

Thawing the New Polar Ice Cap

Proposal for Lake Martha

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PROBLEM:

In the summer of 2000 Lake Martha residents deposited large amounts of a "VERY HARD SUBSTANCE", that resembled IRON, into Lake Martha. At the time we were told that this was done in an effort to reduce the weeds in the lake. Many area residents were exposed to the dreadful substance over a two weekend period. Some were having a problem removing this "iron" from their skin. Bob Halagan even showed signs of fatigue and was unable to help the next day. Bill Tregaskis, who only drove the pontoon, was unable to help the following Sunday. I can only assume that these two strong and helpful residents were overcome with toxic byproducts.

Immediately after dumping these toxic byproducts into Lake Martha the water temperature began to lower. Around November 15, 2001 the Lake began to glass over with a "VERY HARD SUBSTANCE". Eventually, the Lake developed a coating that was strong enough to support many vehicles. Some residents began to get concerned when the shanty town appeared.... We were thankful to see this new community leave around February 15, 2001.

It now seems that this chemical reaction has damaged the lake, and we will never enjoy boating again.

Solution: A two step process

Part 1. The Russian government has agreed to sell the Lake Martha Association a boat able to break up the Very Hard Substance. This ice breaking boat has been approved for sale to our association by the US government and the MN DNR.

The Russians suggest that we hire a full time skipper. This is to keep the waters open all summer and into next winter (the Russians have much experience in this area).

We would need to provide housing, and vodka, for the skipper and a modest income for this Russian. I propose we buy Craig and Molly's house for this purpose. The vodka can be provided by lake area residents who have some to spare.

Part 2. We need to introduce a new chemical into Lake Martha that will soften up the Very Hard Substance. The local Culligan dealer says that he can help soften Lake Martha up again.

Culligan suggests that we dump 537 bags of Morton System Saver Water Softener Pellets into Lake Martha. Culligan stresses that time is critical and we should do it right now, I think there is a sale.

Summary of costs:

(1) Russian Ice Breaker	\$787,930.00
(2) Delivery and set up	\$112,000.00
(3) Captain's annual salary	\$ 52,500.00
(4) Vodka	\$ 10,000.00
(5) Housing	\$269,000.00
(6) Yellow Bags of Salt	\$ 2,142.60

Total

\$1,233,572.60
