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THE PARTNERSHIP ISSUE

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1. THE FIRST RESORT COMMUNITY MERGER

October 1, 2006 marked the occasion of the merger of the Resort Village of Katepwa Beach, the Resort Village of Katepwa South and the Resort Village of Sandy Beach (which had, just prior to the merger, been an Organized Hamlet).

As the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the **District of Katepwa** approaches, PARCS caught up with Glenda Hodson (until recently the administrator of the District) who assisted its Council in establishing a valuable precedent for other Saskatchewan resort communities.

Glenda provided the following insights into the **advantages of having a larger urban resort municipality**:

1 – **A common set of rules for neighbouring communities** - When a developer is proposing an expansion along the north shores of Katepwa Lake, that developer is no longer able to play one small community against another. Shortly after their merger in 2006, the new District established a common Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw (with an update begun in 2012). Being able to afford the services of a community planner is one of the advantages of having a larger tax base over which to spread the costs of the bylaw development.

2 – **A ward system of governance** - The original three-partner agreement called for the election of a common mayor and a ward system for the election of councillors from each of the original communities. The agreement has worked to ensure that every community has representation on council and to protect against one community dominating the council.

3 – **The ability to cope with emergencies** - When the flood waters of 2013 inundated their shores, the District was able to marshal the financial resources to purchase a sandbagging machine, a number of pumps, and inflatable berms. The District was also able to organize a large contingent of volunteers to mount a full-fledged emergency response.

"A shared pride emerged, along with a conviction that together the larger community achieved more than any of the smaller ones could have done on their own."

Glenda Hodson

4 – **The ability to meet shared infrastructure needs** - Like many cottage communities, the District found itself in need of added lagoon space. Their larger tax base has allowed them to build the lagoon expansion needed to meet their needs.

5 – **Meeting the highest common denominator for all of the partners** - Prior to their merger, the three communities had pursued different priorities. For example, for one the priority was road building, for another it was recreation. As the District matured, Hodson explained that each of the founding communities has cooperated to achieve the objectives of the others, this building a better overall larger community.

2. NEW MERGERS IN THE OFFING

Wakaw Lake is a narrow lake, 19 km in length, located 45 minutes east of Saskatoon. More than 800 cottages are crowded along its shoreline with more development opening up every day along the upper regions of its valley. The lake is home to the Resort Village of Wakaw Lake, the Organized Hamlets of Cudsaskwa and Balone Beach (part of the RM of Hoodoo) plus a multitude of small beaches and unorganized developments (not to mention a Regional Park).

It goes without saying that with this many different communities around the lake, there is no single voice to speak to the environmental needs of the lake as a whole. While the **Resort Village of Wakaw Lake** has developed an Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw to govern its part of the lake, the remainder of the communities around the lake are not covered by the plan.

The **Property Owners of Wakaw Lake (POWL)** have stepped forward as the voice of all of the cottage owners around the lake. PARCS has recently learned that POWL has officially requested that the Resort Village of Wakaw Lake begin the process leading to annexation of the neighbouring cottage communities. With

the first meeting between the Resort Village and the Rural Municipality scheduled for this month, the Resort Village of Wakaw administrator, Helen Martinka, cautions that this proposed merger "will take lots of time and lots of negotiation". It's still early days for arriving at a single voice to speak on behalf of Wakaw Lake.



One of the many "beaches" around Wakaw Lake whose governance falls outside of the mandate of the Resort Village of Wakaw Lake.




Developers' signs continue to spring up around the lake.

ANOTHER POSSIBLE MERGER UNDERWAY
PARCS has learned that talks have begun at another Sask Lake between a Resort Village and an RM representing an organized hamlet cottage community.

Because the parties are still consulting with their stakeholders, they have requested that PARCS await their official announcement about the results of their negotiations. PARCS has agreed to their request and will publish their promised announcement regarding the results of those negotiations as soon as it is released.

3. NEW LOCATION FOR PARCS WEB SITE

In January we opened the 2014 year with a newly designed web site (by Rio Saxon Design). In April we were shocked to learn that the carrier of our web site (not the designer) had sold our site to a Japanese company! (Many of you emailed to alert us that our web site had turned into another language.) It became necessary for us to choose a new name for our web site. Please check us out at **skparcs.cm**

For sale - A utility trailer and a new pump (9.0 hp with electronic ignition). For more information contact Janice at the Resort Village of Mistusinne, Fridays or Saturday mornings, 306-854-4637.

