

FIRE PREPAREDNESS WORKING GROUP (FPWG)
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Following the return from the first evacuation order this past summer, there was a suggestion that a community meeting be held with the Weyakwin Fire Base, Parks, SPSA (Sask Public Safety Agency) and NMS (Northern Municipal Services) to discuss future fire management within the subdivision. After some general discussions with various members of the community it was determined that such a meeting would most likely generate more questions than answers and that no concrete plans would be developed. Subsequently a call was issued to the whole community for individuals who would be willing to develop a fire management strategy for the development.

A group of nine individuals have come together to form the Fire Preparedness Working Group (FPWG). The mandate of the FPWG is - *To develop a fire preparedness strategy for the current and future needs of the Ramsey Bay Recreational site.*

The initial work of the FPWG has begun and we have established three areas of focus. The Group is aware that there will be overlap between each area but given the complexity of the task we would prefer to have overlap rather than miss a key issue.

THE DEVELOPMENT

A three person sub-group has been set up to review and determine the feasibility of purchasing a sprinkler system (pumps, hoses, stands, sprinklers, etc.) for the entire development. They will also consider if other equipment should be purchased to assist in protecting the development.

PARKS (Crown) LAND

A three person sub-group will work with Parks and other government agencies to develop a plan to reduce the fuel load on Parks land.

INDIVIDUAL CABIN SITES

A sub-group of three will take on the role of educating individual cabin owners on what they can do to reduce the fuel load on and around their own cabin sites.

The FPWG has purposely not set a time for the presentation of a final report. Given the complexity of the issue and the uncertainty around the availability of the various government agencies to meet and work with us, we will defer doing so until we have had some initial work done by each sub-group. We are hopeful that some initiatives can start this fall/winter but we are mindful that some initiatives may take several years before they are completed.

Finally, we want to stress that this is a **community issue** and we will need everyone to take part in any plans or initiatives that are put forward and approved.

If you have any questions for the FPWG they can be directed to oldcat@sasktel.net and the FPWG will do our best to answer them in a timely fashion.