

PARCS UPDATE #21 – OCTOBER, 2011



1. A VERY BUSY SUMMER

At Jackfish Lake on Saturday, July 16th

- 18 communities
- 38 participants

At Lake Diefenbaker on Sat., July 23rd

- 2 communities
- 6 participants

At Last Mountain Lake on August 6th

- 13 communities
- 22 participants

At Wakaw Lake on Saturday, Aug. 13th

- 10 communities
- 26 participants

Return visit to Wakaw Lake on Saturday, Aug. 27th

- The Wakaw Lake Property Owners invited PARCS to their annual meeting

PARCS held regional workshops through the summer of 2011. Your input at those workshops is summarized in this newsletter. Plans for addressing that input will be detailed at **our Convention on Nov. 18/19 at Manitou Beach ([see page 3](#))**

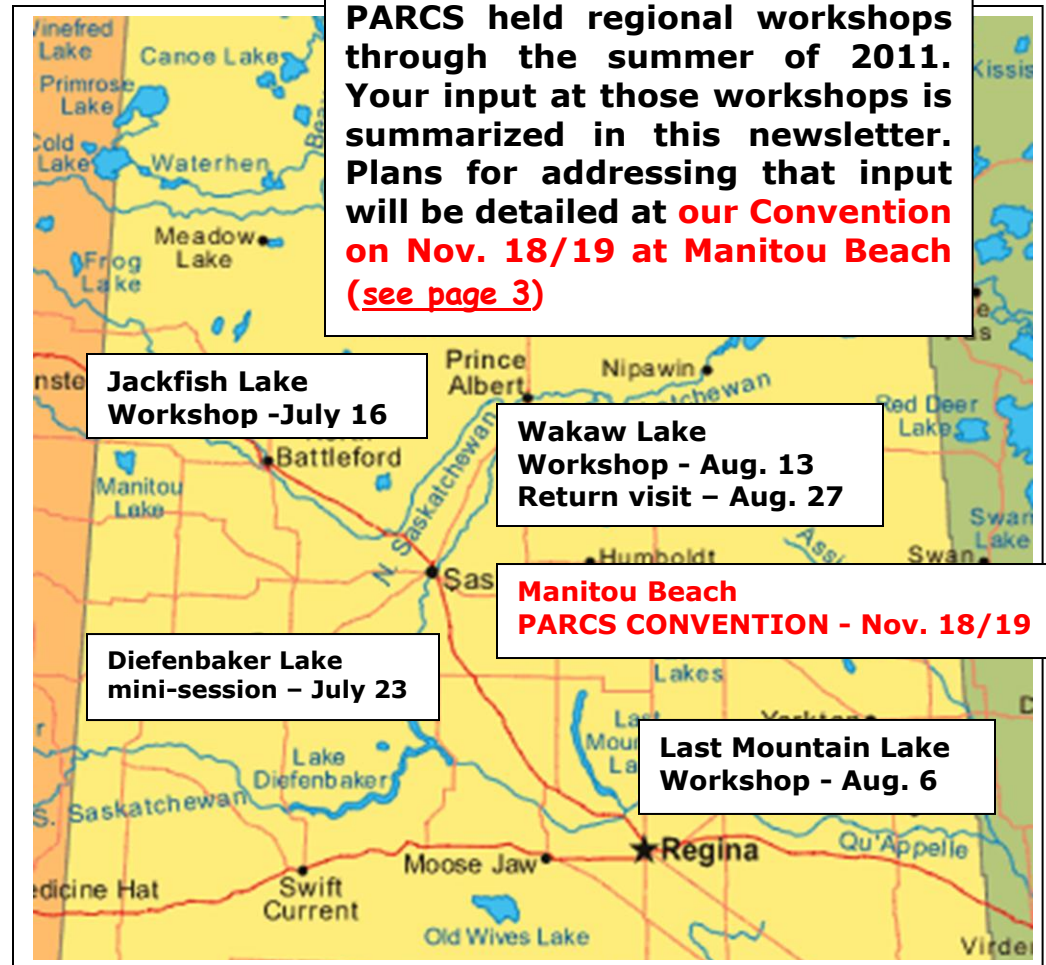
Jackfish Lake Workshop - July 16

Wakaw Lake Workshop - Aug. 13
Return visit - Aug. 27

Manitou Beach PARCS CONVENTION - Nov. 18/19

Diefenbaker Lake mini-session - July 23

Last Mountain Lake Workshop - Aug. 6



2. RECALLING YOUR CONCERNS

MORATORIUM ON NEW DEVELOPMENT – CATTLE POLLUTING THE LAKES – BANNING ATV'S – BEARS IN THE GARBAGE – SERVICE AGREEMENTS - BEAVER CONTROL – BOATING LAWS ARE NOT ENFORCED – SEAWEED DISPOSAL – TRAILERS NOT PAYING TAXES – SEWAGE HAULING FEES – NEED FOR INTERCOMMUNITY COOPERATION – WAKE BOATS - TOO STRUCTURED CONTROL ON SHORELINE MANAGEMENT – KNOWLEDGE OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - HOW CAN A SMALL COMMUNITY DEVELOP A COMMUNITY PLAN? – FIRE FIGHTING AND LIABILITY ISSUES - HOW TO GET SEASONAL PEOPLE INVOLVED – PEOPLE CUTTING DOWN REEDS ALONG THE LAKE SHORE – WHERE ARE THE RCMP? – NEED FOR A CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATOR – FLOODING - BYLAW ENFORCEMENT – WHO IS ENFORCING THE BOATING LAWS? – TRAILER PARKS PRESENT MANY PROBLEMS – ABUSES ON PUBLIC RESERVES – DEALING WITH GARBAGE – DOGS, NOISE, FIREWORKS – REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENT STAFF FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT – LOSS OF FIELD SPRAYING WILL PROVE VERY COSTLY – 2013 ASSESSMENT INCREASES – SAMA GUIDELINES – ROAD MAINTENANCE - CRISIS MANAGEMENT – KIDS ON QUADS – CRIME