

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS
SCHEDULE "A" to BY-LAW 12-2017

RM of St. Clements

SPECIAL SERVICE PLAN NO. 2017-01

FOR

OPERATION OF GULL LAKE BOAT LAUNCH INSPECTION STATION

(Pursuant to Subsection 314 of the Municipal Act)

(a.) Description of the Proposed Special Service

Zebra Mussels were confirmed in Lake Winnipeg in the fall of 2013 and the Red River and Cedar Lake 2015. Once Zebra Mussels become established they cannot be eradicated, so it is extremely important to stop their spread.

There is no evidence of zebra mussels in Gull Lake, but a substantial threat exists. The overland movement of watercraft and water-related equipment is the primary way aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels get moved from one water body to another.

The service proposed is to provide a staffed inspection station at the Gull Lake Boat Launch. Inspectors would inspect incoming water craft for zebra mussels. Inspection services would be available 7 days a week from the May long weekend until Labour Day. Hours of operation will be from 07:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. A locked gate would block access outside of regularly scheduled and posted hours. A phone number will be provided to potential boat launch users for inspection services outside of the posted hours.

If approved, this plan will provide funds for 2018 to 2023 at which time a new by-law may be considered.

(b.) Special Service Area to be Levied

The Special Service Area to be levied under this proposal will be the 298 properties as shown on Schedule B of By-law 12-2017 located in St. Clements in the area commonly known as Gull Lake.

(c.) Estimated Cost of the Service

The budgeted amounts for the services included in this plan are as follows:

Staff	\$27,075
Pressure Washer Maintenance and replacement	2,000
Misc supplies	725
Total	\$29,800

Any unexpended funds would be forwarded to the Gull Lake Basin Management Board on an annual basis for future water quality protection efforts in Gull Lake.

(d.) Method and Rate of Calculating the Proposed Special Services Fee

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The special service tax will be levied annually for a five year period beginning 2018 and ending 2023 on a per parcel basis at a rate of \$100 per parcel.

- (e.) Council would consider cancelling the by-law prior to 2023 based on request of the Gull Lake Rate Payers Association and/or the Gull Lake Basin Management Board, or if a petition representing 50 properties is received.

- (f.) **Funds Generated by this Special Service Levy**
298 properties x \$100.00 per property = \$29,800.00

Any surplus revenues will be provided to the Gull Lake Basin Management Board for the purpose of pressure washer and other inspection equipment replacement as needed.

