

PARCS UPDATE #107

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Good leaders are eager to learn

1. Editorial Introduction

It's been three weeks since our 2019 PARCS Convention – an annual event where leaders of cottage communities come together to share and **to learn**. PARCS leaders fill several roles, such as:

- The 3 members of an **organized hamlet board**,
- The **administrator** of a rural municipality or a resort village,
- The **reeve** of a rural municipality or the **mayor** of a resort village, or
- A **councillor** on the council of either a rural municipality or a resort village, or
- **Volunteer leaders** of committees or groups working in our communities.

As I compiled the delegate responses on the Convention Evaluation form, I was struck by degree to which these attendees had come to the convention with **a desire to learn**. For example, the feedback forms asked delegates to check one of the following regarding each session's information:

-2	-1	+ 1	+2
Of no use or interest to me: _____	Little interest or use to me: _____	Fairly interesting or useful to me: _____	Very interesting or useful to me: _____

LET'S LOOK AT THE RATINGS RECEIVED BY SOME OF THE SESSIONS:

- 1.1** The resort village leaders attending workshop about "**More Effective Councils**"¹ gave this session an **average rating of +1.5**. **All** of the ratings were positive! They commented:
- "Speakers were effective – **something that all councils should have to attend.**"
 - "It's **always interesting learning something new.**"
- 1.2** The RM and OH leaders attending the parallel workshop about "**How RM Councils and OH Boards can Work Together**"² gave this session an **average rating of an astounding +1.9 (Wow!)** Comments included:
- "Lots of good information that will be **useful in the future.**"
 - "Excellent presentation – very useful information." ▪ "**Very useful handout.**"³
- 1.3** The leaders who attended the session on "**Enduring Issues - about recreational vehicles on residential lots, about boat launches, and about agreements**"⁴ rated the session an **average of +1.5**.⁵ Commenting:
- "Very informative." ▪ "Good presentation – **common issues for all of us.**"
- 1.4** The leaders who attended the session on "**When Policies are helpful & when policies hinder**" also gave the session an **average rating of +1.5**. Commenting:
- "Outstanding speaker." ▪ "**Very informative.**"

**ARE YOU A LEADER WHO LIKES TO LEARN NEW THINGS BUT WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND CONVENTION?
ARE YOU A LEADER WHO ATTENDED CONVENTION AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A TOPIC?
CHECK OUT PAGE 2 TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION.**

¹ Led by Amanda Willcox, author of the new 10-Minute Trainer materials that are being developed by Advisory Services.

² With a joint RM/OH panel presentation from each of the RMs of Mervin, Meota, McKillop and North Qu'Appelle

³ The Tool Kit was developed by Shirley Jimmy, current Reeve of the RM of Meota, and unveiled at our 2015 Convention.
The next page tells you how to get you're a copy (#32 in the CATALOGUE)

⁴ Plenary Session by President Garry Dixon

⁵ Plenary Session by Joe Carson, Saskatchewan's Director of Regulatory Modernization.

2. The steps to finding our CATALOGUE OF RESOURCE MATERIALS

Step One – Go to our website at <https://www.skparcs.com>

You can get there by pressing CTRL and clicking on the link shown above.

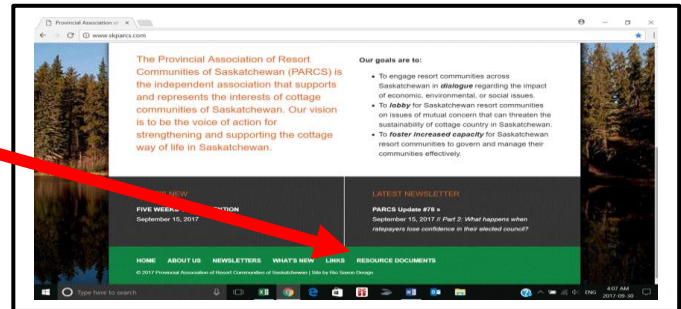
You will note that you are on our home page. You will also note that you can click on Newsletter and find every newsletter we've put out since June 1 of 2009. Remember this when the catalogue suggests that you refer to a certain newsletter.

Step Two – Scroll down to the bottom of the home page

Please note the words **Resource Documents**

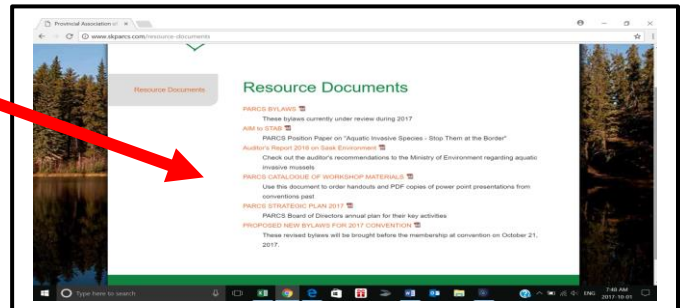
You will note that we list a number of PARCS documents such as our:

- ✓ PARCS Bylaws
- ✓ Our Strategic Plan
- ✓ AIM to STAB (our Zebra Mussel policy)



Step Three – Select PARCS Catalogue of Resource Materials

The current Catalogue is 14 pages. We suggest that you print it and use it to find newsletters and Convention presentations related to your topic of interest. You can find and print a **newsletter** from the top of the web site. If you'd like one of the **convention presentations**, just drop me a line asking for it by its number. (Members only)



Step Four – Consult the index to do your research

The index lists resources under broad topics.

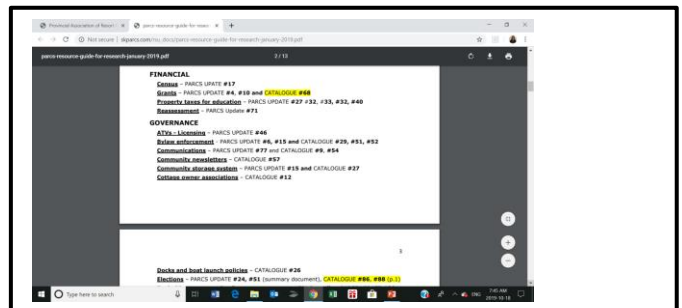
It lists both newsletter articles as well as Convention Presentations.

The index get updated every year to include new presentations from the recent convention, as well that year's newsletter articles. **Every year the new entries are highlighted in yellow.**

For example – leaders who were unable to attend the session about Council Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities will find it listed under **#71** in the Catalogue and can send me an email asking me for forward these materials to you.

For example – leaders who were unable to attend the session on Enduring Issues, can order a copy of Garry's presentation, by asking for **#72**.

"Good leaders are eager to learn new things, all year round".



FOR THIS YEAR ONLY:

- **THE CATALOGUE HAS NOW BEEN UPDATED FOR 2020 and IS ATTACHED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.**
 - **Administrators: PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY TO EACH COUNCILLOR AND TO YOUR MAYOR (OR REEVE).**
 - **OH communities on my email list, PLEASE FORWARD A COPY to each of the other OH board members.**
- I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING REQUESTS FOR CONVENTION PRESENTATIONS (PARCS members only).**