STOPPERS – OUTSIDERS USING COMMUNITY SERVICES – NEED TO REEXAMINE THE FUNDING FORMULA – ADMINISTRATORS ARE NOT PASSING ALONG THE PARCS NEWSLETTERS – COSTS OF SEPTIC SERVICES – DEVELOPERS CONTROLLING THE SHORELINE – NO FLOOD INSURANCE FOR SEASONAL PEOPLE – NEED A WORKSHOP ON GRANT APPLICATIONS – SOME GRANTS SHOULD INCLUDE SEASONAL RESIDENTS – THE BALANCE OF TAXES PAID BY COTTAGERS AND FARMERS NEEDS TO BE MORE FAIR- REGULATION OF BOAT DOCKS – WHO WILL LIMIT THE SIZE OF BOATS AND MOTORS? – BETTER WAYS TO WORK WITH OUR RM - LACK OF FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE – THERE MUST BE SOME TYPE OF GRANT RECOGNITION FOR SEASONAL DWELLERS – GOVERNANCE – LOBBYING – ATVS RUINING OUR COMMUNITY – **PARCS NEEDS TO KEEP INFORMING US AND LOBBYING FOR US!**

There was so much to talk about at these summer workshops . . .

3. YOUR LOBBYING SUGGESTIONS

The following are some of your questions concerning areas where **PARCS might lobby on your behalf**:

We are back . . .

After a month's absence in September, we are anxious to tell you about our upcoming convention where we will prioritize your suggestions.

1. The **2013 reassessment**

- How does the government intend to address the effects of the reassessment on education tax?

2. Achieving **equity in grants**

- Can operating grants be restructured to recognize seasonal residents?
- Based on the role that cottage communities play in supporting tourism in our province, how can the province provide more grant support for the infrastructure needs of cottage communities?

3. The relationship between **hamlet cottage communities and their RM**

- Is there a way for absentee seasonal residents to have a vote in RM elections (such as on-line voting with an access code or a signed mail-in ballot)?
- Should PARCS be reaching out to RMs with a large number of cottage communities, on behalf of their cottage communities?
- Will the increasing assessments in hamlet cottage communities result in cottage owners shouldering an unfair share of the costs in the RM?
- Should existing hamlet cottage communities be consulted regarding new cottage developments on their lake?

