



District of Katepwa

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## MAYOR'S REPORT

Welcome to September at Katepwa! Some feel that this is the best time of the year. But in truth, whenever you are in the valley, that is the best time of the year.

We are a community that is growing, and as we move into the future, we need to be prepared for the changes that come with that growth. If you take a moment to look at the development that has taken place over the past ten years, you will see a new reality that requires a welcome of the new along with a recognition of the past. Our quiet little vacation destination has been transformed, but in that transformation we should never lose sight of the reasons our district has been such an attraction; the natural beauty of the valley and the lake, an environment that has been a gathering place for generations.

A number of Thank Yous are currently in order:

Thank you to Rick Pattison and Nathan Hollick for their efforts on a job well done at the council table. Both have done great work for the District and continue to help out with guidance on various issues. Thank You Gentlemen

Thanks Tim Stoll for joining council. Tim has already made an impact and we are very fortunate to have him join our council.

A huge thank you Rick Weber, Gerald Serson and the summer maintenance crew for the wonderful job they have done to keep the district looking so beautiful over the summer.

Thank you to all who turned out to our General Meeting on August 27 to discuss, with Sasktel, the planned DSL Internet system. Questions were to the point and the discussion was highly informative. Great to see a community turn out to discuss such an important issue.

In September, council will take on various municipal portfolios with the expectation that before Christmas we can have a Five Year Plan in place to guide our trajectory into the future. There are many immediate issues as well for council discussion: relocation of our garbage dump, creation of green space plan to direct our work with the areas of Glenwood, Sandy Beach, and Breeze Park, road allowances and easements, the Love Your Lakes program, and the work of our maintenance crew.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone, especially Laurie Rudolph and Council members, for the encouragement and guidance I have received in my new position as mayor. I have considered Katepwa my home since I was a kid cleaning the dance hall 50 years ago, and it is truly an honor for me to serve as Mayor of our district.

Please contact your council with comments, questions or observations. We are here to serve, and we do want to hear from you.

Don Jewitt, Mayor  
District of Katepwa

## **WHAT'S NEW?**

**JUNE 2016**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – GOLF COURSE**

As of February 2018, the permit to operate the District's landfill site will expire and will no longer be available for disposing of garbage. The site will be decommissioned, with reclamation and final closure commencing after closure date.

To offset some of the District's costs in decommissioning and long-term monitoring of the landfill site, the District has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Katepwa Beach Golf Club Inc. for a minimum lease period of twenty-five years with an option to extend the lease at the landfill site for an additional twenty-five years. In decommissioning the landfill site, the District is responsible to place a final cover over the landfill area. It is anticipated that some of the existing soil from the Golf Course parking hill can be used as final cover, and or appropriate soil material can be found in the area around the landfill and golf course property. The ongoing monitoring of the piezometers and such other wells as set out in the District

Integrated Landfill Plan, shall be the responsibility of the District and will continue to be so. The Golf Club will be responsible to provide a seed bed base over the final cover, and maintain the landfill site to ensure any erosion that may occur is repaired and the slopes are maintained on a go forward basis. During the lease period, the Club can use the lands as greenspace but would obtain approvals to use the site for any other purpose other than greenspace.

**ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW NO 2-2016**

Bylaw No. 2-2016 was passed to amend Section 5.2 R/R - Resort Recreational – Garage Side Yard Setback to 3m (10 feet), and amend Section 5.6 UH – Urban Holding – Minimum Site Area to 5 acres.

**ELECTION, ABANDONMENT OF POLL**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, a Notice of Abandonment of Poll was posted with the following individuals elected by acclamation:

**Mayor:**

Ward No. 2 Don Jewitt

**Councillors:**

- Ward No. 1 Dawne Zahorski
- Ward No. 1 Murray Penny
- Ward No. 2 Michael Alport
- Ward No. 2 Darwin Chatterson
- Ward No. 2 Dwight Fisher
- Ward No. 3 Dave Thauberger
- Ward No. 3 Tim Stoll

**LAND AGREEMENTS – KATEPWA ROAD**

Agreements were signed with Tim and Sherri Stoll and Raymond and Janet Hammond to purchase the necessary lands to relocate a portion of Katepwa Road around the slumped portion of the road.

The roadwork is now completed, and the paving was completed by City Wide Paving.

**BYLAW OFFICER**

An agreement was signed with Josh Olinik of Fort Qu’Appelle for the contract position of Bylaw Officer. The duties include the enforcement of municipal bylaws, representing the District of

Katepwa before a justice of the peace or provincial court judge, including towing, impoundment and providing a compound site.

**WASTE COLLECTION – WEEKLY BAG LIMIT**

A resolution was passed to increase the weekly bag limit per residence to a four (4) bag limit.

