



# DISTRICT OF *Katepwa*

## NEWSLETTER

### PROPERTY TAX UPDATE 2014

JUNE 2014

If you're reading this.... and have your property tax notice in your hands, you may be wondering why they have taken such a jump. I'll try to shed some light on our current situation. Two things have changed in your municipal taxes and it affects all residents.

1. The 'mil' rate has gone from 3.7 in 2013 to 5.8 in 2014.
2. The minimum tax on 'improvements' has increased from \$600 to \$900. To clarify, 'improvements' refers to the home or cottage you have on your lot. This increase puts the smaller cottages in line with (but generally lower than) a seasonal campsite in one of the local parks.

Every property has been impacted, in general numbers, the smaller cottages around \$300 and the larger ones about \$1,000, but every resident is impacted differently.

The goal of Council has always been to keep the Municipal tax as low as possible and still cover things such as roads, lagoon, landfill and operating expenses. We were successful in this effort and were building funds towards a new lagoon (\$50,000/ ann, 10 yr plan) and developing our road structure (\$200,000/ ann).

So why the increase this year? The cost of operating the District has increased significantly, all unforeseeable. The following number are rounded, audited financials can be found on line

or at the District Office for 2012 and prior. 2013 audit is still at the auditors and as such, not posted.

1. Our issues started with the emergency flood of 2011 with a cost of roughly (after the Gov't repaid part): \$160,000
2. Our lagoon expansion was moved up from a 10 year plan to 2012 for an additional cost of: \$450,000
3. The potential flood preparedness of 2013 of: \$170,000
4. The Landfill fire of 2014 at a potential cost of: \$300,000
5. The annual prepayment of the Lagoon loan of: \$300,000

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On top of the above costs there are the regular cost of running the district, street lighting, garbage pickup, snow removal, salaries, equipment repair or replacement, etc. These costs are about \$60,000 monthly / \$720,000 annually on top of the shortfall.

This adds up to a huge dollar value that must be covered and the only source of funds is our Residents. This year and probably next we can expect the Municipal tax to be higher. We may catch a lucky break with Government grants and those funds will be used to reduce long term debt, item #5.

We will be able to recover over a few years as long as we don't have another emergency (by definition emergencies are unplanned). Council has trimmed the budget as much as we feel comfortable without crippling the District. Special projects like the July 1st fireworks and entertainment have been cancelled and we are reviewing all outside contracts in an effort to reduce the impact on OUR Municipal taxes.

Fred Weekley, *Mayor*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR**

**GAIL SLOAN!**

## **LANDFILL - OUT OF THE FIRE AND INTO THE PIT**

Finally we have our landfill back!! The landfill fire that began in October of 2013 is completely extinguished. Unfortunately, due to the bitterly cold winter temperature that seemed to last forever, it delayed our start time to commence our fire suppression plans. After 6 months and some Government Employee changes, we finally received approval of our plan to extinguish the fire, which took about 1 month to get done.

To keep our landfill safe, there are now restrictions as to what can be brought to the landfill. The list of items that are NOT ALLOWED are as follows:

- Material covered products, stuffed items, ie; couches, mattresses, chairs.
- Carpets
- Propane Tanks
- Tires
- Household electronics, i.e. TV's, VCR's, Computers
- ABSOLUTELY NO LITHIUM BATTERIES, as these are EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE!!

The Regional Landfill in Fort Qu'Appelle will take all the items that the District of Katepwa Landfill will no longer be taking. The Regional Landfill is located 3.5 km north on highway 35 from the junction of 35 and 56, then 2 km east on the gravel road.

Regional landfill Hours of operation are May-Oct:  
Mon.-Sat. 8 AM-5 PM, Sun. 10 AM-4 PM  
Contact number: 331-8016 or 332-7519

The Council would like to thank Corey Hodson and his crew, as well as Warren Bobbee for his valuable input and direction. We would also like to thank Blake Nesbitt (Environmental Project Officer) for his expertise and co-operation in helping us reach a successful outcome.

