

DISTRICT OF *Katepwa*



NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2012

WHAT'S NEW IN THE DISTRICT

by Mayor Fred Weekley

How about an update on the lagoon? Briefly, the land has been located and a deposit made. It's an ideal location and is across the road from the current set of cells. We want to thank Rick Brown for helping us on this project. Now all we need is the approvals from: the RM of Abernethy (it's in their jurisdiction), the Ministry of Environment, the approved Engineering Drawings and the contract with the construction firm. We don't anticipate any problems with these items, they just take time.

We are looking for your feedback on bylaws. Your council considers different ideas from time to time and we like to get our ratepayers opinions to judge whether we proceed with the issues or not. Always keep in mind that we are a 'resort area/village' and we want to stay that way. We are NOT looking to become more like the big towns and cities.

- On the Quad registration we have not been able to get any support from the Government so we have taken it upon ourselves to develop our own registry similar to the boat registry. It's not a license. We are organizing this in conjunction with other communities in the area. The problem is identification of the

quads in order to take the 'bad guys' to task. Individuals would not need to register in every community, just their own.

- Household garbage should be placed in bins for collection. With Raccoons, dogs and cats around, garbage left out in bags tends to get strewn around the neighbourhood and we would like to keep things clean.
- Fire pits should be used in a safe manner and not for the burning of trash and products that create smoke such as 'fresh cut' or 'green' wood. This helps to protect neighbours and the environment too.

The ugly head of Education Tax has poked up again. The Government has decided to remove the 15% discount from the education portion of your property tax. The 15% remains on the municipal portion but that's the small portion of the overall tax. It's time for us, as a community, to join together with other communities and work towards the removal of education tax from property. It's the wrong place to have education tax.

- Remember 3 years ago we got 'into it' with the Provincial Government and the Board of Education?

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We achieved a reduction in the education tax portion of your taxes by 50%! This amounted to a reduction of approximately one quarter of a MILLION dollars in this District alone!

- Now the education tax will creep back up without our action. Your council(s) cannot do it alone; it will mean more petitions and letters to the Government asking for the removal of Education tax from property.
- It needs to be part of the Provincial Sales tax. There are other options available for funding Education and we will approach the Government with all the options but it will require the help of EVERYONE.
- We will be coordinating action on this issue – look for updates as plans are formed.

Three years ago we had an election for council - this summer the current council's term is up! Some councillors will run again some won't, those that don't run again have served their community well and may want to take back their lives (probably shouldn't have said that). We want YOU to think about running for council, everyone has something to offer, but there are some things you need to know:

- This next term is a 4 year term. Communities across the province have found that the current 3 year term is just not long enough for new councillors to get into the role and be able to effectively work on council.
- Councillors do get paid, it's not much and you won't get rich. We do cover expenses and mileage for those who are not resident in the District. Some councillors choose NOT to take the compensation but direct it back into the community. That's an individual choice.
- Formal Council meetings are once a month but the various committees may meet randomly in between.
- This time we will be using our newsletter in June and our web page to get the various candidates 'platforms' out to the public.
- Contrary to popular opinion councillors DO NOT have personal agendas! They may have things that are important to them and the people they represent however each council member including the Mayor has only one vote so unless the majority of council is in favour of an idea, it won't fly!
- So.. put on your 'dancing shoes' and get your nomination papers to the office. The District office has the required paperwork just waiting for you and your sponsors' signatures.

It's a great place to live, let's keep it that way!

Cheers!

See you at the lake

KATEPWA PIPELINE A POSSIBILITY

Vale (Mining Company) is proposing to build a solution potash mine near the village of Kronau. If this is approved by the Province of Saskatchewan, water for the mine would be taken from Katepwa Lake. The amount would be 0.7 cubic metres per second - put into perspective this is about 2/3 of the amount that supplies the City of Regina. SaskWater Corp is exploring options for a pipeline route from Katepwa to Kronau. This includes an environmental assessment – Stantec Consulting has been doing that study. Saskatchewan Watershed Authority is studying models of how the project would affect water conveyances.

Not much has been made public about this project, so in an effort to learn more about the proposal, Katepwa Councillors asked to meet with officials from Sask Watershed Authority, SaskWater Corp, Stantec Consulting and Vale. The meeting occurred on February 11, 2012. Representatives from surrounding areas attended as well.

