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## *Fast Facts*

The following fact sheet will help you answer questions you may receive from visitors to Prince Albert National Park.

### **Waskesiu Drive Road Construction – Updated November 1, 2006**

1. Parks Canada Agency is improving access in Waskesiu by recapitalizing a portion of Waskesiu Drive. This work began on September 5, 2006.
2. **Part of the road construction project was completed in 2006:**
  - Paving stone sidewalks
  - Concrete curbs
  - Road excavation
  - Road base construction
3. **Part of the road construction project will be completed in spring 2007:**
  - Road paving
  - Site rehabilitation and landscaping
4. **Waskesiu Drive is open to vehicle traffic.**
5. **More information to follow in spring 2007.**

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## Background

6. The construction project details:
  - Tender closed: July 19, 2006 – 1 bid received; bid was over budget by approx. 20%
  - Contract awarded: August 1, 2006
  - Construction began: September 5, 2006 and ended for the season in October 2006
  - Construction will resume in spring 2007
7. **The recapitalization project includes:**
  - 750 mm (about two feet) excavation; installation of underground drainage and geomembrane filter to stabilize the road and reduce heaving due to “frost boils” during the winter and spring
  - Interlocking brick sidewalks along both sides of Waskesiu Drive (square or rectangular bricks since the ‘z’ style is not available); ending just around the corner on Montreal Drive
  - New curbs and gutters, new storm drains
  - A new storm interceptor that will provide storm water treatment – located in the middle of the Montreal Drive/Waskesiu Drive intersection – same as any concrete manhole except that it collects organics, sand and silt
8. The contract was awarded to Barzeele and Burkosky.
9. Parks Canada Agency, the contractor, the inspector (UMA Engineering), and the business owners affected will work together to minimize the impact on business operations and access to the area. Pedestrian and vehicle access will be maintained as much as possible during construction and will likely be routed through the parking lot.
10. Inclement weather delayed construction which will be completed in spring 2007.
11. The project is managed by Public Works and Government Services, not Parks Canada Agency. Parks Canada worked closely with Public Works and the contractor to help ensure the project stayed on track.

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