

District of Katepwa

NEWSLETTER

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VALLEY DEVELOPMENT: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The District of Katepwa is breaking new ground with the development of an Official Community Plan (OCP). This is one of key steps our community needs take to protect environmentally sensitive land and to ensure the orderly development of our valley.

To assist us with the development of the OCP, the District has contracted the services of a professional community planning team led by **John Wolfenberg**. John has over 35 years as a Professional Community Planner dealing with citizens' groups, rural and urban councils, surveyors and land developers on issues such as subdivisions, local Policy Plans, Zoning Bylaws and resolving land use conflicts. He has a detailed knowledge of Saskatchewan's Municipal and Planning Acts, gained from 23 years with the Community Planning Branch of Municipal Affairs.

Members of John's team include Dwight Mercer with over 30 years experience in land use and development planning, floodplain-water resource and solid waste management, and Barry Johnson with over 30 years of practical experience in Municipal Engineering. We have been able to negotiate a very reasonable price for these professional services and Council is pleased to bring this expertise to our District.

With an official community plan (OCP), more explicit policies or updated regulations can be prepared in order to deal with emerging issues in the District. Some features of the Saskatchewan Planning and Development Act (2007) are only available to a municipality with an OCP. This may include wider policies for Environmental Protection and adding new Zoning Controls.

Some of the issues to be considered in the plan include determining the potential locations and allowable densities of residential and other land uses by first identifying areas which should not be developed for such uses (e.g. lands which have natural or man-made hazards or are more costly to service)

This is not Council's plan but our Community plan. Through various means of public consultations we will create a blueprint that will control future development in the district.

**OUR FIRST COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH AT 10:00 am
IN THE KATEPWA CENTRE (ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE OFFICE).**

The focus of this meeting will be to provide information about the planning process and explain the benefits of having a properly prepared plan. We welcome input into what should be considered as part of the planning process. There will also be more information about other means of input e.g. through surveys. We hope to see you there!!

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COUGARS IN SASKATCHEWAN



It is no secret that cougars live in Saskatchewan and that they have been spotted in the Katepwa area. Cougars need a steady supply of game to live so their presence is a symbol of a healthy ecosystem. Cougars don't like people so it is rare to get even a brief glimpse of one. They typically hear you long before you see them and they stay away.

In Saskatchewan, Cougars can be up to 2 meters in length and stand 70-100 cm tall. They are recognized by their long tails – up to 1 meter long. Females typically weight 40-45 kg and males weigh 50-60 kg. Their tracks are wider than they are long; 7-12 cm wide. Claws aren't usually seen in cougar tracks, and their rear heal has 3 lobes. In contrast, dog tracks have 2 heal lobes, and usually claw marks are visible.

Since cougars typically avoid humans, encounters are extremely rare. If you happen to encounter one here is some advice: Never approach a cougar. Although cougars will normally avoid a confrontation, all cougars are unpredictable. Cougars feeding on a kill may be dangerous. Always give a cougar an avenue of escape. Stay calm. Talk to the cougar in a confident voice. Pick all children up off the ground immediately. Children frighten easily and their rapid movements may provoke an attack. Do not run. Try to back away from the cougar slowly. Sudden movement or flight may trigger an instinctive attack. Do not turn your back on a cougar. Face the cougar and remain upright. Do all you can to enlarge your image. Do not crouch down or try to hide. Pick up sticks or branches and wave them about.

NEW BUILDING PERMIT FEES:

Building permit fees have changed to reflect rates charged in other jurisdictions. This will be in effect when Ministerial approval occurs, which is expected this fall or early spring.

BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION RATES

	PLAN REVIEW ONLY	NORMAL SITE INSPECTIONS	NORMAL PROJECT TOTAL	ADMINISTRATION FEES
Detached Gargages Boathouses, Decks Small Storage Bldgs.	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$37.50
Existing Buildings Mobile Homes, R.T.M & Existing Residence To Be Moved		125.00 plus \$0.75 a KM	\$125.00 Plus Mileage	\$31.25
RTM House Foundation and Final Inpection	\$75.00	(2@ \$95.00) \$190.00	\$265.00	\$66.25
NEW RESIDENCE				
Single Story	\$135.00	(4@ \$95.00) \$380.00	\$515.00	\$128.75
Two Story & Walkout	\$165.00	(4@ \$110.00) \$440.00	\$605.00	\$151.25
Extra for Attached Garage	\$25.00	(1@ \$50.00) \$50.00	\$75.00	
Residential Additions and/or Renovations	20 Cents per S.F of new construction Min. 75.00	\$95.00	Varied	25% of Inspection Fees
Re Inspections if Required	\$50.00 each	\$95.00 each		

PLUS GST

REQUIRED NORMAL SITE INSPECTIONS

- 1- Prior to Backfill (Foundation and Weeping Tile)
- 2- Framing
- 3 - Insulation and Vapour Barrier (prior to boarding)
- 4- Final Inspection, Interior and Exterior (prior to occupancy)

WE EXPECT TO BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS PIOR TO REQUIRED EXPECTIONS

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:

Every Monday following the long weekend in May. Hot weather pick up starts at 6:00 a.m.

