



## PARCS UPDATE #96 January 5, 2019

### 1. Tidying up after Christmas

It's that time of year when we put away the Christmas decorations and dust off our New Year's resolutions. The tree comes down and a new 'to-do list' is posted on the fridge.

In my PARCS office, January is a time for updating the website and the catalogue of convention presentations. The website has been updated. The 2018 **newsletters** are available at a click of your mouse (at the top of our web page: [www.skparcs.com](http://www.skparcs.com)).



The **power point presentations from convention** have been converted to PDF format and stored in the file Convention Presentations (#s 62 to 69 in the catalogue, called the Guide for Research). I have entered a summary reference to each presentation in the Guide. The Guide for Research is available (at the bottom of our web page: [www.skparcs.com](http://www.skparcs.com)).<sup>1</sup>



### 2. Looking back at the convention sessions

As I was entering the convention information into the Guide, I was particularly interested in reviewing the information from the 4 panelist who were part of our keynote Saturday session on "**Who Owns the Water?**"<sup>2</sup>. I was especially impressed with the contact information provided by each speaker (phone numbers and links to internet information). Councils that are considering **lakefront improvements** (docks, marinas, beaches, changes on lakeside environmental reserves, new subdivisions) will find these resources to be a very useful first step.

I was equally impressed with the power point from the session by Sherry Jimmy and Ron Palmer<sup>3</sup>, not only for the summary of the legal requirement for RMs and OHs under the Municipalities Act, but also for the **good common sense examples**.

Please note that you<sup>4</sup> can request a copy of any of these convention presentations by emailing me the specific numbers from the Guide. (Newsletters can be accessed directly from the web site.)

I decided to challenge our readers to a QUIZ about some of the convention presentation (next 2 pages). As you read about the sessions, try to insert the 20 missing terms or expressions. Then go to the website ([www.skparcs.com](http://www.skparcs.com)) and check your answers with those listed on the "What's New" page.

<sup>1</sup> This year I have also attached a copy of the Guide along with this newsletter.

<sup>2</sup> Guide: #62, #63, #64, and #65.

<sup>3</sup> Guide #66

<sup>4</sup> Members only, please

### 3. Post-convention Quiz

#### Panel on Who Owns the Water:

- Sam Ferris of the **Water Security Agency** ([Resource Guide #62](#)) indicated that the WSA regulates aquatic habitat protection, aquatic nuisance control, agricultural water management, reservoir development, water rights, drinking water plus the transport and disposal of Domestic S\_\_\_\_\_ (1). Ferris indicated that when cottage communities are planning for new or replacement docks and boat lifts, shoreline stabilization projects, marinas, breakwaters, boat launches, the removal of shoreline habitation, permanent water intakes, maintenance of beaches, they first need to apply for and obtain an A\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ (2).
- Gordon Bue of the **Ministry of Agriculture** ([Resource Guide #63](#)) defined crown land between the actual water level of the lake and the high water level of the lake, called the F\_\_\_\_\_ (3), whereas crown land between the high water level of the lake and the surveyed subdivision is called the S\_\_\_\_\_ (4). Bue indicated that all applications for a new S\_\_\_\_\_ (5) must be approved by the A\_\_\_\_\_ (6) in either the northeast (Tisdale), northwest (North Battleford) or south (Swift Current) office.
- Eric MacDougall of the **Community Planning Branch of the Ministry of Government Relations** ([Resource Guide #64](#)) described their role in approving the O\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_s (7) and the accompanying Z\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_s (8), as well as approving new subdivisions as per the Planning and Development Act. The Community Planning Branch manages the regulations for D\_\_\_\_\_ Lands (9) which are set aside for recreational purposes and which include buffer strips, walkaways, public reserves and E\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_s (10). The Community Planning Branch also provides advice about managing land that may be prone to slumping, erosion, flooding, known as H\_\_\_\_\_ Lands (11).
- Lee-Ann Smith of the **Fisheries Protection Program of Oceans and Fisheries Canada** ([Resource Guide #65](#)) described how Saskatchewan is located within the C\_\_\_\_\_ (12) and Arctic Region with one of its regional offices located in Regina. She described the three aspects of their role:
  - **Triage:** Receiving and managing permits with regard to the Fisheries Act and the S\_\_\_\_\_ at R\_\_\_\_\_ Act (13). Her **session provides useful information for municipalities to do self-assessments to determine whether they need to submit applications.**
  - **Regulator Review:** For major projects like pipe-lines.
  - **Partnership agreements** and standards.

