

# PARCS UPDATE #48

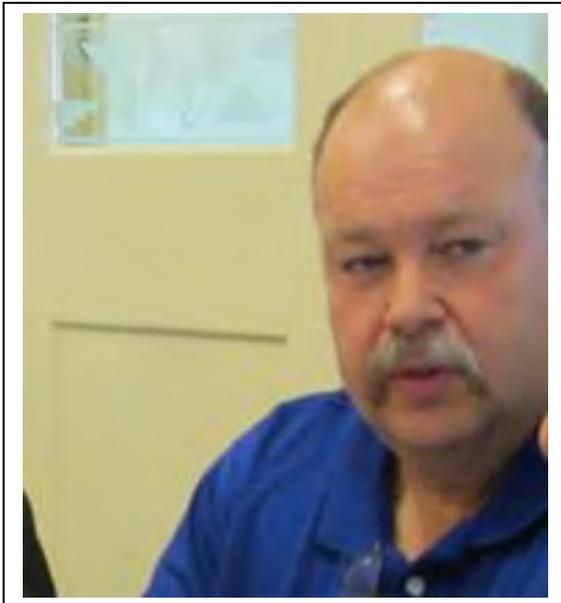
## JANUARY, 2015



# LOOKING BACK & LOOKING FORWARD

## 1. THE START OF A NEW YEAR

The fall convention marked the end of the PARCS 2014 year and the election of a new Board of Directors for the 2015 year. We welcome new directors in the South East (Dave Boulding, Mayor of the RV of Melville Beach – see photo below, top) and in the South West (Joe Jozsa, Councillor for the RV of Mistusinne – see photo below, bottom).



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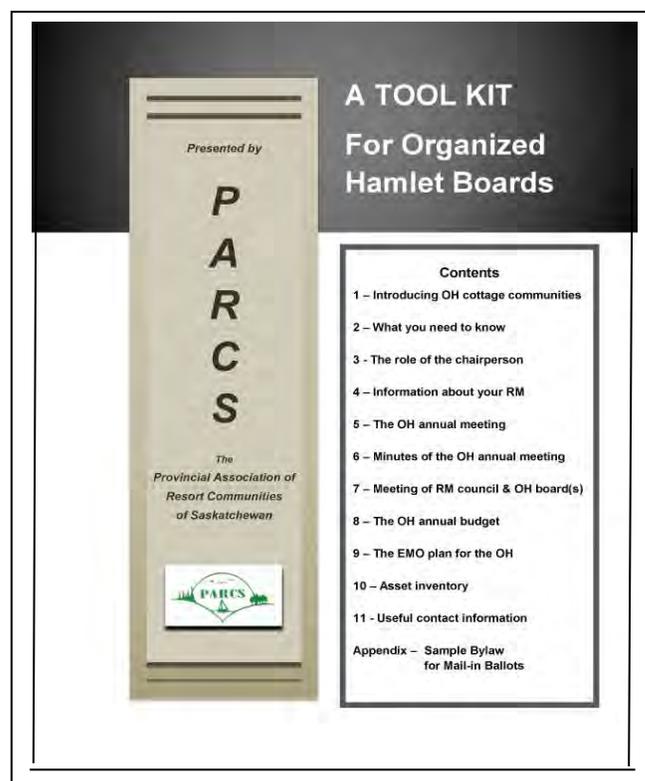
## 2. LOOKING BACK AT CONVENTION 2014



The beautiful **WILLOWS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB** was selected as the site of the 2014 PARCS Convention. The Willows offered spacious meeting rooms with panoramic views and excellent service. The Willows is located just south of Saskatoon, 5 minutes from the Stonebridge Mall. These same facilities have been reserved for the 2015 Convention on the **weekend after Thanksgiving**. Mark your calendar!

The morning of convention opened with two concurrent workshops. Organized Hamlet Boards and RM Councillors were presented with a copy of the **TOOL KIT FOR ORGANIZED HAMLET BOARDS**—a resource document developed by PARCS for the use of Organized Hamlet cottage communities.

**Sherry Jimmy, Garry Dixon and Colleen Christopherson** (see below) unveiled this valuable document to participants.



Meanwhile Resort Village Councillors and staff gathered for a **BYLAW EXCHANGE** and a lively debate about bylaws versus policies plus the challenges of enforcing bylaws.

## PARTNERSHIPS FOR LAKESHORE MANAGEMENT

The convention **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** was Brad Peter (**Alberta Lake Management Society** – see below) who described how the Alberta government supports the work done by volunteers to monitor the water quality in Alberta lakes and to prevent the spread of invasive species like Zebra Mussels.



