



Contractors & Business Owners Newsletter 2004

Hello and welcome back to Prince Albert National Park. My name is Rod Blair and I am the Field Unit Superintendent for Prince Albert and Elk Island National Parks. The following are contact numbers for the administration staff:

Deidre MacGregor	Executive Assistant	663-4501
Gregg Rutten	Lease Administrator	663-4518
Patti Brososky	Townsite Clerk	663-4520
Sandi Hicke	Townsite Manager	663-4519

Administration Office Hours

The administration office is open Monday - Friday:

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Contact Patti Brososky for:

- information regarding the cabin area
- tree permits for the removal of dead, diseased or dangerous trees

Please obtain the proper permits/approval before carrying out any work on your lot.

Gate Passes

Gate passes are available for your staff for the length of their working season. Passes will be issued upon remittance of your business licence fee. Please provide a list of the names of staff requiring permits to submit to the townsite office. New staff or staff starting work later in the season can obtain passes from the townsite office.



One pass is issued per employee which must be presented each time the employee enters the park. For contractors with rotating or short-term staff, a vehicle pass may be issued so that all persons in the vehicle are eligible for entry on a single pass. Remember that work passes are for entry and travel in the park solely for work purposes.

Park staff will conduct compliance checks throughout the summer to ensure all vehicles in the park have the appropriate entry permits.

Subleases

For all businesses operating as subleasees, a complete and approved sublease is required prior to business being conducted in the park. Your business licence may be withheld until a valid sublease is in place.

Moving Cabins

The camping season this year runs from **April 29 to October 13 inclusive.**

Cabins may be moved into the park anytime:

- before the May long weekend (May 21)
- after September 6

Between May 25 and June 17, cabins may be moved Monday-Thursday.

Cabins may not be moved:

- on the May long weekend (May 21-24)
- June 18 through September 6

A document regarding protocol for moving cabins is available from the townsite office.



Remember that the water boxes installed on cabins must be accessible to the park maintenance staff and that the connection to the main water line must be breakable at the water box.

Water Service Shut-off times

As many of you are probably aware, there were some significant difficulties with water lines freezing and breaking. This year, depending on the weather, water service may be shut off before the end of the season possibly as early as the end of September. Should that take place, washroom/shower facilities will be available at the main beach house(s).

Sewer Connections



Sewer connections have specific requirements in order to accommodate the shifting and flexing of cabins that is common in the cabin area. Failure to use the required pipes and connections can result in breakage of pipes and leakage of raw sewage into the ground. Clean up and site remediation costs will be the responsibility of the building owner. Contact the townsite office for more information.

Law Enforcement

The RCMP and Prince Albert National Park share the responsibility for law enforcement within the park.

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.

Park User Fees

Some Parks Canada Agency fees are currently under review and may be revised during the 2004 operating season. Entry and camping fees will not change during the 2004 season.

Landfill

All construction waste is required to be removed from the park. The landfill on Highway #2 is now gated and locked. The landfill will be open to the public on Saturdays from 1-6pm. For more information contact the R.M. of Lakeland at (306) 982-2010.

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 egg shells and coffee grounds. This bin is **not** intended for animal parts or by-products or dairy products. Plastic will not decompose in the bin either, so 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 on when and where to get your compost.





Cooking Grease

Cooking grease may clog sewer lines and pumps. Please do not dispose of cooking grease through the sanitary sewer system. Cooking grease should be disposed of in garbage containers. Large volumes can be disposed of at the park compound.

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 your garbage and dispose of it properly
- do not leave food unattended outside.

Proper food and garbage storage greatly reduces human/bear conflicts. Contact the Resource Conservation Section at 663-4532 to report any bear conflicts.

Elk have become habituated in Waskesiu. To increase public safety and reduce the probability of human/elk conflict, the park is conducting a public awareness program and aversive conditioning of elk. You will receive more information about this program in the spring. Remember that all wildlife can be dangerous and should be respected. Give elk the space they need by staying at least 30 metres away. Females are most aggressive during May/June calving season and males are especially dangerous during the September/October rut. Please be careful in areas frequented by elk and keep an eye out for specific areas posted with caution signs.

Fire Pits

As enjoyable as it is to sit around a campfire, the close proximity of cabins and the dry conditions we are currently experiencing contribute to the risk of a major structural fire occurring in the cabin area. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Overnight Moorage

Overnight mooring of watercraft is prohibited everywhere in PANP except at marinas and backcountry campgrounds (when camping). Several issues are associated with unauthorized mooring including increased soil compaction and vegetation damage leading to shoreline erosion; navigational hazards and increased damage to lake bottom features and adverse shoreline and lake view aesthetics

Recreational Access to Waskesiu Lake

Modifications to the main marina boat launches are underway. New launch lanes will be added this spring to enable recreational access when water levels fluctuate.

In addition, the ecological integrity of Waskesiu lake will be improved later this year. The Waskesiu River dam will be decommissioned and a fixed crest structure (a Newbury Rifle) will be created. The rifle will allow for appropriate water flow and fish passage.

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.

Spruce Budworm Spraying

Based on positive results of spruce budworm spraying in 2003, spraying will be conducted in spring of 2004. This is the second year of a three-year program. More details will be made available later this spring. A copy of the results of the 2003 aerial spray program is available at the administration building.

Dogs/Pets

If you reside in the park for longer than 30 days per year, you must purchase a permit from the administration office for your pet. For the comfort and safety of the general public and protection of wildlife, your pet must be under physical control at all times and on a leash less than 3 metres in length. We invite you to enjoy the park's dog friendly beaches:

- west of the breakwater and south to Murphy's Bay (Kingfisher Trail)
- between Orchid Street (in front of subdivision 3) and Beaver Glen Beach



Posters in the Park

Notices should be placed on approved bulletin boards provided throughout the park and not on garbage cans or recycling bins.

Fire Smart Day

Your council has identified June 19th as Fire Smart Day. Please watch for more information to come regarding this event.

www.waskesiu.org

The Council has developed a website - a window to Waskesiu - that provides you with up to date information about Waskesiu including news, events, shopping... as well as useful links to other web sites. Other services include providing a link to your company's web site, web hosting and site development. 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 so that you may 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.

Management Planning Underway

The park management plan is our guiding document. It serves as the foundation for future consultation with you. You will receive more information about the management planning process which begins this spring. We invite your input and look forward to working with you to create Prince Albert National Park's plan.

Sincerely,

Rod Blair
Field Unit Superintendent

Northern Prairies Field Unit