



District of Katepwa

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed all Statutory Holidays including Easter Monday and Boxing Day

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are open to the public and are held every third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held in the District of Katepwa Community Center at 41 Elm Street at 7:00 pm. Any change to meeting dates will be posted in accordance with the Districts public notice bylaw and on our website.



MAYOR'S REPORT

Welcome to Spring in the Valley. Nice to have you back!

Council has been busy in recent months on a number of fronts. We have had an election to welcome a new councillor on board. Welcome to Dennis Temple; we look forward to your contributions.

Our newly established Servicing Agreement is now in place for the District. Thanks so much to Councillor Mike Alport and to our Administrator Laurie Rudolph for hammering it in to place. Included in the agreement is an increase to \$8000.00 per lot servicing fee for the establishment of new lots within the District.

Council has recently agreed to a five year lease with Rand Norton of Norton Septic for the use of the garage next to the office. As well, we are currently winterizing our work Quonset at the south end of the lake. Spray foam and a heating system are being installed. We have also purchased a new Sea Can for storage at the Quonset.

You will notice throughout the District newly made gazebos, and picnic tables. Thanks to our Maintenance Supervisor Rick Weber for his efforts with these. They are a nice touch to the District. As well, please keep your eye open for information regarding a Spring Clean Up Day scheduled for May.

I had the good fortune to attend the SUMA Conference in Saskatoon in February with Councillor Darwin Chatterson. I found the experience to be an excellent learning opportunity for me as a new member of council. Darwin and I seemed to be drawn mostly to sessions dealing with water and watershed associations. I came away with a better understanding of our role with the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewardship. We also heard specifically of the concerns surrounding the continual rise of the Quill Lakes and what impact this might hold for us downstream. This is a

concern held by stakeholders throughout the region. The Provincial Environment Ministry is monitoring developments.

At our last meeting council received a presentation from Heather Ritchie from Hest Safety who had done a tour of District Facilities. Heather gave the District a passing grade along with many suggestions for initiatives that we could employ as a council. We were pleased with her presentation, and plan to move forward with a safety plan this spring.

On the Financial front, our 2017 budget is complete, and we have a five year plan in place. It was Council's goal in creating the budget to keep taxes low, and to create a significant reserve fund. Tax notices will be going out in early June.

Along with the above mentioned Councillors, I would like to thank Councillors Tim Stoll, Dawne Zahorski, Dave Thauberger and Murray Penny, and I ask that you please take any opportunity you have to thank those who have agreed to sit on council and represent your interests there. These people give of their time and talents willingly for the benefit of all in the District. Please be respectful of their efforts.

We are more than happy to hear from you, so please feel free to contact your council member, mayor or administrator.

Mayor Don Jewitt

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

In our last newsletter council mentioned the overhaul of our Maintenance program. Change is never easy and that is why we approached this transition giving all involved a one year notice of our plans. The District of Katepwa is growing and changing so in order to manage with our tax payers best interests in mind we need to change as well. Your council today has the same common goals and the decisions we make today will dictate how the District will look for our kids and grandkids.

We went from spending on one-third contracting to purchasing multiple use year round equipment with year round community service, at the same time were able to sell off equipment that isn't being used. Probably the most important, we are introducing the Districts first ever Safety Program this is more of a Safety/Liability awareness that protects our employees and residents. Our goal is to provide a safe and environment friendly community for generations to come.

We are committed to spending in accordance with the Budget and 5 year plan and at the same time build the District Reserves to where they need to be. The only way in making this all happen was to make the changes in how we operate and making people accountable.

Recreation

Council has introduced to our Parks volunteers a 50/50 cost sharing plan, we look forward in working with all of our Parks to maximize their usage.

Bylaws

The District Bylaw review is on-going, we want to make sure every Bylaw that is in place today represents how we operate and that we are promoting these bylaws. We should have updates for you in our next newsletter.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Canada Day

Hello all residents of Katepwa. As you know 2017 is Canada's 150 Birthday. Council would like to light up the District with as much red and white as we can. We encourage you to decorate your docs, boats, garages, fences and cottages. Fly those flags high and with pride. Wouldn't it be a sight if every doc had a Canadian Flag. Just think of how colourful and fun it will be to tour around the lake, see the decorations and feel the Canadian Pride as you pass by each cottage. It's not a competition, but there could be a prize in it for the best decorated cottage.

