

With a Little Help From Her Friends



Black Creek Chapel at South Bay needs a face lift. -Mirror photo

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hard on her. A big window blew out. It was an antique glass we are struggling to find for replacement. A couple of outside boards on the vestibule (that's her entry mud

room) need replacing as the neighbourhood critters have made some nesting entries. Hard winter for them too, I suppose! The windows need the mortar replaced along with the frames scraped and

painted. Most obvious, the outside needs some scraping, some priming and a fresh coat of paint overall.

While the chapel comes under the care of South Bay United Church, it is actually a space used by a much wider audience for weddings, funerals, the annual Christmas Eve Homecoming service and the Memorial Service on the long weekend in August. It's also been home to story and music performances about the area and has participated in Doors Open.

The cemetery, which saw its first burial in 1870, is still available to provide a resting place for cremated remains of those with descendants already there and for those who have become attached to the area since they moved here. There is a small trust fund for care of the ceme-

tery and chapel. However, the repairs currently needed for the chapel are a stretch for that fund and also for South Bay Church. Because its presence is appreciated by so many, we thought you'd like to know and maybe help with the repairs if you can. Any amount would be so appreciated.

For information about renting the chapel, buying cremation plots, etc., contact Dorothy Vincent at 613 476-8435. If you would like to make a donation towards the repairs to the chapel, you can send a cheque, made out to "Black River Chapel and Cemetery", to The Treasurer, Black River Chapel, Box 102, Milford ON K0K 2P0.

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