



PARCS UPDATE #89 AUGUST /2018

In this issue we unveil the agenda for our CONVENTION 2018

1. WHO OWNS THE LAKE? - SO MANY QUESTIONS

It seems that lakeshore communities are always seeking answers to their questions about how they can **protect their lake** and **protect their lakeshore**. But we are often unsure **who has jurisdiction over what**, about where to find the answers to our questions.

2. CONVENTIONS PAST

Flipping through the Parcs' Catalogue of Convention Presentations¹ illustrates some of the guidance we received at conventions past in our quest for answers to these questions about **who to consult in our quest to be good stewards of our lakes and shorelines**.



Here are a few examples:

- Beginning in 2005 and concluding in 2012, the Resort Village of Tobin Lake worked with **Sask Power, their local conservation officer and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans** to achieve the construction of shoreline stabilization project. (**Catalogue #22**)
- At the 2010 Convention, Twyla Bergstrom from the then Ministry of Municipal Affairs, spoke about the ownership of public lands, **municipal reserves versus environmental reserves** and the rights of the municipality to take control over development on public reserves. (**Catalogue #14**)
- At the 2010 Spring Workshop, Joe Jozsa, Professional Community Planner told us about the 7 components of an OCP and Zoning Bylaw that provide for environmental stewardship. (**Catalogue #15**)
- At the 2012 Convention, Ralph Leibel of the Community Planning Branch called on lakeshore communities to develop Official Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws "which would include the **protection of the foreshore along the lake**". (**Catalogue #7**)
- In 2012, the **RM of Lakeland worked with the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Parks, Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans** to develop a pro-active policy for controlling the proliferation of docks and boat launches springing up on their several lakes. (**Catalogue #20**)

¹ On the front page of our web site (www.skparcs.com), in the **green banner at the bottom right of the page**, click on RESOURCE DOCUMENTS. Then go to the 4th document listed (**PARCS RESOURCE GUIDE FOR RESEARCH January 2018**). PARCS saves and catalogues PRESENTATIONS FROM PAST CONVENTIONS for you to consult as needed.

3. CURRENT QUESTIONS

Resort village councils, councils of rural municipalities with lakeshore subdivisions, and boards of organized hamlet cottage communities frequently struggle with finding answers to their questions (as do the residents who live at these lakes – see insert). This is often true for newly elected councils and boards and is especially true for newly hired administrators who may not have previous experience working with the issues that are typical of lakeshore communities.

We want to follow the laws established by both the federal and provincial governments – but are often confused about who to phone.

Which government, which branch? For example, Parcs recently invited the Compliance Branch of Sask Environment to [resent at our upcoming convention but we were told that the questions that we once directed to our local Conservation Officers now need to be directed to the Fisheries Branch. (***We need to learn more about this!***)

Where do residents go for answers to these questions?

- Is it OK for residents to mark rocks in a lake with buoys and how are they to be marked?
- Can weeds be removed from the shoreline?
- Can dead trees be removed from the shoreline?
- What materials can be used to build docks?
- When is an Aquatic Habitat Permit required? From whom?
- What is a Shoreline Alteration Permit required? From whom?
- What are the regulations on boat operation near a shoreline and are wake boats under the same regulation?
- How close to shoreline are chemicals allowed to be sprayed?
- Do you need a permit to withdraw water from a lake? From whom?
- If I operate a water purification system in my home to treat water from a lake, can I put the discharge back into the lake or use it for irrigation in my yard?
- Can residents mark swimming area in the lake with buoys?
- Can I put a floating raft in a lake? Does it need to be marked?
- Do docks need to be marked with lights?

4. WHO WE'VE INVITED TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS

Parcs has invited each of the following to attend our fall convention:

- ***Fisheries and Oceans Canada***
- ***Water Security Agency***
- ***Sask Environment***
- Ministry of Gov't Relations, **Community Planning Branch**

***Our Keynote
Session on
Saturday***

We have asked each of the above to describe their areas of jurisdiction in a 20-30 minute formal presentation, to tell us what kind of questions they are authorized to answer, to answer questions from our cottage-community delegates, and hopefully to provide us with a handy reference guide (with contact information) to take home!

