



Waskesiu Cabin Area Newsletter 2006

Greetings from Superintendent

Kevin Van Tighem:

Since moving to Waskesiu late last fall, my wife Gail and I have been getting to know Prince Albert National Park and the many great people who care about this place. I've met some cabin owners and am looking forward to meeting many more this summer. One thing is clear: there are a great many people who care deeply for this special part of Canada and are committed to its future. This year is going to be a year for considering that future - both through the discussions that will lead to our new Park Management Plan, and through the Waskesiu community's decision this summer about whether or not to enter into a new era of self-government. On behalf of all Parks Canada staff here in Prince Albert National Park, I wish you a happy and healthy holiday this year. Have a wonderful summer!

Townsite Office Contact Numbers		
Sandi Hicke	Townsite Manager	663-4519
Coralee Vaillancourt	Lease Administrator	663-4518
Gregg Rutten	Townsite Clerk	663-4520
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Hours of Operation:

The PANP Townsite Office is open 8:00am -12:00pm and 12:30pm – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Camping Season Dates 2006:

The camping season for the Cabin Area this year is: April 25 – October 10

Weather will dictate when water lines will be opened. Our utilities crew will work hard to ensure lines are open as soon as possible.

Dates for moving cabins:

Cabins may be moved into the park anytime:

- Before the May long weekend
- After September 4th

Between May 23rd and June 16th, cabins may be moved Monday-Thursday

Cabins may not be moved:

- On the May long weekend (May 19-22)
- June 16th - September 4th

Camping Permit Fees 2006:

\$455.21

Survey Work to be Done:

Prior to the issuance of long-term leases for the cabin area, each cabin lot must be legally surveyed. You will notice surveyors working in the cabin area this summer to complete this important work.

Public meetings regarding cabin leases will take place in August of 2006. More details to follow.

Self-governance:

Parks Canada is currently in discussions with the Waskesiu Community Council regarding self-governance for the Waskesiu townsite. Please visit www.waskesiu.org for updated information.

Public Washroom Facilities:

A reminder to cabin owners: Townsite records indicate that approximately 25% of cabins do not have self-contained washroom facilities. As per the MOU with the Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association, public washroom buildings are scheduled to be decommissioned prior to the 2008 operating season. Beginning in April of 2008, all cabins will be required to have self-contained washroom facilities. The Townsite Clerk is happy to provide cabin owners with all of the necessary information and permits for washroom installation.

Construction Waste:

Cabin owners are responsible to have construction waste removed from PANP. This is a condition of all Environmental Assessments that cabin owners sign prior to construction. Construction waste includes discarded household appliances. Please make the necessary arrangements to have construction waste removed to an approved landfill location. Parks Canada is not responsible for the disposal of construction waste generated by cabin construction.

Building Permits:

Cabin owners are reminded that permits are required for all construction work on their cabins. This includes, but is not limited to: Siding, shingles, decks, exterior painting, sheds, etc. Please see the Townsite office to obtain permits.

Final Inspection Checklists:

If you have recently completed construction on you cabin, deck or shed, you were mailed a final development





checklist that must be returned to the Townsite office. There are numerous cabin owners who have not returned the final inspection sign-off forms that were sent out in 2005. If you have not yet returned your final inspection form, please do so at your earliest convenience and return the form to the townsite office so that your building file may be closed.

Garbage and Recycling

There is a composting bin at the **recycling depot** located in the parking lot next to the post office. This bin is for vegetable waste including eggshells and coffee grounds. This bin is **not** intended for animal parts or by-products or dairy products. Plastic will not decompose in the bin. Please do not throw bags or pails in with your compost. This bin is emptied at the park staging area and mixed with other organic material to form a rich brown soil which is available to the public. Please call 663-4549 for information about when/where to get compost.

Water Boxes/Lines:

Remember that the water box installed on your cabin must be accessible to the park maintenance staff and that the connection to the main water line must be breakable at the water box. **Cabin owners are responsible for disconnecting their cabins from the water main every fall.** Failure to disconnect and properly drain your cabin may result in frozen, broken and/or damaged water lines for which the park assumes no liability.

Boat/Trailer Parking

Cabin owners are reminded that boats and trailers are to be stored in an approved location (your cabin lot or at storage facilities provided by the marina) and not on public streets or public easements. Boats and trailers stored on public streets and easements impede sight lines and cause congestion; they are a public safety hazard.

www.waskesiu.org

The Waskesiu Community Council reminds you to check out their website for up-to-date information about Waskesiu including news, events, shopping... as well as useful links to other Waskesiu-related web sites. Links to your company's web site, web hosting and site development services are also available. Visit www.waskesiu.org for information and to subscribe to the email list.

Keep in Contact with PANP

Update your contact information and personal profile with PANP to receive

information pertaining to the park and provide feedback on a variety of topics. Complete the attached form and return it to the administration office or visit www.waskesiu.org, click on "sign up Waskesiu" located on the bottom of the page, and complete the online form.

Managing Wildlife in Waskesiu

Bears are drawn to food and garbage. Bears that become habituated to humans and their garbage are more often than not destroyed through no fault of their own. Please:

Pick up garbage and dispose of it properly
Do not leave food unattended outside
Proper food and garbage storage greatly reduces human/bear conflict.

Elk give elk the space they need by staying at least 30 metres away. Females are most aggressive during the May/June calving season and males are especially dangerous during the September/October rut. Please be careful in area frequented by elk and keep an eye out for areas posted with caution signs.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Contact the RCMP at 663-4400 for all law enforcement matters involving public peace: alcohol-related offences, highway traffic offences, theft and vandalism.

Contact Park Wardens at 663-4532 for all matters involving protection of the park's natural resources (wildlife, fisheries, vegetation, wildfire, food/garbage left unattended). Park wardens are also the first contact for missing or overdue persons.

Call 911 in an emergency.





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