We are saddened by the passing of our good friend and Landfill Operator Jerry Racette. He took such good care and had pride in our landfill during his years of service to this Village. He will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

Our new Landfill Operator is Jerry Stremick, a resident of Cedar Villa. We thank him for accepting this position and look forward to working with him.

The District has developed a 'landfill ID card' to be used any time you are hauling to the landfill. We will have the landfill ID cards mailed or given to you with your tax receipt. Until that time, please be prepared to show photo ID to Jerry so that he can ensure you are actually a resident of the District of Katepwa.

Why all the fuss? The landfill was developed by the Katepwa ratepayers for their exclusive use. The ratepayers paid to develop it, pay for its upkeep and are currently about to pay for extinguishing the landfill fire. The ID cards will go a long way in ensuring that non-residents don't take advantage of the local landfill.

Fred Weekley, *Mayor* AND  
Dwight Fisher - *Chairperson* - EMO  
*Councillor Ward 2*

## DISTRICT DOCK AND LAKESHORE POLICY

The District is CONSIDERING a lake shore policy! We will be holding a public meeting PRIOR to anything being put in place (date TBA). The following is intended to give you a 'heads up' on the new potential policy.

At the SUMA convention 3 years ago we were advised that a new 'Environmental' (lakes and rivers) code was being developed. A committee was put together, by appointment, from various areas of the province to look into 'purifying' our lakes and making them more environmentally friendly. There were some dramatic measures being considered in the initial discussions one of which was the COMPLETE REMOVAL of all docks, tracks, boat lifts etc, from all waterfront properties. Anyone wanting to launch a boat would do so at a public launch.

Needless to say this caught our interest. We needed to get a volunteer on that committee so that we would have direct input with the proposal being brought forward. Glenda Hodson stepped forward and was officially appointed by the District (Mayor's job) to the position. That committee is now disbanded and it's in the hands of the Water Security Agency (WSA).

So, we know it's coming but we don't know all the details as yet. We do know, at least at this time that the removal of all docks etc. has been shelved.

The District of Lakeland (around Anglin and Christopher Lakes) decided to do their own dock and lift policy in an effort to avoid having the Environmental code forced on them. It worked, WSA and the Environment has accepted their policy and advised them that Lakeland's policy would 'stand' in place of any future Environmental code.

The District of Katepwa is attempting to do the same thing. Council feels that if we have a 'control' policy in place that is monitored by the District we will receive the same treatment as Lakeland, that being exemption from WSA's environmental code.

The policy would give the District the authority to control the number of Docks per 50 feet of frontage along with the number of tracks, lifts etc associated with that particular piece of property. It would require the removal of any 'crib' docks (we have none) and the use in and on the shore line of things like the treated railway ties that are used. It will promote safety and cleanliness along the shore line.

There would be an application required by every lake front property with a fee (at this time) of \$25. There will be an annual renewal fee (at this time) of \$10. This is simply a cost recovery program.

My first thoughts on this were negative; however, I've spent many hours with Councillors discussing it and am convinced that this is a good policy. Provided the Water Security Agency accepts our policy it will give us (ratepayers) and the District Council control over what happens in our District. The details of the policy will be available on the Web site as soon as possible.

Fred Weekley CFP  
Mayor for the District of Katepwa Beach

## KATEPWA BEACH GOLF CLUB

The temperatures are slowly climbing and we're finally convinced that summer is on the way! As you plan your summer we hope that you find time for a few rounds of golf. Here are some events that you might be interested in:

**July 2nd and 3rd - Junior Links** – *clinics for juniors (7 to 18 yrs.) - beginner, intermediate, advanced*

**July 4th and Sept. 5th - Member Guest Golf and Dinner** – *be our guest!!*

**Aug. 7th – Ladies' Open Tournament**

**Aug. 13th and 14th – Golf Saskatchewan Women's Rosebowl Championship**

**Aug. 20th – Junior Classic**

**Aug. 23rd – You've Got a Friend Charity Classic**

**Sept. 20th – Couple's Classic Golf and Dinner**

**Oct. 5th – Frostbite Classic Golf and Potluck** – bring your mitties!!

### TUESDAYS

Men's Club

### WEDNESDAYS

Mixed League

### THURSDAYS

Ladies' Club

### WHAT'S NEW IN 2014? Cart path paving.

Interested in purchasing a membership? Yes! Memberships are available. Ask about our payment plan. Need more information? Please call the clubhouse at 306-332-2582.



