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Her Majesty The Queen, (Saskatchewan) Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs
La Ronge, SK S0J 1L0

May 2, 2018

RE: Weyakwin Foreshore Permits

Dear Her Majesty The Queen, (Saskatchewan) Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs,

The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport will begin issuing foreshore dispositions (dock permits) within the Weyakwin Lake Recreation Site. It is our intention to have all foreshore permits in place for Ramsey Bay subdivision by **August 1, 2018**.

A bit of background information is included for your information:

- In 2012 the Park Area Manager responsible for overseeing the Weyakwin Lake Recreation Site was advised by Ministry of Finance that parks were required to have all foreshore installations under permit with the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. This is consistent with how all parks foreshore land is administered in the province. Some concerns were raised by cottage owners and associations at Weyakwin Lake regarding the validity of the ministers' order from 1993.
- With regard to foreshore dispositions (docks), the Ministry of Parks Culture and Sport has consulted with the Ministry of Justice to review the 1993 Minister's Order signed by the Honourable Carol Carson, Minister of Community Services. The order purports to establish bylaws that control the use of the foreshore between the Ramsey Bay Recreational Subdivision and Weyakwin Lake within the Weyakwin Lake (Ramsey Bay) Recreation Site. After careful review of *The Northern Municipalities Act*, Justice has concluded that the Minister could not make an order with respect to park land and therefore it is inapplicable to the extent that it attempts to regulate the foreshore that is within the Recreation Site. Adhering to this interpretation, the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport will be starting the process to permit park land dispositions within the Weyakwin Lake Recreation Site.

- Weyakwin Lake Recreation Site is within the Great Blue Heron Provincial Park area and is administered by the Park Manager.

We are working with the Weyakwin Cottage Owners Association to obtain the most recent list of dock permits administered by the Association. Our goal is to have all existing docks permitted to the current owners, if they apply. We will be accepting applications until **July 1, 2018** for existing structures, and new dispositions. All applications received will be assessed and permit locations allocated. Any vacant foreshore permit locations not allocated by July 1, 2018 will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

Permits will be allocated to cottage lot title or lease holders, only one foreshore permit per lot. General conditions are included on the bottom of the application permit. Please note that in the case of Weyakwin Lake Recreation Site, seasonal removal of the docks and lifts will be at the permittee's discretion.

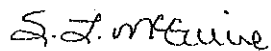
Included with this letter is a Foreshore Shoreland use permit application. Please complete, including any existing dock numbers, sign and date.

Signed applications can be returned via:

Email	sonnet.mcguire@gov.sk.ca
Mail	Great Blue Heron Provincial Park, Box 66 Christopher Lake, SK S0J 0N0
In-person	Christopher Lake, 379 Main Street
Fax	306-982-6260

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,



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FORESHORE/ShORELAND USE PERMIT

Lease or Permit

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APPLICANT: Full Name _____ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ Mailing Address _____ _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____ Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____ Fax Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____	CO APPLICANT: Full Name _____ Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ Mailing Address _____ _____ City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____ Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____ Fax Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____
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Land Disposition Description: (check and complete one of the following)

- ☐ Parcel/Lot _____ Block _____ Plan _____ Subdivision _____
☐ LSD _____ Quarter _____ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____ West of the _____ Meridian
☐ Unsurveyed area, location described as (Please provide map datum WGS84 latitude/longitude co-ordinates [decimal minute to 3 decimal places], if available. If taking GPS readings, please indicate the make and model of the GPS unit.

Class of Improvement: New _____ Existing _____ Dock _____
 Boat Lift _____ Staircase _____ Other _____

Improvement Specifics: Length _____ Width _____
 Width of Shoreline Use _____ Location _____
 Construction type (wood frame, aluminum, floating, etc.) _____

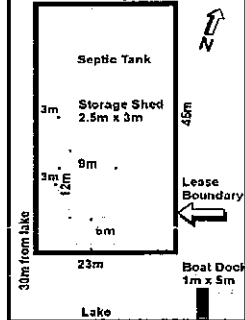
Foreshore and Shoreline Use Conditions:

- 1) Allowable Works: Boat Storage Lifts, Docks, Stairways, Stake Tie-ups.
- 2) Prohibited Structures: Decks, Storage Sheds, Boat Houses.
- 3) Dock areas to be designated by the Park Manager.
- 4) All docks and lifts must be removed by freeze-up and stored on lessees' property or at designated locations.
- 5) Shared use of docks is encouraged.
- 6) The only shoreline clearing that will be allowed will be to provide access to the foreshore/shoreland work.
- 7) Structures must be constructed so as to conform to 'The National Building Code of Canada' and must be kept in a safe, well maintained, and neat condition.
- 8) Permittees take full responsibility for possible injury or liability; a 'No Diving' sign must be displayed at the entrance to any dock.
- 9) Docks must not exceed 1.2 meters in width and can only be as long as necessary to ensure sufficient water depth for mooring.
- 10) Docks must conform to Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Transport Canada guidelines
- 11) Assigned permit # must be displayed and visible from both the shore and the water.
- 12) Where located within a cottage subdivision, application may only be accepted from cottage lessees.
- 13) In the case of an assignment of cottage property associated with this permit, a completed "Quit Claim" must be submitted and the ministry will consider "Other Users" associated with the new permit application.
- 14) Permit application fee is \$20.00

