



# SPRING NEWSLETTER

## President's Report

*Rob Phillips, WSRA President*

Hopefully 2022 will see either the end or near end of COVID-19. We are all looking forward to the restarting of our economy and meeting again with friends and family. We should all remember to be respectful of our neighbours and that not everyone feels safe in a large group environment. I am sure that Zoom and other teleconference software options will be used for meetings for the foreseeable future.

As we move forward the townsite is in good working order and planned maintenance is an ongoing process. Some businesses have transitioned to new owners so we should expect to see some change over the summer of 2022 and 2023.

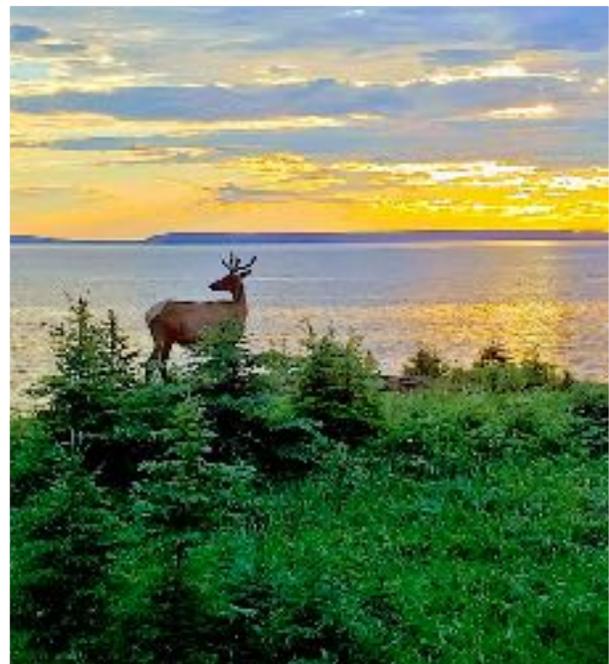
As mentioned in other reports cottage and land use regulations are being reviewed by Parks Canada with comments from the various effected communities across the country. We expect that the WSRA and WCC will have another meeting over the summer months with the Parks Canada planning team and the draft documents may be available at some future date.

We look forward to the updating of our bylaws, written in 2008, in the near future so that they reflect both today's communications systems and practices.

The WSRA continues to work with Parks Canada and Waskesiu Community Council to ensure that we communicate to you all relevant information in a timely fashion. As well we are providing input into the 2028 future planning process for the town site

and the centennial celebration of Prince Albert National Park.

I wish you all a safe and healthy summer at Waskesiu Lake.



## Chairperson's Report

*Jennifer Wood, WSRA Chair*

Welcome back, Waskesiu Seasonal Residents! This is the time of year when we start to think about returning to the lake, ready to experience another wonderful season at Waskesiu, spending time with family and friends.

As the new Chair of WSRA I thought I would start by sharing a little bit about myself.

I am a second generation seasonal resident, and I am grateful to have never missed a summer at Waskesiu! My goal has always been to explore all that the park has to offer. So each year I try to find, do and see something new. I am honoured to step into the role of Chair and wish to thank Herb Pinder for his leadership over the years and for staying on as Past Chair to ensure a smooth transition and proper succession.

The WSRA is a volunteer organization comprised of a dedicated group of board members that have seasonal residences in the cabin or cottage areas. WSRA mandate is to work with Parks Canada Agency (PCA), the Waskesiu Community Council (WCC) and other vested stakeholder organizations, in relation to matters of common interest to cabin and cottage leaseholders, matters pertaining to the occupancy, leasing, use, maintenance and improvement of seasonal residences in PANP. WSRA also has an interest to ensure that we protect, promote and enhance the townsite and PANP.

So what are the current issues on WSRA's agenda?

### **Vision 2028**

Vision 2028, led by the WCC and PCA, is a great example of a community collaborating and developing a visionary plan that recognizes and prioritizes the needs and wishes of the community. A plan that ensures Waskesiu, PANP is a strong and vibrant community for future generations, while respecting and maintaining the principles that guide Parks Canada. WSRA participated, along with the various stakeholder groups in Waskesiu in the development of the plan for the next 5 years which happen to coincide with the centennial celebrations in 2028.

### **Cottage Regulations**

WSRA has had a long standing committee dedicated to updating the cottage regulations similar to the way the WSRA led the way with establishing cabin guidelines. Over the past few years WSRA has been working with Parks Canada (both at the Local and National level). There have been numerous stakeholder engagement sessions gathering feedback from stakeholders across

Canada and I am proud to say that the WSRA has and will continue to have a strong voice through the review and updating of the cottage regulations and the Land use planning regulations.

### **Membership**

A strong membership means a strong voice! WSRA have always had a high percentage of cabin and cottage owners as a membership base. You will see a strong membership drive this year to ensure we are current and reach some of the new cabin and cottage owners. Therefore I would encourage you to check and see that your membership with WSRA is current and encourage our newer cottage and cabin owners to consider joining the WSRA. More information on becoming a member or contacting the WSRA is included at the end of this newsletter.

