WSRA 2025 Annual General Meeting – Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 9:00 am
Terrace Gardens, Waskesiu Lake

Directors Present: Jennifer Wood, Kurt Wintermute, Terry Baerg, Robert Hawkins, Tom Holfeld, Ron Jones, Josh Opheim, Rob Oswald

Director Regrets: Paul Pinder

1. **Called to order** at 9:00 am by Jennifer Wood, Chair. Minutes recorded by guest Raylene Kershaw.

2. **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
   Welcome and land acknowledgement by Jennifer.

   On behalf of the Waskesiu community, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Cree Peoples, signatories to Treaty 6, and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this special place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

3. **Adoption of the August 30, 2025 AGM Agenda**
   Motion to adopt the August 30, 2025 AGM agenda.
   Jake Burlet/Dan Boehm *Carried*

4. **Brief Introduction of WSRA Directors & Administrator**
   Directors Jennifer Wood, Kurt Wintermute, Terry Baerg, Robert Hawkins, Tom Holfeld, Ron Jones, Josh Opheim, Rob Oswald, and Paul Pinder (regrets). Administrator Raylene Kershaw.

5. **Adoption of the August 31, 2024 AGM Meeting Minutes**
   Motion to approve the August 31, 2024 AGM minutes.
   Bob Cyr/Bill Johnson *Carried*

6. **Financial Reporting**
   Treasurer's Report (sent in advance as part of the AGM package; Terry Baerg highlighted parts of the report in person)

The December 31, 2024, Year-end financial statements are completed as a “Compilation Engagement Report” by the Chartered Professional Accountant.

Balance Sheet
Assets consist of cash and various term deposits on deposit with RBC Royal Bank. Balances decreased $1,431 year over year.

Liabilities consist of the year end accounting bill.

Deferred income represents the $125 (previously $100), 5-year WSRA memberships that have been received but the revenue is deferred annually over the 5-year term of the membership. The deferred revenue increased by $5,995 from $12,570 in 2023 to $18,565 in 2024 due to many members renewing their 5-year memberships prior to the price increase implemented in 2025.

Net assets decreased by $7,425 from $72,702 in 2023 to $65,277 in 2024. The decrease in net assets being equal to the deficiency of revenues compared to expenses as noted in the Statement of Revenues and Expenses.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Revenue decreased by $8,427 compared to 2023 primarily due to not operating the Grey Owl Howl. Accordingly, there were no expenses associated with the Grey Owl Howl (see donation summary below).

Effective August 10, 2024, as discussed at last year’s AGM, the Board approved a small increase in WSRA membership fees. The one-year membership fee increased by $5 to $35, and the five-year membership increased by $25 to $125.

Office expenses include administrative support, gifts for departing (long serving) directors, printing of the spring newsletter, WSRA zoom account, and other minor miscellaneous expenses. Office expenses increased $3,360 compared to 2023 primarily due to increased administrative support and director’s gifts.

Donations of $4,500 include $2,500 to Grey Owl Howl, $1,500 to Waskesiu Foundation (Steven Page Trio Concert), and $500 to the WRA (Children’s Festival). 2023 donations included $1,500 to Waskesiu Foundation (Jim Cuddy Trio) and $500 to the WRA (Children’s Festival).

Note that the increase in donations of $2,500 was due to the Grey Owl Howl committee requesting the banking service for the event to be transferred to the Waskesiu Recreation Association (WRA). This request was agreed to and the WSRA provided a $2,500 donation to the WRA in 2024 representing the Grey Owl Howl’s 2023 event profit.

Other expenses include director's liability insurance, year-end accounting fees, corporation's branch renewal fees, Terrace Gardens rental costs (AGM), and website maintenance costs.

WSRA recorded a **net loss** of $7,425 in 2024.

Subsequent Events
In Spring of 2025 the WSRA donated $5,000 to the Waskesiu Foundation in support of the Aquatic Invasive Species ("AIS") fundraising campaign.

