



The shed at the Nottingham Town Beach before Wednesday afternoon, July 20, 2022.

#### The PLIA Repairs the Town Beach Shed

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The real repair story began on Saturday, April 16, 2022, when the Nottingham Parks & Recreation Department organized Nottingham Community Clean-Up Day (NP&RD). The NP&RD had various town groups clean up different areas in Nottingham on that day. Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA) did the [town beach](#) that day. As it said, “They brought their tools, rolled up their sleeves, and got to work on reversing the neglect of five years without maintenance. From 8:00 – 11:30 AM on April 16th, volunteers wielded picks, hoes, rakes, saws, loppers, and wheelbarrows in an effort to reclaim the sand that had been taken over by grass and bushes.”



The grass invaded the town beach



The beach after the PLIA clean-up

However, although the PLIA had done wonders with the beach, there was still concern about the deplorable condition of the beach's shed. Moreover, two members of the PLIA who had missed the clean-up day still wanted to participate. The shed was a natural way to continue the work at the beach. Years of neglect have taken their toll. Thus, Pete Wawrzonek and Neil Santos of the PLIA took on that task. Each worked a half day individually and another half day on the shed. The carpentry, tree, and maintenance work on the Town Beach Shed was completed on Wednesday afternoon, July 20, 2022, by them.

Here is what they did. Overhanging branches from nearby trees were cut and removed. The moss cover rear roof was scraped and a cleaning agent was applied to prevent new build-up. New eaves were installed in the rear and front of the shed. Two new side vents were built by Neil and installed that prevent bugs and weather from entering the shed. The damaged front siding was removed and replaced with primed LP SmartSide. The front wall was reinforced. Two new barrel bolts were installed on the left front door for added security. All nails and screws that previously penetrated the siding in various areas were removed and new methods of attaching signs and shelving were installed. Debris left by critters was removed. All debris from their work was removed to the Town Recycling Center. The only work that remains is the painting of the trim and shed siding.



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Both Neil and Pete said the work was ‘fun’ and were delighted to participate in the town of Nottingham. As PLIA members they noted, “we have a toe in the lake”. Thank you, Pete, Neil, and the PLIA.