



SPRING NEWSLETTER

President's Report

Rob Phillips, WSRA President

Well, what a strange start to a year. COVID-19 will certainly make it unforgettable and people should consider journal writing to make sure that everything that happens is documented.

Not much will be undertaken this year via traditional in-person meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently seeing a staged opening of both Park Canada services and access to areas within the park (for example lakes, trails, beaches and public washrooms.)

What have we undertaken since the last AGM:

- A preliminary discussion regarding the further parking policies within the townsite with a specific focus on the Bird Streets within Parcel X. We hope to have a discussion document available over this summer for comment from the WSRA board, WCC and Parks Canada Management.
- Back flow valves for all lease hold sewer connections are being compulsory for new construction and we are looking for an implementation for all existing construction by July 1, 2022.
- A Vision 2028 document is being developed for the community, led by the Waskesiu Community Council in partnership



with Parks Canada. Input is being requested from community stakeholders at this time. Unfortunately, public meetings are currently on hold, for now, due to the COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

Further to this last statement regarding a ban on public gatherings of size. At this time there will be no traditional WSRA AGM. We are looking for options for our AGM, but that information will be conveyed by email so please keep a watchful eye on your inbox. The Grey Owl Howl is also cancelled because all meeting halls within the townsite have been closed for the season.

Please enjoy the lake, the back country and trails while respecting social distancing and consider purchasing as much as possible when you can from our local Waskesiu Lake Townsite businesses, because they are facing a tough year.

WSRA Chairperson's Report

Herb Pinder Jr., WSRA Chair

The role of the WSRA is to represent the interests of cabin and cottage owners. Invariably, the interests of those who actually reside in the park align with visitors, businesses, and hopefully employees of Parks Canada. In our role we work with Parks Canada, the Waskesiu Community Council, the Foundation, and the Chamber.

Our volunteer Board is comprised of nine people roughly equally represented by cabin and cottage owners. We separate the Chair and the President, with one from cabins and the other from cottages. Standing on the shoulders of those who have preceded us, we have become ever more involved in the affairs of our townsite and park in hopefully relevant and constructive ways. We appreciate the strong attendance at our Annual General Meetings which illustrates the importance of Waskesiu to most of us and provides both support and accountability for the WSRA.

We have been constantly advancing our governance practices. We are blessed in our townsite with an abundance of talented people, which is a segue to the issue of selection and election of Directors that gained considerable attention at last year's AGM.

In an endeavour to become more transparent, we revisited our selection and election of Directors processes, and plan to share the new proposal prior to our Annual General Meeting. Intended to be effective for the 2021 fiscal year, it will anticipate the opportunity for those who wish to participate on the Board to receive consideration; and further, if that person is not among those ultimately recommended, a further opportunity to present him/herself to the AGM. As always, ultimately the members determine the composition of the Board. The Directors want to continue presenting a diverse and experienced Board to the community, so we are always considering our informal skills matrix to identify the needs of the Board as it evolves over time.

The Board is appreciative of the feedback from the last AGM including mostly constructive follow-on letters. We are considering options for our AGM, currently proposed for July 19th, within public health regulations designed to protect against the spread of COVID 19. Watch your email for information regarding the meeting.



Parks Canada

A word from the Superintendent

*Cal Martin,
Superintendent
Northern Prairies*

Despite the extraordinary circumstances of this spring with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is indeed a great pleasure to welcome everyone back to Waskesiu Lake for another season.

I enjoyed meeting many of you last summer upon my arrival and look forward to working with you into the future, now that it's official I am staying!

Over this past fall and winter, and now into the spring and summer, my staff and I continue to advance new projects that we trust will continue to enhance your enjoyment of Prince Albert National Park. The following information provides you with some important updates.

As you settle into summer, please remember to follow all guidelines from health authorities, such as proper social distancing, to ensure a safe visit.

Have a wonderful summer!

