

# District of Katepwa Council



## NEWSLETTER

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### LOBBYING FOR FAIR RATES!

When it comes to fair treatment for the ratepayers in the District of Katepwa, you couldn't have a stronger Council! Like every other municipality in Saskatchewan, Katepwa receives some of its operating capital from government funding – portions of municipal taxes, education tax, etc. There are so many factors and formulas used by the province when figuring out distribution of grants or funding that it's not always equitable, especially if you happen to be a resort community.

First, a quick lesson on "per capita" funding: Government funding that is available to communities is based on the number of full time residents. So the larger your permanent resident base is, the larger your funding dollars are. Katepwa has 285 permanent residents but then during the summer season population jumps to 1068 occupied properties with over 3,000 residents using the services provided by the Village – this doesn't include the over 100,000 visitors that the Village typically sees. Per capita funding is necessary to make infrastructure services available to everyone – tax payer or not. The finger is pointed at the ratepayers to cover the short fall of government funding.

***"The per capita grant structure is not equitable" quoted Mayor Weekly "It doesn't look like we can expect any adjustments in the near future and this is not acceptable."***

Mayor Weekley, along with administrator Glenda Hodson, tabled concerns on the unfair per capita grant structure at the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) Convention in Regina this past February. This convention brings together government officials, municipal officials and various businesses that provide services to municipalities. Mayor Weekley met with several senior government officials and MLA's emphasizing that the education tax needs to be removed from the property tax formula and that the current per capita grant structure is unfair to resort communities and needs to change. What he heard at SUMA didn't leave him thinking that we are out of the tax woods yet. Council clearly needs to continue to lobby for a better funding formula for resort communities.

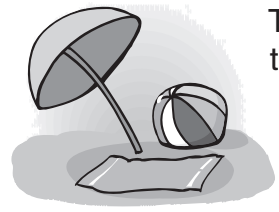
These are ongoing matters that need to be kept in the forefront and while we as residents enjoy the beauty of the lake, rest assured that Council is not losing sight of the work that needs to be done to ensure fair rates for the taxpayer and safety for all.

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUMMER FUN AT THE BEACH



The Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers to help work on a number of long range projects and beach activities. If you'd like to help develop new recreation facilities, kid's programs or supervise beach activities we'd love to have you join us.

Please call Glen Horvath (306-949-0928) or the Village Office at (306-332-6645).

#### VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR INDIAN HEAD HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE

A Community Participation Committee has formed to support the Indian Head District Health Care Plan.

A representative from the District of Katepwa is needed for this committee.

Activities include: liaising between the District of Katepwa and the Indian Head District Health Care Committee, supplying ideas for activities that promote the health of our residents and attending meetings every few months.

Full support from the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region is supplied at all times.

Please respond to Cathy Cuddington at 789-2119 or the village office.

#### LION'S CLUB

Six more benches have now been installed in the park for a total number of ten.

In May our highway clean up project will tackle the stretch of road from Lebret to the top of the Indian Head hill.



Texas Hold 'em Tournaments are on hold until April. They will be held the fourth Friday April - August 2010

A reminder that our Friendly Driver Program offers rides to Regina for medical appointments for those who don't have rides. Call Elaine Chatterson 332-1460.

**Correction in Lions Meeting dates the SECOND Tuesday of each month**

#### CELL NUMBERS:

You can list your cell number in the directory if you don't have a land line.

Call Glenda at the Village Office

#### SUMMER VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS:

Effective May 1 – September 30 the Village office will be open M-F 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. Closed 12 – 1:00 daily.

#### LANDFILL HOURS:

May 1 – September 30 the landfill will be open from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday, Friday and Saturday.

#### GARBAGE COLLECTION:

Every Monday from May 1 – September 30.

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00 p.m. at the Katepwa Community Centre. Ratepayers are encouraged to attend.

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

**Heading into spring** there are so many things that need attention in the District such as the completion of our road projects, continuation of the Lagoon enhancement, disposal ground considerations, and valley and District development. It is our objective to move as many of these forward as possible. We are limited at times by the weather and availability of contractors so bear with us.

In addition to addressing the removal of education tax from property at the SUMA convention, I also addressed the resolution to have all ATVs registered. In the near future, all ATV's will be registered in the same manner that boats are. Registrations will have to be displayed on the SUV and owners will be given a timeframe to register their units. This will be helpful for enforcement officers and village residents alike in identifying riders.

**This spring you will see** new signs coming into the District. One of them will say 'video surveillance throughout the District'. This is an attempt to curb vandalism. Let us know if you are having a problem in your area and we will relocate the cameras.

