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Update: Bay Beach

As residents and visitors are both aware Bay Beach is currently under construction. The construction began early this summer and will be complete in time for next year's beach season.

The goal of the construction is to help further turn Bay Beach into a community/family destination that includes: a multipurpose festival square, open air pavilion for gatherings, washrooms, lockers, change rooms, accessible ramps to the beach and water, new playground including an open play area and shade pergola and sidewalks connecting the beach to parking and local commercial district.

In an effort to allow residents to still enjoy the beach this season, the beach has remained open with limited beach access through one entrance and is fenced off to keep visitors safely away from construction. These measures were necessary to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the beach.

Mayor Redekop stated "change is often accompanied by growing pains, and Bay Beach has been no exception. The removal of the permanent washrooms, only one entrance, and parking have been on-going issues, but with the full support of Town staff these issues are being actively addressed and adjustments made on a weekly basis to ensure an enjoyable beach experience for residents and visitors alike. We are confident that once we get through these growing pains that the end result will be well worth the current difficulties."

As a result of the Town's active involvement in offering solutions to issues that have arose at Bay Beach the following actions have been put in place:

1. Additional porta potties (nine) in total have been placed just outside the beach with clearly marked directional signs.
2. One entrance allows staff to help monitor what is coming onto the beach including banned alcohol and BBQ's. Weekend staff has the authority to check bags to ensure that Bay Beach remains alcohol free.
3. Parking is available in paid lots and for limited time frames on side streets. Please pay attention to the time limits as the Town's By-Law enforcement officers are ticketing cars that have extended their stay or are parked in no parking areas.
4. Continuous monitoring of the situation to take further actions as required.
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The Town of Fort Erie prides itself on its beautiful beaches and is committed to creating an enjoyable beach experience, we encourage beach users to bring sunscreen, non-alcoholic beverages, beach toys, umbrellas and sun shelters, please leave your large tents at home to ensure room for everyone.

If you have suggestions or comments on how we can continue to offer a positive beach experience please contacts Kelly Walsh Director of Infrastructure Services at 905-871-6000 ext. 2400.

