



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	
1	- Canada Day Parade & Festivities
12	- Yard Sale, Waskesiu Heritage Museum - Fundraising Dinner, Waskesiu Foundation
13	- AGM - Waskesiu Heritage Museum
19	- Parks Day/Children's Festival
26	- "Love to Paddle in the Park", Heart Lakes - Taste of Waskesiu
Aug	
3	- AGM - Seasonal Residents Assoc. (WSRA) - Grey Owl Howl, Family Dance
9	- Museum Heritage Day
10	- Frank Dunn Triathlon
11	- Heritage Museum Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
17	- AGM- Waskesiu Community Council - "Waskesiu 2020 & Beyond" Open House
31	- Arbour Day
Sept	
5	- Reel Rave Film Festival

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

2014 WSRA President's Report

By Mr. Rob Phillips, President of the WSRA

2013 was a beautiful year for the province of Saskatchewan, with just the right mix of rain and sunshine to provide the province's farmers with the largest crop in history. The good fortunes of the farmers also indicate that PANP and Waskesiu Lake had enough mix of weather that all had a good time.

Our community is healthy with a vibrant Waskesiu Foundation providing a means to contribute to the ongoing enhancement of the Waskesiu Lake town site and the beach areas that we all enjoy. The Foundation's activities saw a renewal of the camp kitchens both within the town site and at the beaches surrounding the lake. We understand that renewal of the camp kitchens at all of the targeted beaches will be completed in 2014.

The WSRA completed multi-year collaborative work with PANP management to revise the Cabin Construction Guidelines for the Bird Streets (Parcel X). The changes included incorporating requirements of the National Building Code (NBC) 2010, which was adopted by the province in May 2013. These new guidelines will restrict some portions of cabin layout and limit windows on the non-parking side of the cabin. Specifically, fire spread has become a significant concern of the building officials that publish the NBC. However there are opportunities within these new guidelines to accommodate the needs of cabin owners. Cabin designers may have to look at the NBC closely to explore the opportunities within it for creative design of our small foot print cabins.

A significant opportunity now exists for owners within Parcel X to have more functional deck or patio space. I invite you to read the new document, which is available at www.waskesiu.org. Please note that concessions have been made with respect to existing "legal nonconforming decks" within Parcel X. There is now a sunset clause for these decks. By December 31, 2025 all of these decks will have to be cut back to allow for the 3 foot setback on that side of the cabin. This is effectively a good neighbor concession, which is supported by both the WSRA Executive and the Waskesiu Lake Community Council.

With the Cabin Guidelines updated it is now time for Cottage Development Guidelines that both make sense and reflect our town site specifically. With new construction in the cottage areas within our community there has been conflict between PANP and some owner developers. At this point in time the cottage development information is based on federal regulation, not specific local situations. The document has never been clear for Waskesiu Lake and it is time to make it relevant and enforceable.

Spruce Bud Worm within our community has been managed with successful sprays over the last couple of years. It is important for us to stand guard against this pesky pest. The WSRA will continue to be vigilant and work with the Waskesiu Community Council (WCC) to ensure that our Spruce trees remain strong.

Please remember the presentation at the 2013 WSRA AGM by SaskPower regarding tree inspections adjacent to power lines within the town site. Many trees have been identified with several aging conditions, and their removal is required for public safety reasons.

We look forward to having you all out to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) this summer. Please note that we have moved the AGM from July to early August, to allow for the travel arrangements of some of the directors so that they can attend.

Have a wonderful 2014 season with all of the joys and memories that Waskesiu will create for its faithful.

Greetings!

From PANP Superintendent Alan Fehr

It is always exciting to feel the warmth of the spring sun and see momentum build towards another great summer in Prince Albert National Park (PANP). Every year Parks Canada staff look forward to the awakening of the Waskesiu community, and the arrival of visitors and seasonal residents to Waskesiu and the Park.

New this year, we are pleased to work with the Waskesiu Community Council on a "Waskesiu 2020 and Beyond" Visioning Exercise. Park and Waskesiu organizations along with the community as a whole will have opportunities to weigh in on the draft vision during the summer. An **open house** is scheduled to take place **August 17, 2014**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to provide feedback as part of this process.