## KATEPWA AND DISTRICT LIONS

**THE 4TH ANNUAL FISH DERBY** was held on **MARCH 15TH** at Katepwa Beach Park.

Fifty-one adult and junior fishers from 19 communities enjoyed a successful day of fishing.

The top two weights in three categories shared 50% of the registration receipts.

All Junior Fishers went home with a prize.

Katepwa Lions are using their share of the funds raised to purchase training equipment for Katepwa District First Responders.

Much of the success for the day can be attributed to the generous donations for raffle and door prizes from the Council and

businesses in Katepwa, Balcarres, Fort Qu'Appelle and Indian Head.

Every participant was awarded a door prize.

**NEXT YEAR'S DERBY** will be held on **MARCH 14, 2015**. Many thanks to all the Friends of the Lions volunteers who made this day happen... again!

**WE WILL BE SELLING GREY CUP POOL TICKETS AGAIN THIS YEAR.**

**TEXAS HOLDEM AT KATEPWA CENTRE:**

**June 21      July 19      August 23**

Contact Dick 306-332-4788

### **FIRST RESPONDER AND CPR TRAINING**

It is important to have First Responders in the District of Katepwa. If you are willing to sign up, the Club will pay for the manuals for any District resident who would be willing to take the course. District Council has allocated some funds for equipment supplies.

Please consider taking this valuable course.

Further information:

Dick Teece 306-332-4788 or

Elaine Chatterson 306-332-1460.

### **CPR COURSE JUNE 26**

Contact Dick Teece 306-332-4788

Colleen Meyer

*Katepwa Lions Lions Secretary*

## INDIAN HEAD AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION HELPS HEALTH SERVICES

On April 14 2014, the Foundation's Annual General Meeting was held, with representatives from the Regina-Qu'Appelle Health Region and the Indian Head Union Hospital in attendance.

Retiring Board members Karin Bock, Sharon Hearn, and Gail Dorcas, were thanked for their efforts. The Foundation Board of Directors for 2014 was elected: Naidene Thompson (President), Ed McCall (Vice-President), Sandra Weekley (Treasurer), Shelly Legault (Secretary), David Gehl, Marlene Bennett, Monica Langevin.

Since its inception in 2001 the Indian Head and District Hospital Foundation has worked diligently to support the Indian Head Hospital and local EMS services primarily by gathering donations for the purchase of equipment. Membership is open to any resident of Saskatchewan, 18 years or older upon payment of a \$10 annual or \$50 lifetime fee.

To become a member or make a donation please contact The Indian Head and District Hospital Foundation Inc. at Box 1547, Indian Head, SK S0G 2K0. A tax receipt will be issued. Donation cards are available from any Director or at the Indian Head Hospital and information for bequests in memoriam at Tubman Funeral Home. Or, look for us during the parades in Qu'Appelle and Indian Head on June 21.

**Thank you to everyone who joined, donated or helped the Foundation in any other way.**

## MOTHERWELL HOMESTEAD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Escape with your family to Motherwell Homestead where you will connect with living history, farm animals, and prairie life years ago. Glimpse into the life and career of pioneer farmer and politician, W.R. Motherwell, and his significant influence on the development of agriculture in Western Canada.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Open 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

May 21 – June 27 Wednesday to Friday

June 28 – September 1 Daily

**JULY 1** Canada Day – Free Admission

**JULY 19** Field to Fork Festival – Parks Day

Don't miss this unforgettable (and tasty) celebration of food – homestead style! A festival promoting the heritage traditions and culture of food.

