

Introducing Lori and Chris Astle, New Owners of Twin Pine Cinemas and Pine & Fancy . . .

Our family is incredibly excited to be joining the Waskesiu Lake community with our purchase of Twin Pine Cinemas and Pine & Fancy. We hope to do Merv's legacy justice. Waskesiu has had a special place in our hearts and owning a historic piece of the town is a dream come true. Lori's side of the family originated from Prince Albert, resulting in a generational legacy of annual Waskesiu family reunions dating back to the Park's origins and continuing today. While the family has since spread far and wide, generations of first, second, and third cousins, continue to make the annual trip. Lori has been coming here since she could fit into a dresser drawer - a make-shift crib set up in Baker's Bungalows. When Chris married into the family he quickly fell in love with the tradition, beauty, and fishing in Waskesiu. Soon the family had another generation of Waskesiu fans with their three kids forming some of their earliest memories on the beach and in the candy store. Over time our one week visits grew to two, three and more weeks each summer as lake life just kept pulling us back to our "happy place." Merv's wish to retire sparked an interest in Chris immediately, and after cautious inquiries, we began to turn the spark into reality.

Trips to the movie theatre have always been one of our favourite Waskesiu activities. As a family, we are working out plans to rejuvenate Twin Pine Cinema that include expanding the concession to more quickly serve a larger selection of treats to movie-goers, as well as those in search of a snack throughout the day. We plan to run more movies, more often, with a daily matinee and two shows each night, as well as introduce theme nights and special event double-headers. The last two years have forced us all into an extended hibernation - it's time to get out and enjoy movies together again!

The candy store will be changing in name, but will retain the spirit and character that it has built through the years. WaskeSweets will continue to provide delicious favorites including fudge, cotton candy and candy apples, as well as the unique hard-to-find treats that the store has become known for. We are planning to expand the toy and game offerings so kids of all ages will be sure to find something to suit their fancy and keep them busy. A healthy complement of Waskesiu-branded shirts and bunny hugs will also help keep everyone toasty warm for trips across the lake.

We are very excited to become a part of the community, and are looking forward to meeting everyone and doing our part to keep Waskesiu's legendary destination status growing well into the future.

Chris and Lori Astle