The District Of Katepwa offered to forward questions from residents about this project. Thank you to those who submitted questions about the project to the District of Katepwa office. The questions that were pertinent to the District of Katepwa area were sent, in written form, to officials with SaskWaterCorp, Sask Watershed Authority and Vale.

The most commonly asked questions are published below, with answers exactly as provided. There are many more questions that were submitted. **For a complete listing of the questions, visit the website: www.katepwabeach.com.**

Also, here is a link for the Vale Potash-Kronau Project under review: www.environment.gov.sk.ca/ea2011-043

Please explain the role pieces of Sask Watershed Authority, SaskWater Corp, Vale and Stantec, in the feasibility studies for the Vale Mine.

- Authority - The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (Authority) has the regulatory responsibility for the issuance of a water right to Vale and an approval to construct and to operate works for the water supply pipeline to be constructed by SaskWater. The Authority is also responsible for co-ordination of operation of the water supply and lake stabilization works along the Qu'Appelle River system to serve multi-purpose interests.

- SaskWater - SaskWater's role is to provide Vale with a water supply service to meet the demands of the proposed Kronau Project. In order to do this, SaskWater initiated a separate Water Pump Station and Pipeline Project. Stantec has been contracted to perform engineering and environmental work related to the water transmission system. Vale will consider the costs associated with the development of the water transmission works in the feasibility study.

- **Vale** - Vale Potash Canada Limited submitted a project proposal to the Ministry of Environment (MOE) providing details on Vale's Kronau Project, a potash solution mine. The proposal provided details on the core facilities of the mine process area including the tailings management area and the mining well field area, where the caverns will be developed. Vale is currently in discussion with the appropriate Crown Corporations to provide the Kronau Project with supporting infrastructure. Specifically, Vale requested SaskWater to be the utility provider of the water required for the proposed Vale Kronau Project.

How will this project affect the aquifers that feed the cottage wells? Will there be any concerns to residents who have shallow wells?

- **Authority** - Some residents utilize the Hatfield aquifer for their water supply needs. The Hatfield aquifer will not be affected by the Vale project.

- Residents who rely upon shallow infiltration wells tied directly to lake levels are currently subject to potential shortages during extreme drought situations. Since the Vale water demand is replaced by diversion from Lake Diefenbaker, the effect on these infiltration wells beyond the current risk is minimal.

- Although the risk is minimal, the Authority recognizes existing water users in the review of new project proposals. To mitigate the concern of impacts to domestic wells, the Authority will place a condition on the Vale water rights licence which would limit or not allow water withdrawals during extreme drought conditions.

Will Sask Watershed Authority be able to control flow into the Katepwa such that the lake levels will be able to be maintained within current ranges?

- **Authority** - Water levels on prairie lakes may be expected to fluctuate naturally in response to floods and droughts. In the case of lakes along the Qu'Appelle River, since about 1989 the province has been able to minimize the impact of drought by delivery of water from Lake Diefenbaker.

- Based on the Authority's modeling results which take into account the climate since 1912, the current capacity of the conveyance works is sufficient to maintain Katepwa Lake above the minimum of the desirable operating level greater than 95% of the time. The modeling considers the current water demands along the system including that proposed by Vale. The scenarios modeled included the severe droughts experienced during the 1930's and the late 1980's. Maintaining Katepwa Lake above the minimum of the desirable operating level greater than 95% of the time is a significant improvement over what would have been experienced in the years before supplementation of natural flows with more water from Lake Diefenbaker began in 1989.

Will the pipeline project affect water quality? Water temperature?

- **SaskWater** - The SaskWater pipeline project is considering withdrawing water from Katepwa Lake where flows are introduced through the operation of the Qu'Appelle system by SWA. The Qu'Appelle system originates from Lake Diefenbaker. SWA expects to be able to operate the system to fully compensate for water withdrawn for the mine project and to manage the recreational needs of the users of the water system. With more water being delivered to the Lake to offset the withdrawal, there is the potential to improve to the Lake water quality. It is expected there will be no impact to the water temperature in the Lake.

Where will the proposed pumping station be built?