Adoption of the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024
Motion that the Financial Statements of The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc. for the financial year ended December 31, 2024 and the Compilation Engagement Report of the Chartered Professional Accountant are approved.
Herb Pinder/Herve Langlois *Carried*

Waiver of Appointment of Auditor
Motion that the appointment of an Auditor for the fiscal year 2025 is waived.
Rachel Vanneste/Guy Paterson *Carried*

Appointment of Accountant
Motion that the accounting firm of Byron J. Reynolds CPA be reappointed as the Accountant for The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc. for the fiscal year 2025.
Laurier Langlois/Pat Walsh *Carried*

Question asked as to where assets are invested. Funds are in a cash account with RBC for 12 months of expenses and the rest is invested in GICs (laddered) renewed quarterly.

7. **Committee Reports** (sent in advance as part of the AGM package; directors highlighted parts of their reports in person)

Chair – Jennifer Wood and **President** – Kurt Wintermute
Greetings Waskesiu Seasonal Residents! We hope you have been able to enjoy time with family and friends at the lake this summer.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Board Chair and President. On behalf of the WSRA volunteer Board of Directors, thank you for your support. We are proud to be part of this amazing, tight knit community. Together with Parks Canada, the Waskesiu Community Council, and other key partners, the WSRA is working hard on the issues that matter most to cabin and cottage owners. We work on matters pertaining to the occupancy, leasing, use, maintenance and improvement of seasonal residences in Prince Albert National Park (PANP). We also have an interest in ensuring that we protect, promote and enhance the environment, infrastructure, plus recreational and cultural

facilities within the townsite and PANP. The Board's role is to act in the best interests of the Association and stay true to our mandate.

Development guidelines are important for all leaseholders. We have been actively collaborating with Parks Canada and the Waskesiu Community Council to draft new cottage development guidelines that will help shape the future of the Waskesiu community. Numerous meetings have been held over the past year and significant advances have been made in moving the draft guidelines closer to completion. A presentation took place in late May to provide an update on the cottage development guidelines and included an update on the National Parks of Canada Land Use Planning Regulations. The WSRA had a strong voice through the review and updating of the Land Use Planning Regulations which came into effect December 4, 2024. As the cottage development guidelines are nearing completion, it will be time to review the cabin guidelines.

We are fully engaged in Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention in Prince Albert National Park and have formed an AIS Committee within our board to facilitate that engagement. Zebra mussels and other AIS pose a serious threat to:

- the environment
- ongoing public access and recreational
- enjoyment of Park waters
- our local economy
- the value of our cabins, cottages and businesses
- our water supply and treatment infrastructure

The damage caused by AIS to Prince Albert National Park waters could be irreversible and last for generations. Prevention is the best and most cost-effective way to manage AIS. To be successful, prevention must be a shared responsibility. We are proud to have contributed $5,000 through the Waskesiu Foundation towards the purchase of two decontamination units. The units operated by trained Parks Canada staff were put into use this season.

A big part of what we do is communicate and share information. This was particularly prevalent this year with updates on the Buhl Fire, area closures, fire ban and pre-evacuation alert. We encourage everyone to stay informed:

- See the information about how to prepare for an emergency in Prince Albert National Park
- Have a plan and get prepared:
- Know when and where to go if evacuated
- Know what to bring
- Fuel up
- Prepare for power and water shortages
- Get an emergency kit

- Stay informed by visiting official Prince Albert National Park social media Facebook and X, the Important Bulletins on the park website, and signing up for the e-newsletter.
- Register with the Province of Saskatchewan:
  Sign up for Sask-Alerts
  Pre-register on the Saskatchewan Evacuation App
- Be aware of wildfire smoke, its impact on air quality and health
- Follow the FireSmart Canada program which helps reduce wildfire risks to homes, neighbourhoods, critical infrastructure, and vital natural resources. Remove any fire hazards in and around your home, such as dried out branches, leaves and debris.
- Report a wildfire, illegal campfire or suspicious smoke to Parks Canada Dispatch: 1-877-852-3100.
- If and when an evacuation alert or order is called, follow all instructions shared on Sask-Alerts, and posted on the Important Bulletins on the Prince Albert National Park website and on official Parks Canada social media accounts (Facebook, X).