Many members of WSRA make financial or volunteer contributions to the Waskesiu Foundation. We'd like to acknowledge the Foundation's generous support in providing improved opportunities for visitors. Two more Waskesiu day use area camp kitchens were upgraded in 2013 with financial support from the Foundation. This brings the current total of upgraded and new shelters to 9 (6 in Waskesiu, 2 at Paignton Beach and 1 at South Bay). We continue to revitalize day use areas, and Parks Canada and the Foundation are planning to rebuild the Birch Bay Camp kitchen and free standing stone camp stove this year. Finally, the Foundation is fundraising for the construction of a brand new, nature-themed playground to be built at the main beach! This is great news and a real tribute to Waskesiu's tremendous community spirit.

We continue to focus on improving opportunities and experiences for visitors. Last summer we constructed ten oTENTiks at Beaver Glen campground. These are cabin-like large modern wall tents capable of housing a family for a hassle free camping experience. We're excited about this new experience for visitors and hope you will be too. It's a great option for your visiting friends and family and is proving to be very popular.

I hope everyone travels safely when setting out for the Park in 2014, and look forward to seeing you this summer!

The Waskesiu Foundation— A Message from the Chair

By Mr. Jim Kerby



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

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

Since it was established in 1999 as a registered charity, the Foundation has raised over \$1.2 million to re-invest in our community. You can see (and enjoy) that investment everywhere you walk in Waskesiu – including 100 Memorial Benches, Community Hall upgrades, Terrace Gardens upgrades, tennis court resurfacing, camp kitchen renovations, walking trail improvements, reforestation sites, former bandstand site landscaping, the Lobstick Tree renewal project, and so much more.

Waskesiu Playground Renewal – "Bears on the Beach"



The Waskesiu Foundation is now undertaking its most ambitious project ever - renewing Waskesiu's main beach playground area. Partnering with Parks Canada, the existing playground structure will be replaced with a new, eye-catching and nature-themed playground. A giant "tree" and a life-sized sculpture of a mother bear and her cubs will highlight the new playground design. Metal railings and posts around the tree are themed to represent tree branches. The other equipment includes climbers themed as conifers and vines. There will also be three slides of different heights, a rope activity, overhead loop climbers, chinning bars and stepping-stones. This project is branded as "**Bears on the Beach**" in recognition of the playful bear sculpture.

Our fundraising goal is \$295,000. Thanks to the generosity of many of you (including the WSRA), we've made significant progress already - and we now need less than \$100,000 to make "**Bears on the Beach**" a reality by the summer of 2015. Please consider being a part of this exciting project. Some families have three (or more) generations pooling their funds to make a "multi-generation" donation, and some of our community's children have already come forward as well. Charitable receipts will be issued for all donations over \$25. You can donate on-line at www.waskesiu.org (please choose 'Playground' in the drop-down menu). Cheques can be dropped off at the Hawood Inn or mailed to: The Waskesiu Foundation, PO Box 242, Saskatoon, SK., S7K 3K4.

Continuing to Restore Waskesiu's Iconic Camp Kitchens

The Waskesiu Foundation, in collaboration with your neighbours and Parks Canada, continues to renovate camp kitchens throughout our townsite and at Waskesiu's outlying beaches. We have already renovated 6 camp kitchens in the townsite, and two at Paignton Beach. A wonderful group of Waskesiu families contributed their volunteer time, labor, materials and financial resources to build a brand new camp kitchen at South Bay in 2013! Later this year we hope to replace the Birch Bay camp kitchen, and to refurbish the multi-season camp kitchen across from the Park Administration office. You can help too! Commemorate an individual, a family, or a group of families by donating \$10,000 to sponsor a camp kitchen renovation for a lasting tribute that also provides a charitable tax receipt.



Join us for our 10th Annual Fundraising Dinner Saturday, July 12th

The Waskesiu Foundation Donor Recognition and Fundraising Dinner will be held on **July 12, 2014** at the Community Hall in Waskesiu.

