

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 Tuesday (changes to every Monday following the long weekend in May).
PLEASE, keep garbage bag weight at **20 lbs maximum**.

NEW LANDFILL HOURS:
May 1 to Oct 31:
Monday, Friday and Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
November 1 to April 30:
Call for an appointment
332-4745
CLOSED on STAT Holidays
(some exceptions may apply)
- open following day

NEW LANDFILL RATES:
Cars & Vans: \$5
Small Utility Trailer: \$10
1/2 Ton Trucks: \$10
1 Ton Trucks & Large Trailers: \$15
3 Ton Trucks / Tandems: \$25
Furniture, Mattresses
& Appliances (extra) \$5

DISTRICT OF KATEPWA OFFICE:
Monday-Friday
May 1 - September 30
9:00am to 4:00pm,
October 1 - April 30
9:00am to 3:00pm
Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Phone 332-6645 or email at
katepwabeach@sasktel.net

WI FI:
Available for all rate payers
at the Katepwa Centre.
Password - katepwalibrary.

WATER LEVEL UPDATE FROM SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED AUTHORITY *by Warren Bobbee*

Katepwa Lake levels rose at the beginning of November, when Sask Watershed Authority closed the weir at Highway #56 Bridge. This was expected.

Last Mountain Lake is still approximately 2 ft above its normal level for this time of year and there is a lot of water that will be coming through the lakes and through the system. Officials advise that the water system is draining naturally, and levels for Katepwa Lake are presently forecast for a slightly higher than normal for the spring, as long as we have a normal precipitation and snowfall. For up to date information visit the website www.swa.ca (Stream Flows and Lake Levels).

Nobody can predict what Mother Nature throws at us, but we will continue to monitor and update residents as the months roll by. Let's hope and pray that our lake level stays below flooding levels, but it is reassuring that we can pull together if we need too.

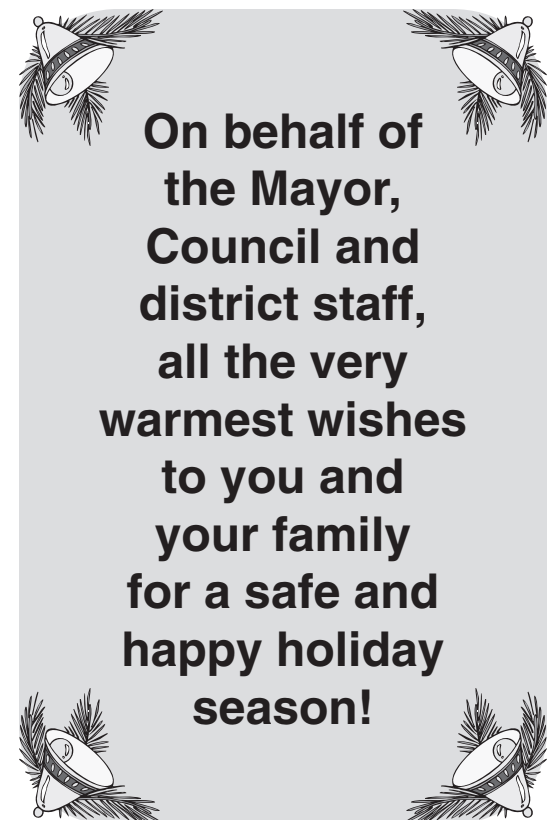
ATV PROPOSED BYLAW

ATV usage in the District continues to grow as do the concerns about where these vehicles can be driven. ATV owners ... Council would like your input in drafting a bylaw that concerns the proper use of ATVs within the District and surrounding areas. Now is the time to provide your valued opinion. Call the office for more information 332-6645.

SHORELINE PROTECTION WORK ONGOING *by Warren Bobbee*

With the potential for flooding in the spring, shoreline protection continues to be on the minds of residents. Over the last couple of months, Public Meetings were held for residents in the areas around the lake that sustained the most damage during the flood.