### **Governance**

Our Board is a dedicated group (of diverse skills) of cabin and cottage owners. Our role is to act in the best interests of the association and stay true to our mandate. This means addressing policy and procedures and by-laws to ensure we stay current to good governance practices. Currently the WSRA is reviewing the by-laws and will be engaging with our membership to bring forward changes that maybe required in the best interest of the organization.

Lastly I would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars - the WSRA's AGM this year will be held on Aug 7, 2022. We again are coordinating the meeting to coincide with the WCC AGM and can confirm that PCA will also be in attendance. In the interest of time and to have an effective meeting we are asking our membership to please submit your questions in advance allowing preparation and effective communication. **Please submit your questions by July 15th to [waskesiusra@gmail.com](mailto:waskesiusra@gmail.com)**

Please remember . . . we have done a remarkable job in limiting the spread of COVID-19. Please ensure that our priority remains the health and safety of our Community!

*See you at the Lake!*

## Parks Canada

### A Word from the Superintendent

*Jennifer Duquette,  
Acting Superintendent  
Northern Prairies*

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to the park for another season. I am looking forward to experiencing a Waskesiu summer and working with you over the next few months in this special place.

As Parks Canada continues to monitor and safely adapt to the evolving COVID-19 situation, we are focusing on enhancing operations that will support your enjoyment of the park and present a place for you to safely connect with each other through the stunning natural landscape. Returning to the park this year are special events, stays in oTENTiks, and the Nature Centre. We look forward to giving you a warm Parks Canada welcome soon.

Have a wonderful summer!

### Townsite News

#### COVID-19 update

Parks Canada continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation at all locations across Canada and will put in place measures, when required, to ensure the safety of visitors. The Prince Albert National Park team is working hard to ensure a safe, clean, healthy and enjoyable experience for all visitors. This year, Parks Canada is pleased to re-open the Nature Centre on Lakeview Drive and the oTENTiks in Beaver Glen campground for visitors to enjoy. Events will also resume this season. Masks are recommended in all Parks Canada facilities.

Please follow the advice of public health experts and guidelines outlined by the [Government of Saskatchewan](#).

#### Waste collection in Waskesiu

The health and safety of residents, commercial operators and visitors is a priority for Parks Canada. Waste collection services and facilities are provided to keep the Waskesiu community clean, free of wildlife attractants and prevent excess demand on park staff time, equipment and infrastructure.

Last year, Parks Canada worked with the Waskesiu Community Council to improve the *Yard Waste Directive*. The revisions were intended to provide lease holders in the community with clear direction on how to properly dispose of the natural waste material they have collected on their property. The changes also streamline the collection process for park staff and address some of the issues associated with the unlawful dumping of material around garbage bins. The *2021 Yard Waste Directive – Waskesiu Townsite* is available at [www.waskesiu.org](http://www.waskesiu.org).

#### Bag your compostable yard waste

Residents must place all yard waste in paper compostable bags designed for yard waste collection and to leave at the edge of their yard for pickup. If your property is large and you require assistance during the month of May, contact Parks Canada at [pc.PANPassets.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.PANPassets.pc@canada.ca)

**Don't miss pick up day!** Residents are asked to time their bagged yard waste with the calendar of scheduled pickup days. The calendar is available on [www.waskesiu.org](http://www.waskesiu.org) or at the Townsite office.



#### Keep up the great work! Do not pile garbage beside neighbourhood bins

Parks Canada appreciates the diligence of residents and businesses to properly dispose of waste. Improvements over the past year are encouraging. Deliberately abandoned waste and

improper use of disposal facilities is a violation of the National Parks of Canada Garbage Regulations under the Canada National Parks Act. Violators are subject to court appearance and fines. Costs associated with addressing abandoned waste will be charged back to the community.

Help us keep your neighbourhood clean and safe by continuing to properly dispose of waste material and report incidents of abandoned garbage or witnessed illegal dumping to the Townsite Manager at 306-663-4519.

**Small project construction waste disposal available at Operations Centre grounds**

The "Roll off bin" provides residents with a seasonal receptacle for small-scale construction waste. This bin is not intended for the disposal of materials from commercial properties. Absolutely no dumping of material on the ground, all materials should be placed within the bin. The bin is located at the Operations Centre grounds. **New Hours of Operation**, posted at the bin: Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from May long weekend to September long weekend. Open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. after September long weekend until Thanksgiving.

Please call 306-663-4548 or email [pc.panpassets.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.panpassets.pc@canada.ca) to book an appointment for weekend drop off in the fall.