LOVE YOUR LAKE PROGRAM

Last summer some residents may recall noticing a boat with a couple of people it, one staring at your property through binoculars. That person was working for the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards. The program Love Your Lakes was organized by the Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation. It is a voluntary shoreline evaluation stewardship program to help lake communities protect and restore shorelines for healthier lakes. Katepwa participated in this program as Council and District residents are interested in the health of our lake.

By now all lake front property owners have received their report in the mail. Council asks that you take the time to read the report and respond to the recommendations made. Council also asks that you read the entire Love Your Lake Resources at the bottom of your report. Many of the issues listed are happening around the lake. If you know that you are contributing to imbalance of the health of your lake please see what you can do to improve things. If you are considering changes to your property shoreline because of erosion etc. please read the resource so you know how to best fix things.

Thank you for caring about the health of Katepwa Lake. What everyone does NOW around this lake to improve the quality will prove to be a positive move for years to come.

SAVE OUR WATER PLANT A KATEPWA POPLAR

In 2014, we had 28 beaches closed due to high levels of ecoli in our water. That disaster gave us the opportunity to reflect and led us to the Lower Qu'Appelle Water Shed Stewards (LQWSS).

Alice Davis Water Manager for the LQWSS helped to find the 'Love Your Lakes' program for us. This shore line assessment project holds a huge potential for transforming the health of our lake. Developed by Watersheds Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Federation the 'Love your Lakes' is a voluntary shoreline evaluation and stewardship program to help lake communities protect and restore shorelines for healthier lakes. You should have received your assessment via mail this past month.

One of the goals for our lake is to repair the riparian area. The riparian area of the lake is from the shore to about 300 feet back from the lake. This area which is usually covered in willows, dogwoods, poplars, tall grasses and cat tails polishes the water before it enters the lake.

Cottage Country has removed much of this plant material and replaced it with lawn or rock. Connecting with our community partners – Ag and Ag Food Canada we found the Katepwa Poplar.

This poplar is male and does NOT shed cotton. After the age of three, this tree will transpire between 50 – 200 gallons of water a day. This gives us the potential to clean a great deal of water before it enters the lake.

Until June 1, 2017 we are giving a Katepwa Poplar to anyone in the District Of Katepwa. The coupon of the tree can be obtained from the web site under "Administration" – "Tree Coupon". Take the coupon to U and K Green House located between Indian Head and Katepwa for your free tree.

Mayor Don Jewitt & Council

KATEPWA & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Lions Club International is celebrating 100 years of service this year. The Disc Golf Course is our legacy project marking this milestone. Finishing touches are progressing and we are working on signage. The Parkland Disc Golf Association (PDGA) will hold an inaugural tournament May 21, 2017 and an introductory 'Learn to Play Clinic' will be held this spring. Watch for posters!

In addition to the Annual Fish Derby in March, the Club hosted a cribbage tournament for winter residents. Thanks to all who supported these events.

We have retained the Balcarres School Canoe Club to do a clean-up of the Nature Trail and have made a donation towards Stephen and Rachelle Smith's participation in a community service project in the Amazon.

My Voice, a program of the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region on advanced health care planning/living wills will be held April 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Katepwa Centre. We will have the coffee pot on. There is no charge but pre-registration is suggested. Please call Elaine at 306-332-1460 or Ann at 306-331-7425.

CALLING LAKES ECOMUSEUM

The vision of the Calling Lakes Ecomuseum is to create a culture borne out of action, awareness, communication, and trust (AACT), as a means of contributing to and strengthening the integral well-being of the Qu'Appelle Watershed by ensuring the environmental, economic, social and cultural values of the community.

Who we have partnered with

1. Motherwell Homestead – National Park
2. Lower Qu'Appelle Water Shed Stewards
3. Saskatchewan Water Security
4. Calling Lakes District Planning Commission
5. District of Katepwa
6. File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council
7. Pasqua First Nation School
8. Standing Buffalo School
9. Fort Qu'Appelle Chamber of Commerce
10. Fort Qu'Appelle Branding Committee
11. University of Regina - United Nations Regional Center of Experts on Education
12. Saskatchewan Provincial Parks – local to the area (Katepwa & Echo Lake)
13. EPCOR - City of Regina's new Sewage treatment plant owner/operations
14. MLA's Don McMorris and Glen Hart

15. MP Andrew Scheer
16. MP Ralph Goodale
17. Agricultural Canada; formally the PFRA
18. Havelock Community
19. Environmental Engineering Department at U of R
20. Ducks Unlimited