At these meetings, options for shoreline mitigation were discussed along with presentations on the latest predictions from Sask. Watershed Authority regarding water levels. These also provided an opportunity for residents to come up with action plans for their specific areas. Many residents have also been extremely busy by hauling in clay and building rock rip rap walls. Some residents combined resources to order 3400 lineal feet of water berm from ABC Canada Waterbloc Waterberms. Residents are commended for taking the steps to minimize potential damage in the future.



DECEMBER 2011

OUR LAGOON – NOT LIMITLESS AND NOT PRICELESS *by Mayor Fred Weekley*

I'm going to take you on a bit of a journey to discuss our Lagoon; the how, why and ugly of the whole thing. The numbers quoted may not be precise; however they are close enough for this purpose.

Our current Lagoon was developed in 1981 to meet the design needs of 45 permanent families and about 350 seasonal residents. Today, this Lagoon services 150 permanent residence and 850 seasonal folks – about three times as many people as it was designed for!

Before we start, and with all due respect here's 'lagoon operating 101'. The District of Katepwa does NOT have a sewage treatment system, it has a lagoon. This means that we are all our own waste water managers – when your waste water goes into your septic tank and it's full, you have to call your preferred 'septic hauler', 'honey wagon', 'yesterday's meals on wheels', 'pooper palace pumper', 'reading room rejuvenator' etc. to have it emptied. Under normal conditions, septic haulers show up, pump you out and you're back in operation!

Not so simple. On a busy weekend day, the septic trucks haul about 40-50, 2,500 gallon loads to our 1981 lagoon. That's 125,000 gallons per day or a quarter of a million gallons on the weekend! This waste settles and, by design, flows from the primary lagoon cell to the secondary cell whereby the sun and wind evaporates the liquids, and solids break down. Fortunately, the location of our lagoon is such that it gets maximum sun and wind exposure so that evaporation keeps the level down and we can be, well... 'good to go'!

Our lagoon system has held up marvelously since it was first opened. However, this past spring the lagoon was "breached" (overflowed), partly due to abnormally high precipitation, and from too much product (if we can call it that). These situations result in the lagoon being CLOSED, no choice. What will folks do if the lagoon is closed? Without septic options, a declared emergency is triggered meaning that septic clean outs are slowed or stopped altogether. If you're a summer resident you go back whence you came once your tank is full. If the lake is your only home you need to move out when you can no longer use your septic systems.

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‘Our Lagoon’ continued...

While temporary solutions were found last summer, those are no longer viable. The time has come for a long term sustainable solution – create a new lagoon that is relatively close to the District that will accommodate population fluctuations and continue to allow the septic trucks to be efficient in their hauling, keeping costs down. We also encourage residents to be more frugal with their waste water – perhaps consider a low flush toilet, reduced shower times, etc. extending the lifespan of the lagoon.

A new lagoon has a few things it must satisfy before it can be built. We look for land that is acceptable to the Ministry of Environment, meets the by-laws of the RM of Abernethy where it will likely be situated, has approved engineered drawings, meets environmental concerns, arrive at a satisfactory arrangement between the District and the land owner we purchase land from, and has a design satisfies the needs of the District just to name a few! Once we have been able to meet the obligations, we can proceed with building the new lagoon. As you can see, the timing of this is dependent on too many things to be predicted with certainty. We do know that we do not have time on our side.

Also, to do all of this, we need to have a sizeable sum of money, an amount based on land costs, equipment and manpower as well as the availability of the special ‘mud’ to line the cells. Council is finding ways to meet the financial demands of a new lagoon.

