



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

May	
21	- All businesses, attractions are open! - Lobstick Golf Club AGM

June	
7-9	- Conexus Senior Men's Lobstick Golf Tournament
13-18	- Conexus Men's Lobstick Golf Tournament
17-19	- Tennis Sask. Open 4.5, 3.5 Tournament
21	- National Aboriginal Day

July	
1	- Canada Day: Parade and Festivities, free entry into the park!
9	- Waskesiu Foundation Annual Dinner - Waskesiu Heritage Museum Yard Sale - Friends of the Park Yard Sale
14-17	- Ness Creek Music Festival
16	- Children's Festival
17	- WSRA AGM
23	- Three Island Paddle and Music Festival at the Heart Lakes
24	- Waskesiu Community Council AGM
30	- 10 th Annual Rock n Roll Dance
31	- Grey Owl Howl Family Dance

August	
1	- Saskatchewan Provincial Holiday
6	- Western Days (Christopher Lake)
7	- Frank Dunn Triathlon - Frank Dunn Triathlon Pancake Breakfast
12-14	- Northern Lights Bluegrass & Old Tyme Music Camp
13	- Museum Heritage Day
14	- Friends of the Park, Annual Fundraiser Dinner
15-19	- Juniors Lobstick Golf Tournament
22-26	- Conexus Ladies Lobstick Golf Tournament
26-28	- Waskesiu Lakeside Festival
30-31	- Conexus Lobstick ProAm

Sept	
3-5	- Labour Day Long Weekend, watch for possible events!
4	- Harbour Day in Prince Albert National Park
9	- Reel Rave International Film Festival
17	- 15 th Annual MS Society Bike Tour
24	- 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.waskesiulake.ca/events

2016 WSRA President's Report

By Mr. Rob Phillips, President of the WSRA

2015 was a good year with many positive events taking place in our townsite. The summer started off with a wonderful new playground being opened on the main beach. We are thankful to the Waskesiu Foundation, the community and Parks Canada for the support that allowed this project to go ahead.

In the fall of 2015 a significant project started on the upgrading of the Waskesiu Lake marina. Trees surrounding the marina were cut back, which will allow for much needed day parking and the expansion of boat storage facilities. Also, additional trees were removed from the entrance to the marina to allow for an upgrade to the entrance road.

In 2015 we saw the closing of our post office with the retirement of the existing post master. Now, with reorganization within the SLGA and an announcement from the provincial government, the Waskesiu liquor store is unfortunately one of 40 stores slated for privatization. As a community it is important that we have a strong business core and it is a concern to see services removed from our community and the potential for others to close. If you have concerns about these or other matters please voice your concerns to the Waskesiu Community council and Parks Canada in writing.

Over the winter months SaskPower removed trees that may have caused trouble with power lines within the townsite. This project is ongoing as tree growth is monitored from year to year

The Grey Owl Howl is a long standing, August long weekend event organized by a group of volunteers. We are looking for people to assist with this year's event. Please contact Rob Phillips at 306-229-1650 or text him at that number with your contact information.

I'm looking forward to a great summer at Waskesiu and all the memories it will generate for families and friends.

Greetings!

From PANP Superintendent David Britton

Greetings to the members of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association. My name is David Britton and I have recently begun work as the Superintendent of Prince Albert National Park. Originally from Ontario, I spent the first fourteen years of my career working in Ottawa, mainly in Parks Canada's national office. For the last five years, I've been working for Parks Canada in the field, most recently as the Superintendent of Nahanni National Park Reserve in the Northwest Territories. I arrived in Waskesiu at the beginning of March (when things were very quiet!) and am looking forward to seeing the community come to life over the course of the spring and summer.

I very much look forward to meeting and working with the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association and its members!



PANP Superintendent, David Britton

Waskesiu Community Council Update - A Message from the Chair

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

I am honored to bring greetings on behalf of the Waskesiu Community Council to the members of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (the "WSRA"). The Waskesiu Community Council truly values our relationship with the WSRA and its volunteer Board, and we thank you for the opportunity to, once again, be part of your spring newsletter.

The elected Community Council – which is recognized pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with Parks Canada Agency as the "voice of the Waskesiu community" - is comprised of Jim Kerby (Chair), Nancy Wood Archer (Vice-Chair), Brent Hamel (Secretary-Treasurer), Bryan Matheson, Randy Kershaw, Janice MacKinnon, and George Wilson; all ably assisted by our Administrator, Noreen Matthews.

