



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

Some Important Dates

| July | |
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| 1 | - Canada Day Parade & Festivities |
| 11 | - Yard Sale, Waskesiu Heritage Museum - Fundraising Dinner, Waskesiu Foundation |
| 18 | - Parks Day/Children's Festival |
| 25 | - Three Island Paddle & Music Festival, Hanging Heart Lakes marina |
| 26 | - Waskesiu Community Council AGM and Community Open House |

| Aug | |
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| 1 | - 9 th Annual Rock & Roll Dance |
| 2 | - Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Assoc. AGM - Grey Owl Howl, Family Dance |
| 3 | - Museum Heritage Day |
| 9 | - Frank Dunn Triathlon |
| 21-23 | - Waskesiu Lakeside Festival |

| Sept | |
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| 7 | - Arbour Day |
| 11-13 | - Reel Rave Film Festival |
| 19 | - 15 th Annual MS Society Bike Tour |

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

- www.waskesiu.org/events
- www.parksCanada.gc.ca/princealbert
- Twitter: @ParksCanada_SK
- www.waskesiuLake.ca/events

2015 WSRA President's Report

By Mr. Rob Phillips, President of the WSRA

The 2015 season at Waskesiu Lake is coming quickly and we are all looking forward to a break from the Canadian winter and all the opportunities for fun that summer brings.

Last season saw the implementation of new construction guidelines for the cabin area. These guideline changes tried to take into account the implementation of the 2014 National Building Code (NBC). These changes will impose restrictions on cabin design because of the new fire spread language in the code. We have however changed the guidelines allowances for deck and patio space for both the 30 and 40-foot lots which will give opportunity for more functional entertainment space.

The Bears in the Park fundraising drive was a successful campaign by the Waskesiu Foundation and work will proceed this spring to get the new playground in place for the upcoming season.

Vision 2020 is currently underway, led by the Waskesiu Community Council. Please take the time to become aware of the process and provide comments to the WCC as soon as possible.

The WSRA is currently reviewing how we review incoming email and how responses and bulk emails are managed. This is a very important process as timely information is important for all of us.

This year we will be asking people to purchase a five-year membership option. This will be a discounted membership and we hope people will make this the default option as canvassing for memberships is a very time consuming effort by our canvassers.

We look forward to a wonderful 2015 season with all of the joys and memories that Waskesiu will create for its faithful visitors and community.



Arbour Day 2004



Triathlon 2006

Greetings!

From PANP Superintendent Alan Fehr

For the first time in seven years of working for Prince Albert National Park, this 'welcome back to Waskesiu' letter includes me as well. I had an opportunity to take an acting assignment as Jasper National Park superintendent from November through April. So, refreshed personally and invested professionally, I find myself returning to Waskesiu about the same time as many of you.

In my absence, Norm Stolle, resource conservation manager, Tamaini Snaith, chief of staff for the VP in Calgary, and Carla Flaman, visitor experience manager, shared the superintendent responsibilities. They ensured that park business moved forward so that we are in great shape entering the summer season.

Some milestones were achieved over the winter including the arrival of the Bears on the Beach playground pieces that the Waskesiu Foundation raised funds for, and Dave Archer turned the main beach camp kitchen into the long dreamed of, four-season shelter complete with new windows, insulation, sliding door and wood stove. These are yet further achievements the community can be proud of and enjoy for many years to come.

On March 6, Rob Clarke, Member of Parliament for Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River, on behalf of the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment and Minister Responsible for Parks Canada, announced that the Government of Canada is making an investment of \$220,000 to lay asphalt and make repairs to flood-damaged Highway 263, \$2.7 million in repairs to flood damage on Cookson road, and \$270,000 in funding to repair slope destabilization threatening the Nature Centre, a federally protected heritage building. A combined total of \$3.21 million is intended for these three projects alone.

Some of the work began in autumn 2014, and the rest should be completed this spring and summer.

Improvements to the Nature Centre continue. The hardwood floors have been returned to their original beauty, windows in the theatre uncovered making the building brighter and a washroom installed. Development of the new exhibits is on schedule for 2016.

The Vision 2020 committee drafted an action plan "geared towards ensuring that Waskesiu continues to be, and is enhanced as, a vibrant, environmentally healthy, economically viable, and unique community" during the winter and will host a meeting in May for community groups to provide feedback.



Holidaying in PANP 1951

This summer, we are excited to launch the Parks Canada 'red chairs' in Prince Albert National Park. This activity is meant to encourage visitors to explore the park and discover the two sets of chairs at iconic spots where they can take 'selfies' to share on social media. The red chairs have been popular in other parks like Cape Breton Highlands and Jasper. You can see more about them on Parks Canada's Facebook and Twitter sites.

For those who are not aware, Terry Schneider, townsite manager, departed Parks Canada for the Rural Municipality of Prince Albert in April. He will be missed! If you need assistance, Gregg Rutten is acting as townsite manager and Coralee Vallaincourt is still the realty officer

As always, have a most enjoyable summer. See you in the park!