Townsite News

Beach House Replacement

Construction of the new beach house on Waskesiu's main beach started in September 2019 and will be completed early this summer. This new facility will meet current industry standards and visitor needs.

Yard Waste Collection in Waskesiu

Did you know that the collection of yard waste in Waskesiu is governed by a Yard Waste Directive which is agreed to between Parks Canada and the Waskesiu Community Council? **Copies are available from the Parks Canada townsite office.**

The collection of yard waste is an important task that takes significant staff resources to complete. As you can see from the photo below, when residents do not follow the yard waste directive even more staff time and equipment is required.



Do not pile anything next to or nearby to the waste bins located anywhere in Waskesiu. This creates a public safety hazard, hinders the collection of garbage from waste bins and consumes staff time which prevents them from addressing other priorities. Let's work together to keep Waskesiu safe and beautiful for all.

Further restrictions or changes to yard waste collection may need to be considered if residents are not complying with the Yard Waste Directive.

Construction Waste

Construction waste from small projects (example: replacing a window or a deck board) can be disposed of in the 40-foot roll-off bin located at the recycling depot area.

What is accepted?

- Small project construction waste such as windows and frames, deck boards, dry wall, carpet, treated and non-treated scrap wood
- Bed mattresses and household furniture (sofas, tables, chairs)

What is not accepted?

- Propane tanks, gas, fuel, oil, solvent products, paint containers (empty or with paint), fluorescent tubes and batteries
- Household appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, microwaves and water heaters
- Electronic equipment and electric wire
- Concrete and rocks
- Dead animals
- Brush and leaves – must be taken to the staging area
- Refundable cans and bottles, cardboard boxes, office paper and newspapers, clean plastic containers, milk jugs, sheet plastic, metal – deposit these items in the appropriate recycle bins
- Household garbage – this should be bagged and placed in garbage bins

- For DDT (a pesticide) or other questionable hazardous materials, please the contact sanitation supervisor at 306-663-4548 to arrange drop off at compound

If you are issued a building permit, this may constitute a large amount of construction waste. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to haul or make arrangements to have the contractor haul the construction waste to a certified landfill site as specified on the permit.

Back-flow Preventer Valve Requirement

Sewer backups in Waskesiu cost Parks Canada and Canadian taxpayers significant funds to remediate damaged property. These funds could be spent on other priorities to benefit residents and visitors.

To reduce the potential for sewer backups in the future and reduce unnecessary cost, all residences and commercial businesses are required to have a backflow preventer valve by July 1, 2022. Any associated costs for the installation rests with the resident/commercial operator.

If a building does not have a backflow preventer valve by July 1, 2022 and a water or sewer backup occurs, compensation to remediate any damage will not be provided.

A plumbing permit to have a backflow preventer valve installed is required and can be obtained from the townsite office. The cost of the permit is waived between 2020 and July 1, 2022, the deadline for having the valve installed.

Waskesiu Waterfront Update

As you may know, the dock located at the breakwater reached the end of its life span and was removed in 2019. To improve the short-term mooring area between the breakwater and the buoyed swimming area, Parks Canada is purchasing small finger docks to attach to the breakwater to enable boaters to board and disembark vessels.

Wildfire Risk Reduction Update

Parks Canada takes wildfire seriously and is taking preventive measures to reduce the risk of potential wildfires to Waskesiu and neighbouring communities. The continued development of a strong wildfire risk reduction strategy with its supporting projects is essential to ensure public safety, enhance visitor experience, and protect natural and cultural resources.

One such project this past winter saw an area of densely grouped mature spruce trees and underbrush near the Red Deer Campground and Baker's Waskesiu Bungalows thinned to reduce the risk of wildfire. This freshly opened forest canopy is providing new habitat for songbirds, elk and deer and the growth of new and more diverse plant life.

Help protect Waskesiu from Wildfire – FireSmart

FireSmart is a nationwide program designed by firefighting agencies to help protect people, infrastructure and surrounding lands from wildfire. Be proactive, be practical, and be FireSmart!