- **SaskWater** - SaskWater performed geotechnical investigations near Camp Monahan and continue evaluations of the site to determine a location appropriate for the pump station.

Where will the pipeline inlet be - at what lake level?

- **SaskWater** - SaskWater is considering a pump station with fish screens on the intake to the wet well in order to prevent fish from entering the pump chamber. The bottom of the fish screens are proposed at elevation 475.5 meters asl. The Lake high water level is 479.9 meters and low water level is 477.6 m.

Are there any Safety issues or warnings required at the water inlet?

- **SaskWater** - At the SaskWater proposed pump station the intake will involve construction of a small bay on the bank and an inlet channel into the Lake. This bay area will be cordoned off to prevent access from the Lake and warning signs will be posted on shore.

How many decibels will the pump noise be?

- **SaskWater** - The proposed SaskWater pump station will generate noise levels less than 70 decibels, or roughly the equivalent of the sound of a car passing by at 60 kilometres an hour from a distance of twenty metres away. The proposed generator located at the top of the valley will include noise suppression to reduce the noise levels in the 70 to 75 decibel range. The generator will typically only operate during a power outage.

Who "owns" the water? In the taxpayer's interest, what water bill formula (compensation) will the potash mines pay and will any portion go to Katepwa District or those directly affected?

- **Authority** - Water is vested in the Crown.
- Water used by potash mines is subject to industrial water use charges which are set by regulation. The Authority maintains a schedule of charges for the use of water by industries to reflect and emphasize the value of water, promote wise water usage and help offset the costs of managing the province's water resources. The water from Lake Diefenbaker bears the highest charges. The industrial water use charge applies to all industrial users across the province. Domestic, municipal, agricultural and recreational users of water do not

currently pay charges for the water they use.
- Katepwa District does not, and would not, directly receive funds generated from industrial water use charges. The revenue generated from the industrial water use charges helps to offset the costs associated with the construction and maintenance of the infrastructure along the Qu'Appelle River which provides significant benefits to residents of Katepwa District by providing water from Lake Diefenbaker for lake stabilization purposes.

Will the public hearings be held?

- **SaskWater** - SaskWater anticipates providing the Pump Station and Pipeline project information to the general public with open houses to be held in communities located along the route of the water transmission works. The open houses will be arranged once the project proposal and preliminary design are complete. Other avenues of public engagement may also be considered

YOUR EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX BECOMES MORE TAXING

Over half of the property taxes collected by the District of Katepwa are forwarded to the Prairie Valley School Division. Unless the District of Katepwa is considered your primary residence, you have no representation and are unable to vote within the School District.

The District of Katepwa has offered a discount of 15% for early payment of taxes (June 30 of every year) for the combined Education and Municipal Tax. By decision of Government of Saskatchewan, effective January 1, 2013 tax incentives (discounts and rebates) set by municipalities will no longer be able to apply to education property tax.

Here is more information about the education portion of your tax bill, as extracted from website:

In 2009, the Government of Saskatchewan introduced significant changes to the education property tax system. A province-wide mill rate for education property tax for the three property classes was implemented for all public school divisions. The overall benefit was a reduction of education property tax for Saskatchewan people.

On a province-wide basis, property tax mill rates for 2012 educational purposes will remain the same as in 2011. If a ratepayer's property assessment has not changed from 2011, then the education property tax should be the same as it was last year.

General Information

As has been the procedure in the past, the provincially established education property tax mill rate will be applied to all taxable property within a municipality. Municipalities will levy and collect education property

taxes on behalf of school divisions. The collected education property taxes will be submitted directly to the appropriate school division.

The 2012 education mill rates have now been formally confirmed by Order in Council. The education property tax mill rates to be levied with respect to every school division excepting Lloydminster school divisions and every property class for the 2012 taxation

Agricultural Property 3.91 mills

Residential Property 9.51 mills

Taxpayers Information

Property owners will continue to receive an assessment and tax notice from their municipality as they have in the past. Your tax notice will indicate the amount you owe for education property tax. Education property taxes will continue to be eligible for discounts and subject to penalties in the same manner as municipal taxes for 2012. Discount and penalty rates are established by your municipality subject to limits set in legislation and regulations.