Work we have done with our partners

- We have built a working relationship with the City of Regina and Epcor. They understand that we “Love our Lakes” EPCOR is doing an amazing job ensuring the well being of the those of us down stream. Google them for more information. The City of Regina spent 20 million to upgrade the McCarthy pumping station. This is also really good news for us.
- Working with the District of Katepwa and the Lower Qu’Appelle WaterShed we completed the “Love your Lakes” stewardship program. We are working on:
 1. Ensure septic tank health
 2. Repair the riparian area with the non-shedding male Katepwa Poplar
 3. Removal of the railway ties. (Prov Park in Katepwa is hoping to remove their wall of ties this spring)
- Working with the Havelock Community and the RCE we ensured 803 responses were sent to the Minister of Environment’s request for the Yancoal Environmental Impact Study. As a result of this work the Ministry of Environment build into Yancoal’s environmental plan three clauses for community engagement.
- Hosted the 2015 Water Festival – and encouraged our community to shift to phosphate free shampoos and to reduce boat gas spillage at the dock.
- Worked with the fourth years students at U of R to study – two cell lagoon capacity. Out come – we need to promote low flush toilets
- Worked with our partners to respond the Minister of Environment plan to move water thru Katawanga to LML to solve the Quill Lakes flooding issue. The Minister reversed their decision.
- Fall 2015 Hosted the United Nations Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development spring 2016. We are very happy to share 5 projects from our Region received recognition for their work.

VALLEY OF FESTIVALS – GOING PLACES ARTICLE

In the two years since working with acclaimed community branding expert Roger Brooks, a core group of individuals in the Qu'Appelle Valley have been active in planning for their valley's future.

Representatives of the municipalities of Fort Qu'Appelle, Lebret, Katepwa, Fort San, B-Say-Tah and the RM of North Qu'Appelle form the branding committee for the Calling Lakes District. Through regular meetings and dedicated committee work, they developed a strategic planning document and are now focused on creating a marketing plan for the region.

The committee worked through Brooks' *13 Steps to Branding Success*, introduced during his Brand Camps that Tourism Saskatchewan's Product Development department hosted in 2014 and 2015. This process led to a number of positive outcomes, including the compelling Valley of Festivals brand for the area. The committee's focus is on enhancing current Qu'Appelle Valley events and festivals, and attracting new events that will highlight the natural beauty, history and community pride that is alive and well in the region.

"Organizations have adopted the Valley of Festivals logo and it gives a feeling of unity – that each part of the whole is working under one umbrella," Julie Bedel, member of the Calling Lakes District Planning Commission Branding Committee said. "Whenever we can work together, it will be better for all. The Chamber of Commerce, Mid Summer's Art Festival, Qu'Appelle Valley Centre for the Arts, Qu'Appelle Valley EcoMuseum, the Fort Qu'Appelle & District Lions Club and supportive municipalities, as examples, see the value of working together to move the Calling Lakes District closer to realizing the dreams of making it a destination of choice for many."

In the summer of 2016, a new event approached the committee with a partnership proposal that would see the Qu'Appelle Valley as the host location of the first Spoke n' Hot Gran Fondo. Two hundred cyclists participated in the event, held on August 7. A selection of three routes, from 20 to 161 kilometres, suited a range of abilities and gave participants a chance to enjoy spectacular scenery and the signature hospitality of Qu'Appelle Valley communities. Plans are underway for the 2017 Spoke n' Hot Gran Fondo on August 6. The event is a great addition to the calendar of activities in the Valley of Festivals.

INDIAN HEAD AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

The public are invited to attend The Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Indian Head and District Hospital Foundation. The meeting is to be held in the boardroom of the Indian Head Union Hospital, 300 Hospital Street, Indian Head at 7:00pm on Monday, April 10, 2017.

The Foundation's activities for the past year will be reported, including a detailed Financial Statement. Seven Directors of the Foundation will be elected at the meeting. The Directors will serve for a period of one year. Any resident of Saskatchewan who is at least 18 years of age is eligible for membership in the Foundation and may be elected a Director of the Foundation.

The Indian Head and District Hospital Foundation Inc. is an incorporated non-profit organization and is registered as a charity with the Canada Revenue Agency. The Foundation raises funds to donate to the Town of Indian Head for use specifically to purchase equipment, provide facility upgrades and pay for occasional staff training and development at the Indian Head Union Hospital and/or the Indian Head Emergency Medical Services.

YOGA

Beginner/gentle sessions are offered in the Katepwa District Library
on Mondays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm.