- Remove piles of sticks, dry leaves and fallen trees around your home
- Clear gutters, eaves and vents
- Keep windows clear
- Trim trees
- Keep porch and decks clear or screened
- Screen or seal all soffits.
- Take care of your lawn; keep sprinklers handy

Visit FireSmart Canada to learn how to assess your property.

Prescribed Fire Program Postponed

Prescribed fire is used to restore or improve the health of the environment for plant and animal species alike. Annual monitoring of wildfire and prescribed fire activity in the park determines when and where a prescribed fire could be used.

Since 2006, the Waskesiu Community Fuel Break prescribed fire has been carried out nearly every spring along the southern boundary of the Waskesiu Community Fuel Break to help protect Waskesiu from wildfire.

Due to COVID-19, plans for this prescribed fire have been postponed and will be implemented at a future date.

Conservation News

Bears

With every crisis there is opportunity. While the current pandemic is of a serious nature, park staff are hoping to make one impact of the social distancing measures into a positive thing for bears.

Given the reduced number of visitors to the park this spring, and with no camping and limited picnicking until early summer, park staff are hoping that there will be fewer smells and food sources to attract bears into town and campgrounds.



Thus we are asking current residents of Waskesiu to help reduce bear attractants by:

- Placing all garbage and recycling into appropriate bear-proof containers
- Cleaning your BBQs as soon as they are cool, and remove and clean out the grease trap/pan
- Not feeding birds, squirrels or other wildlife. Food for small animals is food for large ones.
- With your help we can take this time to keep bears wild, and even "untrain" some bears who may have learned some bad habits last year.



Waskesiu Community Council

Jim Kerby, Chair of the Waskesiu Community Council

Greetings to all WSRA members from the Waskesiu Community Council. Thank you for, once again, letting us be part of your annual Newsletter.

From its inception in 2002, the Community Council has been formally recognized by Parks Canada Agency as "the voice of the Waskesiu community". The Community Council is currently comprised of five (5) Councillors - Jim Kerby (Chair), Robert Phillips (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Wood (Secretary-

Treasurer), Bryan Matheson, and Bentley Crozier. Noreen Matthews, our talented Administrator, continues to be a valuable member of our team as well.

Waskesiu Foundation & Waskesiu Recreation Association

The Community Council is the sole member of the Waskesiu Foundation, which celebrated its 20th year in 2019. The Waskesiu Foundation has been a tremendous success, and last year surpassed \$3 million of funds raised for the benefit of our community. As our new Superintendent Cal Martin stated shortly after his arrival in the Park, it is simply impossible to spend time in this community and not see the positive impact the Foundation has had on Waskesiu.

As of last fall, the Community Council also became the sole member of the Waskesiu Recreation Association ("WRA"), by agreement among the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, the WRA, and the Community Council. Thanks to the success of Little Al's Mini Golf – which opened on July 1st, 2018 - the WRA will be spending \$30,000 this year towards the "Waskesiu Recreation Area Renewal Project" – including the new multi-use Sport Court and the other improvements to the recreation area identified in the 2015 Stantec "Master Plan". Parks Canada is currently dealing with environmental remediation work on site, after which the new Sport Court can be installed. By this fall, a significant number of improvements to the recreation area will be in place that will benefit our community for years to come.

Community Council – 2020 By-Elections

As the result of two resignations in 2019 (Councillor Nancy Wood Archer and Councillor Darryl Fox), there are a set of By-Elections planned for this summer. In that regard, Council sincerely thanks both Nancy and Darryl for their service to our wonderful community.

