



The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA) was formed in 2008 as the result of the merger of the Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association Inc., and the PANP Cottage Owners Association Inc.

Important Dates

June

16-18	- Waskesiu Open Tennis Tournament
21	- National Aboriginal Day

July

1	- Canada Day: 150 th Birthday Celebrations*
8	- Waskesiu Foundation Annual Dinner - Waskesiu Heritage Museum Yard Sale
15	- Children's Festival
20	- Diamond Dinner Ladies Night – Mini Golf Fundraiser
20-30	- Art Fest
22	- Three Island Paddle and Music Festival, serving breakfast and lunch!

Weekly Events:

- Yoga in the Park, July 1st – Sept 3rd
- Zumba Classes, Rec Centre; Waskesiu Lake Lodge, July 3rd – Aug 30th
- Children's Tennis Lessons, July 3rd – Aug 23rd
- Bingo, Wednesdays, July 5th – Aug 23rd

* **Canada Day:** Pancake Breakfast, Parade, BEER GARDENS and other Festivities. See posters or Chamber/Recreation office for further details

August

5	- 11 th Annual Rock N Roll Dance
6	- Grey Owl Howl - Waskesiu Community Council's By-Election @ Chamber of Commerce, 10am till 4pm - WSRA AGM @ Community Hall (10 am)
7	- Saskatchewan Provincial Holiday
12-13	- 12 th : Heritage Day at the Waskesiu Heritage Museum - Frank Dunn Triathlon Pancake Breakfast - Frank Dunn Triathlon
13	- Waskesiu Community Council AGM (1 pm)
14-18	- Juniors Lobstick Golf Tournament
21-25	- Conexus Ladies Lobstick Golf Tournament
25-27	- Waskesiu Lakeside Festival
28-30	- Conexus Lobstick ProAm

Sept

3-5	- Labour Day Long Weekend, watch for possible events! - 3 rd : Crown the King Openwater Swim
8-10	- Reel Rave Film Festival
15-17	- 16 th Annual MS Society Bike Tour
23	- Otter Limits Fun Run

For more complete information about this season's **events**, Park **interpretive activities**, and **recreational activities** please visit:

- www.waskesiu.org/events
- www.parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert
- Twitter: @ParksCanada_SK
- www.waskesiolake.ca/events

2017 WSRA President's Report

By Rob Phillips, President of the WSRA

The WSRA is currently discussing and working towards a set of cottage area construction guidelines (for Waskesiu) with Parks Canada that will reflect the Waskesiu townsite's specific layout of properties and clearly state the site requirements for clarity to the developer. Parks Canada has undertaken a review of the regulations regarding construction within Parks in general, including cottages. This project will not be through most of its process before 2019.

In the fall of 2016 a significant project started on upgrading the boat docking area of the Waskesiu Lake Marina. The marina will now have approximately 300 boat mooring stalls at the main location plus additional sites at both the Narrows and the Heart Lakes.

The Waskesiu liquor store was one of the 40 stores slated for privatization in 2016. The store is now in private hands and is operating out of the same location.

The Grey Owl Howl is a long-standing August long weekend event organized by a group of volunteers. We are looking for people to come out and assist with this year's event. Please contact Rob Phillips at 306-229-1650 via phone call or text with your contact information if you are interested in volunteering.

The WSRA AGM is **Sunday August 6th at 10 am.** The location has been changed to the Community Hall.

I am looking forward to a great summer at Waskesiu and to seeing you there!

Greetings!

From PANP Superintendent David Britton

This year, we will be marking the 150th anniversary of Confederation and, as part of the celebration, the federal government has provided for free entry to all national parks and national historic sites for all visitors for this year. With this incentive, we expect to have a very busy summer in Waskesiu and have spent considerable time over the course of the winter planning to ensure that we can offer great experiences to a potentially greater-than-usual number of visitors.