We focus on breathing, stretching and strengthening in a relaxed, casual setting where you practice at your comfort level. The practice is completely adaptable and can be modified to suit all ages and mobility levels - whether it be knee, hip, shoulder issues, etc.

All you need: comfortable clothes, a yoga mat, and a large beach towel/blanket.

Classes are drop in with a \$10 fee and will resume after New Years on Thursday, January 5.

Bring your neighbour and try one!

You are welcome to contact me with any questions at 306-332-3744 or gbobbie@live.ca

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

Trees and Greenery

The District does not promote the removal of trees, shrubs or any natural vegetation growth bordering, or on your private property.

Ice Shacks

Please keep Ice Shacks stored on your private property.

Golf Carts – Bylaw 6-2016

- a. It shall be lawful to operate a golf cart during the hours of sunrise and one-half hours after sunset on all the public highways within the limits of the District of Katepwa.
- b. Notwithstanding Section (a) it shall be lawful to operate a golf cart on the public highways for the purpose of crossing the street or highway subject to the following:
 - i. Any golf cart crossing such street or highway must come to a full stop prior to crossing
 - ii. Whenever entering onto Highway 56 it shall be done from an established Public Highway approach
 - iii. Any golf cart crossing such street or highway must take the most direct route across
 - iv. Golf carts can be used for transportation only to and from a golf course and drivers must access the golf course using the most direct route.
 - v. Golf carts may be used by the members of the local Trans Canada Trails Committee to perform maintenance of trail.

For details, the Golf Cart bylaw can be viewed on the District's website under "Administration".

Dogs Running At Large

For the safety of others, please ensure your dog is securely fastened so not able to roam at will, and have leashed when taking for a walk.

Yard Cleanup

A Tidy Yard makes for a Happy Neighbour!!

Newsletter Emails

If residents are not receiving the newsletters, please feel free to call or email the District Office.
We will keep trying until it works!!



PROTECT YOUR ELM TREES FROM DUTCH ELM DISEASE

The pruning of elm trees is prohibited from April 1 to August 31.

For more information, call 1-800-SASK ELM or VISIT www.se.gov.sk.ca

TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE

Visit: saskpower.ca
Click Area on Map for Repair

WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

A copy of the waste collection calendar can either be obtained from the website under “Services” Garbage & Landfill link or at the District Office.

DIRECTORY – WE NEED YOUR HELP

In 2018 a new directory will be available to residents.
The District would appreciate the resident’s help in ensuring your name, address and telephone number are correct in the current directory. If any of your information needs to be updated, please email the updated information to katepwabeach@sasktel.net

THERE ARE AN ABUNDANCE OF DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PICK ONE UP AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.



WHAT'S NEW?

2016 CENSUS

The 2016 Census shows that the permanent population declined from 403 to 312; the permanent occupied dwellings at 159; and the total private dwellings at 808.

The decline in the population will impact the District's annual municipal operating grant and any other grants that are calculated on a per capita basis.

2017 RE-VALUATION - ASSESSMENT NOTICES

COMBINING OF LAND PARCELS

Some property owners will receive notices with other notices that have “no assessment values”. This means the land parcels have been combined on one tax card for property owners that either own vacant land adjacent to their residence/land or own vacant land adjacent to their vacant land. By combining land parcels will ensure no duplication in charge when a minimum tax or base tax is applied. The combining of land parcels does not change how the lands are registered with Land Titles (ISC Information Services).

If the above applies and your properties are not combined, please contact the District Office at (306)332-6645 or email: katepwabeach@sasktel.net.

DETAILED PROPERTY REPORT

To view your **DETAILED PROPERTY REPORT**, please visit SAMA's website at www.sama.sk.ca, by clicking the SAMAView link OR call SAMA (Danny Zatylny) at 1-800-667-7262.

2017 BUDGET & 5 YEAR PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The 2017 Capital Budget and 5 Year Plan include:

2017 Capital Budget

- SaskTel Loan Payment \$79,658
- Maintenance Quonset \$13,000 Spray Foam, \$4880 Radiant Heat, \$3600 gas service
- Bobcat and attachments \$58,000
- Snow Plow attachment \$8700
- Landfill Closure \$312,500
- Cedar Villa Light \$6500
- Recreation Partner Program \$5000

5 Year Plan

Recreation Reserve

- the years 2017 to 2021, a Recreation Reserve of \$5000.00 annually

Emergency Measures Reserve

- the years 2017 to 2021, an Emergency Measures Reserve of \$6000.00 annually.