Detailed information regarding the 2020 By-Elections is available on waskesiu.org, but a basic outline is as follows:

- Nominations are now being accepted for two (2) Council member positions on the Waskesiu Community Council – one for the 'Permanent Residents Representative', and one for the 'Business Owners Representative'
- These positions are for 1 year (of a remaining 3-year term)
- Nomination packages can be obtained from the Park Administration Office (Visitor Center) once it reopens, or on-line at <https://www.waskesiu.org/community-news>
- Completed Nomination Forms must be received:
 - By mail - by Friday, July 3, 2020 (addressed to the Returning Officer, c/o Waskesiu Community Council, Box 203, Waskesiu Lake, SK, S0J 2Y0); or
 - In person - by 4:00 pm on Friday, July 3, 2020 at the Park Administration Office (Visitor Center) in Waskesiu
- Election Day is Saturday, August 1st, 2020

If you are interested in running for Council, or know someone who would be a great candidate, please consider getting a nomination form filed. If you would like more information, please contact any member of Council or our Administrator (Noreen Matthews).

"Waskesiu Vision 2028" – Your Ideas Enhancing our Community



Back in 2013, the Community Council initiated an important strategic planning process for Waskesiu called "Vision 2020 & Beyond". Our goal was to develop a "shared vision" for our community – in an effort to articulate how Waskesiu should "look and feel" by the year 2020. As part of that visioning process, the Community Council sought input from, and encouraged increased communication among, all of the key stakeholder groups in Waskesiu.

That strategic planning process resulted in a “Community Action Plan” for Waskesiu. Over the last 7 years, many groups have collaborated to help make the vision outlined in that Community Action Plan a reality. By all accounts, the process has been a great success.

But, as they say, “time flies”, and now 2020 is here. As such, the Community Council has renewed the strategic planning process – now re-branded as “Waskesiu Vision 2028”. (The year 2028 has been chosen because August 10, 2028 will mark the 100th anniversary of the official opening of Prince Albert National Park by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.)

Two very successful “Waskesiu Vision 2028” planning meetings have already taken place between the Community Council and representatives of Parks Canada. Council had planned to host a “Community Leaders Roundtable” session on May 16, 2020 in Waskesiu – but that event was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Instead, all key stakeholder groups have been asked to complete, and submit to Council, a “Waskesiu Vision 2028” work sheet by June 30th. Council will compile the information obtained and arrange for a meeting of key stakeholders – hopefully later by early fall this year. By the summer of 2021, a community open house will be arranged to obtain input from the entire community, before completing the new community action plan for Waskesiu.

Community Council is pleased to again be working in conjunction with Parks Canada Agency, the WSRA, the Waskesiu Foundation, the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, the Waskesiu Recreation Association, the Waskesiu Heritage Museum, Friends of the Park, the Waskesiu Golf Club, and other key stakeholder groups – as we collectively work to enhance the Waskesiu experience.

We urge you to learn more about this important initiative. Please provide your ideas to make Waskesiu an even better place for you, your family, and for the generations that follow. You can contact the WSRA President (Rob Phillips), any member of



Council, or visit waskesiu.org (and look for “Waskesiu Vision 2028”) for more details.

Waskesiu.org – Waskesiu’s #1 Website

Our waskesiu.org website, hosted by the Community Council, continues to be the most widely used online site for those seeking information about Waskesiu.

An update of our website was funded last year by Waskesiu’s five premier hoteliers, and the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce, using funds raised through destination marketing levies. Council would like to sincerely thank the Chamber, and the premier hoteliers, for agreeing to apply those funds for the benefit of the community.

Please visit waskesiu.org regularly to find out what is happening in your community. Our website is mobile friendly – making it easy for you to take a bit of Waskesiu with you wherever you go.

The Last Word

In closing, the Community Council extends its sincere thanks to the WSRA for all of your great work on behalf of Waskesiu, and for your past and ongoing support of our Council.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year is already unlike any we have ever experienced. That said, there is always something good that comes from facing (and overcoming) life's challenges. We know that our community will come through this by working together. As always, we encourage all WSRA members to continue to share your views with the Community Council on how to enhance the Waskesiu experience now, and for generations to come.

Have a great summer everyone, and stay safe as you enjoy the great outdoors in "Saskatchewan's playground".

