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#### Since receiving the

approval of our respective members to consider and investigate a potential merger, the Directors of the P.A.N.P. Cottage Owners Association Inc. and the Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc. have been discussing the possibility of forming a single organization.

Earlier this winter a discussion paper outlining the possible advantages and disadvantages of a merger was circulated to members of both organizations. That discussion paper is posted on the Cottage Owners web page at:

#### www.waskesiu.org

under the heading "2008 Message to Cabin and Cottage Owners". At our Association's upcoming AGM – which is being held on July 12, 2008 at 2 p.m. in the Library Hall (located at the end of Montreal Drive) members will be asked to vote on whether to proceed with an amalgamation or not. The Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc. will meet on the same day and will vote on the same question.

You will be asked to vote on whether you are in favor of amalgamating (merging) our Cottage Owner's Association and the Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc. into one organization that will thereafter represent the members of both organizations.

The precise wording of the special resolution that our members will be asked to vote on is included in this Newsletter on page 6.

The vote requires the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at both meetings to pass. Each cottage lease is entitled to one vote.

A draft of the formal amalgamation agreement, including the proposed bylaws for the new amalgamated entity (which is to be called "*The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc.*"), is posted at: www.waskesiu.org .

If you require any clarification, or have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Board.

Our Association's Board is unanimous in recommending that we proceed with this proposed amalgamation.

## **High speed Internet coming to Waskesiu**

High Speed internet is coming to Waskesiu and Elk Ridge. Construction is under way by iNet of Prince Albert to deliver High Speed Internet this summer (2008). Please visit <u>www.waskesiu.org/waskesiuhighspeed</u> to read more details about this new service and learn how you can subscribe.

Notice of Annual General Meeting and Special Meeting

of the P.A.N.P. Cottage Owners Association Inc.

Saturday, July 12, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Library Hall, Waskesiu (located at the end of Montreal Drive)

Included in the agenda will be a vote on whether to approve the amalgamation of our Association with the Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc.

## A Message from the new Superintendent

"It was with great pleasure that I accepted the position of superintendent of Prince Albert National Park. The move is exciting form me because of the incredible opportunities the park offers residents and visitors, but it also means a return to the prairies for my family and I. Although my wife, Marilyn and I were both born and raised in central Alberta, we have lived in the Northwest Territories for the last 21 years. In 1998, I joined the Parks Canada team, working in the Western Arctic Region. As a boy of about 12, my family spent a glorious week camping, fishing, and canoeing in the Waskesiu area. I remember well Grey Owl's Cabin, the Kingsmere rail cart, the sandy beaches and my first golf game (unfortunately, my golf game is no better now than it was then). I consider myself blessed to now have the opportunity to learn more about this wonderful place from residents and staff, and to work and discover. Finally, I look forward to getting to know the people of Waskesiu over the coming months and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer in Prince Albert National Park."

Alan Fehr, Superintendent

Please join the Board of Directors in welcoming Alan, his wife, Marilyn, and their family to Prince Albert National Park. We certainly hope that they will enjoy their time here and all the wonderful seasons and people that make Waskesiu so special.

# **Eightieth Anniversary Celebrations**

2008 marks Prince Albert National Park's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Waskesiu Heritage Museum and Parks Canada are making plans to mark this special occasion in many ways.

## CPS – Rock 'n Roll Revival Dance & Celebration

CPS is sponsoring a dance (adults only) on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Assembly Hall.

The "*Rock 'n Roll Revival*" starts at 9:00 p.m. with a lunch at midnight.

Cost is only \$10 per ticket.

Tickets can be acquired from Barry Chapman, Rick Lokken, Bill Rawlinson, Paul Fahlman and Lina Hadley

#### Annual

## Grey Owl Howl

Family Dance and Good Time Food, Music, Games, Dancing, Prizes, Fun

> Sunday, August 3 Community Hall

Volunteers welcome Prizes galore generously supplied by your local businesses

# The Waskesiu Foundation Inc. Donor Recognition Dinner

This year's annual Waskesiu	Tickets for this year's Foundation
Foundation Donor Recognition Dinner	Dinner can be purchased at the
will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008	<i>Fish Tales Gallery</i> in
at the Hawood Inn in Waskesiu.	Waskesiu, or you can go to
Tickets are \$125.00 per person and a partial income tax receipt will be issued. All of the proceeds directly benefit our Waskesiu community. Come join your neighbors for an evening of great food, fun, and entertainment.	www.waskesiu.org and click on The Waskesiu Foundation Inc. link to download a ticket ordering form. Act fast, as this event is always sold out!

A message from Terry Schneider, Townsite Manager

Thanks to all residents of the community that have taken the time to move their watercraft that were inappropriately stored along the lakefront area in front of subdivisions 1 and 2. We have had over 90% compliance with the voluntary request for the public to comply with storing such watercraft on their leasehold sites instead of the public lands by the lakefront.

The Prince Albert National Park Annual General Meeting will be held on July 26, 2008, in the Community Hall.

A draft copy of the amended Waskesiu Community Plan will be made available to the Waskesiu Community Council in June, 2008 and copies of this draft will be made available for public review in July in time for the PANP annual general meeting. Several cottage and cabin lots are being considered for release to the public in the draft Waskesiu Community Plan. Please visit Parks Canada Townsite Office for more information related to this.

Again this year a Roll-Off Waste Bin will be located at the recycle depot area (at the rear of the parking lot beside the Post Office). This bin is for the disposal of small construction waste project materials, furniture, and scrap wood. Please use this bin to dispose of waste rather then piling waste beside the collection bins in the residential areas.

