



PARCS UPDATE #102

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*"Looking at rules & regulations,
policies & procedures"*

In this this Edition:

- 1) We **begin with a laugh** about the many rules that have become a part of municipal government.
- 2) We **conclude with a preview** about how we will deal with those rules in our fall convention.

1. It's worth a chuckle

In the year 2019, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Canada and said:

"Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down, saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark. "Noah," He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. First, I needed a **Building Permit.**"

"I've been arguing with the **Boat Inspector** about the need for a sprinkler system."

"My homeowners association claim that I've violated the **neighborhood by-laws** by building the Ark in my back yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the local **Planning Commission** for a decision."

"Then the **City Council** and the **Power Company** demanded a boat load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear none of it."

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Barn Owl. I tried to convince the **environmentalists** that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!"

"When I started gathering the animals, PETA (**People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals**) took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space."

"Then the **Environmental Protection Agency** ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood."

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the **Human Rights Commission** on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew."

"The **Immigration Department** is checking the visa status of most of the people who want to work and the **labor unions** say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only union workers with ark-building experience."

"To make matters worse, the **Canada Revenue Agency** seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species."

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

"Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine and a rainbow stretched across the sky."

Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "The Government beat me to it."

Mark your calendar for the
PARCS CONVENTION on:

- Friday, October 18th
- Saturday, October 19th

At the Hilton Garden Inn
in Saskatoon.

2. A preview of our fall convention about policies and procedures

Here are some highlights of some of the plans for our fall convention:

- PARCS is proud to announce that **Joe Carson** has agreed to be one of our plenary speakers. Joe was hired under the title of **Saskatchewan's Director of Regulatory Modernization**. His mandate is to ensure that government rules and regulations are helpful without being a hindrance.
- PARCS will be putting together a **Collection of Resort Village Policies** (about governance, about environmental issues, about municipal services and facilities). This collection will be unveiled and distributed exclusively to donors and to convention delegates!
- Resort Villages will have an opportunity to attend a free Pre-convention Workshop (Friday morning) that will deal with **policies about how councils function**. RMs and OHs will have a similar opportunity to attend a free Pre-convention Workshop (Friday morning) that will feature a panel of RM/OH teams telling about what their **operational procedures**.
- A speaker from the **Dispute Resolution Office** will tell about how they can assist in problem resolution.
- A speaker from the **Office of the Privacy Commissioner** will tell us about how we can protect the privacy of our residents.
- The banquet will feature the performance of a skit which provides us with an opportunity to take **a sneak peek at a council meeting** in a resort community in rural Saskatchewan. Stand by for belly laughs!

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