Amongst the highlights for Parks Canada for this year are the grand opening of the Nature Centre with brand new exhibits that were designed with input from local Indigenous partners; the completion of the infrastructure work on the Waskesiu Marina, including the docks; and upgrades to the water and wastewater systems in the townsite.

Looking forward to the fall, we'll also be undertaking upgrades to campsites and roadways in the Beaver Glen and Narrows campgrounds and replacing the large and small beach houses on the Waskesiu waterfront. In addition to this infrastructure work, we're looking forward to our usual selection of special events, including Canada Day, Learn to Camp, the Children's Festival and the Lakeside Festival, amongst many others. After a long, quiet winter in Waskesiu, the park staff and I are looking forward to the return of the seasonal residents and we look forward to celebrating Canada's 150th together with you!



Waskesiu Community Council Update - A Message from the Chair

*By Jim Kerby, Chair & Cottage Owners'
Representative*

It is again an honour to bring greetings to the members of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association on behalf of the Waskesiu Community Council.

The Community Council is formally recognized as the "*voice of the Waskesiu community*" pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with Parks Canada Agency signed in 2002. The Community Council - which is your Council - is currently comprised of Jim Kerby (Chair), Nancy Wood Archer (Vice-Chair), Brent Hamel (Secretary-Treasurer), Bryan Matheson, Randy Kershaw, and Janice MacKinnon. We continue to be ably assisted by our very talented Administrator, Noreen Matthews.

2017 By-Election – Member at Large

There will be a By-Election held in August to fill a vacancy on Council for a vacant "Member at Large" position. Please consider being a candidate, or encouraging another qualified individual to run for Council. Note that the nomination forms (available on-line) must be filed by not later than **Friday, July 7, 2017**. More information can be obtained by speaking with any Councilor, or on-line at www.waskesiu.org.

Successfully Implementing Waskesiu's "Community Action Plan"

The Waskesiu Community Council was very proud to spearhead the "Waskesiu 2020 & Beyond" initiative. We are pleased to be working in conjunction with the WSRA, Parks Canada, the Waskesiu Foundation, the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, the Waskesiu Recreation Association, the Waskesiu Heritage Museum, Friends of the Park, and other groups in our community to continually improve Waskesiu, as part of fulfilling the "Community Action Plan".

We strongly urge you to learn more about this very important initiative and, above all, to be part of making

Waskesiu an even better place for you, your family, and for the generations that follow.

"Canada 150" Celebrations

This is a very special year for Canada, and for Prince Albert National Park. As part of the "Canada 150" celebrations, the Government of Canada has made access to all national parks free of charge in 2017. As a result, we expect to have significantly increased visitation this year to Waskesiu, and to the Park generally. That is great news for our business community - and our chance to share the beauty of "Saskatchewan's playground" with even more Canadians. So, get ready to celebrate Canada Day on July 1st, to "rock on" at the Waskesiu Lakeside Music Festival (August 25-27), and to celebrate throughout the entire summer by attending fantastic events for the whole family!

Council Initiatives

In addition to the new SaskTel stealth tower in the Red Deer campground (and LTE coverage now being switched on for our community), Council is working with Parks Canada, the WSRA, and the Waskesiu Chamber, to see if high speed DSL (wired) services, and improved wireless services, can be brought to Waskesiu soon. Council has also worked with Parks Canada Agency to support an initiative that allowed iNet2000 to access a previously decommissioned tower owned by Parks Canada, and located near the Height of Land. It is expected that iNet2000 will have all its additional equipment installed soon, helping to further enhance the quality of wireless communications in the townsite.

2017 Annual General Meeting – Mark Your Calendars

You are cordially invited to join us for the Waskesiu Community Council's 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year's meeting is on **Sunday, August 13th, 2017**, at 1:00 p.m. at Terrace Gardens in Waskesiu. Come early for a great deal on a barbequed hamburger and drink - and help support the Waskesiu Volunteer Fire Department at the same time! We look forward to seeing you there.

