



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

### **CLOSED OFFICE HOURS**

Closed December 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Library will be open for the Coffee Crew!!

### **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**

Greetings from Council. In the past few months, Council has moved forward on several fronts. It is always a delicate balance to achieve for Council; on one side, to accommodate the new realities of development and progress; but on the other to maintain a valley way of life, that has drawn us all here to begin with. I applaud our group for proceeding with this balance in mind.

Probably our biggest initiative right now has to do with our current land-fill site. Council has set October 31 of 2017 as closure date and is planning with this date in mind. We will close earlier if capacity is reached beforehand, and our permit runs out in February of 2018. The October date seemed an appropriate time to close as this is when we traditionally switch to our off-season schedule.

Our maintenance department is also undergoing an overhaul. We have hired Rick Weber to the full time permanent position of Maintenance Supervisor for the district. Among various other duties, Rick will be paring down our equipment inventory; selling off what we no longer need, and purchasing equipment that will help to streamline our operation.

Council recently met with former highways worker Steve Lucyk. Steve has volunteered his considerable experience and knowledge base to us in the past. We continue to appreciate his guidance for all things concerning our roads. We are currently considering the street in front of Katepwa Centre and the main road through The Maples for work either next year or by the year 2018.

To accommodate, and keep up with all the development in the District, our Council has moved to update our Servicing Agreement for all development throughout the district.

Other ongoing items include: Sasktel Internet Service is set to go for this spring; Highway's Bridge work is set to begin right away at Sandy Beach and Katepwa; plans are underway for our July 1 celebrations as we join with all Canadians to celebrate our countries 150th birthday.

A huge thank you to all who came out to our first annual District Christmas party. Events like this truly bring us together. Thanks to Lions organizers Ann Barnsley and Elaine Chatterson who took the lead in partnering with District Council to bring about the evening of socializing, singing and Christmas Cheer.

Please come out and vote in our by-election on January 21. We thank Cathy Cuddington and Dennis Temple for allowing their names to stand.

We have so much to be thankful for living here in the District of Katepwa. Council is highly appreciative of community input. Reasoned and open dialogue is indeed the most productive path for accomplishing anything. I would like to thank Councillors Mike Alport, Darwin Chatterson, Dwight Fisher, Murray Penny, Tim Stoll, Dave Thauberger, Dawn Zahorski and our Administrator Laurie Rudolph for all the work they do on behalf of our community.

Don Jewitt, Mayor

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The District Council has begun the reorganization of how it services our community. Therefore, we have hired Rick Webber as our full time Maintenance Supervisor. When we looked at the growth this past year and the number of building permits in 2016, it's important that the District keeps up with the growth by setting reserves aside to make the needed changes in providing the necessary services to our residents. Council feels it's time to focus on the community with a full team approach in making decisions that are consistent with the interests of our residents, that provide a fair and consistent spending plan for our five parks, support beautification and add services that families can enjoy. Council looks forward to growing our community for not only today, but for our future generations as well.

The District is very fortunate to also have Steve Lucyk who has offered his 35 years of road managing and grader operator experience. Like one of the residents mentioned, you could already see the difference in our road surfaces around the District last fall. From the Residents, Council and Staff.....Thank You So Much Steve!!

We have purchased equipment that will allow maintenance to perform multiple jobs that were previously contracted positions. The Maintenance Supervisor's responsibilities and duties will gradually be implemented over the next year. Once again, we will be hiring seasonal employees to help with the added summer workload.

Renaming of Osment Drive and Maple Lane to Maples, East Maples sign has been moved to the entrance of East Maples. New signage will be added to West Maples showing the change to Osment Drive.

In addition to the streets that received dust control in 2016, the one street in the Main Beach Lake Lane and Lilac Street in Sandy Beach will also receive dust control in 2017. The dust control is expected to be performed in May 2017, weather permitting.

Resident Parking has been designated in East Maples at the Ground 0 site. 72 hours parking permitted for people using the recreation areas in Breeze Park and for visitors of that area. No overnight camping permitted. Posts and chain have been installed defining parking area and to stop traffic from driving in Breese Park.

Breese Park Walking Trail can be entered at the Ground 0 site. East Maples new signage has been added restricting All- Terrain from driving in Breese Park and on the Walking Trail.

Councillors Tim Stoll, Dave Thauberger and Darwin Chatterson

### **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

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. These dates will be posted on the district web site and in the spring newsletter.

Councillors Dawne Zahorski and Mike Alport

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Council has been and still is in discussion on the needs of the five parks within the district. We have a list from the recent past to the present that will be dealt with in a well thought out and creative manor. Details to come in the spring newsletter.