Capital Trust Fund Reserve

- the years 2019 to 2021, a Capital Trust Reserve of \$200,000.00 annually.

Road Paving Reserve

- the years 2017 and 2018, a Road Paving Reserve of \$100,000.00 annually.

Taxation Revenue

For 2017, the property tax revenue will be reduced to **\$1,200,000** from \$1,309,424 in 2016.

Municipal Mill Rate and Tax Tools

The municipal mill rate and tax tools (minimum tax and base tax) has not yet been determined.

A proposal will be presented to Council at the April Regular Meeting.

School Mill Rate

The school residential mill rate has been reduced to **4.12 mills** from 5.03 mills.

DISTRICT OF KATEPWA LANDFILL SITE

The operating permit for the District of Katepwa landfill expires February 2018. It is expected that the landfill will be at full capacity before that date. We are aiming for October 31, 2017 for the closure of landfill, however, it could be as early as late summer 2017. Following the closure, all waste collection will be hauled to the North Valley Regional landfill. As a result of the change in waste collection management, the district will provide a new service including a week in the spring and fall for the pickup of extra leaves, grass clippings and tree trimmings free of charge.

Spring Cleanup	Week of May 22 nd
Fall Cleanup	Week of October 9 th

Upon closure of the landfill site, the Katepwa Beach Golf Club Inc. has entered into a formal lease with the District for a minimum period of twenty-five years with an option to lease the said site for an additional twenty-five years for recreational and aesthetic purposes.

The Katepwa Beach Golf Club Inc. will be responsible to provide a 6" seed base on top of the final cover for landscape purposes, and to maintain the closure area by ensuring that any erosion is repaired and the slopes are monitored and maintained.

WATERMARK CONSULTING – LANDFILL SITE

In December 2016 WaterMark Consulting Ltd. was commissioned to replace two observation wells that had been established in 2014 but did not intersect the water table. Two test holes were completed with a mud rotary rig and piezometers were installed at depths of 30 m and 19 m respectively.

The results of the investigation showed:

- The two (BH1 and BH6) observation wells were successfully replaced and the new piezometers provide static groundwater level measurements and sampling locations for future monitoring.
- The water quality in the samples collected indicated the water is suitable for drinking except that nitrate is marginally above guideline maximum acceptable concentrations in one of the piezometers (BHNW6) indicating some surface contamination. No trace metal or hydrocarbon exceedances were noted in either sample.
- Regional geologic information from the quarter section indicates a predominance of sand in the upper portions and the presence of the Hatfield Valley Aquifer (also sand) at depths projected to be below 60 m beneath the site.

- Three sand units termed **Upper, Middle and Lower** have been identified in the stratigraphy of the site; all are considered potential contaminant migration pathways with the following characteristics:

The **Upper Sand** is unsaturated and provides a vertical migration pathway to the Middle Sand Aquifer.

The **Middle Sand** Aquifer is unconfined with the water table a few meters below the top of this sand unit. It is separated from the Upper Sand by about 6 m of silt, clay and till that will slow infiltration into the unconfined Middle Sand Aquifer. This aquifer may discharge in springs at lake level or on slopes leading down to the lake.

The **Lower Sand** Aquifer is sub artesian and vertical migration into this unit will be slowed by the confining layer of clay till above it and by the upward piezometric gradient between the Middle Sand and Lower Sand Aquifers.

The recommendation from the investigation:

- To initiate the development of a database to monitor water levels and water chemistry
- Prepare an annual report that present the data collected over time and provides and interpretation of any temporal changes in the chemistry or the water levels; and
- The information should be evaluated by a qualified engineer

Ongoing Bi-Annual Monitoring and Samples

Invitational tenders were sent to Amec Foster Wheeler and WaterMark Consulting Ltd for the ongoing bi-annual monitoring and sampling. WaterMark Consulting Ltd. was awarded the tender.

DEVELOPMENT and BUILDING PERMITS

If you are looking at building, you will require a development permit and building permit. These permits can either be obtained from the website under “Administration” –Forms link or give the office a call and a form can be emailed.