Recreational Activities

Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce and Waskesiu Recreational Association

Many activities are offered in Waskesiu throughout the year, and particularly in July and August. Information on all events and who to contact, including major golf tournaments, can be found on the Chamber's website at www.waskesiu.com/events.

Here are some examples:

Zumba Classes

July 6 – Aug 19. Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 am.
Contact Tamaragraae@yahoo.com 306 441-2279

Tennis Lessons

July 6 – Aug 24. Call the Chamber at 663-54510

Bingo

July 8 – Aug 26. Wednesday nights at Terrace Gardens (Assembly Hall). 7 pm – 10 pm



The photos on this page were all submitted for the 2004 Photo Contest.

These and other great pictures are in the Photo Galley found [here](http://www.waskesiu.org) on Waskesiu.org.

The Waskesiu Foundation— A Message from the Chair

By Mr. Jim Kerby



I am honored to once again bring greetings on behalf of the volunteer Board of the Waskesiu Foundation to members of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (the "WSRA").

We truly value our relationship with the WSRA and its volunteer Board, and we thank you for the opportunity to, once again, be part of this year's WSRA Newsletter.

Since it was established in 1999 as a registered charity, the Waskesiu Foundation has raised over \$1.5 million to re-invest in our community. Our Foundation's goal of "Enhancing the Waskesiu experience" is nothing short of an ongoing labour of love, and we hope to keep earning your continued financial support, and trust, this year and in the years ahead.

The 2015 Foundation Dinner – July 11th at the Community Hall

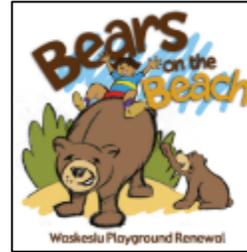
The Foundation's 2015 Fundraising Dinner will be held on **Saturday, July 11, 2015** at the Community Hall in Waskesiu. The theme this year is a "*Champagne Picnic Under the Stars*". Please go to www.waskesiu.org and get your tickets early as last year's dinner sold out in record time. This highly sought after event is great fun and has become the gala event of the summer season in Waskesiu. We hope to see you there!

Waskesiu 2020 & Beyond

– Developing a Community Action Plan

The Foundation is an active participant in, and strong supporter of, the "Waskesiu 2020 Vision" project being spearheaded by the Waskesiu Community Council (the "WCC"). We are pleased to be working with the WCC, the WSRA, Parks Canada Agency, Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, Waskesiu Heritage Museum, Friends of the Park, and other groups to make positive improvements to our community as part of a proposed "Community Action Plan". If you care about Waskesiu's future, we urge you to learn more about this initiative and, above all, to be part of making Waskesiu an even better place for you, your family, and the generations that follow.

The Bears are really on the Beach!



A little over a year ago the Foundation announced its most ambitious project to date – a commitment to renew Waskesiu's main beach playground. Thanks to generous donations from Waskesiu residents, Parks Canada, the Waskesiu business community, and many WSRA members, we are delighted to report that Waskesiu's new "**Bears on the Beach**" playground area will be a reality by June! Thanks to all of our donors for your support – including your donations of time, talent and treasure. A huge "hats off" to WSRA members Derwin and Chris Arnstead for their leadership, vision, organization and energy as the co-chairs of the "**Bears on the Beach**" campaign. What a fantastic effort, and a fantastic result! *There is still time to share in the Waskesiu community pride by taking part in the playground community build (May 28 – May 30th)*. See www.waskesiu.org for more information.

Multi-Season Camp Kitchen Renewal

The Waskesiu Foundation's "Camp Kitchen Renewal Program" has been a resounding success, with projects already completed at the main beach, 6 townsite locations, Paignton Beach, South Bay, and Birch Bay. Our latest success is the renovation of the multi-season camp kitchen near the Foundation Donor Kiosk (across from the Visitor Centre). Dave Archer did the renovation work, which was generously sponsored by the Archer families from the Waskesiu Trading Post, L.A. Outfitters, and the Hawood Inn. Since February, visitors have appreciated the cozy refuge this beautifully renovated camp kitchen provides – and will continue to provide - during the spring, summer, fall and winter seasons.

Waskesiu Townsite Beautification - Flower Planters

The streets of Waskesiu were beautified last summer with the addition of flowers in cedar planters. This was a joint project between the Waskesiu Foundation and the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce. Many people offered positive feedback on the program. Watch for them to return again this year.

In closing, thanks once again to the WSRA and your members for all of your past and ongoing support. On behalf of the Waskesiu Foundation and the entire Foundation Board, we wish each of you a wonderful Waskesiu summer!



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.

In 2014 the issues addressed by the Board included:

- new cabin guidelines
- membership (database, canvassers, fees)
- investment policy
- communications with members
- recognition of community leaders and volunteers
- donations policy
- participation in Vision 20/20.

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

Waskesiu Community Council Update

By Brian Morgan, Chair and Cabin Owner's Rep.