After Thanksgiving weekend, every Tuesday. PLEASE, keep garbage bag weight to NOT more than **20 lbs.**

SUMMER LANDFILL

HOURS:

May to September - Monday, Friday and Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm

DISTRICT OF

KATEPWA OFFICE:

May 1 - September 30

Monday – Friday

9:00am to 4:00pm

October 1 - April 30

Monday – Friday

9:00am to 3:00pm

(Closed 12:00pm to 1:00pm)

Phone 332-6645 or email at katepwabeach@sasktel.net

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

if you are moving or have already moved

PLEASE let the District of Katepwa Office know so that we can update your file.

FROM THE MAYOR

- ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES AND TAXES - YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

TAXES: In our last news letter I had put out a call for 6 volunteers to attend two meetings to discuss the pros and cons of some ideas we have assembled for funding education. I currently only have two volunteers for this short term task. If there is no interest in reducing the tax burden on our District then I'll drop the subject but I'd sure like to think that folks want to have education tax removed from their local levy! So step up and make a difference! Call me at 332-4806.

ATV'S: I continue to have people comment on the ATV (Quad) activity in the District. We have no authority over Quads! We do however have a 'resolution' that was put forward at the last SUMA convention requesting the Government of Saskatchewan put a 'registration' system in place so errant owners can be identified and the RCMP can take action. I anticipate that this registration program will be similar to that for boats... you buy your boat and you get a registration number which MUST be visible on the boat. This same system could apply to Quads/ATVs.

A PETITION HAS BEEN INITIATED to support the Quad Registration Resolution. Please stop by the District Office to register your support! We have roughly 1,400 addresses and 3,000 occupants that vote... we could potentially have a couple thousand signatures to send to the legislature in support of the SUMA resolution.

The petition is a call for a change. If what we are doing isn't working then we must change what we are doing! What's the definition of 'insanity'? Doing the same thing over and over and expect different results! Please take time to sign the petition.

Fred Weekley, Mayor

MISUSE OF BOAT STEREOS COULD BE COSTLY

The migration of sound in the valley and on the lake is an interesting study. Due to the surrounding hills and the mechanics of sound traveling across a large body of water, conversations taking place on shorelines or on boats can easily be heard at great distances, so be careful what you say and what you do. On one peaceful early morning in July (2:45 am to be precise) the entire lake was rattled out of its sleep by a boat cruising across the lake with its stereo blasting out tunes at an incredible volume. This was an arrogant act, a total misuse of a boat stereo and a serious breach of our noise bylaw.

The boat and its owners were easily identified by residents of South Katepwa, who took it upon themselves to pay a visit to the offenders later that morning. It was emphatically stated that if this kind of activity were to happen again the residents of South Katepwa would engage our bylaws officer.

So please play within the rules and use common sense.

BYLAW NO. 19-05 A BYLAW TO CONTROL AND REGULATE NOISE

No person shall make any unnecessary noise. Not limited to but including:

****Fireworks, Loud Music, Fowl Language, Unusual, Annoying or Disturbing noises****

No domestic noise (for example, lawn mowers or construction noise) shall be made during the following hours:

12 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock of the next forenoon on weekdays and Saturdays;

12 o'clock in the evening and 9 o'clock in the forenoon of the following day which is a Sunday or holiday.

The last few meetings of the ratepayers at Sandy Beach are August 14th & September 4th at the Sandy Beach Office starting at 10 am.

If you are experiencing problems with Noise please contact:

1. During day times hours (before 9:00pm) District of Katepwa Bylaws Officer at 331-9317 with the location of the offending party. (after 9:00pm detailed messages may be left with the Bylaws Office but he will not respond until the following day)

2. Or after 9:00 pm please contact the RCMP directly

Actions to be taken by the Bylaws Officer include:

1. Verbal Warning

2. Written Warning and \$25.00 Administration Fee

3. Written Warning and \$150.00 Administration Fee and every offence after will result in the another \$150.00 Administration Fee as well as Fines up to \$500.00 may be imposed. Fees will be added to taxes if they are not paid in full.

