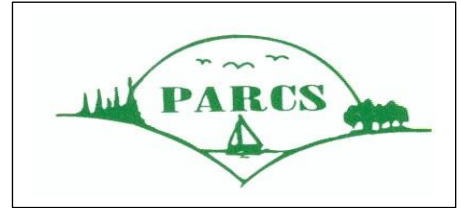


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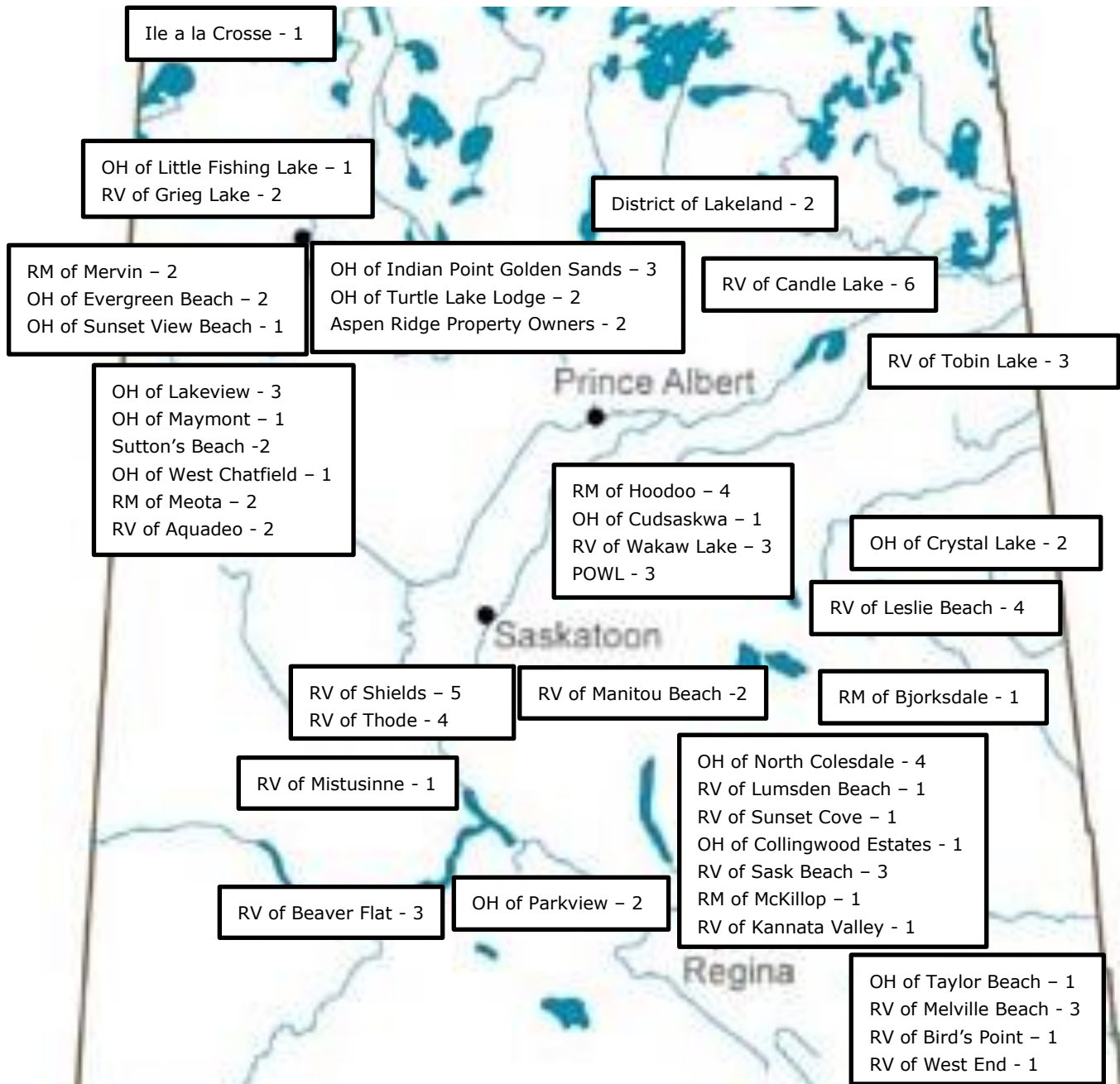


1. THEY REGISTERED FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE

On Friday Oct. 20th and Saturday Oct. 21st, 2017,

91 participants from **40 cottage communities**

registered at Saskatoon's Hilton Garden Inn for the PARCS Annual Convention.