All of this is time consuming and weighs heavily on our minds. It comes down to a simple fact..... No Lagoon.... No District of Katepwa Beach.

p.s. Save water!
Fred Weekley Mayor

VALE MINES INTERESTED IN
KATEPWA RESOURCES

by Mayor Fred Weekley

Southern Saskatchewan is seeing action in the booming potash industry and it may directly affect the District of Katepwa. The Brazilian mining company Vale is currently conducting a pre-feasibility study for creation of a potash mine between White City and Kronau. The location is currently on privately owned farm land and the company is in the process of acquiring portions of this land. What does that have to do with Katepwa? Water for the project may be coming from Katepwa Lake – a lot of it! A decision on whether to build the mine is expected in 2012 and if Vale receives approval, pipe line construction would begin in 2013. Council is working to keep abreast of the project and taking all steps possible to be involved in the process, managing the impact to the community, most importantly the lake. Updates will be provided to Katepwa ratepayers as it becomes available to Council.

PUBLIC WORKS –
DISTRICT ROAD REPAIR

Road repair in our district has been a struggle due to difficulty hiring a contractor, availability of that contractor and weather conditions for completions of the work. The work was further challenged by the floods this year which has resulted in additional repairs needing to be done.

The good news is we have received positive information regarding financial assistance with the repairs from Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP). This combined with some funds that Council has earmarked for road repair puts us in a favorable position to get needed repairs done. The bad news is that contractors are in short supply, so no guarantees on when the work can be completed.

Ongoing road gravelling and minor hole repair will continue as budget allows, with more extensive road repair anticipated in the following areas:

- Sandy Beach: Park Street; Andros Avenue; Edwyn Street
- East Maples: Maple Lane; Osment Drive
- West Maples: Osment Drive (west side)
- Katepwa: Regina Avenue; Upland Drive
- Katepwa South Road: project underway with completion in 2012.

BUDGET TIME

by Mayor Fred Weekley

Councillors will be sharpening their pencils more than ever for the 2012 budget year. What is facing the District? The two big ticket items are construction of a new lagoon, including land purchase, and major road repairs. Those two items alone are expected to cost nearly \$2 million. We are in better shape than many other Districts in the province, as we have been putting funds aside for some time. Still, this is a small tax base (about 1000 rate payers) and we will have to look at ways to fund these in order to complete the projects in short order.

To set the financing in place we look at a onetime levy on each property or borrowing the funds and financing the infrastructure improvements over time. The difference is that financing has an interest cost attached so as a Council we weigh the options and work with the one best suited to the Districts situation. Certainly, considerations are being given to how these options will impact the ratepayers. Information will be distributed to ratepayers throughout the entire process and posted on the district website.

JUNKED VEHICLES NEED TO GO!

Submitted by Ken Ross, Bylaws Enforcement Officer

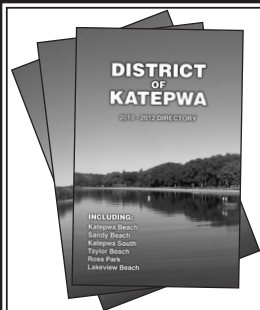
The obvious benefit of a clean and properly maintained yard is that it enhances the overall appearance of the District. Benefits that may not be as obvious include improved neighbor/neighborhood relations; reduction of rodent infestation; and being more attractive to potential residents by pride in ownership.

Council is actively pursuing the maintenance of District owned properties for the betterment of everyone, and junked vehicles continue to be an eyesore of the community. This includes any automobile, tractor, truck, trailer or other vehicle that either has no valid license plates attached to it or is inoperative or abandoned condition located on private land or district land. (Full bylaw details can be found on www.katepwabeach.ca).

Have a good look around your property, if you have a vehicle (or part of one) that falls into one of these descriptions you may want to make plans to have it properly dealt with or removed before the Bylaws Enforcement Officer knocks on your door. Your property and the District of Katepwa Bylaws are somewhat intertwined and work will continue on enforcement of the bylaws in the coming year. The general administrative process of issuing bylaw violations or infractions is -

- 1) First Notice: This is your one time free visit where you will be provided a *Notice of Infraction*. The Notice will detail the steps that you will need to take within a prescribed timeline to rectify your property.
- 2) Second Notice: \$25 fee levied at the end of the prescribed timelines if you fail to address the requirements outlined in the First Notice.
- 3) Any other official notices that have to be issued as a result of noncompliance with the Notice of Infraction is \$150.00/official visit. All default payments will be applied to the owner’s property taxes along with any additional cost incurred by the District to address the cleanup/removal of items listed in the Notice of Infraction and/or additional administrative expenses.