**Allowable items \*\*\*NEW – updated list**

Construction waste from small projects only is allowed in the roll-off bin:

**What is accepted?**

- Small project construction waste such as windows and frames, deck boards, dry wall, carpet, treated and non-treated scrap wood

**What is not accepted?**

- Bed mattresses and household furniture (sofas, tables, chairs)

- Propane tanks, gas, fuel, oil, solvent products, paint containers (empty or with paint), fluorescent tubes and batteries
- Household appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, microwaves and water heaters
- Electronic equipment and electric wire
- Concrete and rocks

- Dead animals
- Brush and leaves – must be taken to the staging area
- Refundable cans and bottles, cardboard boxes, office paper and newspapers, clean plastic containers, milk jugs, sheet plastic, metal – deposit these items in the appropriate recycle bins
- Household garbage – this should be bagged and placed in garbage bins
- Hazardous materials – DDT (a pesticide) or other questionable hazardous materials, please the contact

sanitation supervisor at [pc.PANPassets.pc@canada.ca](mailto:pc.PANPassets.pc@canada.ca) to arrange drop off at Operations Centre

**Dispose household compost in the household waste bins**

Residential and commercial composting is a simple way for communities to divert waste from landfills. Parks Canada is exploring options to provide a more efficient compost collection system for the community. The compost bin at the Recycling Depot was dismantled and there are no facilities available to collect household compost at this time.

**Fall Water Procedures – don't forget to disconnect!**

The *Fall Water Service Shut Down Directive* informs lease holders of guidelines associated with protecting park and resident utility infrastructure.

**The Cost of Managing Waste**  
 Proper use of the waste collection services and facilities provided by Parks Canada saves you money. Any service provision beyond this, including but not limited to picking up piled garbage at bins and disposal of bulky wastes, will be charged back to the community based on the annual water, sewer and garbage fee calculation.

Parks Canada may shut down water services to areas of the Waskesiu community that are at risk due to cold weather. When possible, advance notice of fall water shut down will be communicated.

Residents and commercial operators are responsible for following Parks Canada’s recommended procedures for disconnecting from the main water system at the end of every season.

**Seasonal water disconnection procedure for residents on bird streets with water boxes:**

To physically disconnect plumbing parts from the main water line: There is a grey, plastic union in each water box. This splits into two: one line leads to Parks Canada’s water main while the other leads to the residence. The half that leads to the residence must be ‘broken’. To do this, unscrew the nut by **HAND ONLY**. Once complete, the lid on the water box must be closed. Residents must follow this procedure at the end of the season.



Prince Albert National Park, including the Main Beach Day Use Area for the public to enjoy. The transportation of firewood from park provided facilities to residential lease holds or out of the park for personal use is **theft under the criminal code**. Due to increased firewood use in recent years from excessive fires and theft, the park budget for firewood has doubled to keep up with demand. Continued high demand may result in additional fees.

**Wildfire Risk Reduction Use**

Parks Canada takes wildfire seriously and is taking preventive measures to reduce the risk of potential wildfires to Waskesiu and neighbouring communities. A strong wildfire risk reduction strategy is essential to ensure public safety, enhance visitor experience, and protect natural and cultural resources.

Wildfire risk reduction maintenance and expansion operations occurred in select areas of Waskesiu this past winter. Mature spruce trees and underbrush were thinned along the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> holes of Waskesiu Golf Course to reduce the risk of property damage from potential wildfires. Chainsaws and other hand tools were used around the Operations Building and adjacent to Highway #263. Pruning trees and reducing coniferous undergrowth in this way enhances the effectiveness of the Waskesiu community fuel break.

**Protect your summer residence – install a preventer valve before July 1, 2022!**

Backflow preventers are required to be installed on all cabin, cottage and commercial buildings in Waskesiu by July 1, 2022. Leaseholders who do not have a backflow preventer installed by the July 1 deadline, will not be compensated by Parks Canada for any damages relating to sewer back-ups moving forward. Leaseholders are strongly encouraged to carry sewer back-up insurance for their properties (the same as you would carry for your year-round or primary residence).

A plumbing permit is required to install a back flow preventer valve. This can be obtained from the Townsite office. **The cost of the permit is waived until the July 1 deadline to have the valve installed.** A journeyman plumber is required to sign off on the installation. Parks Canada is unable to fulfill this role.

**Firewood Use**

For many people, an evening campfire is one of the best parts of being at the lake. Firewood is available for use at many park provided facilities in

Future plans for wildfire risk reduction operations include continued focus on high priority areas in and around the Waskesiu Golf Course and maintenance of the Waskesiu Community Fuel Break.

### **Help protect Waskesiu from Wildfire – FireSmart**

FireSmart is a nationwide program designed by firefighting agencies to help protect people, infrastructure and surrounding lands from wildfire. Be proactive, be practical, and be FireSmart!

- Remove piles of sticks, dry leaves and fallen trees around your home
- Clear gutters, eaves and vents
- Keep windows clear
- Trim trees
- Keep porch and decks clear or screened
- Screen or seal all soffits
- Take care of your lawn
- Keep sprinklers handy

## **Conservation News**

### ***We all have a role to play in keeping wildlife wild***

Parks Canada takes a wide range of actions to ensure both people and wildlife can safely share these special places. Efforts are focused on educating the public about protecting wildlife and staying safe, making sure that individuals follow rules and regulations, and enforcing the laws that protect wildlife and the ecological integrity of our places, and ensure resident and visitor safety.

Remember, human food and other attractants kill wildlife:

- Feeding wildlife, intentionally or not, is against the law. Never leave food or scented items unattended for even a minute. Safely store all items with a scent in your residence or vehicle. A tent does not hamper the allure of attractants – don't depend on a tent as a safe storage place.
- It is illegal to feed, entice or disturb any wildlife. Violators may be charged – under the Canada National Parks Act and could pay fines up to \$25,000.