Preparation has begun for the Celebration of Canada's 150th birthday July 1, 2017. We have started early as we are hoping to provide some extra exciting events and entertainment this year. Just a reminder, your personal donations to the fireworks will ensure a bigger blast of colour than

what the budget permits. We are looking for anyone who is interested in setting up a small booth in the park to display their artistic talents on July 1, please have them contact the office prior to May 1. We would like to add a cultural and local artistic flare to the day. Please think about participating or encourage someone you know to join in. You have till May 15, 2017 to prepare. Please contact the office with your intentions by that date. Thank you for considering being a participant.

Councillors Tim Stoll, Dave Thauberger and Dawne Zahorski

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

In June, the District paid off the lagoon debt and placed the 2015 Audit reserve amount of \$286,502 into a term deposit. For the 2016 budget year, the District does not anticipate a huge surplus but will have a surplus. For 2017 the big expenditures will be the decommissioning of the landfill site and the annual payment for the SaskTel internet. Based on the 5 year projection, the District's financial position looks very positive by 2019.

Councillors Tim Stoll, Darwin Chatterson and Mike Alport

### **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Check out the North shelves for the new best sellers, including the Governor General, the Giller and Booker awards for novels. This fall we added books worth \$1800 retail. There are some new Westerns, Mysteries, Romance Books and even Gail Bowen's latest mystery. Due to our limited space we try to purchase books copy written in the last couple of years. Let us know if we are missing your favourite author.

If you wish to order a special title, please contact either the Fort Qu'Appelle or Indian Head libraries for this service. Check out the South East Regional Library website for E-Books or other downloads.

Many thanks to our volunteers for their work during the year.

Councillor Darwin Chatterson

### **KUDOS**

Council wishes to THANK Nathan Hollick for continuing to work with council on the impending closure of the "District of Katepwa Landfill". Many hours of meetings and discussions with the Ministry of Environment have taken place to ensure that the closure happens properly, safely and cost effective.

Council would also like to THANK Auralee McPherson for her passion, dedication and countless hours of volunteer time. It is because of her voice and working with many government agencies and advocate groups that the District of Katepwa has set precedence for its actions taken to better the quality of our lake. She continues to work on our behalf. We will do our best with passing on information, initiatives and updates via our website and newsletters.

A Big “Thank you” to the Katepwa & District Lions Club and Mayor Don Jewitt for the organizing of the Community Christmas Party and to all that attended. Thank you to Warren Bobbee for the wonderful piano playing and to Rick Pattison’s Band for the great guitar playing and singing. The Christmas Party was well attended, enjoyed by all, and a great success!!

### **REMINDERS**

With winter here and fewer people milling about the District, PLEASE be a good neighbour and participate in your own volunteer community watch on closed cottages and properties. Contact the office or the RCMP if you have concerns.

It has been brought to attention of the office and council that some cottage owners from around the lake have cut out natural brush and trees on DISTRICT property bordering or adjacent private property. The trees provide beauty to the district and privacy from streets and for neighbours. Natural growth is also a healthy participant in the cleaning of our lake. Just imagine for a minute if everyone cut out trees. Our community would not look so pretty. The District encourages the planting of trees. COUNCILS REMINDS YOU AND ASKS YOU to take your free Katepwa Poplar tree coupon to the UK Greenhouse in the Spring and plant your new tree in your yard. The Katepwa Poplar has been researched and bred to grow specifically in our environment. It does not shed white fuzz and has deep growing roots. We will remind you again of the importance of this in the Spring newsletter and on the web site. We thank you for helping in greening up our community and planting trees that will someday replace the old and dying ones.



## WHAT'S NEW?

### **BY-ELECTION, NOTICE OF POLL**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a poll has been granted for the by-election of:

**Councillor: Resort Village of the District of Katepwa  
Ward 2**

Voting will take place on **Saturday, January 21, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 am and 8:00 at the Katepwa Centre located at 41 Elm Street, Katepwa Beach, SK**

I will declare the **results of the by-election on the Municipal Office Door and District Website on Sunday, January 22, 2017.**

Laurie Rudolph  
Returning Officer

**VOTERS:** A voter is eligible to vote in the Ward where he or she has resided for the past three months. If the voter does not reside, he or she may vote in the Ward where they have owned or leased land for the past three months. A voter is also eligible if a spouse of an eligible elector in that Ward.

### **SASKTEL – HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE**

The agreement with SaskTel was signed for the high speed internet service. The service will be a DSL high speed internet service providing up to 10 mbps down and up to 800 kbps. SaskTel intends to commence with work in the spring of 2017 and have service available by the summer 2017.

The application deadline date has been extended to April 2017. SaskTel requires 250 signed applications for the District to receive the infrastructure for \$230,000. We currently have 213 signed applications.