For questions related to the **Zoning Bylaw** (setbacks and permitted/discretionary uses), please contact the District Office at (306)332-6645 or email: katepwabeach@sasktel.net

The **Building Bylaw** was amended in 2016. Some of the clauses include:

BUILDING/DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Every building permit application shall be in **Form A**. The application may include, but shall not be limited to the following information:

- a) The legal and civic description of the land;

- b) The estimated value of construction;
- c) The size of the building;
- d) Plans/drawings prepared by a experienced Draftsman, Architect and/or Engineer; and
- e) The names, address and telephone numbers of the owner, contractor, experienced Draftsman, Architect and/or Engineer

The following plans/drawings shall be submitted at the time of building application:

- a) Two (2) sets of plans and specifications of the proposed building;
- b) One (1) electronic set of plans and specifications of the proposed building;
- c) Foundation Plans signed and sealed by a Structural Engineer;
- d) Certified Truss Plan and layout for all roof truss systems and floor truss systems; and
- e) Plan/drawing that shows the zoning setbacks from and between all property lines to existing and proposed buildings;

Engineered Plans in addition to the foundation plans, may be required as part of the building permit approval, and shall be supplied by the property owner if requested by the local authority or building official.

A **Surveyor's Real Property Report - Surveyors Certificate** shall be required for a principal residence and accessory use buildings as part of the building permit approval, and shall be supplied by the property owner.

An **Initial and Final Elevation Certificate** of the site described in the building permit application may be required as part of the building permit approval, and shall be supplied by the property owner if requested by the local authority or building official.

It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to obtain an initial and final elevation certificate to ensure drainage does not impede onto adjacent land parcels.

Any **modular home** to be moved in must have the CSA-A277 certification.

All building permits issued under this section expire:

- a) six (6) months from date of issue if work is not commenced within that period; or
- b) two years from the date on which the permit was issued.

PERMIT FEES AND CHARGES

The **Permit Fee** for construction, erection, placement, alteration, repair, renovation or reconstruction of a building shall include and be based on the following:

- a) \$25.00 Building Permit Fee;
- b) \$100.00 Development Permit Fee;
- c) 10% of Inspection Fees for Administration Fee;
- d) Inspection Fees as per **Schedule "A"**;
- e) SAMA Inspection Fee(s) as per **Schedule "B"**.

Revisions to the fees in **Schedule “A”** shall be completed annually without affecting this bylaw.

The permit fee and inspection fee for **Demolition** or **Removal** of a building as follows:

- a) Permit Fee \$100.00
- b) Inspection Fee as per **Schedule “A”**

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Pursuant to the Act, the building official may at his/her discretion, inspect any building in the District at any time during any reasonable hour of the day.

For all buildings requiring a permit, the property owner, or property owner’s agent, shall notify the building official a minimum of 24 hours in advance for the following site inspections:

- i. Foundation Inspection – Rebar prior to concrete pour
- ii. Foundation Inspection – Prior to backfilling
- iii. Framing Inspection – Including insulation and vapour barrier prior to gyproc application
- iv. Final inspection – Interior and Exterior (prior to occupancy)

OCCUPANCY

No person shall occupy a building, unless the building official or the local authority has provided a written final inspection report indicating approval for occupancy.

Approval for occupancy shall not be granted until the building has passed the final inspection and the building official is satisfied that the building conforms to the minimum requirements of the *National Building Code*.

Should occupancy occur prior to the completion of any work being undertaken that requires a permit, every property owner shall ensure that no unsafe condition exists or will exist because of the work being undertaken or not completed.

For details, the Building bylaw can be viewed on the District’s website under “Administration”

BRIDGE WORK – ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure will be completing the asphalt work for the bridge replacement along Highway #56 over Vidals Creek by April/May this year. The additional construction of the 1.5 metre walkway will be funded by the Local Trans Canada Trail Committee and the District of Katepwa of an equal contribution of \$10,000 each.

The materials for the repair of the Sandy Beach Bridge have been purchased and the work will commence by this fall.

SASKTEL – HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE

At the August 16th, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council, a resolution was passed to proceed with the installation of infrastructure for the SaskTel High Speed Internet Service.

SaskTel will commence with the installation this spring and has assigned a project manager to oversee. Once the ground thaws, SaskTel will start with the fibre plow work, which will involve direct placement and/or directional boring. The cabinet equipment installation involves the installation of overhead fibre around the lake and connection to the cabinets for activation. As the cabinets are activated the properties then become eligible to receive the high speed internet. It is proposed that the properties will be activated in a phased approach, likely to commence in July/August and continuing throughout the fall. SaskTel will contact and book an install with those properties that have submitted a “Community Participation Service Request Application”. Those properties that have not submitted a “Community Participation Service Request Application” may contact SaskTel to subscribe for service.