And don't forget to keep your pet on a leash!

### **Help stop the spread of Avian influenza**

Avian influenza (AI), commonly known as "bird flu", is a natural virus that occurs in wildlife populations. Based on past outbreaks in North America, the bird flu will eventually wane as populations of wild birds build immunity and there are fewer susceptible animals that can become infected.

There are actions that everyone can take to stop this disease from spreading further and to help keep wild birds safe. To ensure that visitors don't bring Avian influenza to the park or home from the park, Parks Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency advise the following:

- Do not approach or handle wildlife in the park, including sick, injured or dead birds.
- Call the park Duty Officer at 306-960-9315 or Jasper Dispatch at 1(877)852-3100 if you spot sick, injured or deceased wildlife in Prince Albert National Park, or let a staff member know.
- Never feed wild birds from your hand or try to lure birds with food or seeds.
- Clean all clothing and footwear before coming to the park, particularly if you raise fowl at home.
- Clean and disinfect footwear before leaving the park if you come into contact with injured or deceased birds or bird feces.
- Do not erect a bird feeder at your residence
- Limit any travel to farms which house fowl (chickens, turkeys, ducks, etc).
- If you encounter a sick or dead wild bird *outside the park*, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative by phone or report online at (<https://cwhc.wildlifesubmissions.org>).

The [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#) and [Environment and Climate Change Canada](#) are the best sources for information on Avian Influenza and how it affects both domestic birds and wildlife.

**Keep bears out of your neighbourhood**

Prince Albert National Park has a healthy bear population and the chances of human interaction with a bear is possible. Black bears are intelligent and curious animals that learn quickly. If they receive a reward in the form of human food, pet food, garbage, barbecue grease, dish soap, toothpaste – anything that has a scent or flavour – they are more likely to return again and again looking for that easy meal. Bears are even known to seek objects for their texture, such as boat and bike seats, although less frequently.

To ensure a safe and fun summer season, Parks Canada would like to remind residents to exercise caution and follow guidelines and laws to protect themselves and the wildlife they may encounter.

**To reduce bear attractants at your residence, please:**

1. Place all garbage and recycling into appropriate *bear-proof* containers. These are the large metal receptacles around the townsite and campgrounds that have a locking lid, which prevents bears from getting access.
2. Clean your BBQs as soon as they are cool, and remove and clean out the grease trap/pan. Put the used grease and residue in the garbage receptacles as described above.
3. Do not feed birds, squirrels or other wildlife. Food for small animals is food for large ones.
4. Do not erect a bird feeder at your residence.

With your help we can keep bears wild, and even improve the survivability for bears who may have become habituated in the past.

**Sturgeon River plains bison herd**

The Sturgeon River plains bison herd is one of the few free-ranging bison populations in North America. The herd roams within its historic territory, including areas of Prince Albert National Park. From 2006 to 2008, the Sturgeon River herd was determined to be over 450 animals. Today, the herd is estimated at 150 animals - less than a quarter of

the population in the 2000s. An increased number of juveniles in the herd is a promising sign of herd renewal.



Parks Canada is committed to the stewardship of the Sturgeon River herd, and is working with partners to help the herd to become sustainable. Annual wildlife surveys conducted in the park during the month of February counted 104 bison, the highest number observed in almost five years. Aerial surveys are conducted to determine a minimum population size. Each year, a portion of the herd remains undetected from the air, since the Sturgeon River herd is very wary of people, noise and disturbance, and due to the rugged forested nature of their range. Parks Canada is moving toward increasing on-the-ground monitoring and low stress methods to help monitor the size and health of the herd. On-the-ground monitoring help us understand population size and demographic, including age and sex, and lessens the impact on the reduced herd. Fecal samples were also collected for genetic material to determine herd diversity.

**Lake Trout Population Decline in Kingsmere Lake**

Parks Canada takes its mandate to protect the health of the environment seriously. In Prince Albert National Park, studies indicate a 45% decline in lake

trout populations in Kingsmere Lake over the last decade. There is a shared interest in maintaining the health of the environment which includes healthy fish populations, and visitor opportunities in the park and areas such as Kingsmere Lake.



Parks Canada is seeking input from the public to understand the reasons why the population is declining, and to help with solutions. There are great benefits to learning from people that use the resource the most, and hearing what they are experiencing. Time spent on the water gives a better understanding on the state of the fisheries and the health of the species. Send your perspective or experience in response to the question below to the [panptrout-touladisnpa@pc.gc.ca](mailto:panptrout-touladisnpa@pc.gc.ca) e-mail until June 17, 2022 to help determine next steps.

- What are potential solutions that will ensure the viability of trout populations and visitor experiences on Kingsmere Lake?
- How would you like to be engaged moving forward?
- How do we include the public in decision-making on this topic?
- Any other suggestions?