The Waskesiu Community Council welcomes back everyone to Waskesiu for another summer season full of pleasure and enjoyment. Council has continued to be fully involved and engaged in dealing with a host of diverse issues relating to the townsite and immediate surrounding area, with Parks Canada and other stakeholders, in our collective efforts to enhance and sustain the beauty, security, and economic and environmental viability of this, our summer playground. Your Council is comprised of Brian Morgan (Chair), Bryan Matheson (Vice Chair), Nancy Wood Archer (Secretary Treasurer) and fellow members, Brent Hamel, Jim Kerby, Randy Kershaw and Janice MacKinnon; all ably assisted by our Administrator, Noreen Matthews.

One of the most important and exciting ventures of Council over the past eighteen months was to commence a "Waskesiu Townsite Future Visioning" process. People from across our entire community have become engaged to help guide and shape what the Waskesiu townsite and its related amenities (such as the Marina) should "look like and feel like" by the year 2020. Following a highly successful Community Open House held on August 17, 2014 in Waskesiu, at which over 200 super interested people attended, the Waskesiu Community Council is now in the process of trying to turn some truly great "vision" into some very real "action".

As such Council, working closely with Parks Canada Agency, has prepared a draft "Community Action Plan". This "Plan" has been discussed with, and input solicited from, key stakeholder leadership groups in Waskesiu including: the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association, the Waskesiu Heritage Museum, the Waskesiu Golf Course, Friends of the Park, the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, the Waskesiu Foundation, the Waskesiu Marina and, of course, Parks Canada Agency-Prince Albert National Park. At a Roundtable meeting on May 9, 2015, representatives of all the parties met to help shape the collectively designed Community Action Plan.

We are enthused to say that the Plan will be presented to the Community as a whole at an Open House meeting on July 26, 2015, in Terrace Gardens. This is a truly exciting and positive opportunity, perhaps once in a lifetime, for our community to really determine its vision and plans. All seasonal residents are strongly encouraged to attend the Open House meeting.

Given the depth of concerns expressed by residents and visitors regarding the quality of wireless communications in the townsite and area, Council approached SaskTel about measures they could take to remedy the situation. Discussions were productive and by June 24, 2014 a new stealth tower had been erected and put into service in the Red Deer campground. The tower should very much enhance the quality of our wireless communications.

Thanks to so many community donors and the Waskesiu Foundation, significant upgrades to our camp kitchens in the townsite, at Paignton, South Bay and Birch Bay and the newly finished all-season "downtown" kitchen have been much appreciated. The very successful "Bears on the Beach" campaign of the Foundation realizes the erection of a fabulous new children's play park by the main beach.

Additionally, through the good graces of Parks Canada, revitalization of the Nature Centre and flooring and painting upgrades to the Recreation Hall will be a great improvement to the Waskesiu experience.

The summer of 2015 will see the need for another election for members of Council. Members are elected for three year terms. I have had the honor and privilege of representing cabin owners on Council for six years (two terms), as well as being the Council Chair for three years. I have very much enjoyed working with fellow members, Parks Canada and the community at large, but it is time to "pass the baton". Accordingly, I have decided to not put my name forward for re-election and thus, another cabin owner will be required to represent this group on the new Council.

While not yet known, there may well be other vacancies to be filled. The election is slated to be held August 1, 2015. More information will be provided in early summer.

I would encourage as many of you as possible, who are committed to the development and ongoing viability of the community of Waskesiu, to consider letting your names stand for election. Only through active participation does democracy work.

Please join us for our Community Action Plan Open House and our Waskesiu Community Council Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting on Sunday, July 26, 2015, commencing at 9:45 am at Terrace Gardens. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful summer!

Contact Information

Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA)

Board of Directors

Rob Phillips (President)
Herb Pinder (Chair)
Sheila Gagne (Secretary)
Conor Quinn (Treasurer)
Gerry Gilchrist
Richard Kilburn
Paul Pinder
Brad Meier
Diane Roddy
Jennifer Wood

Committees

Membership: Brad Meir, 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: Diane Roddy, Sheila Gagne

How to Keep in Touch:

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

Don't Forget the Date:

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| August | WSRA Annual General Meeting |
| 2 | 10 a.m. Terrace Gardens. |



From 2004 Photo Contest



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, **we are changing the membership fee structure so that you save money by renewing your membership for 5 years**, as follows:

Annual Membership Fee: \$30 (up from \$20)
5-Year Membership Fee: \$100

This will also allow 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 checking into the feasibility of offering electronic methods 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.

The WSRA not trying to increase revenues by increasing the annual membership fee. We've simply found that memberships have increased significantly by having neighbourhood canvassers, and want to make the job of canvassing easier. You can also help reduce the effort required by filling out the form below, and

- Mailing it to Conor Quinn, at 28 Dunning Crescent, Regina S4S 3W1, or
- Bringing it along the Annual General Meeting (August 2, 2015, 10 am, at the Terrace Gardens)

Membership Form

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| 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> | |