The Waskesiu Foundation

No Show Beach Bash

At this time, we're usually busy planning our summer events like the Sipping Social. It's great getting together over food & drinks to catch up on the latest news and raise funds to support the community. Last year's Sipping Social net proceeds of **\$35,766** were directed to the Recreation Area Renewal project which features the multi-use sport court. Unfortunately, we can't gather for in-person events so we've cancelled the Sipping Social in July. Cancelling the Sipping Social makes this year different. Read on.

The lawn chairs are in place, the coolers are filled with ice. The sun is shining and the lake is like glass. We're all set to host the **2020 No Show Beach Bash**. You're invited...but please do not attend!

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. We might be apart, but you can still support the Waskesiu community. The **No Show Beach Bash** is the best time you've never had. Participate

wherever you are. What's your excuse for not attending? (see illustration)

To take part, [donate today](#) or use the **Donate Now** button on any page at waskesiufoundation.ca. You'll receive a full tax receipt for your gift. It will support recreational, social, cultural and environmental activities that enhance the Waskesiu experience. If you like, call us at **(306) 280-5029** and we'd be happy to hear your excuse over the phone.

Best of all, we have a sweet surprise in store for you. For a donation of **any amount**, we'll send you our recipe for the best **caramel popcorn** you've ever tasted. We've featured this treat at the Sipping Social and it disappeared faster than we could refill it. It's full of sugary, gooey caramel that'll satisfy your sweet tooth many times over. Trust us – it's worth the calorie count. We'll even include the tips & tricks that make the best batches, though we still hide those little tidbits from relatives who ask for the recipe ;)



Sport Court Soon

Thanks to your generous support last year, we have the resources to continue our partnership with the Waskesiu Recreation Association to significantly upgrade recreation opportunities for all. The highlight of this phase is a multi-use sport court. Look forward to a redevelopment of the lawn bowling green, thanks to support from the Hesje family. A new picnic shelter, new pathways, and benches are coming too. Construction will continue throughout the summer.

New Reason to Visit Crean Lake

When restrictions allow, be sure to boat, walk, or cycle to the new all-season camp kitchen at the former warden station on Crean Lake. The view alone makes the trip worthwhile. Not only is there a multi-season camp kitchen, but there is a complete day-use area with fire pits, picnic tables, and pit toilet. Completed in partnership with Parks Canada, we are proud of this facility. We are thankful for support from Peter and Gordon Surkan who sponsored the camp kitchen in memory of their parents.

Changing Faces

Our volunteer board exchanged two directors this winter. Thank you to Charmaine Wintermute, who retired from the board in February. Joining the board is Diane Phillips. Diane is a long time Waskesiu cabin owner who admires what The Waskesiu Foundation has accomplished and is excited to contribute to its future. She has already participated in virtual board meetings and we look forward to having her on board for more.

Spring Cleaning

Do you have a bunch of empty beverage containers building up in your garage during social isolation? As of Sarcan's June 15 re-opening, clean out your garage AND help make Waskesiu a better place. Use the Drop & Go program at any Sarcan location to donate your recycling proceeds to us at the Waskesiu Foundation. Put plastics, cartons and aluminum cans into bags, put glass beverage containers into boxes. Don't forget to include milk containers! Avoid line-ups by going to the Sarcan Drop & Go terminal and follow the directions on the screen. Type **wfi** (not case sensitive) when prompted to enter the group phrase.



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Waskesiu Recreation Association

Simone Kerby, Director

Welcome back to a very different summer in Waskesiu! The Waskesiu Recreation Association Inc. (the "WRA") is a volunteer led, Saskatchewan non-profit organization. Our mandate is to provide – in collaboration with our community partners – quality recreation and cultural activities, social events, and recreational facilities that benefit Waskesiu visitors and residents.

Events

Summer 2020 will be like no other. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a massive negative impact on the annual events and festivals that the WRA traditionally hosts. As the pandemic unfolded, it became clear that we had to cancel all our annual events, namely, Canada Day, the Children's Festival, the Beach Bums Ball, ArtFest, Waskesiu Lakeside Music Festival, and the planned revival of the Ladies Diamond Dinner. Hopefully you will join us next year when we will make up for lost time.