4. The **enforcement shortfall** at our cottage communities

- Are Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Sask Environment doing an adequate job of protecting our lakes and lakeshore environment? Should these two agencies synthesize their policies?
- Is the RCMP providing adequate enforcement of the provincial laws regarding ATVs, water safety, and public safety at our cottage communities?

- **Where do you want PARCS to place its lobbying efforts on your behalf?**
- **Come to Convention and help us refine these priorities!**

5. Changes in **government practices**

- Do we need a committee to study the implications of the province's proposed changes to regulations regarding field spreading?

4. HAVE YOUR REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION?

- See page 3 for the convention program and registration form.
- **Hamlets and RMs** – Don't miss our pre-convention workshop Friday afternoon
- Friday evening promises to be a blast. Our banquet will be held at the historic Danceland, followed by a very special guest speaker and our 25th anniversary party!
- This will be your opportunity to help PARCS select priorities for lobbying on your behalf.
- There are still a few rooms left at Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa at our convention rate of \$110 (single), \$120 (double). Call **946-2233**.
- Other accommodation is available at:
 - Brown's Motor Inn, 1 and 2 bedroom units, 946-2863
 - Lakeside Inn, 946-3456
 - Harmony House, 946-2707
 - Serenic View B&B, 946-3821
 - Manitou Retreat, 946-3634

2011 PARCS Convention Program

Friday, November 18th

- **Pre-convention workshop: Round Table for hamlets, organized hamlets and RMs**
 - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa
 - Several of our hamlet members have been invited to kick off the discussion in this round-table session.
 - An advisor from Sask Municipal Affairs will be available to answer technical questions.
- **Registration**
 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa
- **Convention banquet and social evening**
 - 7:00 p.m.
 - Danceland Historic Dance Hall
 - **Banquet speaker** – Allan Casey, award winning author of *Lakelands*
 - **Celebration of PARCS 25TH Anniversary**
 - Recognition of special guests

Saturday, November 19th

- All sessions at Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa
- 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. – **PARCS annual meeting**
 - Plans for dealing with member input from the summer workshops
- 11:30 to 12:30 noon – Lunch on site
- 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. – **Lessons Learned from the Flood: Preparing for Emergencies in our Cottage Communities**
 - A panel composed of the Provincial Fire Commissioner, an EMO coordinator from Katepwa and mayors from other cottage communities will provide insights about what a community should have in place for dealing with emergencies.
- 2:00 to 3:30 – **Tourism – Its impact on cottage communities and the challenges it poses**
 - A panel of delegates from cottage communities will be joined by staff from the Department of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport and will discuss the following issues:
 - What are the new initiatives for tourism in Saskatchewan?
 - What is the impact of tourism on our cottage communities?
 - Does provincial funding adequately reflect the new expectations on cottage communities as hosts for the growing tourist industry in Sask?
- Convention adjourns at 3:30 p.m.

Convention Registration

(mail or fax or email)

Name of Community:

Contact email:

Contact phone no:

Number of attending **members:**
(voting delegates - Friday workshop and banquet, Saturday breakfast & lunch and Saturday sessions)

_____ x **\$120** = \$ _____

Number of attending **non-members:**
(nonvoting delegates - Friday workshop and banquet, Saturday lunch and Saturday sessions)

_____ x **\$220** = \$ _____

Number of **Saturday only** delegates:
(Saturday lunch & Saturday sessions)

_____ x **\$100** = \$ _____

Number of extra banquet tickets:

_____ x **\$20** = \$ _____

(no spousal convention packages available)

Number of walk-in registrations for
SATURDAY AFTERNOON ONLY (no meals)

_____ x **\$50** = \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed: = \$ _____

Names of Voting Delegates

Questions? Call or email

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- Participants at the Wakaw workshop had so much to share.
- 43 communities took part in our summer workshops
- "We need every opportunity to communicate together. We learn so much by sharing."



