

September 8th, 2010

Parks Canada Agency
25-7-N Eddy Street
Gatineau, Quebec
Canada
K1A 0M5

Attention: Mr. Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Mr. Latourelle:

Re: Land Lease Rents – Prince Albert National Park

As you are aware, the most recent round of land rent reviews and related re-assessments has triggered a number of comments and submissions to the Waskesiu Community Council and to Parks Canada Agency, resulting in a visit from the Chief of Realty Services, Crawford Kilpatrick, and his colleagues to Waskesiu (and other National Park Communities) this year. The meeting in Waskesiu was, in our view, very constructive.

The broad view of the Waskesiu community, as expressed by both Peter MacKinnon (as the governing principles) and Herve Langlois (as to appropriate total revenues) is that the current system for determining land rents has broken down, is no longer working, and does not meet basic tests of transparency, simplicity, accountability, and fairness.

Many examples illustrating the above were presented, including the regional nature of Prince Albert National Park (which was not adequately considered), declining visitations, and the fragility of the town site businesses on property values.

THE WASKESIU SEASONAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association strongly recommends that Parks Canada Agency, together with the Waskesiu Community Council, undertake an immediate review of the current land rent system with the objective of achieving – in a revised system – the broad principles of transparency, simplicity, accountability, and fairness. This is one of the material issues between Parks Canada Agency and seasonal residents that we believe needs to be addressed cooperatively and expeditiously.

Sincerely,

John Stevenson
President
The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association Inc.

cc: Alan Fehr, Superintendent, PANP
Waskesiu Community Council: Attention Chairperson