

PARCS UPDATE #68 SEPTEMBER, 2016



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A DOZEN TID-BITS OF INFORMATION

1. HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A COMMUNITY INITIATIVES GRANT?

Resort Villages and RMs qualify to apply for funding for either of these CIF grants:

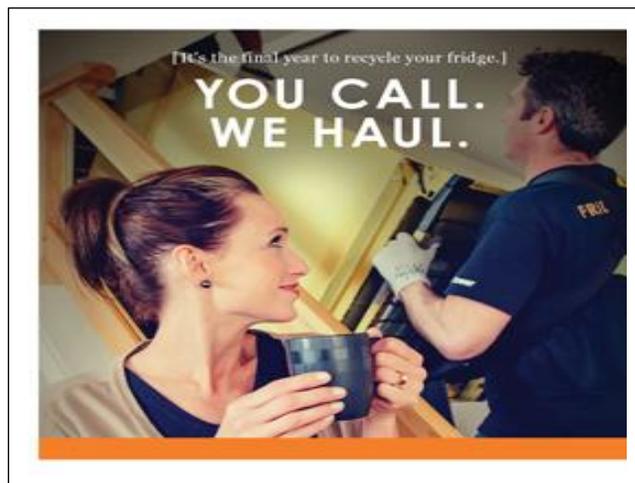
The COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM supports **programming** in areas such as lifestyle programs, physical activity, families, community history and other volunteer work. You can apply year-round grants or for local *summer* grants of \$5,000.

Apply online at:
cifsask.org/grants

The COMMUNITY PLACES AND SPACES GRANT supports small capital projects such as new flooring, reroofing, playground equipment, to a maximum of \$25,000 which must be matched by the municipality. For a while this grant was not available to resort villages, but resort villages once again became eligible this year. But here's the kicker: this is the *last time this grant will be offered* and the deadline for applications is due by **Oct. 1st**. ***I encourage enterprising administrators to apply fast***, I suspect that CIF may realize it's their last chance time to recognize cottage communities.

2. LOOKING TO GET RID OF AN OLD FRIDGE?

Here's another "JUST IN TIME" alert. Sask Power has extended their fridge recycling program to **Sept. 30th**! SaskPower is looking to offer their free fridge recycling program to those living in the higher populated resort communities. Their representative writes: "Being a cabin owner myself, I know how many old, inefficient fridges are lurking in boathouses and storage sheds! We would have our folks come pick those power-guzzlers up for free right from the cottage and recycle them. Cottage owners could save upwards of \$130 per year on their power bill depending on the age of the fridge."



Send this information out to your residents via your email contact list. Encourage them to phone to make their appointment online at saskpower.com/we-haul or by calling 1-877-SKRECYCLE.

3. LOOKING TO IMPLEMENT CIVIC ADDRESSING?

Cynthia Mamer is the Civic Addressing Administrator for Emergency Management and Fire Safety with the Ministry of Government Relations states that civic addressing is a big safety issue for cottage communities. She will be sending a full briefing for our November newsletter.

4. DOES YOUR COMMUNITY ALLOW SEACANS?

The Resort Village of Chitek Lake states that they “have about a dozen seacans within the village. Some are on residential property and some on commercial. They are assessed and taxable. They require a development permit to ensure that they are within the setbacks of the zoning bylaw. Some have painted them. Ratepayers find them more secure than a shed.”

The Resort Village of Shields states that they “will be implementing an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw prohibiting seacans from being used as accessory buildings. They did a survey and the response to regulating these containers was supported by 61% of the respondents.”

5. LOOKING TO REMOVE HAZARD TREES BEFORE WINTER SETS IN?

Please note the ad on page 5 which indicates some of the signs of dangerous trees.

6. HOW DO YOU HANDLE BYLAW ENFORCEMENT?

Thank you to the 19 communities who completed our bylaw enforcement survey. We are planning to share the summary of the survey as introduction to the presentation from the Saskatchewan Commissionaires during Friday lunch at our convention.

We will also email a copy of the survey results to all resort villages, rural municipalities and organized hamlets who participated in the survey. If you would still like to participate, we have included the survey on the cover email to this newsletter.

7. ARE YOU PREPARED FOR DISASTER TO YOUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY?

Flooding, plough winds, slumping – any of these can hit a cottage community. The Sask Economic Development Association (SEDA) has prepared a 3-part tool kit (Prepare, Respond, Recover) to help communities identify key issues and do action planning. It is available at www.saskeconomicrecovery.com.

8. DOES YOUR OH BOARD HAVE A GUIDE TO ORGANIZED HAMLETS?

One of the most frequently ordered items in PARCS CATALOGUE OF WORKSHOP MATERIAL is item #3, the PARCS GUIDE TO ORGANIZED HAMLETS. ¹ If you have misplaced your CATALOGUE, you will find it on our website, skparcs.com. Just go to the newsletter page and the catalogue is listed as #67. Send me an email stating the catalogue number of what you would like to order and I will email it out to you. These resources are available to members only.

