

September 17, 2010

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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Attention: W.H.J. Gabriel, Sergeant

Parks Canada Agency
POB 100
Waskesiu Lake, PANP
S0J 2Y0

Attention: Mr. Alan Fehr, Superintendent

Dear Sirs:

Re: Off Season Security Concerns – Waskesiu Townsite, Prince Albert National Park

The Waskesiu Seasonal Residents Association (the “WSRA”) represents cottage and cabin owners in the townsite of Waskesiu, Prince Albert National Park (“PANP”).

The security of property, both commercial and residential, within the townsite of Waskesiu is a twelve month responsibility. As you know, the Waskesiu townsite is rather unique in Saskatchewan - given that the vast majority of its residents only occupy their cabin or cottage from late May through early September each year (and, in fact, seasonal residents are only legally permitted to occupy their cottage or cabin for 7 months of the year).

Over the past two years we have seen a significant increase in break-ins in the off season. These break-ins are of significant concern to the WSRA and our members, causing both hardship to seasonal residents and damage to property. It is the seasonal nature of this community that thieves are exploiting.

Our Association has been considering options to help deal with this problem. The Board of the WSRA is writing to formally request that during the winter of 2010/2011 the RCMP and Parks Canada’s representatives – as a pilot project –

THE WASKESIU SEASONAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

put in place physical barricades that will impede physical access to the cottage and cabin areas during five months of the off season.

We believe that such physical barricades will deter access, and will hopefully encourage the thieves to go elsewhere. The physical barricades could be either cement blocks, or swinging gates, and could be managed by Parks Canada full time staff without undue stress on staffing resources.

Our Association is also prepared to discuss other options to help improve townsite security. We are also prepared to play a role in helping to inform our affected members in the unfortunate event that further break-ins do occur in the off season.

We would also like to arrange for a meeting with representatives of the RCMP and Parks Canada Agency to address this matter, and to ensure that the Waskesiu townsite is as secure as reasonably possible for the upcoming winter season. We look forward to hearing from you soon in this regard.

In the interim, should you have any questions or concerns, or wish to discuss this matter, please don't hesitate to contact this writer at any time.

Sincerely,

John Stevenson
President

Cc: *Waskesiu Community Council – Attention Chair*