4. CHECK OUT THE AGENDA FOR OUR PARCS CONVENTION 2014

FRIDAY OCTOBER 17th

At the beautiful Willows Golf Course south of Saskatoon

9:00 am

Registration

9:45 am

Welcome (Twilight Room)

10:00 - 12:00

Resort Villages
(Wedgewood Room)

- #1 - More effective communication
 - **Tiffany Wolfe**, SUMA
- #2 - More effective governance
 - **Phil Boivin**, Govt. Relations

Organized Hamlets & RMs
(Twilight Room)

- The Revised Guide to Organized Hamlets
- **Sherry Jimmy, Garry Dixon**, PARCS
 - **Colleen Christopherson**, Gov't Relations

Noon

Luncheon (all subsequent sessions in the Wedgewood Room)

1:15 to 2:40 pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

What can we learn from the Alberta Lake Management Association?

- **Brad Peter**, Alberta Lake Management Association

2:40 to 3:30 pm

Emergency Response in our Communities

- **Cindy Seidl**, STARS
- **Brian Reichie**, Parkland Ambulance

3:30 pm

Nutrition Break

3:45 to 4:30 pm

Lakeshore Management

- **Tanya Johnston**, Water Security Agency
- **Bob McEachern**, Sask Parks, Culture and Sport
- **Dave Dmytruk**, District of Lakeland

4:30 to 6:30 pm

Time to register at your hotel, have a swim at the hotel pool, or take a stroll around the Willows.

6:30 pm

Late registration

7:00 p.m.

President's Banquet (Wedgewood Room)

- **Terri Lang**, the Weather Lady, Reading the Skies

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH

9:00 - 11:30 am

PARCS Business

- 9:00 a.m.** - Reports
- 9:30 a.m.** - Regional Meetings
- 10:30 a.m.** - Nutrition Break
- 10:45 a.m.** - PARCS Annual Meeting

11:30 am

Lunch

- **Chad Doherty**, Sask Environment, Guarding against Invasive Species

1:00 to 2:00 pm

Guarding against Fraud

- **Fred Weekley**, Mortgage Fraud
- **Lisa Gares**, First Canadian Title, Protecting Yourself through Insurance
- **Cpl. Jason Kerr**, RCMP Commercial Fraud Unit, Commercial Crime in Sask.

2:00 to 3:00 pm

Dealing with Sewage as outlined in the Environmental Code

- **Sam Ferris**, Water Security Agency

5. CONVENTION REGISTRATION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Cottage community (or association): _____

Contact person regarding registrations: _____

Phone number of contact person: _____

Email address of community or association: _____

CONVENTION

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

Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): _____ x \$ x = \$ _____

Number of attending **non-members**: _____ x \$ 2x = \$ _____

Number of extra banquet tickets (no spousal packages available): _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

TOTAL FEES

_____ → \$

- Fee payment: _____ Fees are enclosed
 _____ Fees will follow by mail
 _____ Fees will be paid at convention

Register SOON

by mailing, faxing, emailing this information to:

Lynne Saas, PARCS, Member Services
 Box 52, Elbow, SK, S0H 1J0
 Phone – 854-4658, **Fax – 854-4412**
 Email – parcs@sasktel.net

Please make your hotel reservations soon

Rooms are being held on a first come, first served basis. Phone early to hold your room. Call and book one of these **40 rooms** now for the night of Oct. 17th. You can always cancel if things change.

Hotels in southern Saskatoon:

SOUTH WEST
Best Western Blairmore, Hwy 7 and 14, **242-2299**
 20 double queens at **\$149** (reduced from \$179) – Complimentary breakfast

CLOSEST TO THE WILLOWS
Four Points by Sheraton, 103 Stonebridge Rd, **933-9898**
 20 double queens at **\$159** (reduced from \$189) - Restaurant on site

ECONOMY ROOMS AT GRASSWOODS
Saskatoon Travel Inn, Highway 11 and Grasswoods, **373-6806**
 Standard rooms at **\$105** - Complimentary breakfast

**YES THESE
 PHONE
 NUMBERS
 ARE
 CORRECT.
 RESERVE
 YOUR
 ROOMS
 NOW.**