The Community Council extends sincere thanks to the WSRA for all your past and ongoing support. Be sure to celebrate living in the best country in the world as part of "Canada 150" this year, and have a great summer enjoying beautiful Prince Albert National Park - "Saskatchewan's playground".

Waskesiu Heritage Museum

What's in a name?

"Shady Rest", "Noah's Ark", and "Cozy Nook" evoke memories of bygone days when seasonal residents at Waskesiu had the quaint custom of naming their cabins and cottages. These charming names often had family significance or interesting stories about their origins. Did your summer abode have a name? When you purchased your cabin or cottage, did the former owner call their property something? The Waskesiu Heritage Museum would like to collect these names as part of our shared history. Please contact the museum via email (info@waskesiuheritagemuseum.org), phone (306) 551-3256 or drop in to the shack tent this summer.

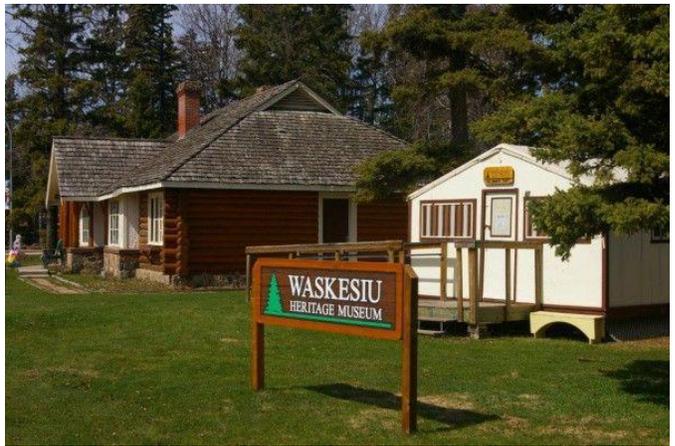


Much Appreciated!

The Museum greatly appreciates the ongoing support from our local community as visitors at the museum and events, as volunteers and donors, at Bingo, and with our annual kayak raffle. Buy tickets on this year's Delta 12 foot Thermoform kayak package that features a **Canada 150** design. See photos on our website, <http://waskesiuheritagemuseum.org>. This year, the proceeds of the raffle will help fund the restoration of the shack tent. Watch for more information about the project involving our iconic shack tent display.



Circa, 1948



Park Theatre, 1953

The Waskesiu Foundation— A Message from the Chair

By Derwin Arnstead

The anticipation of returning to Waskesiu makes this a special time of year for me. I love Waskesiu, just as you do. Did you know there are over **two million reasons to love Waskesiu?** Thanks to WSRA members and others who have supported the Waskesiu Foundation, over \$2 million has been raised and invested in our Park. Thanks a million – Twice!

Camp Kitchens. Two families generously sponsored two new camp kitchens that will be ready for the 2017 season. The Roy family sponsored one at the Narrows Day Use Area in memory of their son, brother, and uncle, Chris. The previous camp kitchen had been subject to flooding, so the new one is on higher ground. The second new camp kitchen was sponsored by the Jones and Davidson families in memory of their parents, Vic and Pearl Davidson. It is located at Point View Day Use Area, which is on the lake shore, just past the marina. This camp kitchen is an upgrade, replacing the previous small shelter while retaining the stone fireplace. Now every camp kitchen in the townsite and around Waskesiu Lake has been refurbished or built new, thanks to the community's generosity. We also thank Parks Canada for its continued partnership with the Waskesiu Foundation to enhance the Waskesiu experience.

