



PARCS UPDATE #91

SEPT. 1, 2018

LOOKING BACK & LOOKING AHEAD

1. Looking back at our summer seminars

In our March Newsletter, we announced that the PARCS Board of Directors would be offering a series of summer seminars, one in each region. The seminars would be designed to provide information about Zebra Mussels, how they have been dealt with in other provinces and states, the danger that they pose to our lakes, along with an analysis of ways to prevent infection in Saskatchewan lakes.



South West District Seminar – April 21, 2018 - Elbow

Attendees – The south-west seminar included representation from:

Resort Villages of Beaver Flat, Coteau Beach, Mistusinne, and Thode

Provincial parks: Douglas, Danielson, and Sask Landing

Regional parks: Palliser Regional Park and Prairie Lake Regional Park

Marinas at Sask Landing and the Lakeside Marina in Elbow

RV Park Communities: Hitchcock Hideaway and Lakeside RV Park

Organized Hamlet of Hitchcock Bay

Villages of Beechy, Tugaske, and Elbow

Towns of Outlook, Central Butte and Dundurn

Organizations: Lake Diefenbaker Tourism, South Sask River Watershed Stewards, Waterwolf Regional Planning Authority, and Saskatchewan Irrigators

In this issue we reflect on our summer seminars and envision our fall convention.

Concerns – The danger from **infected boats travelling west on highway #1 from Manitoba or eastern Canada**, plus boats arriving **from North Dakota entries south of Manitoba**.

Follow-up Action – A committee¹ was formed. The Waterwolf Regional Planning Authority agreed to accept the committee as part of Waterwolf. Committee actions have included:

- Making a **multi-part plans** including: education of locals and visitors, signs and citizens on alert in 19 communities to refer boats, 3 sites for trained inspectors and decontamination equipment.
- Issuing a Prospectus **asking for funding** from groups that benefit from the waters of Lake Diefenbaker and the South Saskatchewan. [more than \$30,000 donated to date]
- **Meeting with Environment Minister Duncan** [resulting in a promise for an inspection site on the Trans-Canada, next year].
- **Working with Sask Environment** who have trained the Lake Diefenbaker inspectors and also have assisted with interim decontaminations pending the committee's own equipment.^{2 3}

¹ Calling themselves the Lake Diefenbaker Task Force against Zebra Mussels. Chair is Joanne Brochu.

² **To date, two infected boats have been intercepted this summer at Lake Diefenbaker and decontaminated before entering the lake.**

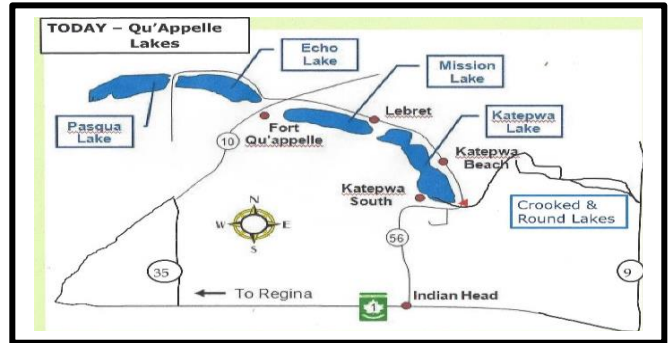
³ Decontamination equipment is currently on order and should be installed by month's end.



South East District Seminar – June 16, 2018 – Fort Qu’Appelle

Attendees - The south-east seminar included representation from:

- The Resort Villages of Birds Point, Crooked Lake B-Say-Tah, and the District of Katepwa.
- The RM of North Qu’Appelle, OH of Pasqua Lake, and the OH of Taylor Beach.
- The Towns of Indian Head and Fort Qu’Appelle.
- Organizations: Calling Lakes Eco-Museum, Qu’Appelle Valley Environmental Association, Calling Lakes District Planning Commission.



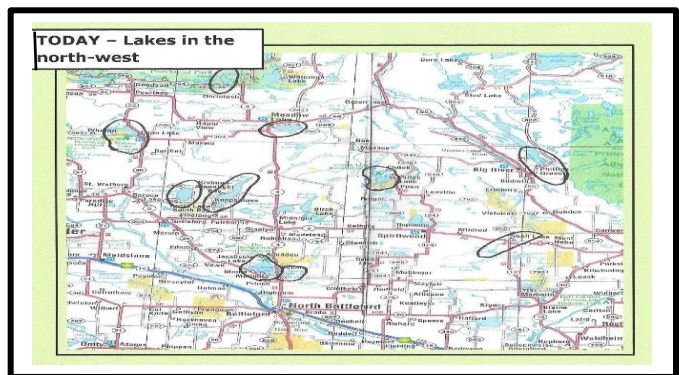
Concerns – The danger from **infected boats travelling west on highway #1 from Manitoba or eastern Canada and turning north onto highways #9, #56, #35, #10.**