When you submit a signed 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. However, upon SaskTel completing the installation, the internet service will then be available for connection to all residents in the District. Applications can either be picked up at the District Office or obtained from our website: [www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com) (under Administration and SaskTel Internet Service link).

Anyone wishing to make a donation to assist in the financing of the infrastructure costs, donation forms may be obtained from our website or at the District Office. To receive a tax deductible receipt, please make cheques payable to The District of Katepwa.

### **BRIDGE WORK – ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

An agreement was signed with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure for the replacement of the bridge along Highway #56 over Vidals Creek and repair of the Sandy Beach bridge. The bridge work over Vidals Creek will consist of the replacement of the existing culvert, conducting repairs to the creek, restoring road to its original condition and adding a 1.5 metre walkway with railing alongside the bridge. 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 Ministry of Highways is currently having some utilities relocated and has commenced with work at the bridge over Vidals Creek. The work is expected to be completed by March of next year.

### **CREEKBED**

Next year, the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards Inc. and District of Katepwa will be assessing the creek bed in Sandy Beach area for damage from erosion and flood. Once all information has been gathered, the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards Inc. will forward to the appropriate government agencies in hopes of receiving approval for funding to proceed with dredging and reinforcement of the creek bed.



## **SAMA 2017 REVALUATION**

SAMA revaluations are based on a four year cycle. 2017 is the revaluation year and the reassessed values will reflect the base date of January 1, 2015.

SAMA determines the values by using three generally accepted appraisal techniques. They include the cost approach, the sales comparison approach and the property income (rental) approach. The cost approach estimates the replacement cost of a building, less depreciation, adding land value primarily based on sales. The sales comparison approach is based on the concept of valuing property based on what similar property in the same market area is selling for. The property income (rental) approach is based on the premise that the value of a property is directly related to the rental income it will generate.

The District hopes to have the assessment notices mailed out by the end of February. In a revaluation year, legislation provides for 60 days to file a notice of appeal.

For more information, please visit website [www.sama.sk.ca](http://www.sama.sk.ca) or can contact SAMA at 1-800-667-7262 or by email [info.request@sama.sk.ca](mailto:info.request@sama.sk.ca)

## **CODE OF ETHICS BYLAW NO 10-2016**

An amendment was made to legislation that requires Council to adopt a Code of Ethics by bylaw. For details, the bylaw can be viewed on the District's website.

## **RECOVER PROTECTIVE SERVICES FEES BYLAW NO 11-2016**

The Recover Protective Services Fees bylaw enables the District to add unpaid fees for fire prevention, suppression and emergency response services to property taxes within 60 days after the person is invoiced.

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

## **BUILDING BYLAW NO 7-2016**

The new Building bylaw replaces Bylaw 2014-01 and includes for requirements of surveyors certificate, electronic plans, elevation certificates, site inspections, occupancy and a revised fee schedule.

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

## **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 will increase 2% and by an additional 2% each year thereafter. The 2017 rates as follows:

- 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

## **THE CALLING LAKES ECOMUSEUM**

The Calling Lakes Ecomuseum is concerned about the rising water in the Quill Lakes area. Here is why:

- WSA released their projections for spring flooding in the Fall Conditions Report. Fishing, Good Spirit, and the Quill Lakes are expected to see small gains from groundwater inflows between now and 2017 spring runoff and remain at above normal levels. Please WSA web site.
- We want to share that we have studied the Quill Lakes Flood Mitigation Study Concept Design Report by the KGS Group dated Nov 2016 which outlines possible options to manage the Quill Lake flooding issue. In that report, on page 95, it states that 38% of the inflows to the Quill Lake is due to drainage that is not in compliance with the WSA legislation. Please see WSA website.
- We are facing the following changes due to our high ground water
  1. Husky Oil spill
  2. Craven Train derailment
  3. Quill Lake flooding
  4. Challenges to SaskEnergy to deliver services
  5. Challenges to the Department of Highways and rural roads
  6. Challenges to the farming sector
  7. Challenges to provide sewage services in rural communities
- We want to share that we have read Dr John Pomeroy's Smith Creek research which was conducted by the University of Saskatchewan Hydrology department. We do not believe that this wet cycle is an act of God. Global warming is real and its effects are mainly man made.
- We believe that removing 28 acres of wetland a day in Saskatchewan has resulted in a loss of vertical water storage and has been replaced with a horizontal storage of water as witnessed in the Quill Lake area. Uncontrolled drainage is affecting the oil and gas sector, the transportation sector and the farming sector.

We believe that this is an issue for all. Who is draining? We are all drainers and cottage country is included. What can you do to help?

1. Plant a Katepwa poplar and start the process of holding the water in your yard.
2. Contact your MLA and share you are concerned about the Quill Lake.