You may be saying to yourself, “why should I have to clean up my yard, when the District doesn’t clean up their properties”? Council is actively pursuing the maintenance of District owned properties, all the while prioritizing the key infrastructure of the District. Keep in mind that, a town becomes a community when it pulls together to attain a common ground; that common ground in this instance, is a safe and pleasant environment for our residents and their families to reside. Please be a part of the community and do your part.



**SPRING
RELEASE
OF THE
2012 - 2013**

**KATEPWA &
DISTRICT PHONE
DIRECTORY**

Work will get underway early in 2012 to publish the Katepwa & District Phone Directory.

Any changes to your contact information (email, phone, mailing address) should be forwarded to the office by phone or email. You are welcome to publish any number - cell phone or land line. The new design of the Directory has been very well received by residents and advertisers alike.

Business’ interested in advertising in the Directory can notify the office.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE
COMMITTEE UPDATE

Submitted by Warren Bobbee, Emergency Planning Coordinator

We are happy to report that in the time since the floods, all debris at East Maples and Sandy Beach has been removed and both areas are cleaned up and back to pre- flood condition.

Communication with Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) has been ongoing and information is being gathered on potential Rebate Programs for 2012. Recently, we had the opportunity to give the PDAP Engineer a tour of the lake and district to see the damaged locations first hand. This included damage to roads, culverts, shorelines and the lagoon. We also showed the Engineer the locations of the sand bag walls and water berms. This formed the basis of a claim submitted to PDAP. Good news - we have just received notification that the claim has been accepted and reimbursement for the repair of road damage will be supported by PDAP. As you can see, Glenda Hodson, Administrator, and I have been busy!

Planning is always ongoing and work continues on the Katepwa Emergency Response Plan. Your input is essential as we move through the development of this plan. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future for all residents and volunteers that participated in the formal Emergency Operations Center process, specialized Committees, and Site Managers to discuss (or debrief) on a lot of good things that went on and an opportunity to identify how we may be able to do some things better, for the future. This will help us as we formalize the Katepwa Emergency Plan.

KATEPWA AND DISTRICT LIONS REPORT

This is the season of farewell to our members who are heading south to their winter homes. Although we will have fewer members, that doesn't mean Lions activities will stop! Thanks to all who bought **Grey Cup Pool tickets**, your support is appreciated.

The Lions Club will be purchasing a **Public Access Defibrillator (PAD)**!

In the past few years we have had a variety of tragic and near tragic emergency incidents. Access to a defibrillator could make a life saving difference. We will be having a **public information meeting April 24th at 7:30 PM at the Katepwa Center**. Jamie Appel, Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Coordinator for the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region will be the presenter.

If lake conditions are favorable and we have enough workers, we will be planning **the March Fishing Derby**. Watch for information posters, out in February.

Extra helping hands have made cleanups and projects much easier. Many thanks to you all.



The Katepwa & District Lions club is excited to inform you that you can now deposit your unwanted laptops and tablets to be recycled through our Think Recycle fundraising program! Think Recycle has added over 100 popular laptop and tablet models that rebate up to \$200.00 per item! By collecting these items, in addition to cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, digital cameras and print cartridges, you'll continue to help us raise much needed funding and help promote the importance of recycling! You are helping to divert toxic chemicals from the landfill thereby preventing their entry into our water systems.

Our recycling initiatives are very successful - in the past 2 years, we have shipped close to 20 large cartons of e-waste materials for recycling - **thank you!** All funds generated help the Katepwa & District Lions Club support the numerous projects of Lions Clubs at the international, national and local levels.