Recreation

The recreational activities offered at the WRA are also affected by Covid-19. The health and safety of our customers and staff is of paramount importance and, as such, we will undertake all necessary precautions to ensure a safe way to participate in our recreational offerings once they are permitted by health authorities. Until further notice, there will not be any drop in pickle-ball, tennis lessons, and social distancing measures will be enforced at our mini golf with longer wait times between groups of players. Access to the Recreation Office will be limited to staff only; registration for tennis, pickle-ball, and mini golf will all be at the mini golf starter shack. Wherever possible, we request you make payment by debit or credit, not cash. You can follow

updates on www.waskesiu.org for more information on opening dates and new protocols for the courts and mini golf.

Over the past 2 years, we have had rave reviews about our nature themed mini golf course, and we hope you will bring your friends and relatives to play a round when we reopen. Fees have remained the same as when we opened in 2018, but the best deal for locals is to purchase a '10 pack'. You will definitely get your money's worth!

In addition to the cancellation of events, reduced days of operation for our tennis courts and mini golf means a tough year ahead for the Waskesiu Recreation Association. Revenues will be down significantly. As a way to support the ongoing work of the WRA, please consider purchasing a season pass. Plus, individual and family passes are a great deal! Stop by the mini golf starter shack for more details. We will have reduced staff this season, so please be patient if it takes a few minutes for us to get to you.

Unfortunately, the Gordie Howe Memorial Fitness Park, which has been a great addition to the recreation area, is not available for use. We are unable to enforce physical distancing and perform enhanced disinfecting, so the area will likely be roped off for the entire season. We know many of you will miss access to the fit-park, but we ask you to respect the situation by not attempting to use the equipment, or asking staff for permission to use it. We hope that the trails and bike paths, where you can maintain physical distancing, will help you with your fitness goals.

Recreation Renewal

Even with all the new restrictions, the recreation area will still be a hub of activity this summer. You will likely have noticed that the trees along Montreal Drive have been removed. The trees were nearing the end of their life cycle, and were situated very close to the Recreation Office. Their removal will help to FireSmart the building, improve drainage, and provide a brighter and more inviting entrance to the recreation area. Grass, and in time a few trees, will be planted in the area.

Another exciting change to the recreation area this summer will be the addition of a new camp kitchen/shelter, which the Reel Rave Committee has very generously agreed to sponsor. The shelter will be welcome on hot, sunny days, and may be used as a small outdoor concert area for kids or other children's programming in the future.

Finally, we are excited to have the sport court and lawn bowling area developed this summer. Last September, the Waskesiu Foundation and the WRA completed a successful fundraising project designed to fund a new multi-use sport court and related upgrades to the recreation area. As a result, installation of the new sport court is scheduled to start by July 2020 on part of the lawn bowling green. Before that happens, Parks Canada must complete some environmental remediation work in the lawn bowling area. That remediation work

should be completed by the end of June. But the good news doesn't stop there. The new sport court is just part of a "Master Plan" for the Waskesiu recreation area and, by this fall, the WRA and the Waskesiu Foundation also

plan to complete landscaping work, refurbish the existing pathways, and rejuvenate the remaining lawn bowling area. A recent addition to the plan is the installation of an outdoor ping pong table and a children's ninja park on the recreation grounds. It will be exciting to watch the "Master Plan" for the area come together in 2020! Upon completion, we are confident that Waskesiu will be home to one of the best outdoor recreation sites in Saskatchewan. It will be yours to enjoy for many years ahead. We hope you are as excited about all of this as we are.