**AUGUST 16** Celebrate 30 years of the Friends of the Motherwell Homestead!

Horses, fun, food and music are bountiful with our Binding and Stooking event, Petting Zoo, kids activities, Codie Prevost Concert, Supper & Beer Gardens

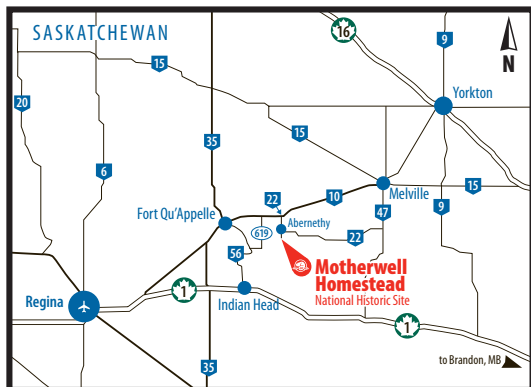
Codie Prevost is a Saskatchewan country singer/songwriter. He has recently shared the stage with Paul Brandt and Allison Tymiak. He raises money and awareness for many good causes, including shows for the "Imagine No Bullying" group.

**AUGUST 30** Threshing Day – New day of the week!

*Special event, program or rental fees may apply*

### Contact Us

(306) 333-2116 [motherwell.homestead@pc.gc.ca](mailto:motherwell.homestead@pc.gc.ca)  
[www.parkscanada.gc.ca/motherwell](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/motherwell)



**ALSO IN ABERNETHY:** July 25 is the  
**Abernethy Agricultural Fair**

## KATEPWA LAKE TRANSCANADA TRAIL

The Katepwa Lake TransCanada Trail runs from the Shamus Shores Road at the South end of Lake Katepwa to Sandy Beach.

It was developed and is maintained by interested volunteers of the community.

To become involved is easy - contact Sharon Blenkin at [sjblenkin@gmail.com](mailto:sjblenkin@gmail.com) or 306 332-2886 OR Pat at [Salterpa@hotmail.com](mailto:Salterpa@hotmail.com) or 306 332-4215.

You can be put on an email contact list so you are informed as to when we are having our meetings or fund raisers. Or, you may hear from a friend so know that would be your invitation to attend. There is no cost or commitment involved if you so choose.

### UPCOMING 2014 DATES:

June 9 - 9:00 AM - Clean-Up the Trail and Roses

August 18 - Katepwa Lake TransCanada Trail  
Golf Tournament

## TIRE RECYCLING

Did you know that, according to the 'Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation', you can take up to 5 rimless tires to Kal Tire or Quality Tire at "8 convenient locations across Regina"?

This is a **FREE** recycling option!  
No receipt is necessary.

Canadian Tire was on their list but when I spoke to Canadian Tire on Quance St. East, I was advised that you had to have proof that you purchased the tires there.

*Fred Weekley Mayor*

## BREEZE PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

We are looking for volunteers to plant trees in the park until mid June. We do have trees to plant but if you would like to donate a tree or two, they would be greatly appreciated. Contact Karen at 332-5649

**Don't forget to go to the Katepwa district website "What's New" and fill out the questionnaire for Breeze Park. Your input is valued and appreciated.**

## SWIMMING AND RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSONS

the park partners with Lisa Alport and Cailin MacPherson to offer lessons from preschool to level 9. For more information, visit [www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com).



The Get Active Glenwood parent committee has been busy over the winter months fundraising to build a play structure and small fitness area in the Glenwood circle at the far end of Sandy Beach. The fundraising efforts are going well and the group is excited to be hosting a few upcoming fundraisers. We hope everyone will get involved!