The Waskesiu Recreation Area Renewal is progressing with the Waskesiu Recreation Association (WRA). Much more than constructing a mini-golf, it is a set of initiatives taking place over time to improve opportunities on the WRA's property at the corner of Montreal and Waskesiu Drives. The Rawlinson family kindly sponsored resurfacing the tennis courts in 2016, with the addition of lines on two courts for pickle ball. Stantec, a professional landscape architect is designing a "Master Plan" for the area. It will outline landscaping, identify locations for an upgraded sports court and new activities; possibilities are volleyball, basketball, shuffleboard, bocce ball, badminton, fitness, yoga, or tetherball. A 'community message centre' sign at the corner of the property will be installed this year to promote community events, recreation facilities and

programs. The mini-golf conceptual design reflects natural, historical and cultural themes from Waskesiu and Prince Albert National Park. Imagine a first hole with a recognizable Lobstick tree in the middle! Or navigate your ball around a family of loons or pelicans, a rail cart or canoe, or re-created natural challenges like beaches and beaver dams. COST of Wisconsin Inc., a specialty mini-golf theme and construction service company has been retained as the contractor. Next steps are to complete the mini-golf design and costing. If enough donations are received in summer 2017, the mini-golf will be operational in 2018. Please read further information and consider a tax-deductible donation at our website, waskesiufoundation.ca .

It's a Garden Party! Do not miss the Garden Party, our annual donor recognition and fundraising dinner on Saturday, July 8th. Join us for a delightful evening of food, fun & fundraising amidst an elegant and whimsical garden setting. You can add an amazing auction item to your cabin collection. Tickets are available on waskesiufoundation.ca and are eligible for a partial tax receipt. Act soon, because this event sells out quickly. Even if you cannot attend, please buy a 'No Show' ticket or consider a sponsorship, both available on our website. These both allow you to support Waskesiu and are eligible for a full tax receipt.

New Faces. The Waskesiu Foundation volunteer board members work on their own time to make Waskesiu a better place. Two new directors have joined the board in the past year, Charmaine Wintermute and Don Ravis. It is a pleasure and an asset to have them on the board. Thanks to outgoing directors, Jake Burlet and Randy Kershaw for their years of service.

Social Media. We regularly post Waskesiu news and photos on the Waskesiu Foundation's Twitter and Facebook accounts. Follow us to stay in touch with happenings in Waskesiu wherever you are.

Spring 2017 Waskesiu Townsite Report

By Gregg Rutten, Townsite Manager, PANP

Townsite/Realty Office

Gregg Rutten – Townsite Manager
Paulette Hodgson – Administrative Services Officer, cabin area development and business licencing
Coralee Vaillancourt – Lease Administrator, cottage and commercial development projects

Road Weight Restrictions

Heavy loads are not permitted on paved residential streets during the spring summer and fall. PANP and Waskesiu Community Council want to preserve the roadways. Please check with the Townsite Office prior to hauling heavy items like buildings, landscaping materials, or gravel to leasehold lots. A copy of the *Prince Albert National Park Building Moving Directive* can be found on the waskesiu.org website

Cabin Sewer Connections

Over the years, townsite office staff have received reports of small sewer spills in the cabin area, due to seasonal shifting of cabins which affects plumbing connections. Cabin owners are advised to check all connections under the cabin when turning on the water for the season, to ensure leaks are detected and repaired promptly.

Waskesiu Lakeside Music Festival

The third annual Waskesiu Lakeside Festival will be held on August 26, 2017. This year promises to be bigger and better to coincide with Canada 150 celebrations! Thank you to all of the cabin and cottage owners who supported the event and to those who volunteered. Your participation made the event a success! Anyone interested in volunteering for the 2017 Waskesiu Lakeside Music Festival is encouraged to contact the townsite office. We will put you in touch with the volunteer coordinator for the festival.

For more information, please call the Townsite office at 306-663-4520 for assistance.



Canada Day Parade



Photos taken by Diane Roddy in Prince Albert National Park.

Waskesiu Recreation Association

By Marissa Glanville

Another beautiful summer at the lake is upon us, I hope everyone wintered well! My name is Marissa Glanville and I have the pleasure to be your Recreation Coordinator for the second time around, during summer 2017.

Recreation Memberships

Membership Rates have been lowered for the season! \$200 for a Seasonal Family Membership! That gets you rentals of ALL our recreational equipment, use of the courts and all other recreational activities that we offer, PLUS a discounted price in children's Tennis Lessons.