Sincerely Aura Lee MacPherson

## **KATEPWA & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

Thank you to all who supported our Texas Hold'ems and Grey Cup Pool fundraisers!

The winners of the Grey Cup Pool were: 1st quarter - Bonnie Dubiel; 2nd quarter - Rand Norton; 3rd quarter - Darwin Chatterson; Final - Wade Armstrong. Congratulations!!

It is your support of our fundraisers that allows us to Serve!

Around the east end of the Park you will see the baskets and most of the tee posts for a disc golf course. Spring will bring signage and the remaining tee posts. In the meantime, you can practice on the course as it is! The advantage of winter play is that your disc is easily retrieved should it land in the lake!! And if you are looking for gifts for you or your family, consider a set of discs!

We will be sponsoring a learners clinic for disc golf in the spring. Watch the Katepwa and District Lions Facebook page for information.

Our annual Fish Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017. Registration is at 7:30 at the Katepwa Beach Hotel.

Rick Holmes is our newest member. Welcome Rick!

If you are interested in joining or volunteering, contact Ann Barnsley at 306-331-7425.

From the Katepwa and District Lions, Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2017!

## **KATEPWA LAKE & DISTRICT TRANS CANADA TRAIL**

Thanks to our many volunteers the trail is in great shape! This summer the trail was very busy with many walkers and riders. Although we run several fundraisers a year the trail would not survive without the many donations that we receive. We thank you for those! Donates to the Katepwa Trans Canada trail should be made to the District of Katepwa.

The May Street walking path should be completed by the end of January 2017. The Katepwa and District Trans Canada Trail committee is putting \$10,000.00 into this project.

Canada's 150th birthday is very close. We are brainstorming ideas for our trail.

The trail fund raising golf tournament will be on August 14th, 2017 and the Grand Avenue Inn supper fund raiser will be in October 2017.

If you are interested in joining the trail committee our next potluck supper and meeting will be June 5, 2017.

From the Katepwa Lake and District Trans Canada Trail, Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2017!

## **YOGA**

Beginner/gentle sessions are offered in the 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 [gbobbee@live.ca](mailto:gbobbee@live.ca)

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2017!

Gale Bobbee,

Certified Yoga Instructor



## SERVICES

### **2017 DISTRICT LANDFILL CARD**

Enclosed with the tax notice will be a LANDFILL CARD that provides you with one free yard cleanup up to a half ton load to the District's landfill site (the card indicates December 31, 2017, since closure of landfill is by October 31, 2017 and possibly sooner, we recommend that you please use your landfill card by July 1, 2017)

### **DISTRICT OF KATEPWA LANDFILL HOURS**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Monday 9am to Noon

**May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>** – 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 and paint.

### **NORTH VALLEY WASTE MANAGEMENT REGIONAL LANDFILL**

The District of Katepwa has signed an agreement with North Valley Waste Management for waste collection services (located at the intersection at Central Ave. – Fort Qu'Appelle)

#### **Hours**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>** - Monday to Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

**November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>** - Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

#### **Cement, tires, or mixed loads NOT accepted**

(Mixed loads are loads that cannot be separated into metal recycling and clean wood burning piles such as a load of demolition material. Loads are required to be separated into metal recycling, burning, shingles, compost and garbage.)

**Loads must be tarped, or otherwise secured to prevent littering**

**NO charge** for leaves and grass clippings

## **WASTE COLLECTION**

Waste collection is on Monday except when there is a holiday, in which case it will be collected on Tuesday. Your garbage MUST be put out by 6:00 am in a closed container.

**Back Lane** pickup from May 1st to September 30th

**Front Lane** pickup from October 1st to April 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Waste Collection scheduled for Monday, December 26th**

Weekly waste collection is four (4) garbage bags per household, unless tags have been purchased and placed on the additional garbage bags. Tags for additional garbage bags 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 on 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.

## **BYLAW OFFICER SERVICES AND NUISANCE PROPERTIES**

If you require Bylaw Officer service or wish to report a nuisance property, please contact the District Office.

## **FIREARMS CARRIERS FOR THE DISTRICT**

The following individuals have been assigned to take care of nuisance animals within the District of Katepwa. 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

## **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

## **2016/2018 DIRECTORY**

The Office still has an abundance of directories available, please feel free to pick one up at the District Office.

## **NEWSLETTER EMAILS**

If residents are not receiving the newsletters, please feel free to email the office.

We will keep trying until it works!!

## **PHOTOS**

Our office has some great photos of Katepwa, but never enough. If you have a photo(s) you wish to share, please feel free to email: [katepwabeach@sasktel.net](mailto:katepwabeach@sasktel.net).



***We Wish the Residents and your Families  
a Wonderful Christmas and All the Best in the New Year.  
Council & Staff***