### 'SET FOR SUMMER' LIQUOR RAFFLE

- Enter to win a brand new wheelbarrow overflowing with your summer supply of liquor and a cooler too! The prize is valued at nearly \$700!!!
  - Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Draw will be made June 29, 2014.
  - Tickets are available at the District of Katepwa office or by calling Lindsey at 306-209-0589 or Krystal at 306-533-6499.
- 'Angler's Breakfast' featuring Jason and Jeff of [matitysgetfishing.com](http://matitysgetfishing.com)
- Join Jeff and Jason Matity on Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Sandy Beach Gazebo, as they talk about how to fish the Qu'Appelle Lakes. Learn about the best spots, the best lures and how to land the big one.
  - Tickets are \$10 each and include a pancake breakfast. Tickets are available at the District of Katepwa office or by calling Lindsey at 306-209-0589.

### GLENWOOD COMMUNITY BBQ

- Join us in the Glenwood circle for burgers, hotdogs, beer garden, games for the kids and the Set for Summer raffle draw on Sunday, June 29 from 4:30pm-8pm. Contact Lindsey at 305-209-0589 for more information.

***Thanks to everyone who has donated to this project so far. We hope to put shovels in the ground at the end of the season!***

Perch Be with You,  
Danny Jewitt

## COMMUNITY EVENT AT KATEPWA POINT PROVINCIAL PARK

The forecast for Sunday, August 17th calls for sunny skies and kind neighbours as we are excited for Year 2 of Perchfest. Perchfest was created with the goal to "gather our community together and build a race so they might run, art so they might dream, music so they might feel and poetry so they might think."

Katepwa Point Provincial Park is home to a 1 day festival of heart where spirit catches word. In the morning there is a 6 & 12 km run option following along the scenic Trans Canada Trails. Race starts at Rocco's store. Participants may enter at [www.raceroster.com](http://www.raceroster.com) or show up early race day.

See FREE ENTERTAINMENT in the afternoon at the Katepwa Point Provincial Park Gazebo, in an all ages event. The performance area will be decorated by crafters, quilters and artistic work.

**Our 2014 line-up includes the following artists, starting at 12:00 until late afternoon:**

**Shred Kelly** - Stokefolk band  
**Shayna Stock** - spoken word performer  
**Keiffer Mclean & The Curiosity Club**  
- Regina band  
**Porch Players** - Musical ensemble  
**The Starblanket Singers** - Drum Group  
**Adelle & Shane** - Kindersley duo  
**Dwayne Brenna** - poet  
**Todd & Mingy** - musicians  
**Friends of Foes** - Saskatoon band

We would not be able to enjoy in this day of fellowship without the support of the District of Katepwa, The Lions Group, Friends of the Park & the Saskatchewan Arts Board.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** *the July 1st fireworks and entertainment will not occur this year. With the large "one time expenditures" that affect the ratepayers of Katepwa, it was felt that we could not proceed with the expense of our previous Canada Day celebrations.*

## OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES:



Summer programming for kids age 4-12. Bradie

Herbel and Cole Manz-Francis start July 1st until July 31.

Check calendar on website and posters throughout the district for times and activity listing.

## THE KATEPWA POINT PROVINCIAL PARK NEWS

The Katepwa Point Provincial Park is one of the six original provincial parks established in 1931. The name of this scenic place was derived from Robert Balcarres Crawford, a Hudson Bay employee. Historic legend has it that he was visiting his friend J.B. Lauder in the 1880's when they heard someone repeatedly calling. It was then suggested that the place be named Katepwa, which means "Who Calls" in Cree.

The provincial parks described in part B of the Schedule I of the Parks Act 1986 are designated as recreation parks and are to be used primarily for the pursuit of outdoor recreational activities in a natural setting.

The Park Goals are to offer the public access to Katepwa Lake and a high quality beach. The park also provides a destination for day use activities with educational and economic growth while offering outdoor activities in the natural setting.

Last year it was estimated that the visits to the park were in the range of 100,000. The budget for the park is \$99,000(2013) with 3-4 employees

to maintain the park. Last year approximately \$875,000 was spent on the new washroom/community programming building and water treatment building.