To learn more about the Waskesiu Recreation Area Master Plan, or to donate to the Recreation Area Renewal Project, please go to: www.waskesiufoundation.ca

We are all responsible for containing the spread of Covid-19 by following recommended health guidelines. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. When out enjoying the fresh air and Waskesiu's recreational activities, please remember to honour the physical distancing rules by staying 6 feet away from the next participant - and that means no group gatherings either before or after play. Finally, wash or sanitize your hands frequently. We are all in this together. Stay safe, but have fun!

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The Waskesiu Heritage Museum

Plans for the Waskesiu Heritage Museum are, of course, affected by the pandemic. Unfortunately, we are unable to open our buildings as usual. However, you are welcome to stroll our grounds, see our iconic shack tent exhibit, peruse the signage, and enjoy a takeout coffee or ice cream cone from a local shop in our camp kitchen. Our manager, Gary Provencher, is with us to coordinate the changes forced on us by the pandemic restrictions this summer.

Another way to experience the history of Waskesiu from the opening of Prince Albert National Park in 1928 to now is through **our online resources**. Our website, <https://waskesiuheritagemuseum.org/> home, was refreshed last year and contains a section on selected Artifacts. New to the website is Heritage Moments, an updated, online version of the popular, out-of-print walking tour of Waskesiu



townsite. From a map on the landing page, <https://waskesiuheritagemuseum.org/heritage-moments>, you can access archival photos, information, and stories about fourteen heritage sites. Take your mobile device and head out for a walk into the past with this resource. We would love to hear your feedback or suggestions for how to expand or improve this virtual guide.

Also you can find the Waskesiu Heritage Museum on Facebook, Twitter (@WaskesiuMuseum), and Instagram. Throughout the winter, weekly postings shared photos, information, and stories about Waskesiu. We enjoyed your comments and lively discussions over the winter. You have a wealth of stories and we appreciate you sharing them with us through social media. **Check out our postings this summer on one of these social media channels.**



We are so grateful for how supportive our community is of the Museum through bringing visitors, attending our events, and donating artifacts. Your support of our annual fundraisers is especially critical: community bingos and the kayak raffle and Yard Sale. These fundraisers are cancelled for this year but don't worry! Bingo and the Yard Sale will resume next summer and our raffle will feature an extra special kayak in 2021 thanks to local artist, Ernie Scoles. We are also unable to host the annual Heritage Day celebrations and concession at the Three Island Paddle, but will resume these activities again when allowed. We will

still be delivering the Vacationland News Cabin Stuffer to your doorstep as usual this spring. If you want to support Museum projects financially, you can use the "donate" button on the Waskesiu Foundation's website:

(<https://www.waskesiufoundation.ca/>) and receive a receipt for your donation.



If you need to speak with us, please use the contact form on our website or Facebook Messenger and we will respond promptly. Please enjoy this

modified summer season and kindly follow guidelines to keep everyone safe and well.

Friends of the Parks (FOP)

Carol Crowe, Director for Friends of the Park, Waskesiu

Who are we?

Friends of Prince Albert National Park is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing public awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of the cultural and natural heritage of Prince Albert National Park in order to preserve and protect such heritage for future generations. Friends of the Park exhibits, and cultural programming enhance the visitor experience and foster appreciation for park heritage.

What do we have planned for Summer 2020?

Our bookstore will be open June 26th. With all the adaptations and changes needed to prevent the spread of Covid-19, we are excited to bring as much as possible to you online through our facebook page as well as curb-side pickup. We are also looking at providing delivery.

This year we are celebrating the cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples, and connecting with the communities around us through Language and the land. We plan to do this through the development of our new Cultural Room in the bookstore, which will showcase some of the

stories from Indigenous Elders and families from the area. We will be offering Cree Land-based Language courses, bringing Indigenous Elders to teach Cree in a variety of ways, which will be shared through our social media.

We are also showcasing the amazing Story of Anahareo, Grey Owl's wife, an Indigenous matriarch role model. This story will connect Anahareo to her role of protecting and preserving our beautiful wetlands through a new puppet show about Rawhide and JellyRoll, the two beaver her and Grey Owl raised from pups.