**Don't forget to return trout endorsement cards and tags!**

Anyone fishing for lake trout in the park must acquire an endorsement card and numbered tag in addition to a national park fishing licence. Returned

endorsement cards or unused tags to the Visitor Centre or collection boxes at the fish shacks are gathered and the data is analyzed to provide estimates of the total fish harvest for the season and potential impact on the population.

## Waskesiu Community Council

*Jim Kerby, Chair*

*On behalf of the Waskesiu community, we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory 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.*

Greetings from the Waskesiu Community Council. Thank you for letting us be part of the WSRA's Newsletter again this year.

The Waskesiu Community Council is comprised of six Councillors - Jim Kerby (Chair), Rob Phillips (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Wood (Secretary-Treasurer), Bentley Crozier, Linda Lavallee, and Jacqueline Judd. Our very talented Administrator, Noreen Matthews, continues to be a valuable member of our team as well. Since its inception in 2002, the Community Council has been formally recognized by Parks Canada as the "voice of the Waskesiu community".

### 2022 Community Council By-Election

There is currently a vacant seat on the Community Council for one of the three (3) "Member at Large" positions. The term of office is two (2) years of an original three year term. Nomination forms and other details are available on [waskesiu.org](http://waskesiu.org) under "Community News". The deadline for submission of nominations is 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2022, and Election Day is Saturday, July 30, 2022.

Serving on Council is always interesting, and it's a great way to learn and give back to the community. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, or any Councillor. We're happy to chat with you at any time.

### **“Waskesiu Vision 2028” – Enhancing our Community**

Back in 2013, the Community Council initiated an important strategic planning process for Waskesiu called "Vision 2020 & Beyond". The goal was to develop a “shared vision” for our community – in an effort to articulate how Waskesiu should “look and feel” by the year 2020.



During the last two years, the Community Council renewed the strategic planning process as “Waskesiu Vision 2028”. (The year 2028 was chosen because August 10, 2028 will

mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the official opening of Prince Albert National Park by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.)

Community Council was very pleased to again work in conjunction with Parks Canada, the WSRA, the Waskesiu Foundation, the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, the Waskesiu Recreation Association, the Waskesiu Heritage Museum, Friends of the Park, the Lobstick Golf Club, and other key stakeholder groups to continue to enhance the Waskesiu experience. We urge you to learn more about this important community initiative - designed to make Waskesiu an even better place for you, your family, and the generations that follow. Visit [waskesiu.org](http://waskesiu.org) and look for “Waskesiu Vision 2028” for more details.

### **A Community that Works Together Always Accomplishes More**

There were significant challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the past two years were unlike any we have ever experienced. However, as I said last year, something good *always* comes from facing (and overcoming) life’s challenges – but to find the good you must be willing to look for it.

One of the good things we learned during the pandemic was the importance of people and communities working together. In Waskesiu we did just that - by supporting our locally-owned businesses, and the work of our fantastic non-profit organizations and their volunteers.

As Canadians, we also came to better appreciate how blessed we are to have such a wonderful natural environment at our doorstep – especially places like Waskesiu - where we could be active (and safe) while enjoying the great outdoors.

Our community has persevered and progressed despite the pandemic challenges, and Waskesiu will continue to thrive - particularly if we pursue a ‘shared vision’ as outlined in the “Waskesiu Vision 2028” strategic planning initiative.

### **2022 Community Council Annual General Meeting (to be held jointly with the WSRA AGM)**

You are invited to join us for the Waskesiu Community Council’s 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year’s AGM is on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Terrace Gardens starting at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Parks Canada presentation and Q & A session, the WSRA AGM, and a fundraising BBQ hosted by the Waskesiu Volunteer Fire Department.

Mark your calendar now and please watch [waskesiu.org](http://waskesiu.org) for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Waskesiu.org – Waskesiu’s #1 Website**

The [waskesiu.org](http://waskesiu.org) website, hosted and owned by the Waskesiu Community Council, continues to be the most widely used online site for those seeking information about Waskesiu. Please visit [waskesiu.org](http://waskesiu.org) regularly to find out what is happening in our community, and be sure to check the “Community News” section. Our website is mobile friendly – making it easy for you to take a bit of Waskesiu with you wherever you go.

### **The Last Word**

In closing, the Waskesiu Community Council extends our sincere thanks to the WSRA for all of your great work on behalf of seasonal residents in Waskesiu.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer everyone. We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Waskesiu - “Saskatchewan’s playground”!

## The Waskesiu Foundation

We're tremendously excited for the summer season and thrilled to continue our work in the community. We're pleased with the return of our in-person events and look forward to tackling new projects like renovations to the ball diamond, refurbishing the camp kitchen at Namekus and additional memorial options.

### Recreation Renewal

The recreation area has had a huge overhaul thanks to our partnership with the Waskesiu Recreation Association. In 2021, the Johnny Bower Sport Court, Norma McConaghy shuffleboard court, and picnic shelter were opened to the public while outdoor giant chess & checkers, table tennis, and the Christopher Ridsdale Children's Ninja Park were added throughout the summer season. The refurbishment of the lawn bowling area and development of the brand-new beach volleyball court was completed in fall.