#### RMs and Organized Hamlet Working Together

- Ron Palmer, Councillor for the RM of North Qu'Appelle and Sherry Jimmy, Reeve for the RM of Meota, (both residents of organized hamlet cottage communities in their RMs), collaborated to present a major workshop on **RMs and OHs WORKING TOGETHER**, ([Resource Guide #66](#)). Their detailed presentation covered:
  - Roles of the three members of the OH Organized Hamlet B\_\_\_\_\_ and the members of the RM C\_\_\_\_\_ (14) including: handling finances for the OH's allocated amount from its taxes which is >\_\_\_\_\_% and <\_\_\_\_\_% (15), regular and annual meetings, minutes to be shared, required signatures, samples of financial records to be shared, OH reserves;
  - Practices such as: communication practices, conduct of OH meetings, legality of OH policies and examples of success stories.
  - This convention presentation is an excellent resource for RMs and OHs seeking to systematize and improve their working relationship!

#### Panel on Regional Planning

- Jenna Schroeder from the Planning Branch of the M\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_ (16), spoke about **District Planning Authorities**. She advised municipalities to get to know their neighbouring communities including First Nations and Metis communities. As lead-up to this session ([Resource Guide #67](#)), the following panel spoke:

- Ross Wilson, Mayor of the RV of L\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ (17) described how their RV collaborated with a number of other communities in their neighbourhood to develop inter-municipal agreements governing sewage and the volunteer fire department.
- Borden Wasyluk, Mayor of the RV of C\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_ (18) spoke about the North Central Lakeland District Community Plan which include the RV along with the RM of Paddockwood and the District of Lakeland.
- Joanne Brochu, vice-chair of the Board of the WaterWolf Regional Planning Commission, presented two examples of work they have done in two areas:
  - ✓ Shared training costs in A\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ (19) brought shared access to new tools and training to complete individual plans along with \$230,000 in grant funding to their region.
  - ✓ The formation of the **Lake Diefenbaker Task Force against Zebra Mussels** (a committee of the WaterWolf Regional Planning Commission) which saw the formation of an at-home-protection-plan for their lake and this summer raised over \$30,000 for setting up a Citizens on Patrol Program and two decontamination units. During the summer of 2018, member communities prevented two C\_\_\_\_\_ (20) boats from infecting their lake.

**Check your answers for the 20 words (or phrases) by visiting the What's New Section on the PARCS website.**

#### 4. What's coming up in 2019?

- Welcome to our **new board members**: Marilyn LaBatte (south-east director) and Steve Schwenker (south-west director).
- Membership renewals will go out later in January.
- The PARCS board is investigating a new method of revising our Strategic Plan. The process will begin with **questionnaires to all cottage communities**. The questionnaires will result in a profile of your community and will help our Board identify possible topics for our lobby efforts and our sharing sessions at future conventions. All result will be kept confidential. All communities that agree to complete the questionnaire will receive a copy of the final report on the composite profile. Watch for more information to follow.
- Regarding **zebra mussels**: We have asked for a meeting with the Premier and the Minister of Environment. The Premier denied our request. The Minister has not replied. More information will follow in a letter to those communities who took part in our AIS meetings last summer.
- A guest editorial on **Who owns the lakes?** Will follow in subsequent newsletters.
- President Garry and Coordinator Lynne are scheduled to meet with the President of SUMA to discuss items of mutual concern.
- Member news:
  - The application to become a new resort village (on behalf of the OH of Indian Point Golden Sands and the OH of Turtle Lake Lodge) went forward from the RM of Parkdale to the Minister of Government Relations, before Christmas. It is currently under review.
  - As reported in the December issue of PARCS UPDATE, the map of the RM of McKillop has been redrawn with 6 new subdivisions and an election for 6 new councillors will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Send us your news that we can share with other cottage communities.