After 3 conventions at the Willows Golf Course in Saskatoon, preceded by 3 conventions at Manitou Inn in the RV of Manitou, the PARCS Board of Directors decided that we were in need of yet a larger space and should try holding this convention where delegates stayed under the same roof as where the program was held. See next page for delegate feedback about the 2017 convention.

2. HERE'S WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY ABOUT . . .

THE PROGRAM

The TOP 3 sessions with comments & average ratings were:

- **Donna Ford of the Sask Municipal Board (1.5)**
 - "Should have moved this speaker to the beginning of the convention; she was great."
- **Lynn Gidluck's Communications Workshop (1.4)**
 - "I enjoyed the scenario exercise and getting points of view of other resort villages."
 - "Examples were bang on; knowledgeable presenter."
- **Garry Dixon's Summary of PARCS Issues (1.2)**
 - "Good to share concerns with one another."

Evaluation Forms were turned in from 42 participants (some signed, some unsigned). Registrants rated the presentations from:

- 2 (of no use or interest to me)
- 1 (little use or interest to me)
- + 1 (fairly interesting or useful to me)
- +2 (very interesting or useful to me)

THE ARRANGEMENTS

(+) The highest marks were allocated for:

- **Delegates made to feel welcome (1.4)**
- **Convention was well organized (1.3)**
- **Convention fostered interaction among delegates (1.2)**

(-) There was general consensus that speakers MUST be made to follow time lines.

Registrants rated the arrangements:

- 2 (poor)
- 1 (so so)
- + 1 (good)
- +2 (great)

THE LOCATION

(+) There was general agreement that delegates appreciated having the convention in the same location as their hotel rooms. Many commented on the efforts by hotel staff to make us feel welcome.

(-) There were many comments about the poor acoustics in the meeting room, an issue which would have to be addressed were we to hold convention in the same location again.

THE FOOD,

(+) "Excellent meals and snacks." Food was outstanding."¹

(-) Planners need to add Saturday breakfast for next year's convention.

AND OVERALL.

- "One of the best conventions I've been to." (Delegate from RV of Greig Lake)
- "Thanks again for another great conference." (Delegate from RV of Shields)
- "Great convention. A lot of hard work was done and greatly appreciated by all. Lots of good info. Awesome food. Great staff. Wonderful entertainment. Thank you." (Delegate from OH of North Colesdale Park).

¹ (Except the frozen pies)

3. HERE THEY ARE, HARD AT WORK . . .



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4. HERE'S WHO THEY ELECTED FOR 2018 . . .

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5. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS NEXT . . .

On **Saturday, Nov. 18th**, a joint meeting of the current 2017 directors and the new 2018 directors (Linda Anweiler, Ron Cherkewich, and Ron Palmer) will be held in Davidson. The purposes of the meeting will be:

- 1) To review the 2017 convention and make recommendations to the 2018 Board regarding the 2018 convention,
 - The Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting have been drafted and forwarded to the directors for review, particularly the feedback from the regional meetings.²
 - A Summary Convention Evaluation Report has been compiled, based on the 42 convention evaluation forms turned in at the convention.
- 2) To begin planning PARCS initiatives for 2018, including:
 - In three of the regions, **volunteers have come forward to sit on an AIM to STAB³ Committee** to press the case for border checks for aquatic invasive mussels. The Board will consider the establishment of such a regional committee at this Nov. 18 meeting, as well as the committee's mandate and operation. Stand by for more information to follow.
 - Other issues that were introduced in President Dixon's convention address and prioritized in the regional meetings, for PARCS' 2018 **promotion with government officials**.

In the upcoming issues of PARCS UPDATE, watch for articles summarizing many of the convention sessions.

Also, we will tell members how they can order copies of the presenters' power point presentations and handouts through our resources catalogue.

² These minutes do not get approved until the 2018 annual general meeting.

³ "Aquatic Invasive Mussels - Stop Them at the Border"

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7. AND A FINAL WORD FROM SUMAssure . . .



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