We can effectively communicate to the community since we have a strong membership base. To keep our organization strong, your help is needed! When you see a cabin or cottage sell, please introduce yourself to the new owners and explain the value of the WSRA. Our membership is our strength. Memberships can be purchased or renewed by contacting us at waskesiusra@gmail.com.

At the 2024 AGM, questions were posed by WSRA members regarding the possibility of using various video conferencing technology to provide greater access to observe and/or participate in the AGM, which would not be permitted by our current Bylaws. In addition, a separate issue involving alternate forms of voting was raised. In order to assess the interest of our members in altering the manner in which AGMs are held and/or for allowing an alternate form of voting at the AGM or other Special Meetings of Members and considering the incremental costs involved, a survey was sent to the membership at the end of July. The results of the survey will be presented at the 2025 AGM for discussion with the membership.

The WSRA continues to work with Waskesiu Community Council, Parks Canada and all the other organizations in Waskesiu towards Vision 2028, a plan that ensures Waskesiu is a strong and vibrant community for future generations, while respecting and maintaining the principles that guide Parks Canada. Vision 2028 coincides with the centennial celebration for Prince Albert National Park. Planning is underway.

Lastly, we would like to thank the amazing group of volunteer board members we have serving the WSRA. They bring their talent, time and experience not just at board meetings but throughout the year for the betterment of this wonderful community.

Membership – Paul Pinder
The Membership Committee of the WSRA is tasked with promoting the WSRA and the benefits of being a member. Establishing a membership that includes a significant portion of the community supports a healthy community and creates a strong voice for the WSRA. Through the membership the Communications Committee can provide information to the group.

An email database is part of the membership information which allows the WSRA to communicate with the membership. In addition to the annual WSRA letter, various communications occur throughout the year. In May emails went out to those members whose membership expired in 2024 or whose membership is due in 2025.

Membership stats:

Number of current memberships	367 (394)*
Number of memberships that will expire in 2025	24 (65)
Total number of Cabins in the PANP	451
Total number of Cottages in the PANP	119
Total Combined	570
Percent of Cabins/Cottages that are WSRA Members	64%

The membership drive in 2025 will include an email notification (completed in May), WSRA letter in with Land Lease Payment (completed in April), and canvassing at the AGM.

Information will be available at the AGM on the status of all memberships or request your membership status by emailing us at waskesiusra@gmail.com.

*(x) 2024 numbers

Communications – Rob Oswald & Robert Hawkins

- The WSRA webpage continues to reside in the WCC owned waskesiu.org website. It can be found under the homepage heading ‘More’. WSRA can be contacted at waskesiusra@gmail.com
- The April invoice mailout from Parks Canada contained an insert highlighting the WSRA activities and initiatives.
- The Spring Newsletter was released in May, emailed to members and can be found on our webpage. A two-page summary was also produced, with a QR code to direct to the full 20-page newsletter. The summary was laminated and posted on the townsite bulletin boards. Copies of the summary was given to businesses.
- We work with Parks Canada External Relations to distribute information per their request. There was heavy email traffic during the Buhl fire, dating from July 13.
- We send out emails reporting on our various committees on items such as AIS, Cottage Development Guidelines, Fire & Emergency Response, membership and other matters.