Application of Incentives (Discounts and Rebates) to Education Property Tax

The application of property tax discounts or other payment incentives to education property tax has never been consistent throughout Saskatchewan. Some municipalities offer discounts; some do not. Some ratepayers make use of them; some do not.

School divisions are funded through provincial grants and education property tax. In order to fulfill expectations, school divisions require all their budgeted revenue. Government has had to raise money elsewhere to backfill lost revenue due to discounts.

Therefore effective January 1, 2013 tax incentives (discounts and rebates) set by municipalities will no longer apply to education property tax.

Provisions in The Cities Act, The Municipalities Act and The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010, will be amended to make this change. Municipalities will retain the option to offer an incentive (discount/rebate) or not offer an incentive on the municipal portion of the property tax bill.

If you require additional information, please call:

Municipal and Ratepayer inquiries:

Municipal Affairs
Advisory Services Unit
Telephone: (306) 787-2680
E-mail: Muninfo@gov.sk.ca

School Division inquiries:

Education Funding Office
Telephone: (306) 787-4959
E-mail: EdFinance@gov.sk.ca

EMERGENCY MEASURES OPERATIONS (EMO) WORKING FOR YOU:

Prepared by Warren Bobbee, EMO Consultant

1. Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) update:

An update meeting was held in late February, 2012 to discuss (debrief) on our EOC organization and processes from Spring 2011. The meeting was well attended and general discussion was most helpful for future planning and identification on the types of equipment and material we may need in the future.

2. Provincial Basic Emergency Planning Course:

Your administration is in the process of arranging a provincial emergency planning certification course, (late April or early May) which, at this time, is being offered to existing EOC members. This day and half long course will provide a good framework for planning, communication and operational processes during a major emergency in our area. Additional courses will be considered in the future based on interested residents.

3. Spring 2012 Sask Watershed Authority Runoff Predictions, as of March 15, 2012

Spring has definitely hit the "valley"; you don't need to be a rocket scientist to realize we are in a lot better shape than we were in 1 year ago. If precipitation stays below normal our runoff will be minimal.

However, anything can happen! The following is taken from the Sask Watershed Authority Prediction Report, (March 2012) for your information.

"The Craven Control Structure has been fully open since May 2010 in an attempt to release the surplus from above normal rains in 2010 plus the major floods of 2011, Last Mountain Lake is now near the top of its desirable range. Flow through the Craven Structure was reduced to 2 cubic metre/sec on Feb 29, 2012. Fall soil moisture conditions were generally drier in the western portions of the Qu'Appelle Basin. Winter precipitation has been below normal. Spring runoff is expected to be below normal."

"The Control structure at Katepwa Lake was closed prior to winter and the control structures on Echo, Crooked and Round Lakes have been fully open throughout last summer and this winter. If formal agreements with First Nations along the Qu'Appelle River are not completed by early summer in time for operation of structures and there is low runoff in the Qu'Appelle Basin, water level in the lower Qu' Appelle lakes may be less than desirable."

Current level (metres) = 478.4
2012 Forecast Peak (metres) = 478.5
2011 Peak (metres) = 479.58

2011 CENSUS RESULTS:

The District of Katepwa is growing -
Our permanent Residents increased in
number from 285 to 403 residents!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARK ON JULY 1ST!

Faster Gun – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Nationally acclaimed country band will be performing in the Park! Faster Gun is the recipient of 12 Saskatchewan Country Music Awards and a nominee for independent Group of the Year at the Canadian country Music awards. Sponsors for this event are welcome!

Plans for more Canada Day activities throughout the day are in the works. Watch for the schedule in the next newsletter and on the website. Get ready to take part in this celebration!

The Lee and Sandy Paley "Fantasy" Tour – fun, energetic & interactive songs that will inspire the imagination of every child. Free!

July 20th - 1:00 pm – Band Shelter, Katepwa Main Beach and 7:00 pm – Katepwa Centre

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR BREESE RECREATION AND SANDY BEACH AREAS!

The equipment has been purchased – now it needs to be installed!

We will need at least 10 volunteers to install 2 play structures for Sandy Beach by the tennis courts & Breese Park, likely around June 9th weekend.

Please contact the District Office at 332-6645 or send an email to katepwabeach@sasktel.net if you are able to lend a hand.