- Tickets are \$140 each and will go on sale May 1st via www.waskesiu.org, or they can be purchased at Traxx in The Sand in Waskesiu once it opens for the season.
- This is our **10th Annual Dinner**, and we will celebrate with the theme "*Diamonds and Silver – A Decade of Dinners*". The Community Hall will be dazzling with white, silver, and diamond decorations.
- We have wonderful sponsorship opportunities available, so email us at wfi@waskesiu.org for more details!
- Dress will be "Waskesiu Street Formal", so plan to wear something white, silver, or sparkling (or all three!)

Enhancing the Waskesiu experience is an ongoing effort, and the Waskesiu Foundation hopes to keep earning your continued financial support and trust. Thanks again to the WSRA for all your support, and we wish everyone a great Waskesiu summer!



DIAMONDS & SILVER
A Decade of Dinners

Can You Lend a Hand?

A great time is had by all the **Grey Owl Howl!** This is a family dance held annually at the Community Hall. This year it will be the evening of August 3rd. Help is needed with music, MC duties, food, advertising, set up, and clean up. If you can lend a hand, please contact Karen Woolley (cell: 306 536-0262) or Diane Phillips (306-292-6887).



Waskesiu Community Council Update

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

On behalf of the Waskesiu Community Council, welcome 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. We work 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.

Subsequent to the decision to spray for spruce budworm, and the requisite fund raising, successful sprays took place in the summers of 2012 and 2013. A report to Council in November, 2013 advised that spruce defoliation levels in the townsite had decreased by 63% from 2011 levels and that new needle growth on white spruce trees was readily evident. This is great news!

In collaboration with a committee of the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association and Parks Canada, new Cabin Guidelines were formulated and approved. Kudos to the WSRA Committee, and all of those individuals who provided input, for their very fine work in this regard.

One of the most important and exciting ventures of Council this past year was to commence a "Waskesiu Townsite Future Visioning" process. We started by asking representatives from Parks Canada to join with us to:

- identify current and potential projects/activities that will improve the "Waskesiu experience"; and
- work towards creating a clear, community-based vision of how the Waskesiu townsite will (or could) look and feel by the year 2020 - a so-called "2020 Vision" for Waskesiu.

All of the participants clearly understood that the first session was just the very first step in a process that must and will involve other key stakeholder groups in our community and, eventually, the entire community.

Meetings will be scheduled for early summer with the boards of key stakeholder groups, (such as the WSRA) within Waskesiu, at which the "2020 Vision" concept will be discussed and additional input sought.

Thereafter, the Community Council, working in conjunction with Parks Canada (and, hopefully, with the active participation and support of each of the key stakeholders) intends to plan a community "Open-House" meeting in August. We will solicit everyone's views in helping to identify priority issues so that a potential implementation plan can then be created.

Council is excited about advancing this process and encourages your support and participation. Please stay tuned for updates.

Our Vegetation Management Committee has engaged fully with officials of SaskPower and Parks Canada in the need to cull dead and threatening trees in the proximity of power lines in the townsite. As a result, you will notice that work has already begun in this regard and will continue in what is hoped to be an unobtrusive manner.

As well, 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 at long last we expect to see a new stealth tower erected in the Red Deer campground in the month of June, 2014. The tower should very much enhance the quality of our wireless communications.

Council continues to be pleased with the winter season security measures that have been put in place. To the best of our knowledge there has been no break and enter activity over the past four winters. The RCMP and park warden presence on long weekends in the summer continues to have a positive impact in decreasing the level of unacceptable behavior.

Our www.waskesiu.org website continues to be the widely used by those seeking information on Waskesiu. Please visit the site and find out what is happening in Waskesiu and PANP at www.waskesiu.org.

Please join us for our Waskesiu Community Council Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting on Sunday, August 17 from 10 am to noon at the Terrace Gardens. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful summer!

Spring 2013 Townsite Report

By Terrence Schneider, Townsite Manager, PANP

NEW Cabin Guidelines:

Thank you to the Waskesiu Community Council and the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association for their efforts towards completing the updated *2013 Prince Albert National Park Waskesiu Cabin Guidelines*.

The guidelines are available at the Townsite Office in Waskesiu or can be downloaded at waskesiu.org.

Internet Connection Made Easier!

Approvals are in place for the spring construction of a 35 m high SaskTel communication tower in Waskesiu. It will be located in a discreet location of Red Deer Campground and should be functional by the summer.