The later presentation about invasive species in Saskatchewan, by Collin McGuire (**Sask Environment** – above right), revealed that our Saskatchewan governments lags sadly behind Alberta's government in their commitment to building partnerships to help keeping these dangerous aquatic species from destroying our lakes.

## DELEGATE INPUT



On the second morning of convention, delegates divided into their PARCS regional groups:

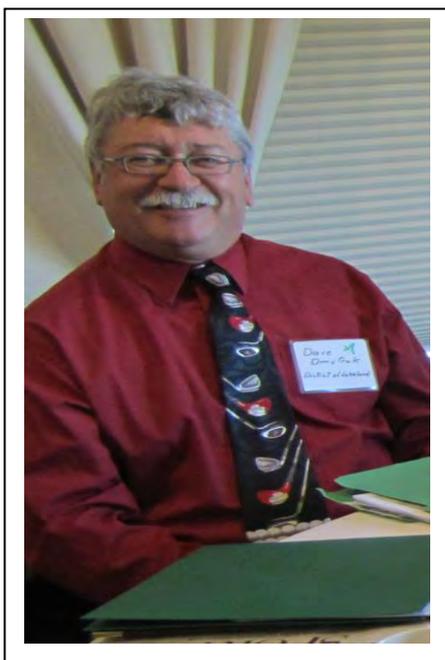
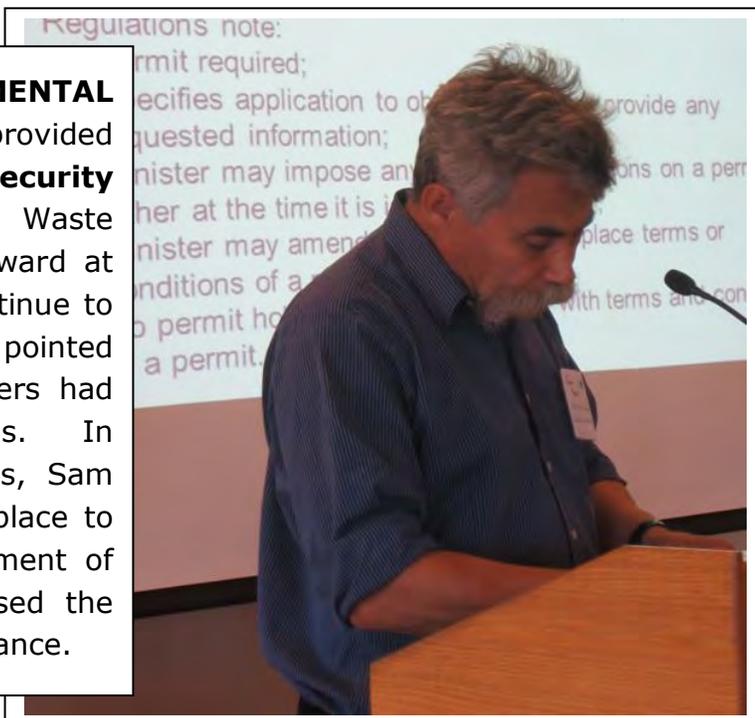
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Each regional group of delegates elected their regional director and then provided feedback about PARCS initiatives undertaken in 2014, along with suggested directions for 2015. This feedback will be examined by your Board of Directors at their meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The collage on the last page offers some final glimpses of convention 2014. Some of these presentations will be examined in more detail in future newsletters.

## A VARIETY OF UNFORMATIVE SESSIONS

An update on the new **ENVIRONMENTAL CODE for SEWAGE DISPOSAL** was provided by **Sam Ferris of the Water Security Agency**. The new Liquid Domestic Waste chapter of the Code is not going forward at this time and the Department will continue to require permits from haulers. Sam pointed out that, in 2014, four sewage haulers had been charged with permit violations. In response to questions from delegates, Sam stated that there is a protocol in place to allow for testing of mechanical treatment of sewage but to date none have passed the requirements for cold weather performance.



One of the most practical sessions was the report from **Dave Dmytruk of the DISTRICT OF LAKELAND** describing how their Council developed a policy and a bylaw to take control of lakeshore development on Anglin Lake. Dave reported that the number of dock structures along the lake has been reduced from 1,125 to 750 as a result of their new licensing system.

Judged the most popular speaker on the participants' feedback forms, the **BANQUET SPEAKER, Terri Lang, the WEATHER LADY** had the audience laughing and learning throughout her funny and informative presentation.