Swimming Lessons will run July 2 thru to Aug 10 at Katepwa Beach. The first registration day will be July 1st. For more information call Cailin MacPherson at 332-1376 or 584-0578.

KATEPWA JOB SHOP

Summer Activities Coordinator needed:
Applicants must be at least 15 years of age.
Wage = \$9.25/ hr
Terms: 60 hrs of work in July.

Cleaning person for the Katepwa centre
Wage = \$15.00 / hour
Terms = 2-3 hours every second week
Please apply, with resume, to the District of Katepwa.

RECENT CRIMES ARE NOT A TREND

Your Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP Detachment reports a rash of break and enter and thefts in the Qu'Appelle Lakes Area. They also report that this is NOT a crime trend. Two suspects have been apprehended and charged and it is anticipated that break and enter and thefts will return to their normal low level. If you have been a victim of this crime, please report it to your RCMP detachment. RCMP services for the District of Katepwa are divided into both Fort Qu'Appelle and Indian Head RCMP Divisions – the division occurs at the Highway 56 Bridge near the weir structure at the outlet of Katepwa Lake.

Residents in the areas along highway 56, including the village area, from Sandy Beach to the Highway 56 Bridge: **Call Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP at 332-2222**

Residents in the areas from the Highway 56 Bridge to Taylor Beach: **Call Indian Head RCMP: 695-5200**

COUNTRY STITCHERS QUILTERS MAKE PILLOW CASES FOR CANCER



Here is a touching story with the theme of “pass it forward”, an example of a community that cares.

One of the members of the Country Quilters, Lana, happened to come across a website with a video that made making pillowcases easy. Then, a couple of our ladies noticed ads for pillowcase projects in quilting magazines, including making pillowcases for children with cancer, and to give away to various organizations in need (such as homeless shelters and abused women shelters). We have all been so blessed that we decided we would like to do something for others.

After contacting the Volunteer Coordinator at the Allan Blair Cancer Clinic (ABCC), we decided that we would make 'cases to give away to each person who was starting chemotherapy. Since October of 2011 we have donated 336 pillowcases!

If you would like to donate material this is what is perfect: 3 metres of coordinating fabric, one metre of each fabric, cotton (preferably) or polycotton material, 40-42 inches wide. (This will make 3 pillowcases)

We also gladly accept money donations to purchase fabric. Fabricland on Dewdney in Regina gave us a donation to start us on our mission.

If you have questions call Angie Noble at 306-333-4910.

THIS BYLAW'S FOR YOU

Incidents in the District have created the necessity to form policies on Open Fires, Garbage Collection, and ATVs and other non-licensed motorized vehicles. These policies are currently in DRAFT form. Please review the draft policies and send us a note via email with your thoughts to: katepwabeach@sasktel.net.

We would love to hear from you! These policies are in place for your safety and enjoyment of the District of Katepwa.

Bonfires and other open air fires Policy

1. The fire must be contained in a non-combustible receptacle made of cement, brick, clay or sheet metal with a minimum 18 gauge thickness.
2. The fire box must be covered with heavy gauge metal screen with openings not larger than 13 mm (1/2 inch) to contain sparks.
3. The size of the fire box must not exceed .75 meters (30 inches) in any dimension.
4. The fire pit must be located a minimum of 3 meters (10 feet) from any combustible material, such as buildings, porches and decks.
5. Fire pits cannot be placed on combustible decks or apartment balconies.
6. Fire pits must be situated on a non-combustible surface.
7. Fire pits shall be clear of overhangs, such as tree branches, utility lines and structures.
8. Fire pits must be supervised by an adult at all times.
9. Any person who uses a fire pit shall have a means of extinguishing the fire readily accessible at all times.
10. The only permitted fuels are charcoal, seasoned wood or manufactured fire logs.
11. Fire pits must be extinguished if smoke causes an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of another person's property.
12. Fire pits shall not be used in windy conditions.
13. In the event the Fire Chief issues a Fire Ban, the use of fire pits will be prohibited.

