



## PARCS UPDATE #104 September 15, 2019

*"Have you marked your calendar?"*

### 1. WHAT'S HAPPENING ON OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>?



Our annual PARCS Convention begins at 9:15 am when you register and pick up your **coffee, tea or juice along with scones, butter and jam, plus fruit salad.**

There are two concurrent 2-hour workshops that morning:

- **VILLAGES** – will learn about **COUNCIL PROCEDURES** plus their **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**. Speaker **Amanda Wilkins** reminds us that "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." (John F. Kennedy)
- **RMs & OHs** – will hear from FOUR RMS with OHs. This panel of 4 pairs (RM + OH speakers) will share their insights about the **CHALLENGES & SUCCESSES** they have experienced in learning to work together.

After a hearty lunch of **build-your-own sandwiches, soup, salad, desert squares**, delegates will hear from two important plenary speakers. Here's what these speakers had to say about their own sessions:

- **Murray Walker, a consultant with the Dispute Resolution Office**, said: "The concept of collaboration is that maintaining a good working relationship is important when resolving a problem. The question may be: How bad is the relationship now, and is there a desire and commitment to repair it?"
- **Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance for the Privacy Commissioner**, said: "This presentation will outline for Councillors how to meet transparency requirements while respecting privacy of residents and others, while performing official duties for resort communities."

Friday's array of high-powered speakers, will wind down about 4:00 pm, allowing delegates time for a rest before the cash bar opens at 6:30 pm, followed by the banquet with **two entrees (short ribs in sauce plus herbed breaded chicken breasts), mashed potatoes, several hot veggies, four salads, and yummy deserts.**<sup>1</sup>

Saturday begins with a hearty breakfast of eggs, bacon, and hash-browns and two new additions to our PARCS Business: an analysis of the **enduring issues faced by the majority of our cottage communities** and **proposals for PARCS in 2020.**

We are honored to welcome a very special afternoon plenary speaker, **Joe Carson, Saskatchewan's Director of Regulatory Modernization** who will help us understand about **policies, when they can be helpful and when they can be a hindrance.**

<sup>1</sup> We have a surprise skit at the banquet. You will get to meet Mayor **I B Wishywashy**, 6 Councillors: **Summer Love, Herm Roid**, along with **Mary Emall, Macon Sense, Titus Canby** and **AB Stain**

## 2. WHAT'S HAPPENING ON OCTOBER 21st<sup>2</sup>?



PARCS is sure you are aware that Monday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, is the date for voting in the 2019 Federal Election.

While PARCS has not taken any official positions on issues being discussed in this election, we did take time to check what two organizations had to say about the election:

- **FOCA**, the Federation of Ontario Cottage Owner Associations, and
- **FCM**, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**FOCA** posed a questions about **cottage owners voting at their cottages**. The reply from Elections Canada stated that “in a federal election, even if you own property in more than one place, you may **vote only once, in the riding of your “ordinary residence.”**”

FOCA then asked Elections Canada to confirm **how a voter can designate their cottage riding as the place where they intend to vote in the federal election**. For example, perhaps you have retired to your cottage, and rarely return home to your condo in the city, and would prefer to vote for federal candidates in you cottage riding.

Here’s an excerpt from their reply:

*Electors can change their place of ordinary residence at the Voter Registration page of [Elections Canada’s] website, or by contacting the local returning office during an election, with appropriate identification and proof of address. This can also be done at the polls, but it can take additional time.<sup>3</sup>*

If you intend to designate your cottage riding as your ordinary residence for the purpose of voting in the federal election, FOCA recommends that you start the process early, to ensure everything goes smoothly when you go to vote. To find out the name of the federal riding in which your cottage is located, CTRL click on this link below and then type in the postal code of your cottage:

<https://www.elections.ca/scripts/vis/FindED?L=e&PAGEID=20>

**FCM** has begun to release a number of recommendations on behalf of municipalities<sup>4</sup>; here are their first two (to learn more, CTRL click on <https://fcm.ca/en>):

- To **permanently double the direct, reliable federal Gas Tax Fund transfer**. *Simply put: this is the most straightforward step the next government can take to empower municipalities to boost Canadians’ quality of life—everywhere.*
- To commit to **build a “rural lens” into the heart of the federal government**—*bringing the vital perspectives of our rural communities to the table, while empowering rural leaders with modern, streamlined funding tools to help drive Canada’s economy.*

FCM continues to release recommendations as the election period continues.

**NOTE – The next 2 pages are the program and the registration for the upcoming PARCS CONVENTION.**

<sup>2</sup> With advance polls on Oct. 11, 12, 13 and 14.

<sup>3</sup> You can find out the name of the federal riding at your cottage site by going on to the [elections.ca](https://www.elections.ca) site and typing in the postal code for your cottage

<sup>4</sup> Municipalities such as our RMs and our Resort Villages.

