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One organization or two?

Directors of the Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc. and the P. A. N. P. Cottage Owners Association Inc. have been discussing the possibility of forming a single organization to represent their respective memberships.

Earlier this winter a document discussing the possible advantages and disadvantages of a merger was circulated to members. This document is posted on the Cabin Owners' Association web page at www.waskesiu.org as well.

At their respective Annual General Meetings (both of which will be held on July 12, 2008 but at separate times), members of each Association will be asked to vote on whether to proceed with an amalgamation (merger) or not. As such, you will be asked whether you are in favour of amalgamating the Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc. and the P.A.N.P. Cottage Owners Association Inc. into one organization which will represent the members of both organizations.

To read the legal wording of the proposed resolution, see page 5.

The vote requires approval of two thirds of the members present to pass. Each cabin lease is entitled to one vote.

A draft of the amalgamation agreement including the proposed bylaws is currently being worked on and will be available in June. Copies will be distributed to each cabin in late June and will also be posted at www.waskesiu.org. If you require a copy to be mailed to you, please contact Chris Arnstead, (contact information on last page).

Notice of Annual General Meeting and Special Meeting

Of the Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Inc.

Saturday, July 12, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Assembly Hall, Waskesiu

Included in the agenda will be a vote on whether to approve an amalgamation with the P.A.N.P Cottage Owners Association Inc.

Revisions to Cabin Guidelines



Gregg Rutten, Townsite Officer, and Terry Schneider, Town Site Manager at P. A. N. P. worked this winter to clarify the wording of the cabin guidelines. Their goal was not to change the guidelines but to make the wording clear so that the interpretation of this document is the same for and by everyone. WCOA president Chris Arnstead met with Terry and Gregg and reviewed the document with them.

Before beginning any maintenance, renovations, new construction or landscaping, cabin owners need to contact the Park office in Waskesiu, to obtain the revised cabin guideline document which will be available soon..

Remember too that any construction requires a permit from the Park office also.

Washrooms closing in 2008

Washrooms and shower buildings in the cabin area are scheduled to close in **October 2008**. All cabin owners **must** hook up their cabins to sewer and water by this time or be in contravention of their lease.

*Mark your calendar:
Annual General Meeting
Waskesiu Assembly Hall
Saturday, July 12, 10 a.m.*

High speed Internet connection for Waskesiu

High Speed Internet is coming to Waskesiu & Elk Ridge! Construction is under way by iNet of Prince Albert to deliver High Speed Internet in the summer of 2008. Please visit <http://www.waskesiu.org/waskesiuhighspeed/> to read more details about this new service and learn how you can subscribe.

Welcome to the new superintendent



Mr. Alan Fehr has accepted the position of Field Unit Superintendent, Northern Prairies. Our new superintendent joined Parks Canada in 1998 and has most recently occupied the position of superintendent with the Western Arctic Field Unit, a position he occupied since 2001.

Alan has a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and a

Masters in Plant Science. He worked with the governments of BC and Alberta and Ducks Unlimited before moving to the North West Territories where he has a number of work experiences: adult educator, substitute teacher, biological consultant, prison guard, dog sled tour operator and research centre manager.

Welcome to Alan, his wife Marilyn and their family. We hope you enjoy your time here in Prince Albert National Park and take advantage of the summer season to meet many cabin owners.

Report from our representative on the Waskesiu Community Council

The Waskesiu Community Council continues to deal with important challenges to its constituents. Council is holding a town hall meeting on Sunday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Hall.

Following community consultations last summer, Council pursued the local governance goal mandated by the community in 2006. In November, 2007, council representatives met with Parks Canada CEO, Alan Latourelle, to determine the level of interest in restarting local governance discussions. The response was positive.

Council members also met with Brad Wall prior to the provincial election on the local governance issue. More recently, Council representatives met with Municipal Affairs Minister, Bill Hutchison, to discuss local governance issues and options. Mr. Hutchison has undertaken to review the information and provide Council with a response in the near future.

Other very important issues have surfaced. After discussions with Council representatives, the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to continue operating the halls, tennis courts and other recreational programs in 2008 but are looking to Council to assume a leadership role in recreation in 2009.

The Waskesiu Fire Department is in need of more volunteer firefighters. Parks Canada, with advice from Council, is developing a detailed plan for the fire department, which hopefully will be ready for the May long weekend town hall meeting. The goal is to have a strong volunteer fire department in Waskesiu. That can only happen if people step up to the plate as firefighters. Did you know that volunteer firefighters are paid honoraria for time spent?

Other issues include a national land rent review and the community plan revision. More details will be available at the May 18th town hall meeting.

Finally, the 2008 utility budgets for sewer, water and garbage have been established. Overall, the rates will increase by just under 10 percent with the largest increase being for landfill use in Lakeland Rural Municipality. Utility bills will likely be out in July.

For more detailed information, please attend the May 18th meeting.

Herve Langlois
Cabin Owners' Representative on WCC



Council has scheduled a public meeting on May 18 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Waskesiu Community Hall.



