

UPDATE

## Precious Blood Cemetery Shoreline Stabilization Project 2010

It is going to happen !

After more than 14 months of planning, meeting with officials, achieving authorization, getting permits, finding funding and tracking down contractor quotes; the shoreline stabilization project is finally getting underway.

What is the project about?

The idea of stabilizing the shoreline was initially introduced more than 5 years previously. Water erosion has been very aggressive on the cemetery shoreline and with the additional water current from the 'lakers', a decision to adopt a project to protect the property was necessary. It was felt that if the project was postponed for a few more years, it would only cause further destruction and cause repair costs to escalate. Additionally, there are a couple of plots in direct threat of washing away.

With the assistance of the authorities; Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Natural Resources and the Raisin River Conservation Authority, permits and approvals were acquired.

So on or about December 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, the project will commence. Due to restricted access to the shoreline by large machinery, all the work will be carried out from a barge. With over 800 linear feet of construction area, it will be a large undertaking to position approximately 1200 tons of material. With the cooperation of the weather, the work should be complete within a couple of weeks.

There are many people that offered their guidance, expertise and suggestions. The Parish would like to thank everyone that gave support, and without them, this project would not be a reality.

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