Fire & Emergency Response – Rob Oswald & Tom Holfeld

- Formed after the 2024 AGM, in response to members questions and concerns regarding emergency response and preparedness. There is heightened wildfire threat to people and property in 2024, which continues into 2025.
- In response to a Parks request in June a high visibility link to 'Important Bulletins' was added to the waskesiu.org homepage. Additionally at the bottom of the homepage, under 'Explore More', is a link added 'Emergency Services' which takes you to Parks Canada resources.
- On February 1, 2025 an email was sent to members with two key links: (1) PANP Wildland Fire Management Plan (2018) and (2) Waskesiu Lake Wildfire Risk Reduction Plan (signed on December 10, 2024 covering a period 2023 to 2026). This information can be sent to your cabin/cottage insurance company, if asked for.
- On June 27 an email focussing on emergency planning and to 'FireSmart' your property was sent out to reinforce the Parks Canada email of June 2.
- We continue to work with the Waskesiu Community Council (WCC) regarding the specifics of the townsite asset protection plans for cabins and cottages. The WCC leads communication with Townsite Administration on fire and policing matters.

Aquatic Invasive Species – Ron Jones & Josh Opheim

The WSRA AIS Committee was formed to support and amplify efforts to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species – particularly zebra mussels – into Waskesiu Lake and surrounding water bodies in Prince Albert National Park. The committee works in partnership with Parks Canada, the Waskesiu Community Council, and local stakeholders.

Strategic Objectives

- Raise awareness of AIS threats among seasonal residents and visitors.
- Support funding and deployment of decontamination units.
- Advocate for strong inspection protocols and infrastructure.
- Collaborate with Parks Canada and other agencies on prevention strategies.

Key Actions & Outcomes

AIS Defence Fund Campaign Support with $5,000 donation

- Goal: Raise $29,800 by May 1 to purchase two decontamination units (Waskesiu Foundation campaign)
- Outcome: Target met through donations from residents, businesses, and WSRA members
- Impact: Units deployed to complement Parks Canada's inspection program

Raise Community Awareness

- Goal: Increase education and understanding of AIS among seasonal residents and visitors
- Outcome: Target achieved through communications including:

March 3: shared info from the Waskesiu Foundation
April 4: shared Parks newsletter that addressed AIS
April 29: shared update email from the Waskesiu Foundation
May 13: shared WSRA newsletter that had lots of info on AIS from various organizations; newsletter summary was also printed & posted to bulletin boards

- Impact: Focus on changing behaviour (e.g. cleaning boats and gear) since outreach is known to be the most effective way to prevent AIS spread

8. **Governance**

Governance Report (sent in advance as part of the AGM package; parts of report highlighted in person by Kurt Wintermute)

In accordance with Section 7.3 of our Bylaws, any Individual Member whose membership is in good standing and who wishes to be considered for a vacant Board position at the upcoming AGM is required to provide the Board on or before June 30th with**:**

- A document acknowledging the Individual's consent for nomination as a director; and
- No more than a half page document outlining the Individual's biographical background.

There are 5 Directors whose term will be expiring at the August 30, 2025 AGM: two (2) in the Cottage Area, two (2) in the Cabin Area and one (1) in the Open category (Cabin or Cottage area). The incumbent Directors currently in those 5 Director positions have all advised the Board of their intention to seek re-election at the upcoming AGM, including:

Cottage Area: Jennifer Wood and Robert Hawkins
Cabin Area: Kurt Wintermute and Terry Baerg
Open Category: Paul Pinder

Bios of the incumbent Directors in those 5 Director positions are listed below.

No other expressions of interest were received from any Individual Member to pursue a Director position. A Motion will be made to elect the following Members to the Board of Directors in the following Categories for 2-year terms:

Cottage Area: Jennifer Wood and Robert Hawkins
Cabin Area: Kurt Wintermute and Terry Baerg
Open Category: Paul Pinder

It is anticipated that following Motion made at the August 30, 2025 AGM, the nine (9) Directors positions of the WSRA will be as follows:

1) Cottage area
    - Jennifer Wood: 2-year term
    - Robert Hawkins: 2-year term
    - Ron Jones: 1 year remaining