Recycling Made Easier!

In the fall of 2013, the North Central Saskatchewan Waste Management Corporation negotiated a new regional recycling contract with Crown Shred. The program will now allow communities, including Waskesiu in Prince Albert National Park, to introduce co-mingled recycling programs.

Co-mingled commodities, including tin cans, plastic, paper and cardboard, can now be recycled in common collection bins. Prince Albert National Park is updating townsite recycle bin messaging to reflect the change.

With strong resident support for this program, Prince Albert National Park will significantly reduce its annual contributions to landfills in the region.

To assist you with recycling efforts, an *Easy Guide to Recycling* brochure will be mailed along with all 2014 land rent invoices.

Road Weight Restrictions

Heavy loads are not permitted on paved residential streets during the spring summer and fall. PANP and Waskesiu Community Council want to preserve the roadways. Please check with the Townsite Office prior to hauling heavy items like buildings, landscaping materials, or gravel to leasehold lots. A copy of the *Prince Albert National Park Building Moving Directive* can be found on the waskesiu.org website.

SaskPower – Vegetation Maintenance

SaskPower intends to continue with vegetation maintenance along primary power service lines in

Waskesiu this year. This work will assist in preserving the integrity of SaskPower infrastructure, create a safe working environment for the staff, provide safe surroundings for residents and other park visitors and protect private leasehold investments.

Spring Yard Cleaning

Please refer to the April 2012 *Prince Albert National Park Yard Waste Directive* listed on waskesiu.org when tending to your spring yard cleanup work. Thank you!

Drainage Swale Construction

Work began in the fall of 2013 on drainage swales in the easement between Bluebird and Chickadee streets and the easement between Jay and Kingfisher streets. All tree removal work in the easements has been completed. Construction of the swales and finish landscaping will be undertaken in 2014.

For more information about these or other topics, please call the Townsite office at 306-663-4519 for assistance.

Summer Fun!

*Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce and
Waskesiu Recreational Association*



- Zumba Classes!
- Tennis Lessons!
- Bingo!

These activities are offered in Waskesiu throughout July and August. Information on days of the week, and who to contact, can be found on the Chamber's website at www.waskesiuLake/events.

Major golf tournaments as well as year-round events and activities are also listed on this website.

Did You Hear?

Waskesiu & Area Wilderness Region won the Sask. Tourism Award of Excellence's Gil Carduner Marketing Award, in the "Budget under \$20,000" category. Check out their website, at <http://waskesiuwildernessregion.com>



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 Meir
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, Jennifer Wood

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:

August	WSRA Annual General Meeting
3	10 a.m. Terrace Gardens.



Membership Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA)

Please Join Us

(It's Only \$20 and it Makes Our Voice Stronger!)

The more people the WSRA represents, the stronger our shared voice will be. Please keep our organization strong by buying or renewing your WSRA membership, attending the Annual General Meeting, ensuring we have your current contact information, and encouraging your neighbors to be active members too.

You are encouraged to fill out the form below and:

- Drop it off with our President, Rob Phillips, in the mail box on his deck at 1519 Nighthawk
- Drop it off with our Treasurer, Conor Quinn, at 1526 Grebe or with any other Director you may know
- Mail it to Conor Quinn, at 28 Dunning Crescent, Regina S4S 3W1
- Bring it along the Annual General Meeting (August 3, 2014, 10 am, at the Terrace Gardens)

Volunteers will also be canvassing for memberships door-to-door again this summer.

NEW! WSRA Membership Stickers

As suggested at last year's AGM, WSRA membership stickers are available to anyone with a paid up membership. These can be proudly displayed in your window to show support and encourage others to join. Your local membership canvasser will have them available, and they can also be picked up from Gerry Gilchrist at 1511 Nighthawk (306-343-9300).



Membership Form

Member Name(s):	
Email Address (for news updates):	
Cabin or Cottage Address at Waskesiu:	
Home Address in Winter Months:	
Membership fee is \$20 per year. Five-year memberships save time and paperwork, and are \$100	
<u>Correspondence:</u> Newsletters and Waskesiu News Updates from the WSRA and community partners are sent out by email, as news happens.	
<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	

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.