North West District Seminar – June 23, 2018 – Jackfish Lake

Attendees – The north-west seminar included representation from:

- The Organized Hamlets of Mowry Beach, Lakeview, Sunset View, Bayview Heights, Indian Point Golden Sands, Turtle Lake Lodge, and Sutton’s Beach.
- The Resort Villages of Aquadeo, Cochin, and Greig Lake
- Organizations: Turtle Lake Watershed



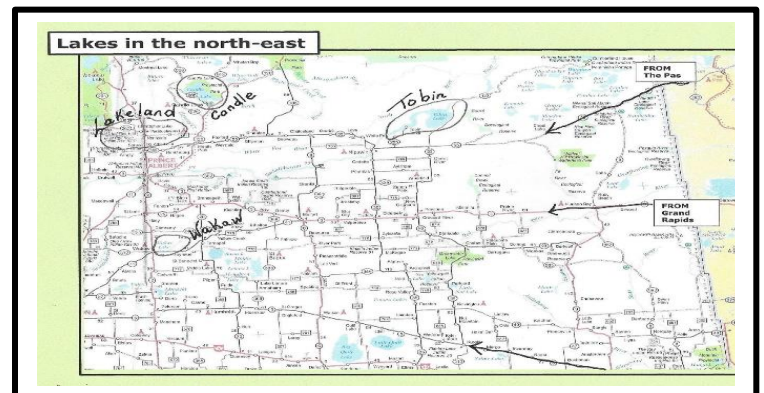
Concerns – The danger from **infected boats travelling north on #4 (off the Yellowhead Highway) or west on Highway #3.**



North East District Seminar – August 12, 2018 – Candle Lake

Attendees – All of the representatives at the north-east seminar were from the RV of Candle Lake.

Concerns – The danger from **infected boats travelling west on highway #56 from The Pas, or west on highway #3 from Grand Rapids, or west on highway #5 from Swan River** because these Manitoba Containment Check Stations **are typically only open for about 5 or 6 hours per day.**



OUR NORTHERN LAKES ARE VULNERABLE TO INFECTED BOATS TRAVELLING FROM MANITOBA BECAUSE THE MANITOBA CONTAINMENT STATIONS ARE SO OFTEN CLOSED.

2. Looking ahead to our convention

In our August Newsletter, we unveiled our first draft of our Convention Program. On September 5th, the PARCS Board of Directors will meet to put the final touches to the program. Registrations have begun to arrive. Here's an overview of Convention Highlights.



WHERE? At the **Hilton Garden Inn** in Downtown Saskatoon (22nd St. East and 1st Ave),

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). **Phone: (306) 244-2311**

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. This is your final reminder.

There are other hotels nearby but no rooms have been reserved. They are: the Holiday Inn, at 101 Pacific Avenue - OR - Holiday Inn Express, 315 Idylwyld Drive N. To contact either, call 877-654-0228



WHEN? Friday **Oct. 19th** and Saturday **Oct. 20th**

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. We'll have the coffee pot on and munchies available. We break at 4:30 on Friday so that you can get back to your rooms and relax before the Presidents Banquet at 7:00 pm that evening.

As per our tradition, Saturday morning is reserved for our PARCS annual meeting, from 9:00 am until noon. We have a list of **PARCS issues** that we need you to examine and vote upon. We also hope to provide updates on **PARCS current events that are now unfolding.**

We break with tradition after Saturday afternoon with our KEYNOTE PANEL PRESENTATION in a new time slot.

At 3:00 pm, you will get an early start for home, armed with a take-away coffee and munchies for the trip home.



HOW MUCH? Both days \$225, Full Friday only \$150, Saturday only \$100

Our convention fees have remained unchanged for the past three years.

Delegates from non-member communities, add \$100.



WHAT'S ON THE PROGRAM? Our first draft follows. We are adding more.

The First Draft of the Convention Program follows on the next page.

The PARCS Board of Directors will be meeting next Wednesday, Sept. 5th and will consider some proposed interesting additions to this already stimulating program. We hope to offer you some **further session choices.** Stay tuned!

CONVENTION 2018 - PROGRAM

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):

Names: _____, _____

_____ x \$ 225 = \$ _____

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

Names: _____, _____

_____ x \$ 325 = \$ _____

Attending for **Friday (Day only)**

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

Names: _____, _____

_____ x \$ 125 = \$ _____

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

Names: _____, _____

_____ x \$ 225 = \$ _____

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

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

Names: _____, _____

_____ x \$ 150 = \$ _____

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

Names: _____, _____

_____ x \$ 250 = \$ _____

Attending for **Saturday only**

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

Names: _____, _____

_____ x \$ 100 = \$ _____

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

Names: _____, _____

_____ x \$ 200 = \$ _____

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.