2) Cabin area
    - Kurt Wintermute: 2-year term
    - Terry Baerg: 2-year term
    - Rob Oswald: 1 year remaining

3) Open category
    - Paul Pinder: 2-year term
    - Tom Holfeld: 1 year remaining
    - Josh Opheim: 1 year remaining

Jennifer Wood (Cottage)
Jennifer Wood has a professional and educational background in business and governance. She has owned and operated various businesses in Alberta and Saskatchewan predominately in the livestock industry. Currently, Jennifer and her husband Jake run a cow, calf and grazing operation based in Alberta and a commercial redevelopment project in Waskesiu. Jennifer has had a long history of serving on various boards throughout her career and continues to do so. Most notably, Jennifer is past Chair of AFSC and is the Board Chair of UFA. Jennifer has served on the board of WSRA since 2017 and is the current Chair of the board. Past positions on WSRA included Chair of Governance and she continues to serve on the Cottage Development Guidelines, Cabin Guidelines and Governance committees. Jennifer has also been a councillor of the Waskesiu Community Council since 2018.

Jennifer has been coming to Waskesiu her whole life growing up on the flower streets. In 1996 Jennifer and Jake and were fortunate to buy a cottage of their own on Prospect Point. Jennifer is passionate about the well-being of Waskesiu and PANP and wants to ensure that it remains sustainable for future generations to enjoy.

Robert Hawkins (Cottage)
Robert Hawkins completed his post-secondary education at the University of Manitoba in 1979, and has been resident in Saskatchewan since then.

Mr. Hawkins was involved with Del-Air Systems from 1981 to 2009, initially as an employee, then as an owner and President. Robert was also Director of Hog Development for Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. He was also President of Western Building Centres Ltd., and General Manager of Wild West Steelhead.

In his career, Robert has been Chairman and President of the Prairie Implement Manufacturers Association (PIMA); Chairman and Director of the Saskatchewan Research Council; Director of Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP);

Chairman and Director of Nu-Fab Building Products; Director of the International Centre for Agricultural Science and Technology (ICAST); and served on the Provincial Action Committee on the Economy (PACE).

Mr. Hawkins has served his community on the Public School Board and as Chairman and Governor of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He has also served on various condominium boards.

Robert is a resident of Saskatoon and Waskesiu.

Kurt Wintermute (Cabin)
Kurt Wintermute is a partner and senior tax litigation lawyer with the law firm MLT Aikins LLP in Saskatoon, has been coming to Waskesiu all his life, and has been a cabin owner since 2007, owning cabins in both the 30 foot and 40 foot lot areas. Kurt is very familiar with all of the issues that have affected cabin and cottage owners over the years, and is able to offer his legal background and experience to the Board. Kurt has served on the Board of the WSRA since 2019.

Terry Baerg (Cabin)
Terry graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2006 and earned his CPA designation in 2008. Terry has over a decade of professional experience and has specialized in Canadian taxation for the past thirteen years. Terry holds extensive experience in corporate reorganizations, estate planning, trusts, mergers and acquisitions, tax issues surrounding insurance, owner-manager remuneration and related tax planning. He has completed the CICA In-Depth Tax Course, GST In-Depth Course, and the CICA Corporate Reorganizations Course. Terry has also written and presented on a variety of tax topics for several businesses in Saskatoon and surrounding area. His clients are diverse and include medical and dental professionals, legal professionals, home building and lumberyards, retailers, manufacturers, engineers, investment and insurance dealers, agriculture producers, and land developers. Terry is a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Tax Foundation.

Outside of the office, Terry enjoys spending time with his wife CoraLee and their son Ethan and daughter Mia. Terry has a cabin on one of the bird streets in Waskesiu. Terry has served on the WSRA Board since 2022.

