

First of all I would like to thank the folks from 126 cabins at Ramsey Bay that chose to purchase a membership in our Cottage Owners' Association in our 2015 - 2016 fiscal year. We appreciate your support of our Association and your participation in the community events we host.

Our 2015 fundraiser, the 2016 calendar, was a successful undertaking. We have a few copies left. They are available now at the reduced rate of \$10. Thanks again to Chantal Tuttroen for supplying the great photos and setting up the calendar template.

Our current fundraiser is a "Second Helping" Cookbook. It contains over 400 recipes and is priced at \$20. These cookbooks will be available at all our events this year.

We are already preparing for our busy summer season. Part of that preparation is getting volunteers in place so our social events are well staffed and successful. There are volunteer signup sheets circulating here today. Please consider volunteering to coordinate and/or work at an event. We need your commitment and support to successfully host these social events in our community.

I provided some Fire Suppression Rate information, charged by the volunteer fire department in the Northern Hamlet of Weyakwin in a recent email. These are the allowable rates determined by SGI. The hourly rate for a Productive Call is \$887, while the hourly rate for a Non Productive Call is \$533. This information was provided to assist you in determining adequate coverage for this service in your property insurance policy.

Landfill Changes are in the works. The government has implemented new guidelines for waste management and are working with communities and rural municipalities to bring all landfills into compliance with the current Municipal Refuse Management Regulations. Ramsey Bay property owners currently pay 45 per cent of the operating costs of the landfill. The Hamlet also contributes 45 per cent and the campground leasees and local outfitters each contribute 5 per cent. The Hamlet is investigating recycling options and if they are implemented, we will need to make changes in how we all manage our day to day garbage. **There are a few pamphlets here today that provide information on the single stream recycling program being considered.** No sorting or separating is required. All accepted recyclable materials can be placed together in a supplied blue recycling box. Residents would then dump the box contents into a larger bin that would be located on a trailer at the landfill or in the subdivision. The landfill staff would take the full bin to the collection depot to be emptied. I would encourage everyone to start recycling now, if you aren't already doing so, to ensure we get a full year out of our existing household garbage "pit". Recyclable items could be dropped off when traveling into Prince Albert or LaRonge for groceries or appointments.

For the last few years, the WCOA have organized an annual tree/brush cleanup along Ramsey and Wolverine Drives to help keep our resort in good condition. This year the work bee will be held on Saturday, May 28th and we will do those roadways and also spend some time clearing deadfall around the Memorial Site, Horseshoe Pits and surrounding areas. Please bring your gloves, pruners, chain saws,

trucks, trailers and positive attitudes. We will meet at the hall at 9:00 am. Lunch and refreshments will be provided to the work crew in the hall at noon.

Our Wireless Coverage at Ramsey Bay is the only means of communication from our remote area for a lot of folks that spend time here. At various times throughout the year, but especially on busy weekends and during the summer, wireless service is not available or sufficient. We need better and more consistent service. We have a signature sheet here today for everyone to sign. These signatures will be submitted to the Minister responsible for SaskTel with a letter from our Cottage Owners Association, asking that these service inefficiencies be resolved.

Last year we developed a Cabin Owner info sheet and had the Block Captains deliver one to each property. Most people filled them in and returned them, however many did not. We requested this information to update addresses, dock numbers and find out everyone's preferred method of correspondence for the relay of information. If you didn't fill in a form, please pick one up today and return it to your block captain or an executive member.

All of our table officers have agreed to serve a second term on the executive, however we have a couple folks who have served for a few years and would like to step down from the executive. We need a couple people to agree to take a two year term to serve as members at large. Please have someone nominate you if you are interested in any position, including a table officer position. Having more people nominated than available positions is a strong indication of the strength of the organization. There is nothing I'd like better than to have to folks competing for a spot on our executive!

And last, but not least, I'd like to thank all of you for the support you have shown to me, personally, during the past two years as your President. For the most part the experience has been very rewarding but there have also been, and continue to be, challenges. However, no hill is too steep to climb and we will continue to press forward in a positive way.

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