On June 30 join us for the official grand openings of the picnic shelter, sport court and lawn bowling green. The sport court will be dedicated in honour of Johnny Bower, a star hockey goaltender for the Toronto Maple Leafs who during the 1950s enjoyed being the assistant golf pro at the Waskesiu Golf Course, a cottage owner, a partner in a restaurant and a hotel, and owner of the Johnny Bower Coffee Shop – located in the building now home to LA Outfitters.

The lawn bowling green will be dedicated in honour of the famous designer of the Waskesiu Golf Course, Stanley Thompson, whose mastery of turf management was called upon in 1948 when the lawn bowling green was first constructed in Waskesiu.

A total of 17 memorial benches and 8 memorial chairs will be installed on the recreation area grounds this summer. A similar memorial bench program has been sold out for years, resulting in a waiting list. Those on the waiting list will be contacted first about this opportunity. New portable benches will be added to the tennis courts as well.

### Events Calendar

**June 30, 2022 | Recreation Grounds | 1500 Montreal Dr**

**11-12 PM**

#### **Grand Opening: Johnny Bower Sport Court & Reel Rave Picnic Shelter**

*Co-hosted with the Waskesiu Recreation Association*  
Join us for the official grand opening & dedication. Activities include shooting hoops & "hat trick" where you'll get three chances to score a goal on a member of the Bower family!

**12-1 PM**

#### **Community BBQ**

*Co-hosted with the Waskesiu Recreation Association*  
Featuring Bower's "Big Boy" burgers and refreshments for sale.

**1-2 PM**

#### **Grand Opening: Stanley Thompson Lawn Bowling Green**

*Co-hosted with the Waskesiu Recreation Association*  
Join us for the official grand opening & dedication. A closest to the jack competition is planned, along with a lawn bowling demo. Try lawn bowling for free with tips from the pros!

**July 9, 2022 | 5:30 PM | Community Hall**

#### **Sipping Social**

Fantastic food, friends, and fundraising! Tapas style food stations, a specialty drink, and cash bar are featured with plenty of time to visit with friends & neighbours. New this year is a limited dessert auction with cakes, pastries & confections from independent bakers & local businesses. Tickets on sale by June 1 at [waskesiufoundation.ca](http://waskesiufoundation.ca).

**August 13, 2022 | 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Terrace Gardens**

#### **Family Treasure Hunt**

This event includes a map to 5 treasure stops in Waskesiu plus take-home treasure, activities, crafts, interaction with a life size pirate ship and lunch! Tickets on sale by July 1 at [waskesiufoundation.ca](http://waskesiufoundation.ca).

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**Waskesiu Recreation Association**

*Bonita Reilly, Manager WRA*

Another Waskesiu season is about to begin and the WRA is happy to provide, in collaboration with community partners, top-quality recreation and cultural activities, social events and recreation facilities that benefit Waskesiu visitors and residents.

In 2021, the recreation grounds welcomed many familiar faces and also many families discovering all of the recreation possibilities for the first time. The multi-use sports court was very popular with people of all ages. For 2022, we are planning specific afternoons and evenings for organized group play of basketball.

Also new for 2021 were the shuffleboard, outdoor ping pong and foosball and giant chess and checkers. We now have a second playing

surface so that both checkers and chess can be enjoyed at any time.

We are proud to announce that the new **Stanley Thompson lawn bowling green** and the beach volleyball area will be open and ready for play this season. Both of these sports are perfect for group play. If you would like to sign up for scheduled league play for either lawn bowling or beach volleyball, please contact me.

The ever-popular Little Al's mini-golf will open on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Ten-round punch cards are available for adults and children. This brings the



price down per round to \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. We keep the cards on file at the starter shack for ease of use by all family members.

**Family and Individual Season Passes**

Season passes are the easiest way to enjoy the recreation facilities all season long. The passes include all equipment and use of all areas except for Little Al's mini-golf.

A Family Season Pass is \$275.00. A family is 2 adults and all children of the same household under the age of 18. An Individual Season Pass is \$160.00.

The passes include organized league play in pickleball, tennis, basketball, lawn bowling and beach volleyball.

### Events are returning to Waskesiu for 2022.

**June 17-19: Waskesiu Open Tennis Tournament**  
**June 30, 11 am: Grand Opening of the Johnny Bower Sport Court**  
**June 30, 1 pm: Grand opening of the Stanley Thompson Lawn Bowling**  
**July 1: Canada Day Celebrations**  
**July 1-2: Canada Day Weekend Cabarets @ Terrace Gardens**  
**July 16: Waskesiu Children's Festival**  
**July 30: Beach Bums Bash (tentative)**  
**Aug 26-28: Waskesiu Lakeside Music Festival**  
**Sept 9-11: Reel Rave International Film Festival**

### Volunteers Needed

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart."* – Elizabeth Andrew

Everyone enjoys attending events. However, volunteers are the only way that events can be successful. As a non-profit organization, the WRA relies on volunteers to staff the events and make them a success. You are not committing to organizing or working an entire day (unless you want to). You would be joining your friends and neighbours in creating an even better community and sharing in the success of an event. Would you have 2 hours to help out at the pancake breakfast or some time to help direct parade traffic or hand out Canada Day birthday cake or work in the beer gardens?