Friends of the Park plans to launch a new membership program that celebrates Unity and all the cultures that visit Prince Albert National Park. As that relationship emerges, we will look to our community for ideas and ways to celebrate Unity whether its through dance, the land, or just connecting over a campfire and hotdogs!

Our President Ernie Scoles, Cree Artist, is looking at ways to bring more diversity to our Board, please contact us if you are interested in serving FOP with us.

Visit our Facebook page to keep in touch. Look for me at the bookstore as I will be there all summer for the first time. carolcrowe26@gmail.com

The Waskesiu Golf Course



Mike Ryan, President, Lobstick Golf Club Inc

Greetings from Waskesiu Golf Course, as a completely nonprofit organization, we have privilege of overseeing the operations and maintenance of one the oldest Stanley Thompson designed golf courses in Western Canada. Along with being able to offer the public a complete golf facility, we also have food and beverages available to the public.



Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, like everyone else we have had to reduce and/or temporarily close some of our normal offerings. Our Management team has taken all measures to ensure that the course is safe for staff, patrons, and visitors alike. You will notice some changes up and around the course which was required to safeguard the area and our guests. The closing of our portion of the Red Deer Trail to ensure Social Distancing, is one example.

We were hoping to introduce new menus at both of our food establishments, the Clubhouse and the 10th hole. For this season, we will have the 10th hole operational as usual in June, but we will be adjusting the service offerings at the Clubhouse. There will be no sit down dining or full meal service for the 2020 season. What we will be offering is a lounge style service, including full beverage service with appetizer menu options.

On the plus side, we have one of the best maintained courses in the province. If you are a golfer, we offer many different options of green fees, memberships and punchcards. A 10 stall driving range, practice bunker and putting green. We also offer Junior golf lessons in July for the kids looking to get into golf. Our Head Professional also offers golf lessons to beginners and even the better players have been known to get a quick fix.

If you are a non-golfer, but enjoy shopping, be sure to check out the full selection of ladies & men's clothing at the Pro Shop. We are following all Covid regulations in the retail area, so our fitting room will not be available. The Pro Shop also offers gift cards should you have trouble finding the right gift for that someone in your family.

We hope to see you out at the course this season. Please be assured that we are following all Saskatchewan Health Guidelines in regards to Covid to keep everyone safe.



About the WSRA . . .

The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (WSRA) is a not for profit association. We work with Parks Canada, the Waskesiu Community Council and other organizations and officials within Prince Albert National Park (PANP) on matters that concern the cabin and cottage owners who are seasonal residents in the Waskesiu townsite.

Those matters include *the occupancy, use, maintenance, leasing and improvement of cottages and cabins, and the areas in which they are located.*

We also:

- ✓ Promote understanding and co-operation between leaseholders and others using PANP,
- ✓ Work to protect and enhance the environment, infrastructure, and recreational and cultural facilities within the Waskesiu townsite, and
- ✓ Provide a forum to discuss and share information on matters of concern to leaseholders.

The elected WSRA Board of Directors is made up of members from diverse backgrounds who represent the cabin and cottage area as equally as possible.

2020 Board of Directors

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Membership

Add your voice . . .

*In order to reduce the effort required of volunteer canvassers who go door-to-door each year collecting WSRA memberships, **the membership fee structure is set up so that you save money and add convenience by renewing your membership for 5 years.***

Payment can be made through cheque or email transfer. We will provide you with a receipt upon request or provide you with information on your membership standing through email. When your membership expires, we will contact you about membership renewal.

Stay in touch through our page at
waskesiu.org (“our community” tab)
 Or email us at waskesiusra@gmail.com

There are **3 ways to renew your membership.**

1. Mail a cheque along with your information to our treasurer, Kelly Prodanuk, 204 – 140 Wall St., Saskatoon, SK, S7K 1N4.
2. Email your information along with an email transfer to waskesiusra@gmail.com.
3. Sign up and pay your dues at our annual meeting (TBA)

Please include your name, address, lake address and email address.