Tennis

Drop-in Tennis is on Wednesday mornings, 10am-12pm and Friday evenings, 6-8pm. This is for all skill levels to come together and enjoy the sport of tennis.

Tennis Lessons

Jacob and Julianne Bulet are going to be our Tennis Instructors for their second summer this coming July and August. You can sign up your children (ages 4-12) in the recreation office or by email (contact information below).

Pickleball

Pickleball is as hot as ever! The Drop-in Adult Pickleball times are Tuesday mornings 10am-12pm and Sunday evenings 6-8pm. We also have Family Pickleball Drop-ins again on Thursday mornings from 10am-12pm. Great for all ages! Don't judge until you come out and play. You'll most likely find it enjoyable and be back to play again!

Lawn Bowling

Bird Street Bowl takes place on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm. This is a great activity to do with the whole family, or an activity to come and socialize with your neighbours, you choose!

Running & Walking Club

Please stop by and I will give you more details!

Bootcamp

Every Monday & Wednesday in the summer come join us at 8:00am at the Tennis Courts for *Tabata* Bootcamp. It's as intense or as casual as you make it. If you are looking for a workout buddy or a group to push you, this is a great opportunity to come try it out!! All ages are welcome!

Children Activities

- Basketball Skills & Drills- Friday from 10-10:30am
- Children Crafts- Saturday mornings at 10am
- Tennis Lessons- Monday to Thursday from 9-10am
- Kids Duathlon (the Saturday before the Frank Dunn Triathlon) August 12th at 2:00PM

Teen & Young Adult Games

Wednesday nights from 6-7pm (times may vary) come on out and get active while having fun with your friends! We will be switching it up and alternating games most weeks. Playing some Ultimate Frisbee, Slow Pitch, Spikeball, Kickball, Volleyball, Basketball and maybe even a fan favourite, Dodgeball!!

Canada Day Celebrations

As we all know this is a big year, so a big celebration! Anyone is interested in volunteering for the weekend, shoot me an email, it will be much appreciated. There will be Canada Day posters going up in the next couple weeks confirming the events of the weekend.

Parade

Because of the big year, I would like to see a Big Parade! If anyone would like to put in a float, please feel free!! Get your neighbours together and your creative minds together to put your street float into Waskesiu Canada Day Parade!! Or if you would like to show off your sweet ride, you are more than welcome! This is your town, so come be a part of the big 150 Parade Celebration! Email me or drop by to sign the Parade registration form!

Keep updated with Waskesiu Recreation by posts on Instagram, Snapchat, posters around town and good old fashion word of mouth! Hope to see everyone out and active this summer!



Waskesiu Recreation Association - “Waskesiu Mini Golf” Project

Waskesiu Mini Golf Project fundraising has been ongoing for some time, and we have now reached approximately 80% of our target. To date, most of our fundraising efforts have been focussed on identifying corporate donors and hole sponsors – efforts that resulted in meaningful success. We wish to thank everyone that has already donated. While a few hole sponsorships are still available, this spring and summer we are looking to all Waskesiu residents and visitors to donate so that we can reach our fundraising goal before August 31st.

This important project, including our fundraising program, is a collaborative effort between many community stakeholders, including the Waskesiu Foundation, the Waskesiu Recreation Association, the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, Parks Canada Agency, and the Waskesiu Community Council.

If you would like to contribute or have further questions please contact the Waskesiu Recreation Association at 306-663-5410 or waskesiurecreation@gmail.com, Committee Members Myrna Nagy at 306-961-1849 or Janice Fagnou at 306-220-2615, or simply visit the Waskesiu Foundation website at www.waskesiufoundation.ca and go to the “Donate” tab. Be sure to choose “Recreation Renewal/Mini Golf” from the drop down menu.

Together we can realize this dream and provide Waskesiu with a new, fun and challenging Mini Golf Course, and upgraded and revitalized recreational opportunities for everyone to enjoy!



Photos taken by Sheila Gange in Prince Albert National Park.