Future of Washroom lots

Annual
Grey Owl Howl
 Family Dance
 and Good Time
*Food, Music,
 Games, Dancing,
 Prizes, Fun*
 Sunday, August 3
 Community Hall
 Volunteers welcome
 Prizes galore
 generously supplied
 by local businesses

In a recent email, Terry Schneider, Town Site manager, was asked to explain what plans are being made to deal with the lots after the washrooms close October 31, 2008. The following is excerpted from his response:

The current draft amendments to the Waskesiu Community Plan include provisions for the following use of cabin area lands into the future:

60 foot washroom sites in 30 foot cabin lot areas have been subdivided to allow for two 30ft

lots; one that will be rehabilitated as green space with solid waste management stations and one that is planned to be released as a cabin lot.

Washroom lots in the 40 foot cabin area are to be landscaped as green spaces and used for solid waste management stations.

Prior to advancing the release of the above noted lots, amendments to the existing the Community Plan needs to be approved. The current draft of the amended community plan is being reviewed by the Prince Albert National Park management team and will be shared and reviewed with the

Waskesiu Community Council in May/June 2008 with public review to follow. The plan will then be advanced for review and approval through Parks Canada Agency protocols and eventual Parliamentary approval with no defined timelines available for this process.

The washroom asset disposal process has been initiated by Asset Management and the Park Management team and is a work in progress.



Eightieth Anniversary Celebrations

This year, 2008, marks Prince Albert National Park's 80th Anniversary. The Waskesiu Heritage Museum and Parks Canada are making plans to mark this special occasion in many ways.

If you have some suggestions for ways to adapt the annual Grey Owl Howl to celebrate this anniversary, please contact any one of the executive members on the last page.

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF
WASKESIU CABIN OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.

APPROVAL OF AMALGAMATION WITH THE P.A.N.P COTTAGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.

WHEREAS it is considered to be in the best interests of the Corporation to amalgamate with the P.A.N.P Cottage Owners Association Inc. (the "*Cottage Owners Association*") pursuant to Section 168(1) of *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995* (Saskatchewan);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

1. **THAT** the Corporation amalgamate with the Cottage Owners Association and that such amalgamation be carried out pursuant to the provisions of Section 168(1) of *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995* (Saskatchewan);
2. **THAT** the amalgamation of the Corporation with the Cottage Owners Association (the "*Amalgamation*") shall take effect on a date to be determined by the Directors of the Corporation and in accordance with the terms of the amalgamation agreement between the Corporation and the Cottage Owners Association dated for reference June 1st, 2008 and approved by the Directors of the Corporation (the "*Amalgamation Agreement*"); and
3. **THAT** the President of the Corporation is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Amalgamation Agreement and all other documentation required to give effect to the Amalgamation, including any Statutory Declaration made pursuant to the Canada Evidence Act as may be required with respect to the Amalgamation.

Some comments received via email after the discussion paper about a possible merger was circulated:

"...we think that the best plan would be to collapse both organizations and create a new ONE. That might at least give the optics of fairness and it would permit an open election process for Board directors. In that way, there would be no we/they leftovers and we would hopefully come out of the reorganization with a stronger, unified body."

"I feel that the two organizations have much more to gain by working together to repair, improve and maintain the existing infrastructure by working together than by approaching the Park as different entities, I would suggest that combining the two would be an excellent idea."

"I really think that for the main issues, an amalgamated council would be more beneficial. For issues that pertain only to one of the groups, reps from that certain group could be called upon. I really agree with the efficiencies outlined above that could be achieved by joining. There will probably always be some issues that will need to be addressed by the specific groups, hopefully, common sense would prevail and allow circumstances to be dealt with on an individual basis."

"The cabin owners have very different concerns and issues than those of the cottage owners. My (fear) concern is of these divisive issues which can only serve to destabilize our association. Merging our associations will only serve to create rifts between cabin and cottage owners as well as the directors representing 'their membership'."

"Perhaps a better time to think about an amalgamation would be in 5 years; if the lease issues are resolved and the cabin area is settled from new construction."

" In favor of a merge.
Thanks for your hard work!"

Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.waskesiu.org

Waskesiu Cabin Owners' Association Membership

Please renew your membership in the Cabin Owners Association.

In June send your membership fees and the attached form **with email address** to:

Brian Booth, WCOA Treasurer
44 Clark Crescent
Saskatoon SK
S7H 3L9

Between July 1 and August 31 send to:

Brian Booth, WCOA Treasurer
General Delivery
Waskesiu SK
S0J 2Y0

Or drop them off at Brian's cabin: 1534 Bluebird Street

Waskesiu Cabin Owners Association Membership Renewal Form

Cabin Owner Name _____

Email address _____ (for newsletters)

Cabin Address _____

Home Address

Membership fees are \$10.00 per year

If you missed paying last year's fees we will still accept your payment. If you want to pay in multiple years and save us all some postage please do so.

*Please note that from now on all correspondence from the WCOA will be posted on www.waskesiu.org and **emailed** to cabin owners who have supplied WCOA with their email address. **BONUS:** email newsletters are in full **colour!**

If you wish to continue to receive newsletters by regular mail, please indicate this here.

I do not have regular access to email and prefer to continue to receive newsletters by Canada Post. I understand I have to supply the correct mailing address and have a current paid membership.