residents who receive curbside collection or for bulky/large items.

On Sundays in August, the Lakeside Waste Collection Event will no longer stop at Baycliffe Park, Beaumaris – instead, the trucks will collect at Church Dock Road in Milford Bay. As this is a pilot project, we are collecting data on both locations to make informed decisions moving forward.

Times and locations for other events remain the same. The Lakeside Waste Collection Pilot summer schedule can be found on the District's online engagement platform, [EngageMuskoka.ca](#)

About the Bin Site Transition Plan

On June 14, 2019, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) formally directed the District to remove and decommission all unlicensed bin dumpster sites by April 30, 2023.

The District has been working closely with partners and the MECP for approved alternatives to waste collection for water-access and island residents. District of Muskoka staff will be on-site during pilot project alternatives to understand if these will be viable options to service Muskoka's unique communities while planning for long-term solutions.

For more information and to stay updated on the Bin Site Transition Plan and the Lakeside Waste Collection Pilot, visit www.EngageMuskoka.ca

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