When you submit a signed “Community Participation Service Request Application”, you are agreeing to subscribe to the SaskTel High Speed Internet Service at your location for three years (this means 12 months of each year for 3 years of monthly bill payments). This sign up helps the District toward reducing its share of the total infrastructure cost. Both Seasonal and Permanent residents are welcome to submit a signed application as long as you are able to commit to subscribing for the full three year commitment period. Only those signed applications agreeing to the 3 years will be eligible in the calculation of infrastructure cost reduction.

The deadline for applications is April 30, 2017.

SEPTIC SURVEY

A few years ago the District took part in a Septic Survey. Over the past few months the District and the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Authority have been working together to follow through with issues identified. So far four (4) letters have been forwarded to the Dept. of Health re: septic being in violation of safe use. It has been suggested by the LQWA that if a ratepayer of the district has a concern about a septic or privy septic being in violation of safe use emptying of grey water into the lake to please report the address to the office. The concern will then be dealt with using the District Septic Bylaw or it will be forwarded to the proper Government department. All concerns are confidential and may be reported anonymously.

Council asks that all residents of the glorious Katepwa Lake do their part in helping to make our lake cleaner for years and decades to come. If we want our lake clean and safe for generations to come we all must do what we can starting now.

For details, the Septic bylaw can be viewed on the District's website under Administration.

HOLDING TANK – SEPTIC TANK

A **holding tank** is a one-compartment tank designed to collect and hold sewage without treatment prior to it being transported to a final point of disposal.

- Tanks must be CSA approved for sewage, must be watertight, and must have a minimum capacity of 1000 gallons. Storm Water and Clear Water Waste can bypass holding tank (these are the only types of waste that can bypass the holding tank system). The definition for “clear water waste” (ie. cooling water and condensate drainage from refrigeration and air conditioning equipment and cooled condensate from steam heating systems) can be found in *The Private Sewage Works Regulations*, but is not really applicable in most residential uses, the storm water is and would include surface runoff and eaves trough discharges. Wastewater leaking from the tank can threaten groundwater quality.
- A **septic tank** is a two-compartment tank of which the first compartment is where the solids separate and settle. The heavy solids sink to the bottom of the tank as sludge which gets pumped out as required (typically annually) and the second compartment is where the liquid waste collects before being pumped to the onsite system. The liquid is sent out to the onsite system (which could include: chambers, absorption fields, mounds, jets, lagoons, package treatment plants). Effluent flows (gravity or pump) to the onsite system in specific dosages to ensure proper treatment and prevent system overloading.



Some of it evaporates through the soil but most of the liquid is absorbed through the gravel bed into the surrounding soil. Here, harmful bacteria, viruses and other contaminants stick to soil particles and are broken down by beneficial bacteria present in the soil.

- **CAUTION: NEVER** puncture a holding tank to reduce the need for regular pumping. This would risk contaminating ground and surface water. It could also contribute to increased algae growth and deterioration of water quality.
- **CAUTION:** Don't build, install, alter or repair a private sewage disposal system without a permit from your Regional Public Health Inspector.

Did you know.....

It is illegal to dump liquid domestic waste (which includes discharges from water softeners and treatment devices like iron filters.) in places where it will impact surface or ground water? Improper disposal causes damage to environmental quality and poses health and safety issues to people, pets and livestock.

Septic waste contains organisms such as *E. Coli* and *Salmonella* which can cause serious illness. Human exposure to improperly disposed sewage may be direct or indirect through flies and animals or where sewage has contaminated drinking water supplies.



GAZEBOS

By now residents may have noticed the beautiful gazebos located throughout the District. The Maintenance Supervisor, Rick Weber is the individual responsible for the building and locating of the gazebos.

Thank you Rick!!! The gazebos are a beautiful addition to the community!!

MAPLES ROAD

For emergency services to easier locate, the civic addresses for the properties along Osment Drive, Berthold, Glen Street and Maple Lane have been renamed to Maples Road.

SASK LOTTERIES

Application has been made to Sask Lotteries Community Grant Program for funding of \$3784 towards the July 1st fireworks display.

SUMMER STUDENT GRANT

Application has been made to Canada Summer Jobs for funding towards the summer student maintenance position.

NEW PERMANENT POSITIONS

In April and May, the District will be hiring two additional permanent casual positions. The one position is for the seasonal maintenance operator and the other for an office assistant.

The seasonal maintenance operator hours will be 40 hours per week for the months of April to September, and then as needed for the remaining months. The office assistant hours will be 15 to 20 hours per week for the months of May to August, and then also on an as needed basis for the remaining months.

WASTE COLLECTION & SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

Council has decided to discontinue the contracted waste collection and snow removal services and that the District maintenance employees assume the responsibility.

