

PARCS UPDATE #46 AUGUST, 2014



PAGES FROM OUR CONVENTION SCRAPBOOK

1. THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Alberta Lake Management Association (ALMS) is a society that work at building understanding and awareness among Albertans for the responsible management of Alberta lakes, reservoirs and watersheds through programs and information sharing. Their programs strive to increase awareness of water resources through local monitoring of Alberta’s surface waters and to foster a sense of stewardship in Alberta watersheds. ALMS and its members are active across Alberta in providing support to individuals, local committees, institutions, governments and industries that are interested in lake and watershed management.

The society organizes an annual workshop at a different lake community each fall. The Workshop provide a forum to discuss water quality issues, technical aspects of lake and watershed management and practical solutions to local problem. ALMS members receive the ALMS monthly newsletter, *The New Wave*.

The ALMS presentation by Brad Peter will describe two community-based water quality sampling processes called *Lake Watch* and *Alberta Water Quality Awareness Day*. The speaker will also describe how the Alberta Lake Management Association works with the Alberta Provincial Government.



The east end of Wakaw Lake.

There are many cottage owners living along our Sask lakes who would like to learn more about working together to preserve the quality of their lake water.

Our **Keynote Speaker on the Friday of convention at 1:15 pm** will give us tips about how we can protect our lakes.

2. BYLAW SHARING

Attendees at the Bylaw Sharing Session on **Friday at 11:00 am at convention** will take home copies of the bylaws that were discussed.

A Bylaw to regulate the use of Non-Licensed Motorized Vehicles in the Resort Village of

3. HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH OUR COTTAGE OWNERS

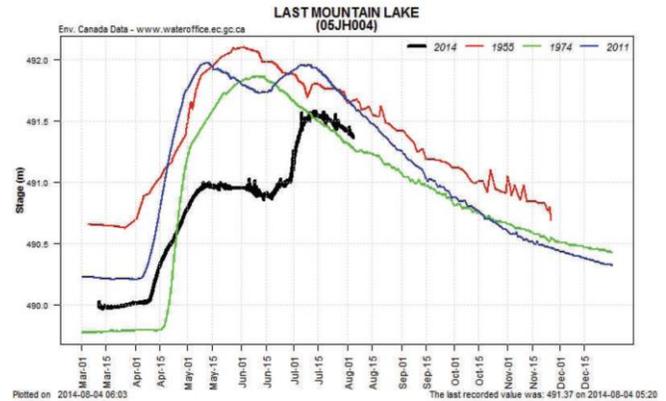
Resort Village Councils and Hamlet Boards are always looking for better ways to communicate with their cottage owners. Listen to the advice from consultants trained in reaching out to our ratepayers on the Friday of convention at 10 am.

August 4, 2014



wood Lakeshore

Flood Update—Mon Aug. 4th



According to the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency (WSA), Last Mountain Lake (LML) is slowly receding. The 2014 **black** line on the above graphic shows the lake level at Rowan's Ravine on Monday August 4th at 491.37 m. (Graphic from <https://www.wsask.ca/Lakes-and-Rivers/Stream-Flows-and-Lake-Levels/QuAppelle-River-Watershed/05JH004/>).

Please continue to use caution when venturing near or on the lake.

Tidbits from Collingwood



- The RM of McKillop bylaw enforcement officer was in Collingwood on Thursday July 24th. All lots needing mowing were staked with a notice and a letter sent. Owners have until
- Doug and Tracy Lynas hosted a horseshoe tournament against Maple Grove residents on August 3rd. Collingwood won! Congratulations Doug & Tracy!

COLLINGWOOD LAKESHORE 2014 BBQ

Saturday August 2nd – North Green Space

The Food Tents

The Treasure Hunt

Face Painting at the Playground

A special thanks to our:
Many gracious donors of silent & dessert auction items, BBQ pad hosts Ray & Terri Hilderman and the **WONDERFUL** volunteers who assisted with the event.

The Cooks

The Peeps

Family, Friends, Food & the Rider Game

Pictures taken by George Bahr can be found at:
<http://collingwood.accesscomm.ca/CollingwoodLakeshore/BBQ2014.html>

We would like to install the children's sidewalk games (e.g., basketball keys, 4-square, hopscotch, etc.) on the asphalt pad in the green space. This design was approved at the Fall 2013 GM. If anyone has access to a painter please contact June at june.ledrew@uregina.ca as soon as possible. Thank you.

Eye catching newsletter from the OH of Collingwood Lakeshore

4. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT ATVs SHOULD BE LICENCED?