Garbage Collection Policy

1. Garbage being accumulated and stored for the purpose of being collected and taken to waste disposal ground shall be kept in covered, fly-proof and water-tight containers of not over 17 gallons by volume and no more than 50 pounds. Containers for reception of garbage shall be stored in a manner that will not allow it to be ravaged by animals and be kept in a convenient and visible place for removal by authorized persons.
2. No person shall be permitted to unload garbage or any solid waste material within Districts of Katepwa limits except for in the District waste disposal ground and under the supervision of the waste disposal grounds operator during operation hours.
3. No person who is not a resident of the Resort Village of the District of Katepwa shall deposit any matter or thing in the municipal waste disposal ground.
4. No person shall place any matter or thing in the municipal disposal grounds except in clearly designated areas.

Non Licensed Motorized Vehicle Registration Policy

1. Every Non Licensed Motorized vehicle operating in the District of Katepwa must have a unique registration number displayed in a visible location on the vehicle. This number must remain visible and clean.
2. Every operator of a Non Licensed Motorized Vehicle must register this vehicle number at the District of Katepwa Office by filling out a registration form. This includes vehicles visiting for short periods of time.
3. Every operator of such vehicles must follow the same rules as licensed motorized vehicles.
4. Registration of such vehicles does not give the operator permission to operate on private property, municipal reserve, or parks.
5. It is the responsibility of the registered owner to transfer ownership at time of sale.
6. Registration of such vehicles does not override the Highways and Transportation Act or any other act pertaining to the use of such vehicles.

Want to ask your councillors a question? What would you like to read about in this newsletter? Send your questions or ideas to the office.

THE BEAUTIFUL KATEPWA AREA MADE EVEN BETTER

The Friends of the Provincial Park Inc is a non-profit Corporation which was incorporated on December 14, 2011. It is modeled on the "Friends" organizations which have been in operation for a number of years at Cypress and Moose Mountain and have been a very successful and positive influence in issues relating to their Provincial Parks. Ross Keith and Aura Lee MacPherson are the organizers of this effort.

Read all about their good news:

1. The Saskatchewan Parks has approved a major capital project for the Katepwa Provincial Park - a brand new building at the beach to replace the existing facilities. Construction is expected to start this summer.
2. Katepwa was successful in obtaining funding for a major cultural/community planning project. The objective is to establish a long-term plan for the protection of our valley. Prairie Wild Consulting has been engaged to lead this project and they are ready to proceed.

Sask Parks and the Council of the District of Katepwa have asked us to include you in the input process for these initiatives. A meeting will take place on April 21 in the Katepwa Centre at 1:00 pm.

We can not take it for granted that our valley will be as beautiful a place for our children as it has been for us.

2012 IS AN ELECTION YEAR – MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The next municipal elections for mayor and councillors in Resort Villages will take place on Saturday, July 28, 2012.

Resort Village councils are elected for 4-year terms commencing with the first meeting following the election. In the District of Katepwa, Council consists of an elected mayor and 7 Councillors representing the following areas:

- Ward 1 - Sandy beach - 2 elected
- Ward 2 - Katepwa Beach - 3 elected
- Ward 3 - Katepwa South - 2 elected

Nomination Day

Nomination Day for Resort Villages is Saturday June 23, 2012. At least 10 days before Nomination Day, the Returning Officer will publish and post the Call for Nominations stating the vacancies to be filled by the election. Nominations can be filed at the Resort Village Administration Office anytime during regular office hours from the time the call for nominations is posted and between 11:00 and 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day.

Who Can Run?

Candidates for Resort Village Council must be:

- at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- a Canadian citizen; and
- one of the following:

- a) a resident of the resort village for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the date nomination papers are filed and a resident of Saskatchewan for at least 6 months immediately preceding the date nomination papers are filed; or
 - b) an owner or lessee of assessable land in the resort village for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding the date the nomination paper is submitted and have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 6 consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which nomination papers are submitted; or
 - c) the spouse of a person mentioned in (a) or (b) above.
- At least five voters of the municipality must sign a candidate's nomination paper. If the municipality has passed a bylaw requiring candidates to submit a criminal record check, it must accompany the nomination paper. Nomination papers must be complete and include the candidate's signed acceptance.

Who Can Vote?