Waskesiu 2020 & Beyond – Implementing Waskesiu's Community Action Plan

The Waskesiu Community Council was proud to spearhead - and continues to strongly support - the "Waskesiu 2020 & Beyond" project. We are very pleased to be working in conjunction with the WSRA, Parks Canada Agency, the Waskesiu Foundation, the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, the Waskesiu Heritage Museum, the Friends of the Park, and other groups in our community to make positive improvements throughout Waskesiu and area as part of the "Community Action Plan".

As you may know, the Community Action Plan was formally presented to the Waskesiu community as a whole at an Open House meeting on July 26, 2015 at Terrace Gardens. The Plan was enthusiastically (and, in fact, unanimously) endorsed by our community – thereby embracing a truly exciting opportunity to not only identify a common vision for Waskesiu, but endorsing a plan to help get us there.

If you care about Waskesiu's future 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. Please visit www.waskesiu.org to get all of the details.

Our waskesiu.org website continues to be widely used by those seeking information about Waskesiu and Prince Albert National Park. Please visit the site regularly to find out what is happening in your community. We are also pleased to report that waskesiu.org is getting a fresh new look for 2016 – including changes that will ensure the site is mobile friendly – making it easy for you to take a little bit of Waskesiu with you wherever you may go.

Other Initiatives & 2016 AGM

Council continues to be very pleased with the winter season security measures that have been put in place for the cabin and cottage areas. To the best of our knowledge there has been no 'break and enter' activity over the past four winters.

In addition to the recent installation of a new SaskTel stealth tower erected in the Red Deer campground, Council has worked with Parks Canada Agency to support an initiative that would allow iNet2000 to access a previously decommissioned tower located near the Height of Land. Discussions with Parks Canada Agency have been successful, and it is expected that iNet2000 will have additional equipment installed on the tower when summer arrives, helping to further enhance wireless communications in the townsite.

We cordially invite you to join us for a "Community Action Plan Update" - and our Waskesiu Community Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) - on Sunday, July 24th, 2016, at 10:00 am at Terrace Gardens. We look forward to seeing you there.

In closing, the Community Council extends its sincere thanks to the WSRA membership, and to your Board of Directors, for all of your past and ongoing support.

Have a wonderful summer everyone – and we will see you at the Lake!

The Waskesiu Foundation— A Message from the Chair

By Mr. Derwin Arnstead

The snow is gone, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and its time to think ahead to another upcoming season at the place we all hold dearly.

This is my first newsletter as Chair of the Waskesiu Foundation. I moved from Vice Chair to replace Jim Kerby when he became the Chair of the Waskesiu Community Council. The good news is he stayed on the Waskesiu Foundation Board as Past Chair. Since last year, we accepted Steven Woods' resignation, welcomed Anil Pandila and Gord Thompson as new Directors, and welcomed Randy Kershaw back as a Director. The Waskesiu Foundation Board members are all volunteers and it is only with their dedication and your support that the Waskesiu Foundation can continue to enhance the Waskesiu experience.

In the past year, we completed several projects, most notably the Bears on the Beach playground, a success that came about because of the generosity from people like the membership of WSRA, who contributed financially and volunteered their labour. Thanks to the construction skills of Dave Archer, the multi-season camp kitchen opened last year. In partnership with the Lobstick Golf Club, cart path paving began last fall and will finish by the end of June. In 2016, we plan to partner with the Chamber of Commerce in making some improvements to the Community Hall. With agreement from Parks Canada, we will be upgrading the small roof over the fireplace at Point View picnic site in the fall with a new, full-sized camp kitchen that incorporates the fireplace. With financial support from the Jones and Davidson families, it will be dedicated in memory of Vic and Pearl Davidson.

The Recreation Renewal major donor fundraising is underway. Supported by the Waskesiu Community Council, the Waskesiu Foundation and the Waskesiu Recreation Association, the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce and Parks Canada Agency, are working collaboratively to revitalize Waskesiu's recreation facilities. This exciting project will extend multiple years, with some of the first phase milestones being the refurbishing and relocating of the multi-use sport court, installing a new nature-themed 18 hole mini-golf course reflecting the unique character of the Waskesiu

townsite and Prince Albert National Park, installing a large sign at the corner of Montreal Drive and Waskesiu Drive to better promote Waskesiu's recreation facilities and programs, converting an existing tennis court to a pickle ball court and refurbishing the horseshoe pits and shuffleboard area. Net operating profits generated will be shared between donations to the Waskesiu Foundation and improved recreational programs and facilities by the Waskesiu Recreation Association.

We are pleased to have launched a new website at waskesiufoundation.ca. Check out the website and keep up on the latest by following us on Twitter and Facebook. The website has lots of new content, including photo galleries, information on our Board, policies, projects, news signup, information on types of donations, and an online donation page to make your tax-deductible donations.