# Report from our Representative on the Waskesiu Community Council

The Waskesiu Community Council continues to deal with many important challenges.

Following community consultations last summer, Council pursued the local governance goal mandated by the community in 2006. In November, 2007, council representatives met with Parks Canada CEO, Alan Latourelle, to determine the level of interest in restarting local governance discussions. The response was positive.

Council members also met with Brad Wall prior to the provincial election on the local governance issue. More recently Council representatives met with Municipal Affairs Minister, Bill Hutchison, to discuss local governance issues and options. Mr. Hutchinson has undertaken to review the information and provide Council with a response in the near future.

Other very important issues have surfaced during the past year.

After discussions with Council Representatives, the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to continue operating the halls, tennis courts, and other recreational programs in 2008, but is looking to Council to assume a leadership role in recreation in 2009.

The Waskesiu Fire Department is in need of more volunteer firefighters. Parks Canada, with advice from Council, is developing a detailed plan for the fire department to ensure that there is a strong volunteer fire department in Waskesiu. That can only occur if volunteers come forward. All volunteers are paid an honorarium for time spent in training and fighting fires.

Other issues include a national land rent review and the revision of the Waskesiu Community Plan.

Finally, the 2008 utility budget for sewer, water, and garbage has been established. Overall the rates will increase by just under 10%, with the largest increase being for landfill use in Lakeland Rural Municipality. Utility bills will likely be mailed out in July.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact your representative on Council at (306) 663-5561 [phone or fax] or via e-mail at: johngloria\_stevenson@yahoo.com.

John Stevenson Cottage Owners Representative on WCC







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Below please find the legal wording of the Special Resolution regarding proposed amalgamation

### SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE P.A.N.P. COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.

## APPROVAL OF AMALGAMATION WITH THE WASKESIU CABIN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

WHEREAS it is considered to be in the best interests of the Corporation to amalgamate with the Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc. (the "Cabin Owners' Association") pursuant to Section 168(1) of The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995 (Saskatchewan);

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

- 1. **THAT** the Corporation amalgamate with the Cabin Owners' Association and that such amalgamation be carried out pursuant to the provisions of Section 168(1) of The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995 (Saskatchewan);
- 2. **THAT** the amalgamation of the Corporation with the Cabin Owners' Association (the "Amalgamation") shall take effect on a date to be determined by the Directors of the Corporation and in accordance with the terms of the amalgamation agreement between the Corporation and the Cabin Owners' Association dated for reference June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and approved by the Directors of the Corporation (the "Amalgamation Agreement"); and
- 3. **THAT** the President of the Corporation is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Amalgamation Agreement and all other documentation required to give effect to the Amalgamation, including any Statutory Declaration made pursuant to the Canada Evidence Act as may be required with respect to the Amalgamation.

The Cottage Owners Board of Directors unanimously recommends that members vote in favour of this amalgamation.

### Highlights of the Proposed Amalgamation Agreement and Bylaws

- The formal amalgamation agreement and bylaws will be posted at <u>www.waskesiu.org</u>, will be emailed to members, and will also be hand-delivered to all cottages in June. Highlights of these documents are as follows:
  - The new organization will be called "The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc." ("WSRA").
  - Both organizations will contribute all of their assets and liabilities to the new organization.
  - The WSRA will have nine (9) directors, with a minimum of three (3) directors being representatives from the cottage area and a minimum of three (3) directors being representatives from the cabin area.
  - For the first year following the amalgamation, and until elections are held at the Annual General Meeting of the WSRA in the summer of 2009, the directors of both organizations (as elected at the July 12, 2008 AGMs for both organizations) will serve as the Directors of WSRA (if they wish).
  - The directors will name a Chair and a President from their number with the condition that if the Chair is from the cottage area, the President must be from the cabin area, and *vice versa*.
  - The initial Chair of the WSRA will be Jim Kerby (the current P.A.N.P. Cottage Owners Association Inc. President), and the initial WSRA President will be Chris Arnstead (the current Cabin Owners' Association President). The Chair and President serve at the pleasure of the Board.
  - Each director has one vote at meetings. However, if the issue being voted on exclusively or primarily affects only the cabin area, then there must also be a majority of the cabin area directors voting in favor for the motion to pass. The same is true of matters pertaining primarily or exclusively to the cottage area, such that the vote would have to be approved both by a majority of all directors, and also by a majority of the cottage area directors for the motion to pass.
  - > Please see the complete documents for all details at <u>www.waskesiu.org</u>.
  - Questions may be directed to Jim Kerby (<u>JKerby@mlt.com</u>) or to any member of the Board.

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P.A.N.P. COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.	P.A.N.P. Cottage Owners Association Inc. Membership
PRESIDENT	2008 Association Membership Fees are <u>NOW DUE</u>
Jim Kerby	Complete the following form, and detach and mail the same with your cheque (payable to the "P.A.N.P.
DIRECTORS	Cottage Owners Association Inc.") to 151 Whiteshore Crescent, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7J 3W3
Grit McCreath	NAME:
Audrey MacKenzie	COTTAGE ADDRESS:
Lise McIntosh	MAILING ADDRESS:
Barry Chapman	
Joni MacKay	POSTAL CODE:
John Stevenson	PHONE NUMBER(S):
Jim Kerby	
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:
We're on the Web!	In accordance with protection of privacy legislation, please be assured that the confidentiality of this information will be maintained.
See us at:	Your assistance in providing us with an e-mail address will help to keep our Association administration costs low, and to greatly improve communications with our members.
www.waskesiu.org	

## Membership fees are only \$10.00 per year