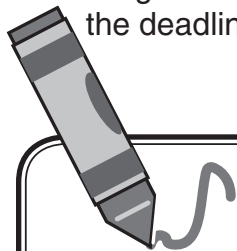
*Your Mayor Fred Weekley*

### THE DIRECTORY GETS A FRESH LOOK -



The *2010/2011 Katepwa and District Phone Directory* is currently in production and it is sporting a brand new look! The Communications Committee

has been working hard to improve the usability of the Directory and is very excited about the new format. We have revamped the layout and added some great advertising opportunities for local businesses. The Directory, available in June, will be current for two years. Interested advertisers can get a copy of the Advertising Package by contacting the Village office – act fast, April 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline!



### THE MAYOR ISSUES A CONTEST – WE NEED A NEW LOGO!

Do you have a creative concept for a logo that would best depict the District of Katepwa? The Mayor and Council are seeking a new visual identity for the District and are inviting submissions.

The logo will be incorporated into our letterhead, on the new website, on welcome signs when entering the community, promotional items...the uses are endless.

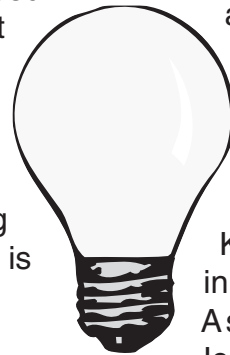
Submit your design to the Village Office by email [katepwabeach@sasktel.net](mailto:katepwabeach@sasktel.net) or by mail to Attention Mayor and Council, P.O. Box 250 Lebret, SK. S0G 2Y0 no later than June 18th.

### 2010 PROPERTY TAXES DUE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>!

The property tax notices will be mailed out to all residents by June 1, payable by the end of the month. If you pay early, you are eligible for a 15% discount. All late dues are assessed by 15% - don't be late! If your address has changed – let the office know.

### NEW LIGHTS TRIALED IN BERRY HILLS

Sask Power will install new lights in the Berry Hills area on a trial basis. According to Councillor John Boehmer, this will take place in the spring when weather permits. The District of Katepwa has recently purchased a 1.5 cubic yard sander. Cypress Street will be resurfaced and the road to the landfill and Katepwa South (main road) will be chip sealed in May or June (as soon as the weather permits). A special thank you to our snow removal operator. Job well done!



## SANDY BEACH - COMMUNITY MEETING

Councilor's Glen Horvath and Eileen Fisher invite all residents of Sandy Beach to a public meeting. Come out, have a coffee and donut, meet your neighbors and councilors and talk about what is going on in the Community of Sandy Beach. We hope to see you there!

**PLACE:** Sandy Beach old office, Edwyn Street, by the tennis court, at Sandy Beach

**DATE/TIME:** Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> (*councilors are intending to hold a meeting every 2nd Saturday during the summer season until September*) from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE PLANS UPGRADES TO DISTRICT PARKS

The Recreation Committee has a big list of upgrades planned, according to Councillor Glen Horvath. There are a number of parks in the District that will undergo improvements over the next two years and it is all starting this spring in the community of Sandy Beach. The Committee will be building stairs to the water, cleaning up the area and adding a picnic table to the public access at Smith Street and Woodlawn Ave. Repairs to the tennis court net are also on the list. The standard spring clean up and repairs will take place in all the parks in the District.

Also on the committees "to do" list is working on boat access areas in the District. The work will be starting in the Sandy Beach community with the public access on Edwyn Street seeing several upgrades including a new aluminum dock, the clearing of the area and straightening out the driveway. Work will continue on all public access sites throughout the District of Katepwa to ensure safety and neatness for the community. Residents should anticipate a few days where there might be user delays while the work is being completed.



### LAW AND ORDER

Cottage owners are encouraged to keep their properties and adjacent property tidy and free of "undesirables". We all know how quickly things can "pile up" which is why Bylaw Officers are asking that owners take a look around their property and voluntarily abide by the *Nuisance Abatement Bylaw*.

This bylaw is intended to provide for the abatement of nuisances that include property, activities or things that adversely affect –

- the safety, health or welfare of people in the neighborhood;
- people's use and enjoyment of their property; and
- the amenity of a neighborhood.

A nuisance can include a building in a ruinous or dilapidated state or repair; an unoccupied building that is damaged and is in imminent danger to public safety; land that is overgrown with grass and weeds; untidy and unsightly property; junked vehicles, vehicles that do not have valid license plates, rusted, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative or abandoned; open excavations on property.

### IN MEMORIAM:

**Edward Lloyd Breeze**

*September 11, 1927 – March 3, 2010*

Ed was instrumental in the formation of the Resort Village of Katepwa South and subsequent Mayor for 16 years. As mayor he worked tirelessly for the amalgamation and creation of the District of Katepwa. He left a legacy of stewardship in our community and we offer our condolences to the Breeze Family.

### GUN BYLAW

No person shall discharge any gun or other firearm, air-gun or spring gun or any class or type thereof within the District of Katepwa.