The RM of McKillop has also developed their own Guide. You can find it on their website at http://rmofmckillop220.com/mrws/filedriver/Organized_Hamlet_Board_guide.pdf.

9. DON'T YOU LOVE THIS GREAT LITTLE NEWSLETTER?

The newsletter on page 4 is outdated but it was saved it to share with you because it's such a great example of providing useful information and fostering community spirit in a short easy-to-read format!

10. HOW ARE YOUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS SETTLING IN?

Remember that there are several great sessions for new councillors at the Friday convention sessions – not to mention the time spent sharing issues with experienced councillors. Note the convention information attached to this email. The deadline for registering at the hotels has been extended. (See attachment with this newsletter)

11. HAVE WE PROTECTED OUR LAKES FROM INVASIVE MUSSELS?

At the convention we will report in detail about our efforts to form an alliance with other concerned organizations like SUMA, SARM, Sask Watershed and others. We will tell you about our meeting with the officials in the Ministry of Environment and with the Minister himself. We will share our assessment of the current risk posed to Saskatchewan lakes and as for your input on our proposed actions going forward.

Best of all, at the convention we will have Kate Wilson, the Alberta Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist who will tell us about Alberta's program for keeping these mussels out of their province. Then we will hear from Brent Webster and Ron Hlasny, the Sask Environment staff charged with protecting our lakes.

12. IS LEAFY SPURGE LURKING IN YOUR COTTAGE COMMUNITY?

Like Quagga and Zebra Mussels, Leafy Spurge is an invasive species, native to much of Europe and Asia. Originally introduced to Eastern Canada in the 1800s, it spread into the prairies where it has become an aggressive invader.

It is impossible to permanently eradicate this long-living perennial with chemical spray because it has roots as long as 9 meters and the plant will eventually grow back. One PARCS member told me that his municipality spent about \$30,000 on spraying the plants and will have to repeat the process in three years. Leafy Spurge forms dense stands over time.

Driving along highway #1 west of Moose Jaw, near the Besant campground, an unknowing tourist might be impressed with the masses of yellow flowers covering the hillsides to the south – not realizing that these plants have destroyed those hillsides for grazing (cattle will not eat it and grass cannot compete with Leafy Spurge). About 8 years ago, the managers of Douglas Provincial contracted with a sheep herder to bring in a herd of sheep for the 6 month grazing season. Sheep are the only grazing animals that will eat Leafy Spurge. Tourists found it fascinating to watch the sheepherder's dogs moving the sheep across the hills. At the end of the season, most of the plants were gone. Now the hills are once again covered in yellow.



In the Resort Village of Mistusinne, a volunteer group went out on Leafy Spurge patrol and found about a dozen clumps. They were dug out and the area marked with flags so that the volunteers can return next summer to repeat the process. ***It's the only way to keep these hardy invaders from destroying the village green spaces.***

A GREAT LITTLE NEWSLETTER

August 4, 2014



AN ORGANIZED HAMLET

Collingwood Lakeshore Estates

Tidbits from Collingwood

- Local Conservation Officers (COs) have recently been in Collingwood (on water and land). Community members and their guests have been asked to show their valid boating and fishing licenses. Get the card, it's the law. 
- COs have also investigated a concern about someone removing materials from one of Collingwood's green spaces. According to our local COs, as of June 1st, 2015 fines for removal of green space or easement vegetation and/or materials range from \$1,000, and costs, to \$1 million and 3 years in jail.
- With excessive vehicle speeds on our roads of 30-50 km/hr, a parent in Collingwood emailed the Hamlet Board voicing concern about the safety of her children and pets. Just a reminder to Collingwood members and their guests that the speed limit is 20 km. Let's be safe out there. 
- There are currently 16 families permanently residing in Collingwood.

Garage Sale—Saturday August 15th, 9-2 p.m.

Anyone wishing to participate in a Collingwood multi-family garage or yard sale on Saturday August 15th please have your table and items ready at your driveway access from 9 am to 2 pm.

For more information please contact Kathy at 112 Gordon Drive or kstep@accesscomm.ca



Community BBQ—Saturday August 15th, 4-7 p.m.

Lions, tigers and bears, oh my!

Kolbassa, cabbage rolls and perogies, oh my!!

The annual Collingwood community BBQ is fast approaching. Location—North end of green space.

For more information or to register please contact Marilyn at 306-725-2049.



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Warning signs you may have a hazardous tree

- Leaning tree with cracked soil at the roots will indicate a recent lean to the tree
- Trees with multiple trunks can break if the trunks are weakly attached, check for cracks and included bark
- Cracks and splits in the tree leaves it open to moisture and insects which can lead to rot and decay in the tree
- Mushrooms and conks growing on or at the base of a tree are signs of decay.

Do you have a hazardous or storm damaged tree? Sawyer's tree services has the right staff and the right equipment to safely and professionally remove or prune any tree that may require attention.

- Industry trained arborists with the ability to remove or prune any tree not accessible by aerial lift trucks
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