# PROGRAM for PARCS CONVENTION 2019 – “Getting Along and Working Together”

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Friday, Oct.18 & Saturday, Oct.19, Hilton Garden Inn, Saskatoon

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>

9:15 am Final registration for the Pre-convention workshops (Coffee and snacks to take into meeting rooms)

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**Pre-convention workshops: These workshops are offered FREE through the joint sponsorship of PARCS, SUMA & SARM.** A maximum of 2 attendees per community<sup>5</sup> **MUST PRE-REGISTER in order to attend.**

<p><b>10:00 - 12:00 Villages &amp; Resort Villages</b> (<i>Garden Centre/South</i>)</p> <p>Learn how your council can be more effective at working with staff, with the community and with each other – by using the <b>10-minute training sessions</b> offered by the Ministry of Government Relations and demonstrated at this session.</p>	<p><b>Organized Hamlets &amp; RMs</b> (<i>Downstairs</i>)</p> <p>A panel of 8 presenters - 4 pairs from each of 4 RMs – will each share their stories about <b>successes and challenges in working together</b>. Each pair will include 1 spokesperson from the RM council and 1 spokesperson from an OH Boards.</p>
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11:30 - 12:00 Hallway registration for attendees at the regular convention that follows

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12:00 noon Luncheon for attendees at regular convention (*Garden Centre and South*)

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1:00 to 2:30 **Plenary: Dispute Resolution Office – Murray Walker, Consultant**  
(*Garden Centre and South*) How we can help when problems get in the way

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2:30 to 3:00 Nutrition Break (*Garden Centre and South*)

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3:00 to 4:00 **Plenary: Office of the Privacy Commissioner – Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance**  
(*Garden Centre, South*) What your community needs to know about protecting the privacy of your residents

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7:00 pm *President’s Banquet* (*Garden Centre and South*)  
**Skit – When the Council meeting goes off the rails**

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## SATURDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Breakfast (*Garden Centre and South*)

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8:30 am **PARCS Business – Part I – Reports from Executive** (*during breakfast*)

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9:00 to 10:00 **Plenary: Enduring Issues faced by Cottage Communities – Garry Dixon, PARCS Pres.**  
(*Garden Centre and South*)

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10:00 to 10:30 Nutrition Break (*Garden Centre and South*)

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10:30 am **PARCS Business – Part II – Regional Meetings** (*4 locations to be announced*)

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12:00 noon Luncheon (*Garden Centre and South*)

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1:00 to 2:00 **PARCS Business – Part III – Annual Meeting** (*Garden Centre and South*)

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2:00 to 3:00 **Plenary Session: Joe Carson, Sask. Director of Regulatory Modernization**  
(*Garden Centre, South*) *When policies can help and when they can hinder*

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3:00 pm Adjournment

**1. If you are registering ONLY for one of the PRE-CONVENTION WORKSHOPS:**

**NOTE – Everyone attending ONLY the Friday Morning Pre-Convention session must send a SPECIAL EMAIL to PARCS ([parcs@sasktel.net](mailto:parcs@sasktel.net)) indicating the name of the village, RM or OH, plus the name and role of the attendees (ex: John Doe, Reeve, RM of Sample ). You will receive an email acknowledgement. There are **no fees** for these pre-convention workshops**

**2. If you are registering for the REGULAR CONVENTION (begins with lunch on Friday):**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Cottage community/association: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check (✓) yes or no:

\_\_\_ **YES**, also attending the free Friday a.m. session

\_\_\_ **NO**, not attending the free Friday a.m. session

**CONVENTION** (Includes Friday lunch, Friday banquet plus Saturday lunch, all nutrition breaks)

**Attending for both days (includes Friday a.m.)**

- Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 225 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of attending **non-members**: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 325 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending for Friday (Day only - includes Friday a.m.)**

- Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 125 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of attending **non-members**: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 225 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending for Friday (Includes Friday a.m. plus evening banquet)**

- Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 150 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of attending **non-members**: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 250 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending for Saturday only (Does not include Friday a.m.)**

- Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 100 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of attending **non-members**: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 200 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra banquet tickets** (no spousal packages available): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER SOON by email to:**

Lynne Saas, PARCS, Member Services  
Phone – 630-9698 Email – [parcs@sasktel.net](mailto:parcs@sasktel.net)

Registrations cancelled after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> **will be invoiced for full fees.**

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ Fees are enclosed
- \_\_\_ Fees will follow by mail
- \_\_\_ Fees will be paid at convention

**HOTEL ROOMS at Hilton Garden Inn** - We have reserved **30 rooms with either two queen beds** (\$124) or **one king bed** (\$134) for the night of Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> (plus 10 for the night of Thursday, Oct. 17). **Phone: (306) 244-2311** Rooms are held on first come, first served basis.

**You must reserve before Wednesday, Sept 18.** On that date, rooms will be released.

There are other hotels nearby but no rooms have been reserved: the Holiday Inn, at 101 Pacific Avenue - OR - Holiday Inn Express, 315 Idylwyld Drive N. To contact either, call 877-654-0228