The switchover for snow removal will commence the 2017/2018 winter season and the waste collection as of January 1, 2018 or sooner if necessary.

The hours for the position of maintenance supervisor have been increased to full time hours to accommodate for the additional duties of waste collection and snow removal.

DUST CONTROL

The District will be having dust control performed again this year. In addition to last year locations, Lake Lane and Lilac Drive will also be included.

By-Pro performs the dust control service and anticipates being able to perform the work by early May this year.

SERVICING AGREEMENT AND SERVICE FEE

In February, Council approved a new servicing agreement and schedules for future subdivision development along with a service fee of \$8000.00 per lot.

HEST SAFETY CONSULTING

Heather Ritchie of Hest Safety was contracted to perform an Occupational Health and Safety review of the District's buildings and current process. At the March 21 Regular Meeting, Heather met with Council and provided information, a guideline, and recommendations to be implemented by the District.



SERVICES

DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM

FIREARMS CARRIERS

The following individuals are authorized by a letter from the District of Katepwa as firearm carriers to hunt nuisance animals within the boundaries of the District. If you need help with a nuisance animal, please contact:

Richard Barnsley - 306-331-7865 or 306-331-7425

Fred Weekley – 306-536-1816

Rand (Chico) Norton – 306-332-4055

Don Urzada – 306-537-5480 or 306-332-1363

Unless authorized by a letter of the District of Katepwa, no person shall hunt wildlife within 500 metres of a building, stockade or corral that is occupied by persons or livestock without the consent of the owner.

BALCARRES FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

The Balcarres Rural Fire Association and the Town of Balcarres provide fire protection services to the District of Katepwa. As of January 1, 2017, the current rates are:

- Annual Fee \$15,300;
- Fire Call \$750 plus an additional \$375 per hour after the first hour; and
- \$27.50 Per Man/Per Hour plus expenses

and an annual increase of 2% each year thereafter.

DISTRICT OF KATEPWA LANDFILL HOURS

November 1st to April 30th – Monday 9am to Noon

May 1st to October 31st – Monday, Friday, Saturday 9am to 5pm.

For access to the landfill outside of regular hours, please call our Landfill Operator Jerry Stremick at 306-331-9317. The fee is \$20.00 for the call out plus the fees for your load.

Items that **are not permitted** at the landfill site include: mattresses, box springs, couches, televisions, railway ties, used oil, tires, paint, demolition material and trees.

NORTH VALLEY WASTE MANAGEMENT REGIONAL LANDFILL

The District of Katepwa is a member of the NVWM Regional Landfill.

Landfill Site Location: travel 3.5 km north on the east side of highway 35 from junction of highway 35 & 56, 2.0 km east on gravel road, and .5 km south)

Hours

May 1st to October 31st - Monday to Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

November 1st to April 30th - Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

Closed Statutory Holidays and Boxing Day

Cement, electronics, paint, chemical container, tires, or mixed loads NOT accepted

(Mixed loads are loads that cannot be separated into metal, burning and dumping)

All Loads must be separated into either **metal** (stoves/refrigerators/washers/dryers/hot water tanks/scrap iron & metal), **burning** (tree branches/clippings/cleanwood/unpainted and untreated lumber) or **dumping** (household garbage/shingles/composting)

Loads must be tarped, or otherwise secured to prevent littering

NO charge for leaves and grass clippings

Tipping Fee Schedule (Member) can be viewed on the District's website under "Services" – Garbage & Landfill link.

WASTE COLLECTION

2017 Waste Collection Calendar on website under “Services” - Garbage & Landfill link

Please have your garbage out by 6:00 a.m. in a closed container.

Back Lane pickup from May 1st to September 30th

Front Lane pickup from October 1st to April 30th

Weekly waste collection is four (4) garbage bags per household, unless tags have been purchased and placed on the additional garbage bags. Tags may be purchased for \$2.00 per bag at the District office during regular office hours.

RECYCLING

Blue bins are located at the District Office, Sandy Beach at Grove Ave near park, and South Katepwa just past Berry Hill road turnoff. If the bins are full, please contact the District Office.

Please break down cardboard boxes.

Construction materials, garbage, glass and Styrofoam **are not** permitted in recycle bins.

SEPTIC SERVICES

For septic service, please contact:

- Norton Septic (306)332-4055 (Katepwa)
- Lakeside Septic (306)332-5833 (Fort Qu’Appelle)
- Quality Septic (306)332-6000