NUISANCE AND ABATEMENT BYLAW (BYLAW 16-05)

"Junked vehicle" means any automobile, tractor, truck, trailer or other vehicle that either:

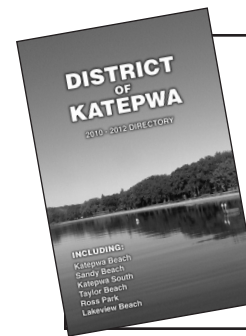
* has no valid license plates attached to it; or

* is in a rusted, wrecked, partly wrecked, dismantled, partly dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition

All vehicles must be licensed even on *private property!*

Recreation trailers & RV's must be on Private Property

Any unlicensed vehicles or RV's on District of Katepwa property may be ticketed and impounded.



THE 2010-12 DISTRICT OF KATEPWA DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

Volunteers delivered them to homes and cottages July 23-26. If you were not home and did not receive your copy, please stop by the office to pick up it up. Thank you to our directory advertisers who made it possible for the communications committee to provide a new and improved version of this important booklet.

PRUNING OF ELM TREES PROHIBITED IN PROVINCE FROM APRIL TO AUGUST

Fresh cuts to elm trees attract the bark beetles and can spread Dutch Elm disease, increasing the chance of an infection. The District no longer has access to the expert surveillance from the province who surveyed for infected trees as the Dutch Elm Disease Control Program has been eliminated for rural municipalities. However, a member of our maintenance team is trained to properly recognize Dutch Elm disease. If you suspect that a tree is infected, please contact the District Office (332-6645) so that an inspection can be arranged. Once the disease takes hold there is nothing that can be done to stop it. The tree must be removed and either burned or buried.

American Elms are most susceptible to the disease, which usually starts at the base of the tree with a green fungus and can spread quickly to other trees. Symptoms of the disease first appear in June or early July when leaves wilt, yellow and then turn brown, often on only one side of the tree. This is followed by dieback of the branches and eventually death of the tree. It is illegal to transport, store or buy elm firewood.

TRANS CANADA TRAIL (TCT)

The trail is in good condition but please refrain from using it when it is wet. A good rule of thumb is to wait at least one day after a rain. All terrain vehicles are welcome to use the trail but please be respectful of others and the people whose home/cottages back onto the trail.

New TCT members are always welcome, as are donations. For more information, please contact the District of Katepwa office.

KATEPWA AND DISTRICT LION'S CLUB

Katepwa and District Lion's Club are planning on having a CPR course in early fall. For more information, contact Elaine Chatterson at 332-1460 or Sue Borys at 332-4258.

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It's been months in the making and here it is...

our new website at the same address www.katepwabeach.com

We have designed it as a resource tool for both residents and visitors.

Under "Resident Services", you will find information on essential services like landfill hours, forms, bylaws and valley development.

Summer recreational activities will be posted and a handy events calendar will keep you up to date on all meetings and activities throughout the year. We know you will enjoy the stunning photo gallery too! The site was designed and built by Greg Wilkins of Wilkins Media and we highly recommend his services.

Many thanks to Glenn Bailey our previous webmaster who voluntarily developed and maintained our site for many years. Thank you Glenn!

RECREATION IN THE DISTRICT!

Your recreation committee, headed by Glen Horvath, has been diligently working to provide recreational opportunities in the district.

Activities: The activities for children on the main beach have been a resounding success again this year. Up to 40 children per day participated in the twice daily sessions during July. The team members who coordinated the activities are Cadie MacPherson & Elyssa Stepan. They did an amazing job. Thank you, ladies.

JULY 1ST:

- The **fireworks** bring people to the area from far and wide. This is a fantastic tradition.

- Next July 1st we are going to bring back an old tradition from days gone by. We will be having a **Boat Parade** that will do a slow run around the lake starting and finishing at main beach. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for best decorated boat. Watch the newsletter for more details.

- **Volleyball Tournament** - Six teams participated in the Katepwa Beach Volleyball Tournament this year, representing a wide range of age groups. Many teams consisted of families who were enjoying a fun day at the beach, including 2 hours of entertaining and engaging beach activities. In the end, teams Deep Threat and Ballz Deep played long, intense games and won first and second place respectively. Thank you to sisters Katie & Kim Schmirler for supervising the event. Sponsors for the volleyball tourney were Rocco's, Cory Hodson from Terry's Maintenance, Councillor Eileen Fisher & the District of Katepwa.

Thank you to volunteers Elmer Pletz who did the welding to fix the park benches and to both Elmer and Gary Oliver who helped to install the new dock at Sandy Beach.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Council and administration are aware of the road work that is badly needed along the main road in Katepwa South including Cypress Street and the road to the landfill. After trying for the past two years to find a contractor to do the work, one was finally secured. Given all the rain in the spring infrastructure work is behind schedule but the repairs will get done!

Watch for the new street light at the corner of #56 highway to the Maples subdivision.