

**Prince Albert National Park
Parks Canada Agency (“Parks Canada”)
2021 Yard Waste Directive – Waskesiu Townsite**

Date: May 1, 2021

Subject: Yard Waste Collection & Disposal

Purpose:

- 1.1 To provide direction to Parks Canada staff, and to Waskesiu’s residential and commercial leaseholders, with respect to the provision of Yard Waste pickup in the Waskesiu townsite.
- 1.2 To provide timely Yard Waste pickup service to Park residents and to allow Parks Canada staff to operate efficiently and in a safe working environment.
- 1.3 To prevent the creation of road hazards and public safety issues.
- 1.4 To preserve the integrity of street cleaning work performed by Parks Canada.

Background:

- 2.1 In prior years, Parks Canada picked up piles of leaves, plant cuttings, grass clippings and tree branches left by residential leaseholders along the edges of their property and beside garbage cans in the spring, summer, and fall. In some instances, this Yard Waste material created a traffic hazard, and put Parks Canada staff and the public at risk. Picking up Yard Waste is also a time-consuming task for Parks Canada staff.

In 2007 signs were placed on or near waste collection bins, asking users not to pile any material (including Yard Waste) beside the bins. Additional signage (and related compliance and enforcement activities) was again deployed by Parks Canada in 2020.

Policy:

- 3.1 For the purpose of this Directive, “**Yard Waste**” is defined as leaves, plant cuttings, grass clippings, and tree branches (with a diameter of 4 inches or less) collected on, or from, any particular leasehold property in the Waskesiu townsite. Such Yard Waste is to be appropriately prepared (in the case of residential leaseholders) for collection by PCA staff in accordance with this

Yard Waste Directive (this “**Directive**”). For commercial leaseholders, such Yard Waste must, throughout the year, be loaded and hauled (by or on behalf of commercial leaseholders through the use of their own labour and equipment) to the composting site/brush pile at the Parks Canada staging area (the “**PCA Staging Area**”) described below.

3.2 **Residential leaseholders:** Each year, residential leaseholders (or private contractors performing yard maintenance on behalf of a residential leaseholder):

- a) must, except as otherwise expressly permitted under this Directive, place all Yard Waste in paper compostable bags designed for Yard Waste collection. The Yard Waste bags must be placed by residential leaseholders on the edge of their leasehold property abutting a street, and/or adjacent to their driveways accessing their leasehold property. Yard Waste bags must not be placed on the street, on sidewalks, elsewhere in the alley next to their leasehold property, nor in or near any waste collection bins. Parks Canada staff will pick up and haul away all properly bagged Yard Waste material starting in May and ending in September each year. Yard Waste bags shall not weigh more than 20 pounds (9 kilograms). A bag weighing more than 20 pounds (9 kilograms) will not be collected.
- b) at all times during the year, must have tree branches (with a diameter < 4 inches) cut into maximum 4-foot lengths which are tied or bundled. Such tied or bundled tree branches must not weigh more than 20 pounds (9 kilograms) to allow Parks Canada staff to pick up and haul such material away. Tied or bundled tree branches do not have to be bagged.
- c) Parks Canada always recommends residential leaseholders place all Yard Waste in paper compostable bags designed for Yard Waste collection. However, during the month of May only, residential leaseholders are permitted to pile unbagged leaves (but not other kinds of Yard Waste) for pick up by Parks Canada staff. Such unbagged, piled leaves may be placed by residential leaseholders on the edge of their leasehold property abutting a street, and/or adjacent to the driveways accessing their leasehold property, but not on the street, on sidewalks, elsewhere in the alley next to their leasehold property, nor in or near any waste collection bins. Residential leaseholders are asked to contact Parks Canada asset staff at pc.panpassets.pc@canada.ca to arrange the collection of unbagged leaves that are properly piled in this

manner (but during the month of May only). They will be loaded and hauled away by Parks Canada staff, and will not be required to be bagged.

- d) all Yard Waste pick up will be conducted on a bi-weekly basis starting in May and ending in September. A pick up schedule will be provided in the spring of each year.
- d) at all times during the year, residential leaseholders needing to dispose of large amounts of Yard Waste may elect to dispose of such Yard Waste, without having to bag such material, by loading and hauling such Yard Waste (through the use of their own labour and equipment) to the PCA Staging Area described below. Residential leaseholders wishing to access the PCA Staging Area for delivery of their Yard Waste may call Asset Management (306-663-4548) to make access arrangements. The PCA Staging Area is locked at all times and an appointment can be scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The PCA Staging Area is located on the Narrows cut across road between highways 263 and 264.
- e) at no time is it permissible to dump **any** waste – including any Yard Waste, construction waste, or recycling products - on the ground, including beside, or in the vicinity of, a waste collection bin or recycling dumpster.

3.3 **Commercial leaseholders:** Commercial leaseholders, or private contractors performing yard maintenance on behalf of a commercial leaseholder, at all times of the year:

- a) must dispose of all Yard Waste at the PCA Staging Area without assistance from Parks Canada staff. All Yard Waste shall be loaded and hauled by, or on behalf of, commercial leaseholders to the PCA Staging Area through the use of their own labour and equipment.
- b) should call Asset Management (306-663-4548) to make arrangements to access the Parks Canada staging area (the “**PCA Staging Area**”) in order to dispose of such Yard Waste. Commercial leaseholders wishing to access the PCA Staging Area for delivery of their Yard Waste may call Asset Management (306-663-4548) to make access arrangements. The PCA Staging Area is locked at all times and an appointment can be scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The PCA Staging Area is located on the Narrows cut across road between highways 263 and 264.

- c) must not dump **any** waste – including any Yard Waste, construction waste, or recycling products - on the ground, including beside, or in the vicinity of, a waste collection bin or recycling dumpster.
- d) when collecting or cleaning Yard Waste from their commercial leasehold properties, shall not pile Yard Waste off of their leasehold property on any street, lane, sidewalk, paved path, alley, or green space prior to removing such material and hauling it to the PCA Staging Area. Piling of Yard Waste on streets, lanes, sidewalks, paved paths, alleys, or green spaces is prohibited and creates public safety hazards.

3.4 This Directive to take effect May 1, 2021.

Recommended by:

Waskesiu Community Council



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Date: May 1, 2021

Approved on behalf of Parks Canada by:



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