Paul Pinder (Cottage)
Paul Pinder P.Eng, has recently retired from being the General Manager of Associated Engineering (Sask.) Ltd. His background is in Transportation Engineering. Paul is a third generation Waskesiu seasonal resident. He has been the part owner of a cottage since 1989 and full owner of his cottage since 2015. Paul lives in the "flower" streets area and has gotten to know many of the cottage owners, in his area, through canvassing for WSRA memberships over the years. Paul has served on the Board of the WSRA since 2017.

Elect the Nominees as Directors of the WSRA Board for 2 year terms:
Motion to elect the following Members to the Board of Directors in the following Categories for 2-year terms:

Cottage Area: Jennifer Wood and Robert Hawkins
Cabin Area: Kurt Wintermute and Terry Baerg
Open Category: Paul Pinder.

Cathy Cyr/Mona Finlayson *Carried*

Full slate of WSRA Directors as result of the above motion August 30, 2025:
Cottage area

- Jennifer Wood: 2-year term
- Robert Hawkins: 2-year term
- Ron Jones: 1 year remaining

Cabin area

- Kurt Wintermute: 2-year term
- Terry Baerg: 2-year term
- Rob Oswald: 1 year remaining

Open category

- Paul Pinder: 2-year term
- Tom Holfeld: 1 year remaining
- Josh Opheim: 1 year remaining

WSRA Member Questionnaire

- At the 2024 AGM, questions were posed by WSRA members regarding the possibility of using various video conferencing technology to provide greater access to observe and/or participate in the AGM, which are not permitted by our current Bylaws. A separate issue involving alternate forms of voting was raised.
- Concept was to circulate a questionnaire to assess the interest of members in altering the way AGMs are held and/or for allowing an alternate form of voting.
- Questionnaire to serve as a guide to the Board to determine whether moving forward with changes to the AGM would be appropriate (which would require changes to the Bylaws to be passed by 80% or more of the members voting at an AGM).
- Provided 2 weeks to complete the questionnaire; understand a few people had difficulty; reached out to those who contacted us, and their results were part of the summary shared in advanced of the AGM
- Responses to questions showing two-thirds support or a strong indication of general support – should consider it or consider drafting bylaws to the full membership

- Q3 hybrid AGM (in person and online) – 46% willing to pay the incremental cost through increased membership fees to host annual hybrid AGMs
- Q4 annual membership fees in the range of $50-$75 per member to host hybrid AGMs – 38% yes; 49% no
    - Discussed equipment & tech needed such as camera broadcasting person speaking, camera on person on floor asking a question, larger screen, internet boosters, platform (some are free for a certain level or time period; can be as high as $5.40 per user; technical support needed to do this)
    - Talked to companies such as Saskatoon Audio Visual and WBM; quotes $6 to $7 on the low end and $10 to $12 on the high end which is where the $50-$75 price range came from; at that range, support dropped to 38%
- Q5 presented other forms of AGMs – on this result status quo of AGM to continue to be held in person only was the number one ranked preference
    - Significant group was interested in watching/listening online (with no online voting or participation) – we take note of that
- Q6 – alternate forms of voting – mail in, advance voting, proxy voting, status quo – status quo was top choice, but there was interest in advance voting or mail in voting
- Q7 – if AGM is held in person with a video conference option allowing members to fully participate online (ask questions & vote); are you in favour of allowing alternate form of voting – significant number here
- Q8 – proxy voting – generally not significant support for proxy voting; based on these results it would not pass at an AGM
- 127 people participated; about a third of our membership
- Membership feedback to the discussion included a comment that a call out to members with experience running AGMs could help reduce costs; suggestion to host as a webinar; suggestion to consider Zoom; thanks expressed for a substantive discussion and for responding to the questions in a mindful way
- Will gather information at this meeting and will take it back to the governance committee/board to discuss – if something requires a bylaw amendment, we will prepare that; noted a lot of comments were received and will consider those comments in our discussions

9. **Cottage Development Guidelines**

Update on Waskesiu Cottage Development Guidelines (sent in advance as part of the AGM package; parts of report highlighted in person by Kurt Wintermute)