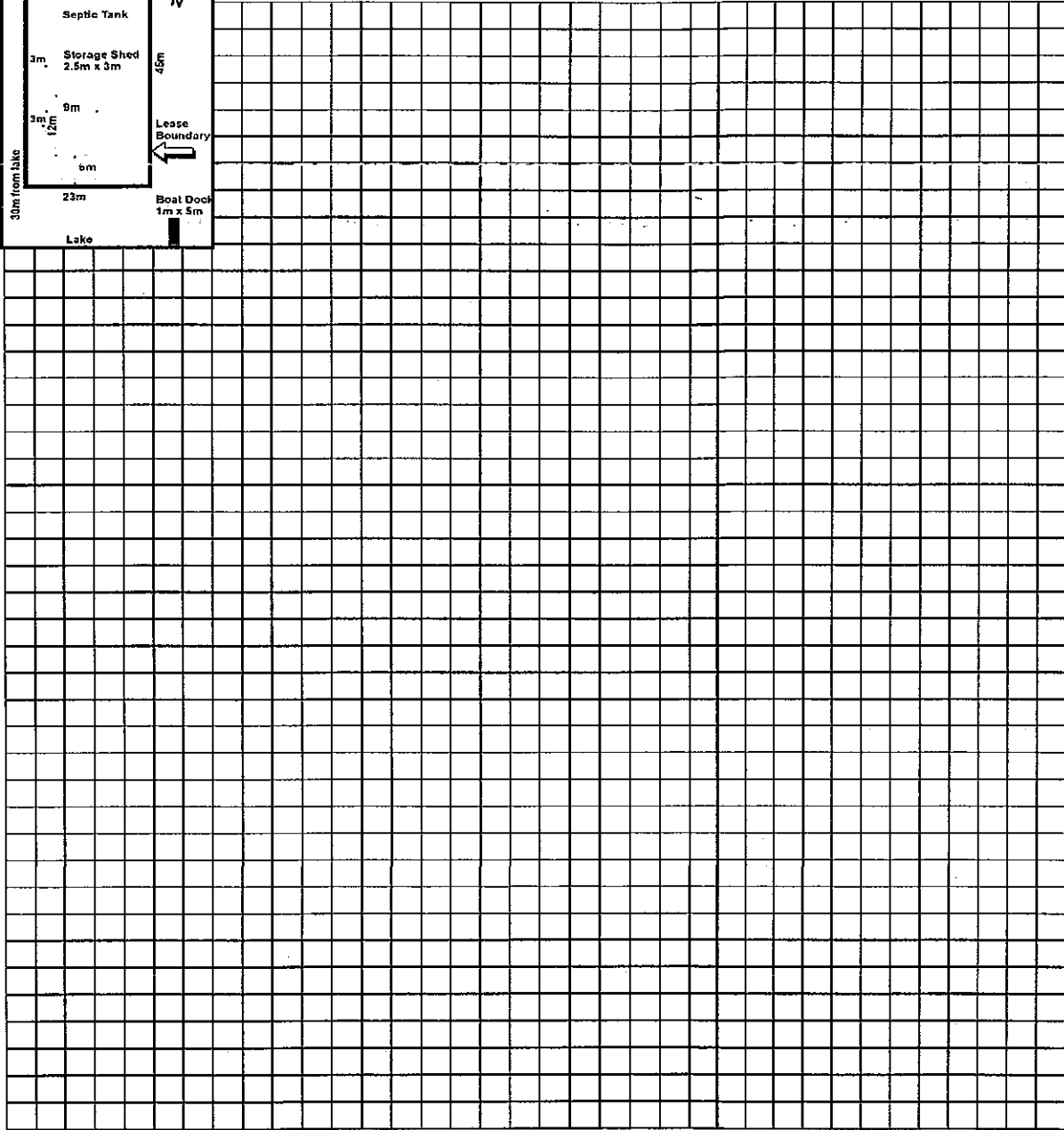
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Site Development Plan Example



The following drawing is a detailed plan of my proposed site development. The plan is to scale and includes building locations, distances from lot lines and water bodies and building dimensions. Surrounding trails and facilities are also identified.



Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

☐ Approve ☐ Deny Park Manager/Supervisor _____

Date _____



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Dear cottage owner,

This letter is to inform you of some recent changes at Great Blue Heron Provincial Park. Gordon Locke has taken on a new role as Regional Director for the Northeast Region. I have recently accepted the position as Park Manager for Great Blue Heron Provincial Park. Weyakwin Lake Recreation Site falls within the Great Blue Heron Provincial Park area, so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My contact information is listed below.

As part of my regular communication with you, I wanted to notify you that park staff will be making regular inspections to assess hazardous trees that are located on park land. These inspections will be completed in spring and fall and will include assessing trees that are within one tree length of cottage lots and trails. Any trees deemed to be hazardous will be felled by trained government staff, in compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. If you have concerns with any trees outside of the spring and fall timeline, please feel free to email me so that we can ensure they are covered in the next available inspection.

Also, as a reminder, the removal of dead and downed trees on park land requires a permit. Please contact me to discuss availability of permits and requirements.

I look forward to working with you to manage the park lands at Weyakwin Lake.

Sincerely,

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