Look for the collection bins located at the Landfill Office, the Loraas site at Katepwa South, the Info Kiosk at Sandy Beach and at the Katepwa Center.

Other Lion's recycling projects: We welcome donations of eye glasses. Drink can tabs raise funds too! Tabs can be left at the Center.

INDIAN HEAD AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION INC.

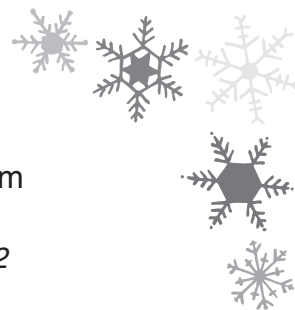
2011 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Indian Head and District Hospital Foundation. The Foundation has worked diligently over the years to gain support (financial and otherwise) primarily from Indian Head and the surrounding communities which use the hospital and medical/health services. Funds raised by the Foundation have allowed for the purchase of equipment not otherwise available to the Hospital; and, since its inception, the Foundation has directed more than \$250,000 towards equipment and facility upgrades.

How can you help the Indian Head Hospital Foundation?

- Become a member of the Hospital Foundation (\$10 annual fee or a \$50 lifetime fee)
- Make a direct donation
- Leave a bequest in your will, set up a "planned giving arrangement or make a contribution "in memory" of someone who has passed away
- DONATIONS should be sent to **Indian Head and District Hospital Foundation Box 1547, Indian Head SK S0G 2K0**.
- As a registered charity, the Foundation issues income tax receipts for donations received.



KATEPWA CENTER ACTIVITIES



BRIDGE

Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 pm
All levels welcome

Contact: Darwin 332-1460

CANASTA

Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00 pm
All levels welcome

Contact: Colleen 332-6509

QUILTING

Wednesday 10:00 am – 3:00pm
All levels welcome

Contact: Orla 332-5670

ALL THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES
ARE \$2.00 PER INDIVIDUAL.

COFFEE

Monday to Friday 9:00 am
\$1.00 per individual

Contact: Blanche 332-6002

LIONS

2nd and last Tuesday of the month
7.30pm

Contact: Elaine 332-1460

LIBRARY

Monday to Friday
Access through main office door
Computer and WIFI available
Printing and photocopying available
Volunteers are always welcome to
come and assist!

Contact: Blanche 332-6002



As you can see, Katepwa Center has become a busy place!

All the groups using the Center welcome newcomers and have plenty
of room for more participants. Joining is as easy as walking through the door.

IN MEMORIAM

Members of the Katepwa Community
(Source: SaskObits.com)

KRAHN, Lawrence James

March 22nd, 1949 - November 3rd, 2011.

PISULA, Rickey John (Pistol)

November 2, 1947 - August 9, 2011.

STUECK, Wanda Muriel Nordlund

February 16, 1926 - November 9, 2011.

YELLE, Hector Joseph

On Thursday, July 7, 2011 Hector Yelle
of Katepwa Lake, SK passed away
peacefully with his family at his side
at the age of 81 years.

KATEPWA'S EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE KNOWS THEIR STUFF

Warren Bobbee and Glenda Hodson were speakers at the
Provincial Association of Resort Communities (PARCS)
Conference at Manitou Lake on November 19. They made
a presentation on Katepwa's flood efforts, organization &
response. They also participated in a panel discussion with
the Fire Commissioners Office. This was an opportunity for
Katepwa to showcase the great efforts of our residents and
volunteers and also share some valuable response processes
with other resort Villages and RM's.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS



The District of Katepwa will be sponsoring summer activities once again. We are looking
for 2 individuals, at least 15 years of age with babysitting certificates (first aid training
would be a bonus) to be Activity Coordinators for the month of July. They would work 3 hr
days from 1-4pm. Please send your resume to the District office. Deadline June 1st.