



Memorandum, January 8, 2019

Dear Cabin Owner:

## **2019 Water Service and PANP Fall Water Service Shut Down Directive**

Unseasonably low fall temperatures resulted in damage to seasonal water distribution systems in the Waskesiu cabin area. The below - 8 degree Celsius temperatures in September and October 2018 created numerous breaks in the water system.

As a result, delays in the restoration of water service in the spring of 2019 are expected. Repairs to damaged valves requires that water be turned on street by street rather than the normal practice of restoring water to all streets simultaneously. Water services in the cabin area will be restored first to Pelican Street and proceed to Bluebird Street as the breaks on each street are repaired. Additional information regarding the water system restoration will be available in April of 2019.

Parks Canada has also amended the *Fall Water Service Shutdown Directive*. Going forward, in the fall of any given year, the water services will be turned off at the discretion of the Field Unit Superintendent in order to protect the water system infrastructure. This may happen without notice to the public. Parks Canada may shut down water services to those areas of the Waskesiu community deemed to be at risk of freezing.

Guidelines for fall water shut down are as follows:

- Shut off will be determined in conjunction with Environment Canada's weather forecast system based on:
  - Three consecutive days of forecast overnight low temperatures of - 5

C



- One day forecast of an overnight low of - 13 C or lower
- Other comparable forecast conditions deemed by the Field Unit Superintendent to put the water system at risk of freezing.

Every effort will be made to notify the Waskesiu Community Council and the Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association, as well as residents. If time permits, information will be posted at the entrance to specific subdivisions within the community to notify residents of the pending water shut off and that lines will be blown out due to cold weather forecasts.

In those years that the cold temperatures guidelines have not triggered an early shutdown of water services, shut down will begin on the Tuesday following the Thanksgiving weekend to ensure sufficient time to winterize the system.

For more information please contact the Prince Albert National Park Townsite Manager at 306-663-4519 or by email at [panp.info@canada.ca](mailto:panp.info@canada.ca).