From: SUMA and PARCS

To: Honourable Don McMorris
Minister Responsible for SGI
2405 Legislative Drive
REGINA, SK, S4S 0B3

Dear Minister McMorris:

We would like to take this opportunity to bring one of SUMA's ongoing concerns to your attention.

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) continue to be a concern for SUMA, SARM, SATVA, and PARCS members. While the province has established rules for safe ATV operations through legislation and regulations, these rules mean little when there is no easy way to identify an ATV and hold its owner accountable for its use.

SUMA urges the provincial government to adopt a licensing system for ATVs in the province, and stand ready to assist in the development of a licensing program, through a consultation process. Best practices do exist, in municipal bylaws and licensing frameworks from other jurisdictions, and we would encourage your ministry to consider developing a new licensing framework based on those best practices, if the existing model for snowmobile registration in the province cannot be easily adapted for ATVs.

We look forward to working with you and your ministry staff to address this important issue



The Resort Village Survey conducted by PARCS in the spring of 2014 indicated that a significant number of responders identified QUADS or ATVs as a prime issue in their community.

The attached letter from SUMA was examined by your PARCS Directors who wrote their own letter indicating their initial support, along with their plan to bring this issue up for **member debate** at the PARCS ANNUAL MEETING on the **Saturday morning of convention.**

PLEASE BRING INPUT FROM YOUR COTTAGE COMMUNITY !

5. A CONCERNED RATEPAYER

Dear Mayor and Council,

On the August long weekend we were walking in the water and noted a boat with the base above the prop covered in white shells and heavy algae growth. We stopped, took note of the boat registration number and phoned it into the Environment/poacher's hot line who contacted the conservation officer in Outlook who came out and looked for the boat but couldn't find it. He was very concerned because once those shells get into our water and start multiplying our sandy bottom will be ruined as will intakes for irrigation, amongst other things. Unfortunately the #SK1300229 was not registered so the officer was not able to find the owner. It is illegal to enter a lake with shells on your boat. In order to save our beaches and lake from being contaminated, we propose that on the long weekends, at least, and ideally all weekends of July and Aug that a student be hired to check all of the boats launching for shells and to ensure that they have been properly cleaned. The student would need a cell phone so they could call the conservation officer if they find a boat which is contaminated (conservation office: 306-867-5563). Thanks.

This email was received by one of our resort village councils. To learn more about this issue, attend the luncheon session on Saturday at convention.

6. HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION?

CONVENTION REGISTRATION CONTACT INFORMATION:
 Cottage community (or association): Resort Village of [redacted]
 Contact person regarding registrations: [redacted]
 Phone number of contact person: [redacted]
 Email address of community or association: [redacted]

CONVENTION
 (Includes Friday lunch, Friday banquet plus Saturday lunch, all nutrition breaks)
 Attending for **both days**
 Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): 4 x \$ 175 = \$ 700.00
 Names: Berald [redacted], Ellery [redacted], Dary [redacted], Dianne [redacted]
 Number of attending **non-members**: _____ x \$ 275 = \$ _____

Names: _____
 Attending for **Friday only**
 Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): _____ x \$ 100 = \$ _____

Names: _____
 Number of attending **non-members**: _____ x \$ 150 = \$ _____

Names: _____
 Attending for **Saturday only**
 Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): _____ x \$ 100 = \$ _____

Names: _____
 Number of attending **non-members**: _____ x \$ 150 = \$ _____

Names: _____
 Extra banquet tickets (no spousal packages available): 4

TOTAL FEES
 \$ 820.00
 Fee payment: _____ are enclosed

This Cottage Community is sending their Administrator, their Mayor and their two Councillors for the full 2 days.

This Cottage Community is sending their Administrator for 1 day and one councillor for 2 days.

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 (Includes Friday lunch, Friday banquet plus Saturday lunch, all nutrition breaks)
 Attending for **both days**
 • Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): 1 x \$ 175 = \$ 175
 Names: Grace [redacted], [redacted]
 • Number of attending **non-members**: _____ x \$ 275 = \$ _____
 Names: _____

Attending for **Friday only**
 • Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): 1 x \$ 100 = \$ 100
 Names: [redacted], [redacted]
 • Number of attending **non-members**: _____ x \$ 150 = \$ _____
 Names: _____

Attending for **Saturday only**
 • Number of attending **members** (voting delegates): _____ x \$ 100 = \$ _____
 Names: _____
 • Number of attending **non-members**: _____ x \$ 150 = \$ _____
 Names: _____

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

\$ 275