If you are new to the community, there is no better way to meet your neighbours and community members and share in the feeling of teamwork and have some fun. Please contact Bonita at [wramanager21@gmail.com](mailto:wramanager21@gmail.com) to volunteer your time.

It will be wonderful to see you all at the recreation grounds. It is going to be a fantastic season and we look forward to helping you make wonderful new memories with family and friends at the Waskesiu Recreation Association.

For information or to make court bookings contact Bonita Reilly at 306-663-0601 or email [wramanager21@gmail.com](mailto:wramanager21@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook and

Instagram @waskesiurecreationassociation and @waskesiulakesidefestival

## The Waskesiu Heritage Museum

Regular activities resume at the Waskesiu Heritage Museum this summer. Yippee! That means Community Bingo returns to Terrace Gardens on Wednesday nights at 7:00 for a full game or 8:30 for a half game. Our kayak raffle tickets will be available for sale for \$5.00 at the shack tent. Local artist Ernie Scoles has used his air brush to make this kayak all the more special. Be sure to see it displayed on the Museum grounds.



Curious about the round signs on buildings around the townsite? Scan the QR code with your phone's camera and you will be taken to information, photos, and videos about that location.

This guide, called *Heritage Moments*, is also available on our website. We are proud to say it won two awards in 2021, including a SK Lieutenant Governor's Heritage Award.

After a couple of summers of reduced activity due to the pandemic, we need to reconnect with our volunteers. A volunteer board operates the Museum and volunteers handle all our fund raising and activities. We welcome all previous and new volunteers to help. We can find a task to suit every volunteer's taste, talents and time.

Come see us at the Museum or email [info@waskesiuheritagemuseum.org](mailto:info@waskesiuheritagemuseum.org).

Our annual Yard Sale is on Saturday, July 9, starting at 9:00 a.m. (COVID permitting, of course!). Hot dogs and lemonade will be available for sale starting at 11:00. This important fundraiser for the Museum enables us to keep our doors open, to develop new exhibits, and to offer programs to the general public, free of charge. All funds raised will be used to support the Heritage Museum's work in preserving the history of Waskesiu and PANP. We appreciate your support!

You can support the Yard Sale with purchases and/or donations of items to be sold. Items may be dropped off after 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoon of the May long weekend and also on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in June. Large items should be dropped off the day of the sale if possible, as storage at the Museum is limited.

Tables will again be available for rent by individuals. Please contact our Yard-Sale coordinator, Jillian Manchester, at [jillflk@yahoo.ca](mailto:jillflk@yahoo.ca) for more information or to make arrangements.

Watch for posters closer to this fun event. We hope to see you all there to renew old friendships and make new ones.



## The Waskesiu Lobstick Golf Course

*Tyler Baker*

*G.M. Lobstick Golf Club Inc.*

Greetings from Waskesiu Lobstick Golf Course. Our classic Stanley Thompson designed course is cut through the majestic spruce forests of PANP. Enjoy beautiful course conditions and sighting the elk and other animals we are famous for. Tee time bookings are on generous 10 minute intervals to ensure our patrons a nice pace of play. Rental power carts, pull carts and clubs are available.

We have some exciting things happening for

2022. Over the winter, we had our Pro Shop interior and exterior renovated. All new carpet, cabinetry and lighting has it looking very bright and spacious.

Stanley's Dining Room also has a fresh look with new carpeting, and new natural wood tables and chairs complementing our historic Clubhouse. Enjoy a meal, a snack or a beverage inside or out on the deck. Stanley's will return to a full menu and regular full operating hours this season.

Our Proshop offers a full selection of men's and women's golf attire, equipment and rentals. Lobstick logoed wear is extremely popular with golfers and nongolfers alike. Andrew Hnatiuk returns as our CPGA golf pro and offers lessons to everyone from beginners to skilled players.

The driving range upgrade project was completed last year and features all new hitting matts, ball trays, dividers and ball dispenser. With the expansion there is plenty of room to come by and take a few swings.

The famous Lobstick Golf Tournaments return once again this season. Mens and Seniors Lobstick Tournaments will be held in June. Ladies, Junior Womens and Junior Mens Lobstick Tournaments are in August.

We hope to see you out at the course this season. I encourage you to drop by for a look or a visit with myself or Andrew.



## The Lakeside Music Festival

There's so much to experience in addition to the outdoor, free live musical entertainment August 26-28 including an Indigenous talent showcase, food vendors, beer gardens (Saturday), plus activities for kids like a free bouncy castle and face painting. Mark your calendars for this exciting weekend!

Just some of the artists performing at the festival in 2022 are:

**Brock Andrews**, an award-winning singer songwriter who has been nominated for 15 Saskatchewan Country Music Awards. Brock has performed on festival stages from BC to Manitoba including Riverboat Days, Country at the Creek and Country Thunder. We're so excited for him to hit our main stage August 27!

