

Potlotek

Wulo'tmnej Miniku

Let's Take **Care** of the Island

You may be at the Mission for a short time, but the Bras d'Or Lakes feel your presence much longer!

The waters of Potlotek are rich in eelgrass that gives a home to important foods such as eels, cod and oysters.

Some of our actions are hurting this habitat.

We must treat our land properly during this special Mission weekend.

Please respect Mother Earth, the Bras d'Or Lakes and our community's wishes by following these guidelines during your stay.

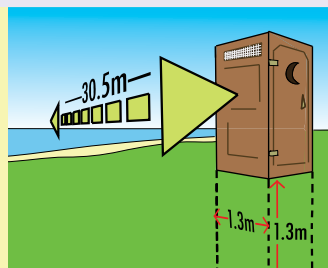


Please slow down to 40 km/hr on the dirt roads.

Check your holding tank often and have it emptied regularly. Use designated dumping stations when leaving your community or upon arrival.

Use biodegradable alternatives to deodorize and treat holding tanks.

When possible, use the portable toilets provided.



Build outhouses at least 30.5 m (100 ft) from water sources. Pits should be 1.3 m (4ft) deep and 1.3m (4ft) wide. For construction plans contact Potlotek Public Works 535 3317.

Park trailers or set-up camp 20 m (66 ft) from the bank to reduce risks of contamination from sewage seepage, grey water, gas and oil from vehicles, and loosening of soil from weight of trailers and vehicles.



If building a new cabin, leave a 20 m (66 ft) buffer of native trees, shrubs and groundcover to minimize erosion. Make sure you build at least 1.25m (4 ft) above the high water mark to protect your cabin from sea level rise and storm surges.

Use lined fire pits instead of open fires. For a recommend fire pit design contact Potlotek Public Works.



Use environmentally friendly cleaners instead of products that harm plants, animals and water quality.

Share a wharf with your neighbour. Use fish-friendly lumber and prepare materials in areas away from the water.





Fill fuel tanks and mix oil for boats on land and away from water.

Use funnels or gas can spouts and take care not to spill oil or gas when refueling generators.



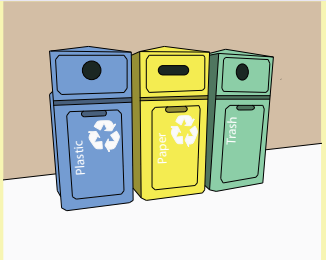
Immediately report oil spills or other environmental emergencies by calling 1-800-565-1633 and Potlotek Public Works 9535-3317.



When approaching shore, lift your outboard motor and land in areas with less eel grass.

Take paint cans (with paint), batteries, spray paint and car batteries to St. Peter's Bottle Exchange in River Tillard 535-2795.

Take marine paint cans (with paint), aerosol spray cans, and propane tanks to the solid waste facility in Arichat 226-2396 or back with you to dispose of properly in the Enviro-Depot in your municipality.



Clean around trailers, cabins and tents daily. Use garbage and recycling bins. Follow guidelines for recycling and sorting garbage.



Show ways to care for the Island to the next generation through example.

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