- Multiple meetings occurred between the WSRA/WCC working group and Parks Canada Agency (“PCA”) since the 2024 AGM, with several new drafts of the Cottage Development Guidelines 2025 being exchanged
- Main points of contention continued to be:
    - Parking Stalls
        - the numbers of stalls required,
        - the necessity of 2 stalls, and

        - when a cottage owner would need to comply with 2 stall requirement exceptions/variances
    - Covered Decks
        - Meaning and criteria
        - Past approvals
        - Calculation of Floor Area involving Cottage, Accessory Building and/or Covered Decks
    - Definitions
        - Patio, Porch, Terrace, Deck, Roofed Porch, Roofed Terrace
- On May 27, 2025, the WSRA hosted an MS Teams Meeting to provide a PowerPoint presentation updating Members on the draft Cottage Development Guidelines 2025 and summarizing the main points.
- This PowerPoint Presentation was posted on the WSRA website and can be found: Update on Cottage Development Guidelines as of May 27, 2025
- A final version of the draft Guidelines was presented by the WSRA/WCC working committee to PCA on June 14, 2025
- On June 30, 2025, PCA advised that:
    - *Final comments received from the working group, and we have now implemented the "working draft" for the delayed and new cottage development applications.*
    - *We will circulate through PCA Realty & DOJ for final review.*
- To date, the WSRA/WCC working committee had not heard further from PCA in regard to the PCA Realty & Department of Justice final review.
- We have been informed by PCA that the Waskesiu is the most advanced of all National Parks with Cottages in the development of the new Cottage Development Guidelines

Discussion included:

- Historically cottage owners have had 1 parking stall; Parks wants 2 stalls
- If you have one parking stall you're grandfathered as long as you're not making significant changes
- If you build new, materially change the landscaping or site plan, if you add a bedroom or den you need another stall
- If you're not going to add a bedroom, office or den you can increase your floor area that is less than 85% of your cottage you don't have to come up with another spot; variance you can apply if your lot can't support it
- Covered deck – now you can have a combination of 1400 sq ft; end of the day can't have more than 1400 sq ft for cottage and 400 sq ft for an accessory building/covered deck
- Cottage development guidelines not formally accepted yet but are being formally applied
- What we've pushed for are important to cottage owners in Waskesiu; from the Parks perspective they have to make sure they are following the Regulations as guidelines cannot overrule Regulations

- Has been a big effort between Parks, Waskesiu Community Council and WSRA; demonstrates working together for the betterment of the community
- If you have questions, email the WSRA

10. **WSRA Question & Answer Session**

Discussion, comments and questions included:

- Does Parks have a plan (or insurance) in place for replacing infrastructure due to a catastrophic event (such as fire) that our cabins/cottages are dependent upon?
    - Does Parks have to provide infrastructure as part of the lease?
- Are there provisions to rebuild if you're cottage is destroyed (by fire for example)? Yes, there is a grandfathering clause that would apply.
- Cabin guidelines are our next project; deck non-compliance is one issue we're highly aware of
- Aquatic invasive species (AIS) comments
    - Need to understand the significance of AIS and its impact on the environment, property values, etc.
    - Encouraged to learn from others (jurisdictions, parks, etc.)
    - Suggestion to increase awareness, education and inspection of watercraft
    - Comment that money should not be a roadblock to AIS prevention; individuals, Foundation, etc. may be a resource
    - WSRA has individuals on an AIS committee who collaborate with a joint committee in Waskesiu; suggestion to discuss with these groups further
- Blue-green algae – suggestion to post about this on the beaches

11. **Other Business/Business Arising**
    - Save the date: August 2, 2026 AGM at Terrace Gardens
    - Secured this venue for the next 3 years on the August long weekend

12. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 10:18 am.
Tom Holfeld *Carried*

Parks Canada Aquatic Invasive Species Presentation and Q & A to follow AGM