NOTE - If you are considering attending convention and would like to stay at the convention hotel, we suggest that you phone and reserve your room NOW - see next page. You can always cancel if you decide not to attend.

CONVENTION 2018

WHEN Friday, Oct. 19th and Saturday, Oct. 20th

WHERE Hilton Garden Inn, Saskatoon

THEME "Planning Together"

PROGRAM:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 19th

9:00 am *Registration and nutrition*

10:00 to noon	Resort Villages (<i>GARDEN SOUTH</i>) <u>Planning with our neighbours</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel of 3 RVs• Speaker, Community Planning	Organized Hamlets & RMs (<i>GARDEN CENTER</i>) <u>RMs and OHs - Working & Planning Together</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ron Palmer, Councillor, RM N. Qu'Appelle• Sherry Jimmy, Reeve, RM of Meota
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Luncheon

1:00 to 2:00 pm Session 1 – Planning Ahead for **Elections in Cottage Country in 2020**

- TBA plus Ministry of Government Relations, Advisory Services

2:00 to 3:00 pm Session 2 – Planning how to obtain **Grants for your Cottage Community**

- TBA

3:00 to 3:15 pm *Nutrition Break*

3:15 to 4:15 pm Session 3 – Planning to safeguard against **Scams and Fraud**

- **Karen Smith**, Executive Director of Better Business Bureau of Saskatchewan

6:30 pm *Late registration*

7:00 p.m. *President's Banquet*

- **Banquet speaker**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20th

9:00 – 12:00 am **PARCS Business**

Noon *Lunch*

9:00 a.m.	Reports
9:30 a.m.	Regional Meetings
10:30 a.m.	<i>Nutrition Break</i>
10:45 a.m.	PARCS Annual Meeting

1:00 to 3:30 pm ***Who Owns the Water (KEYNOTE PANEL PRESENTATION)***

- **Water Security Agency**
- **Sask Environment**
- **Ministry of Gov't Relations, Community Planning Branch**
- **Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

3:30 pm – *Nutrition for the road home*

CONVENTION 2018 - REGISTRATION

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Cottage community (or association):

Contact person, name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Easy registration. Copy this form and fill it in. Email it to:

parcs@sasktel.net

We will confirm by email.

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

Attending for **both days**

• Number of attending **members** (voting delegates):

_____ x \$ 225 = \$ _____

Names: _____, _____

• Number of attending **non-members**:

_____ x \$ 325 = \$ _____

Names: _____, _____

Attending for **Friday (Day only)**

• Number of attending **members** (voting delegates):

_____ x \$ 125 = \$ _____

Names: _____, _____

• Number of attending **non-members**:

_____ x \$ 225 = \$ _____

Names: _____, _____

Attending for **Friday (Day plus evening banquet)**

• Number of attending **members** (voting delegates):

_____ x \$ 150 = \$ _____

Names: _____, _____

• Number of attending **non-members**:

_____ x \$ 250 = \$ _____

Names: _____, _____

Attending for **Saturday only**

• 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 mail or email to:

Lynne Saas, PARCS, Member Services

Box 52, Elbow, SK, S0H 1J0

Phone – 630-9698

Email – parcs@sasktel.net

TOTAL FEES

\$

_____ Fees are enclosed

_____ Fees will follow by mail

_____ Fees will be paid at convention

Note – Registrations cancelled after October 1st
will be invoiced for full fees.

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

At the **Hilton Garden Inn** in Downtown Saskatoon (22nd St. East and 1st Ave), **Phone: (306) 244-2311:**

- We have reserved **20 rooms with two queen beds** and **10 rooms with one king bed** for Friday October 19th (and half as many for Thursday, October 18th, and a few for Saturday, Oct. 20th).
- Rooms are being held on a first come, first served basis. **You must reserve before Tuesday, Sept 18.** On that date, rooms will be released.

Other hotels nearby – no rooms reserved – to reserve for either, call 877-654-0228
Holiday Inn, 101 Pacific Avenue - OR - Holiday Inn Express, 315 Idylwyld Drive N.