Contact Information

Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA)

So... Just What Does the WSRA Do?

The WSRA is a not for profit association. We work with Parks Canada, the Waskesiu Community Council and other organizations and officials within Prince Albert National Park (PANP) on matters that concern the cabin and cottage owners that are seasonal residents in the Waskesiu townsite. Those matters include *the occupancy, use, maintenance, leasing and improvement of cottages and cabins, and the areas in which they are located.*

We also:

- Promote understanding and co-operation between leaseholders and others using PANP
- Work to protect and enhance the environment, infrastructure, and recreational and cultural facilities within the Waskesiu townsite, and
- Provide a forum to discuss and share information on matters of concern to leaseholders.

A volunteer Board of Directors that is elected or appointed looks after the business and affairs of the WSRA. Directors should be a mix of women and men that represent the cabin and cottage area as equally as possible.

Our website is housed within Waskesiu.org, at http://www.waskesiu.org/seasonal_residents.html. Our email address is WaskesiuSRV@gmail.com

Board of Directors

Rob Phillips (President)
Herb Pinder (Chair)
Sheila Gagne (Secretary)
Conor Quinn (Treasurer)
Gerry Gilchrist
Richard Kilburn
Paul Pinder
Jennifer Wood
Wayne Perkins
Kelly Prodanuk

Committees

Membership: Gerry Gilchrist
Nomination & Governance: Herb Pinder, Rob Phillips, Jennifer Wood
Social: Rob Phillips
Cabin & Cottage Regulation Review & Lease Issues:
 Rob Phillips, Gerry Gilchrist, Sheila Gagne (cabins)
 Herb Pinder, Jennifer Wood (cottages)
Communications: Wayne Perkins, Sheila Gagne
Communications & Administration: WaskesiuSRA@gmail.com

How to Keep in Touch:

Website: http://waskesiu.org/seasonal_residents.html
Email Address: WaskesiuSRA@gmail.com

Aug

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- WSRA Annual General Meeting, 10 am at the Community Hall

Membership Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA)

Save Money by Renewing for Five Years!

In order to drastically reduce the effort required of volunteer canvassers who go door-to-door each year collecting WSRA memberships, **the membership fee structure is set up so that you save money by renewing your membership for 5 years**, as follows:

Annual Membership Fee: \$30
5-Year Membership Fee: \$100

This fee structure allows canvassers to concentrate on signing up new members, which will make our voice in the Park stronger. And you'll have fewer interruptions during your time at the lake. Payment can still be made by cash or cheque, and we are also offering an electronic method of payment as well. *Thank you to those who are already on multi-year memberships.* At the end of the period you are prepaid for, we'll be around again to sign you up for another 5 years.

How will you know when you are paid up until? All members will be provided with the window sticker shown here, with an accompanying date sticker that shows when your membership is good for. Your membership canvasser will have them available, and they can also be picked up from Gerry Gilchrist at 1511 Nighthawk (306-343-9300). We'll also provide you with a receipt for your records, and be able to check the date paid until in the WSRA membership database.



You can also help reduce the effort required by neighbourhood canvassers by filling out the form below, and

- Mailing it to Conor Quinn, at 28 Dunning Crescent, Regina S4S 3W1, or
- Bringing it along to the Annual General Meeting (August 6, 2017. 10 am, at the Community Hall)

Membership Form

Member Name(s):	
Email Address (for news updates):	
Cabin or Cottage Address at Waskesiu:	
Home Address in Winter Months:	
<p>Membership fee is \$30 per year. Five-year memberships save time and paperwork, and are \$100</p> <p><u>Correspondence:</u> Newsletters and Waskesiu News Updates from the WSRA and community partners are sent out by email, as news happens. Are you already a WSRA member, but have been missing the Waskesiu News email updates? Please send your current email to WaskesiuSRA@waskesiu.org, with a request that your contact information be updated.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do not have regular access to email and wish to receive these newsletters via Canada Post. Please ensure your mailing address (as noted above) is correct</p>	