This year the goals of the Park include:

1. Re-cycling program for bottles and cans. Lorass disposal bins are for Park waste but we seem to fill up with waste from the area.
2. Install retaining wall along beach that was washed out in the 2011 flood.
3. Install crossing that was washed out by 2011 flood.
4. Step up enforcement to remove dogs in main beach area where they are not allowed, and motorized vehicles (Quads, Golf carts) unauthorized to be in any area of the Park will be ticketed.



**PICK UP YOUR  
DISTRICT OF  
KATEPWA  
PHONE BOOK**

**NOW READY  
FOR PICK UP  
AT THE  
DISTRICT OFFICE!**

## WATER QUALITY

Last year you may have seen signs on the beach at the Katepwa Point Provincial Park warning park users that the water was unsafe for swimming. This was new for us and it's important to share how and why we got here.

Saskatchewan Health began testing our lake water last year. This testing will be done on a regular basis once the algae begins to bloom. We will learn if we failed the safety test with posting going up on the beach. Warnings will also be posted on the Calling Lakes web site at [www.4callinglakes.ca](http://www.4callinglakes.ca)

How did we get here. The Lower Qu'Appelle River Watershed Plan developed in 2010 states that our water is stressed (polluted) and it has lost resistance to change. The Federal Government is undertaking a large study as to why Lake Winnipeg is so stressed. Our lake flows into Lake Winnipeg.

Where do we go from here.

***On June 22 at 2pm at the Gazebo in the park, we will be holding the first AGM of the Friends of the Katepwa Point Provincial Park. One of the items on the agenda will be water quality. A Lake Friend Accord has been formed and we will have more information as to how we might be able to connect.***

Aura Lee MacPherson, *Chairperson Friends of Katepwa Point Provincial Park*  
and Dallas Chorneyko, *Acting Southeast Park Area Manager*



### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7:00pm  
at the Katepwa Community Centre.  
Public forum to follow for 15 minutes.

### 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  
to NOT more than 20lbs*

### LANDFILL HOURS:

**Beginning May 1st:**

Friday, Saturday and Monday 9am to 5pm

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

**May 1st to September 30th**

Monday to Friday

9:00am to 12:00pm

1:00pm to 4:00pm

*Closed on all STAT holidays.*

Phone: 306-332-6645

Email: [katepwabeach@sasktel.net](mailto:katepwabeach@sasktel.net)

**STAY INFORMED!!** Go to  
[www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com)  
for all information  
Katepwa related

## FAMILY NINE GOLF

*From May long to Sept  
long weekend, we have  
Sunday Brunches from  
9:30 am to 1:00 pm,  
including a special  
Father's Day Brunch.  
We will also be having  
steak nights, wing nights,  
and ethnic nights.*



School is out... but  
**LEARNING IS STILL IN.**

Tap into your child's potential by *encouraging their curiosity and creativity* with Bricks 4 Kidz. Kids can learn and grow with our fun-filled model plans, which are designed just for us by architects and engineers!

Watch for us out at Katepwa this summer!!  
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## OLDE TYME DANCING AT THE HISTORIC BELL BARN

*Highway 56, just North of Indian Head*

**TIME:** 8:00 pm to Midnight

### DANCE DATES 2014:

**June 20 and August 29** *with music by Len Gadicza*

**July 26 and September 27** *with music by Ron and Sandra Roduski*

### TICKETS:

\$25 per person - advance tickets only.  
Cash Bar, Cold Buffet at 10:30 PM

### FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS:

Connie Billett (306) 695-3456

### BELL BARN HOURS OF OPERATION:

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Daily  
(May long weekend to Labour Day Long Weekend)  
or by appointment

**CONTACT US:** (306) 695-2355 (695-BELL)

### SUMMER EVENTS IN INDIAN HEAD:

[www.townofindianhead.com/community-a-events](http://www.townofindianhead.com/community-a-events)

## The new proposed District of Katepwa Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws are ready for your input!

Attend a public meeting on Saturday, July 26, 2014  
Community Library from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

The draft Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw will be put on the website prior to the meeting.