We are accepting donations to our newly launched Endowment Fund. This is a way to make your gift last more than a lifetime, because the principal amount of your donation remains intact. Only the growth and interest are withdrawn to fund projects.

Join us for our annual dinner on July 9, themed as *Twilight Paddling*. You can count on a good time, with great food, entertainment by singers Nancy Hagen and Tim Toutant, as well as an auction featuring handcrafted paddles, on original painting by Cheryl Tuck-Tallon and a stained glass by Vic Lemieux. Tickets are available on our website. Don't delay, this event sells out quickly!

Thanks again to all WSRA members for your continued support. See you soon!



Spring 2016 Waskesiu Townsite Report

By Mr. Gregg Rutten, Townsite Manager, PANP

Staffing Changes in Townsite/Realty Office

Competitive processes took place over the fall and winter to permanently staff vacant positions in the PANP townsite office. Gregg Rutten has accepted the position of Townsite Manager and Paulette Hodgson has accepted the position of Administrative Services Officer working with cabin area development and business licencing among other roles. Coralee Vaillancourt continues in the role of lease administrator and also deals with cottage and commercial development projects.

Internet Connection Made Better!

Negotiations are well underway with iNet2000 for the installation of new equipment which will improve the speed of internet service for residents who subscribe to this service. Construction is expected to take place in May 2016 in order to be ready for the 2016 summer season.

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.

SaskPower – Vegetation Maintenance

SaskPower intends to continue with vegetation maintenance along primary power service lines in Waskesiu this year. This work will assist in preserving the integrity of SaskPower infrastructure, create a safe working environment for the staff, provide safe surroundings for residents and other park visitors and protect private leasehold investments.

Waskesiu Lakeside Festival

The second annual Waskesiu Lakeside Festival will be held from August 26-28, 2016. 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 2016 Waskesiu Lakeside Festival is encouraged to contact the townsite office. We will put you in touch with the volunteer coordinator for the festival.

For more information about these or other topics, please call the Townsite office at 306-663-4520 for assistance.



Photo taken by Diane Roddy at the Waskesiu Marina



This and other great pictures are in the Photo Galley found on Waskesiu.org.



Emergency and First Aid

Researched by Sheila Gagne

Parks Canada provides emergency and first aid response within Prince Albert National Park. Parks Canada has three AED (automated external defibrillator) machines in the park:

1. administration building;
2. operations centre building; and
3. one mobile unit.

PANP serves approximately 225,000 visitors annually, with the majority visiting the Waskesiu townsite from June to August. The nearest medical clinic, hospital or ambulance is approximately a one-hour drive. Support by STARS air ambulance is also approximately a one-hour response time.

Since 2002, PANP has a contracted Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to be on-site for the high visitor use period. Medical response times within Waskesiu townsite are generally 5-10 minutes in peak-season, and the EMT's are able to provide visitors with a higher level of medical care than PANP personnel alone.

The contracts run for the May long weekend, then from the Friday before Canada Day until the end of the Labour Day weekend. Both Canada Day and August long weekends have two EMT-level contract staff in Waskesiu instead of one. Park staff will assist EMT's and support both Parkland Ambulance and STARS when requested.

The Parks Canada 2012 Directive on Visitor Safety indicates Parks Canada's primary responsibility is for back country search and rescue, and PANP shifted its visitor safety training focus to 'Advanced and Basic Wilderness First Aid' with supplemental 'Oxygen Administration' training. This change in training develops response skills that are valuable in a wilderness setting. Parks Canada staff indicated this change or shift does not affect the level of care that can be provided to visitors by PANP visitor safety staff in the more highly visited (front country) areas.



These and other great pictures are in the Photo Galley found on Waskesiu.org.

Contact Information

Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA)

So... Just What Does the WSRA Do?

The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (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. The current Board members are listed on page 7. Directors should be a mix of women and men that represent the cabin and cottage area as equally as possible.

Outstanding issues include cottage regulations, land rent, parking, marina trailer storage, townsite status, Park entrance limitations, and greenspaces in the 30' cabin area.

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

Committees

Membership: Richard Kilburn
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: Erin Roddy-Smith

How to Keep in Touch:

Website: http://waskesiu.org/seasonal_residents.html
Email Address: WaskesiuSRA@gmail.com
Chair: Herb Pinder hpinder@goalgroup.ca

July

17

- WSRA Annual General Meeting, 10 am at the Terrace Gardens

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 (July 17, 2016. 10 am, at the Terrace Gardens)

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>	