Eligible voters must be:

- at least 18 years old;
- a Canadian citizen;
- and qualify as one of the following:

- a) a resident of the resort village for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and a resident of Saskatchewan for at least 6 months immediately preceding election day; or
- b) an owner of assessable land in the resort village for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and a resident of Saskatchewan for at least 6 months immediately preceding election day; or
- c) a lessee of land in the resort village for at least 3 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and a resident of Saskatchewan for at least 6 months immediately preceding election day; or
- d) the spouse of a person mentioned in (a) (b) or (c) above.

INVADERS ARE COMING!

There are many different invasive species of plants and animals that the Saskatchewan Invasive Species Council is monitoring and regulating on a regular basis. The 2 species that have recently been found in Saskatchewan and have gotten the attention of the council:

1. Northern Snakehead Fish - native to Siberia and China, this fish will eat anything in its path. This fish has lungs that enable it to relocate to dry land for up to 4 days. They have been brought to Canada for the food trade and are also bought for aquariums. The fear is that once they have outgrown their aquariums the owner will place it in an open body of water (release it into the wild). Once in the wild females can lay eggs up to 5 times a year and 15000 eggs a time.
2. Zebra Mussels - native to the Black and Caspian Sea, they eat excessive amounts of algae. While this sounds attractive at first, there are many negative side effects to these small creatures. Eating the algae and plankton that the native fish eat when they are young causes the population of fish to deplete. They also have a sharp shell and when they die they wash up on shore making the beach areas unsuitable for walking in barefoot.

They clog up intakes on pumps, and also make boating difficult. They are tiny in size - the biggest one smaller than a dime. They are transported on boats easily and reproduction is rapid. They can live out of water for up to 5 days - hidden in a boat with little sunlight and a bit of moisture they have been known to live up to 15 days.

While it is not the responsibility of the District to regulate this, we are trying to educate the public on these this topic.

- When you are tired of your aquarium fish, it is not acceptable to put the fish down the drain or release them into the wild. It may be harmful to the environment you are introducing them into.
- Boats – washing boats prior to, and after placing them in the lake would prevent the spread of zebra mussels from lake to lake. We are discussing the possibility of the government putting in a boat wash station in the boat launch area to prevent invasive creatures from being transferred from lake to lake.

The Qu'Appelle Chain of Lakes has a favourable environment for both of these species! For more information, visit:
<http://www.saskinvasives.ca/index.php?id=8>

KATEPWA AND DISTRICT LIONS

By Colleen Meyer

Annual Fishing Derby Raises Funds for Defibrillator

February and March are two of our busiest months. Our membership is reduced by half due to the "snowbird migration" so planning and preparation for the Annual Fishing Derby kept our members and many volunteers busy.

This year we had 110 entrants. This was our most successful Derby, due in part, to the ideal weather conditions and to the interview our President had on CKRM. Who knew Corey Hodson was a promotion wizard?

Thanks to the following for their donations to the Door Prizes awarded at the Derby: Sask Tel, Katepwa Beach Resort Hotel, Karen Behnke, Glen Horvath, and Nathan Hollick. Thanks also to the Katepwa Hotel and the District of Katepwa for gifts in kind.

Our most heartfelt thanks go to the many volunteers who made the day possible. From the hole drillers on the lake to the registration table and 50/50 and raffle sellers, you were the people who made this fund raiser possible. The funds raised will be used to cover some of the cost to purchase a portable defibrillator.

Learn about the operation of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED)!

Date: April 24, 2012

Time: 7.30

Place: Katepwa Centre

Speaker: Jamie Appel ACP (Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region – PAD Program)

We hope that as many residents as possible will come to this meeting. The more of us who are informed, the more effective we will be in an emergency.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- Every 3rd Monday of the month,
- 7:00pm at the Katepwa Community Centre.
- Public forum for fifteen minutes following meeting.

GARBAGE PICK-UP:

- Garbage collection begins on MONDAYS beginning May 28th. Hot weather pick up starts at 6:00 a.m.
- PLEASE, keep garbage bag weight at 20 lbs maximum.

LANDFILL HOURS:

- Beginning April 7: open Saturdays from 9-4
- Beginning May 18: open Friday, Saturday and Monday from 9-5.

This includes Monday of the May long weekend!

DISTRICT OF KATEPWA OFFICE:

- Summer hours (May 1 - September 30th)
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