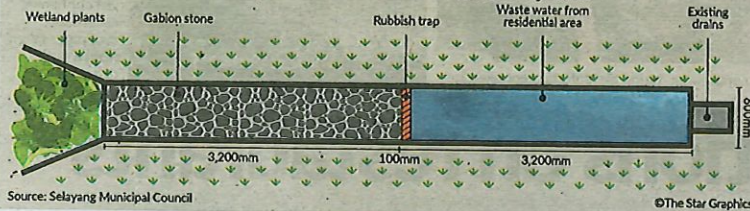


Council's plan to prevent water pollution



Cross section view of U-shaped drains and water filtration system



Maintenance and upgrade of Tasik Biru from 2012 to 2018

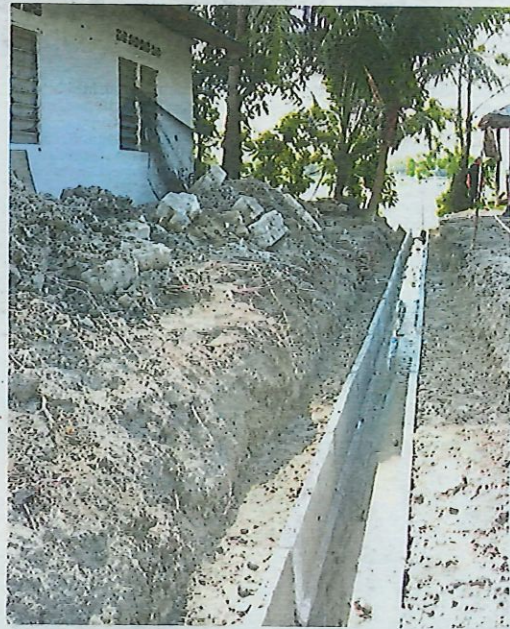
Year	Funding	Purpose
2012	RM1.8mil from Tourism Ministry	Construction of two-storey pavilion with restrooms, surau and air-conditioned hall for 500 people.
2013	RM80,000 from State Economic Planning Unit (Upn)	Signboard installations and children's playground equipment.
2014	RM135,000 from Upn	Walkways, safety fences, and more garbage bins.
2015	RM410,000 (Upn)	Gazebo, children's playground, foot reflexology path, carpark and pontoon to anchor personal watercraft.
2016	RM97,000 (Upn)	Rest area with marble tables and chairs along Jalan Setia and an open public square.
2017	RM134,000 (Upn)	Upgrades and repairs to the pontoon and replacement of playground mats.
2018	RM220,000 by Selayang Municipal Council	400m of U-shaped drain system in Kampung Melayu Seri Kundang, water filtration systems, rubbish traps and wetland plants to address the onslaught of green algae in Tasik Biru.



Dustbins at the lake park were overflowing with rubbish, drawing flies and vermin.



Firdaus says Tasik Biru still draws avid anglers.



The construction of a U-shaped drain system measuring 400m is taking place in Kampung Melayu Seri Kundang.

bridge to the island.

They also want the short enclosed tube slides to be made longer with double curves as such measures will give users a more thrilling experience.

MPS' maintenance efforts

The council's Landscape Department deputy director Syamsul Arif Mahmud said MPS spared no effort in securing funds for maintenance and upgrade of the lake's recreational areas in the past eight years.

But vandalism and the community's careless attitude towards park facilities were straining MPS' coffers.

For example, this is the second time MPS has carried out replacement of broken exercise equipment. Both replacement exercise cost MPS RM18,000 each time.

Safety barriers in the form of non-climbable metal fences were also installed near playgrounds in the past but these were stolen.

As other repairs have higher priority, the replacement of the fence would have to wait, he said.

The department will continue with its water quality pollution prevention programme to address the onslaught of green algae in Tasik Biru.

The exercise includes the building of a U-shaped drain system in Kampung Melayu Seri Kundang measuring 400m.

MPS will also have wetland plants to provide better efficiency to the proposed water filtration systems located at the end of the newly built drains.

The project will cost MPS RM220,000 and is expected to be completed by the end of February after delays caused by heavy rain.

Rubbish trap features will also be incorporated into the new U-drains and will be cleared daily by KDEB Waste Management.

In addition, the council has allocated RM8,800 a month for maintenance of the lake's recreational facilities. A contractor appointed by the department is responsible for collecting the waste generated by park goers daily.

At the consideration stage is a proposal to have an empty plot of land beside a futsal court located off Jalan Tasik Biru 1, to be gazetted into a public park.

The council has also installed flood lights to illuminate the recreation areas but some of them have short-circuited. These will be replaced by the end of February.

On jet ski events in the future, Syamsul said participants seemed to have lost their gusto for the sport after the last international competition in 2016.

From feedback, MPS learned that participants found the take-off area located beside the pavilion too narrow and congested.

Currently, the council has given permission for water sports at the



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lake, provided safety precautions were adhered to.

A pontoon near the pavilion is readily available for those wanting to moor their vessels. Swimming is forbidden as Tasik Biru is a former mining lake where undercurrents are a prevalent danger. Signboards warn the public on the potential danger.

On the parking issue, Syamsul said once the land beside the futsal court was gazetted, the department would look into building a parking area for visitors. At present, there is a 500sq m parking area nearby the entrance to the park on Jalan Tasik Biru 1.



A proposal for a water quality pollution prevention programme was submitted to MPS in 2018 to address the algae problem in Tasik Biru.