**Velvet Threads** who joins us August 27 on the main stage. Velvet Threads are a seven-piece pop rock band from Saskatoon. On stage, this band is fun and high energy with a dynamic vigour that keeps you engaged and entertained. Embracing both past and present genres, their sound is a raw combination of soul and rock, accentuated with smooth tones layered with hints of the blues.

**Constant Reminder** this rock band of brothers have been on the music scene for more than a decade and have 7 original albums under their belt. Seth, Cole, Ethan and Rene are self-taught musicians, but don't let that fool you. Constant Reminder has recently recorded at Iguana Studio in Toronto where Aerosmith, Rush, the Rolling Stones, Def Leppard and many more well-known bands have recorded. They were winners of the [panow.com](http://panow.com) Best of the Best (B.O.B.) Awards for Best Band of 2020.

The **Oral Fuentes Reggae Band** is a mixture of Reggae with an Afro/Latin Fusion. The Band consists of members from Belize, St. Lucia, Ghana, Nigeria, the Philippines, Seattle USA, and Canada. Moving to Saskatoon in the early '90s, Oral teams

up with musicians from Saskatoon and enjoys playing in many venues. We can't wait to welcome them to the main stage on August 27. Mark your calendars!

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/waskesiulakesidefestival/> to get the latest news regarding the Waskesiu Lakeside Music Festival.

## Friends of the Park

On Saturday, May 21, the Friends of the Park (FOP) hosted a live demonstration of Ellie Desgrange's Photography and a "Welcome Back to the Park" BBQ, the first event in a summer full of interesting, creative and inclusive planned events.

The following is a list of what is planned so far:

July 1st, 9 am: **Elder and Blessing Ceremony**

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Aug. 6th, Saturday mornings 10 am - 12 noon: **Children's Morning in the Park** - Lego Castle, Puppet Show and Crafts

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Aug 6th, 13th, 1 pm -3pm: **Music in the Siu**, featuring artists Kelly Read, Krystle Pederson, Saltwater Joy, Raven Reid, Efen Alguzar Pereira Jr., Jack Walton, Rebecca Strong.

July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 10 am - 11 pm: **Sunday Morning Prayers with an Elder** - cultural room in the Bookstore.

July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 1pm - 2:30 (times subject to change on tipi availability): **Tipi Series** - Indigenous series featuring elder stories about Waskesiu prior to the establishment of the Park, Indigenous drums and dancers, survivalists.

August 26th: **Lakeside Music Festival Opening Night Cabaret** - doors open at 8 pm, Constant Reminder plays from 9:30pm - 1:30 am. Cover \$10.

We have some other events still in the planning stage so watch for details to come. In other news, we are in the process of making a documentary about the beaver and its importance to the environment. It will explore how the beavers changed Anahareo and Grey Owl's way of thinking and how they lived their lives. A trailer is available for viewing for those who are interested. We hope

to have it completed by next fall and possibly debut it at the Reel Rave Film Festival.

Our bookstore will be open on weekends in June and seven days a week starting June 27th. Hours will be from 10 am to 6 pm. Come in and explore our wide selection of books and crafts and say hello. The Friends of the Park is committed to enriching the Waskesiu experience.

## Membership in the WSRA . . .

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 who 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.

The elected WSRA Board of Directors is made up of members from diverse backgrounds who represent the cabin and cottage area as equally as possible.

### 2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

Rob Phillips (President, Governance)

Jennifer Wood (Chair, Governance)

Herb Pinder (Governance)

Kurt Wintermute (Governance)

Kelly Prodanuk (Finance)

Paul Pinder (Membership)

Ron Jones (Membership)

Kathy Ponath (Communications)

Cheryl Cuelenaere (Communications)

If you are interested in serving the community through the WSRA, please contact any member of the governance committee, or email us to learn more about opportunities.

### Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association and Waskesiu Community Council Annual General Meetings

Sunday, August 7th, 2022

ATerrace Gardens

Join us for coffee at **8:30 am**, followed by the WCC AGM, Parks Canada representatives Q and A and the WSRA AGM

**\*Please submit questions in advance via email to [waskesiusra@gmail.com](mailto:waskesiusra@gmail.com) by July 15th.**

The meeting will be followed by a Waskesiu Volunteer Fire Department fundraising BBQ

Stay in touch through our page at [waskesiu.org](http://waskesiu.org) ("our community" tab)  
Or email us at [waskesiusra@gmail.com](mailto:waskesiusra@gmail.com)

## Add your voice . . .

*In order to 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 and add convenience by renewing your membership for 5 years.***

**Membership costs \$30 annually or \$100 for a five year membership.**

Payment can be made through cheque or email transfer. We will provide you with information on your membership standing through email. When

your membership expires, we will contact you about membership renewal.

There are **3 ways to renew your membership.**

1. Mail a cheque along with your information to our treasurer, Kelly Prodanuk, PO Box 36, Waskesiu, Sk S0J 2Y0
2. Email your information along with an email transfer to [waskesiusra@gmail.com](mailto:waskesiusra@gmail.com).
3. Sign up and pay your dues at our annual meeting

Please include your name, address, lake address and email address.



*Vision and voice . . . the WSRA thanks our members and our community for working together for the betterment of Waskesiu and the Park!*