This will increase the material at the Landfill, reducing the required amount of fill material and associated costs thereof, required at closure.

**DUST CONTROL**

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, dust control was performed throughout the District by Mark Sinclair of By-Pro.

**LAGOON DEBT**

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the lagoon debt was paid off. The cost to construct the lagoon was approximately \$2,200,000.00 and the original loan amount was \$1,800,000. The loan had been scheduled to be repaid over a ten year term, from 2013 to 2023. With the early pay out, the District saved \$322,845 in interest.

**JULY 2016**

**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> CANADA DAY**

July 1<sup>st</sup> started off with wonderful music by the bands Len Gadica, Colby Nargang, the Blazers and Audacity and a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Love Your Lakes Program. Security was provided from 3:00 p.m. to midnight with no altercations reported; and finished off with a great display of fireworks produced by Paradise Fireworks.

A “Big” Thank You to Councillor Murray Penny for organizing the music event! Murray has confirmed that he has booked the Blazers and Len Gadica for the 2017 July 1<sup>st</sup> and is hoping to also book Brenda Lee Cottrell.

**STARS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Katepwa Stars Classic was held in July. There were 80 golfers and 100 in attendance for the dinner. They raised \$9,700.00 for STARS through golf fees, donations, 50/50 draw, extend-a-putt string sales, putting contest and silent auction.

**CERTIFIED WASTEWATER OPERATOR**

An agreement was signed with Tim Rosenthal of Neudorf for the contract position of Wastewater Operator to comply with the requirements by the Water Security Agency and the permit to operate.

### **BRIDGE WORK – ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

An agreement was signed with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure for the replacement of the bridge along Highway #56 over Vidals Creek. The bridge work will consist of the replacement of the existing culvert, conducting repairs to the creek, restoring road to its original condition and adding a 1.5 metre walkway with railing alongside the bridge. The additional construction of the 1.5 metre walkway will be funded by the Local Trans Canada Trail Committee and the District of Katepwa of an equal contribution of \$10,000 each.

The bridge work will commence in November and be completed by January. The Ministry of Highways will be performing the work, and the days of work will be from Monday to Friday. Highway #56 will be open to regular vehicle traffic, boats, and trailers, however overweight trucks will not be permitted. Signage will be erected at each of the District's boundaries. In conjunction with this bridge work, the Ministry of Highways will also be performing work on the bridge near Sandy Beach

### **AUGUST 2016**

#### **DECLARATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

The newly elected Council were sworn in at the August 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, and the Declaration of Elected Official were signed.

#### **RE-NAMING TO KATEPWA ROAD**

In early August, letters were sent to residents that had a civic address of Lakeside, Lakeview, Osment Place and Osment Road to advise them of the renaming of the major artery into the area to Katepwa Road, and of the Public Meeting scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>. At the August 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council, the Public Meeting was held and Bylaw No. 5-2016 was passed for renaming the road. The plan amendment for renaming has been registered with Information Services Corporation.

#### **LAND PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

A purchase agreement was signed with Joan and Audrey Stephens for the 0.71 acres of land that was encroached upon by the adjoining landfill site.

#### **GOLF CART BYLAW NO 8-2016**

For insurance purposes, Bylaw No. 8-2016 was passed to include for the use of golf carts by the members of the local Trans Canada Trails Committee to perform maintenance along the trail.

#### **TAX ENFORCEMENT – LOT FOR SALE**

An advertisement was placed in the Fort Times, Indian Head – Wolseley News and on the District's website of a lot for sale by tender. The property is located at #158S Katepwa Drive;

Lot A, Block 1, Plan No. EY4410 and zoned Lakeshore Residential. The lands are serviced with power and gas up to the parcel's boundary. The total square footage is 11,326. Tenders were to be sealed and delivered to the District office by 4:00p.m. Friday, September 9, 2016.

Since the advertisement, the office has received a claim by the original owners of the skidoo, ice shack, pontoon trailer, kayak and canoe that are located on the lands. In speaking with the RCMP, if a claim can be proven the items must be returned to its rightful owner. The original owner of the lands has confirmed the claim. Our office will be re-advertising the lot for sale by tender to explain the removal of items and to extend the deadline for the submission of tenders.

### **CALLING LAKES BRANDING COMMITTEE**

The District will be purchasing three (3) reflective signs with the logos "District of Katepwa and "Valley of Festivals" to be placed at each entrance point of the District's boundaries.

### **BALCARRES FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

The Balcarres Rural Fire Association and the Town of Balcarres provide fire protection services to the District of Katepwa. As of January 1, 2017, the current rates will increase 2% and by an additional 2% each year thereafter. The 2017 rates as follows:

- Annual Fee \$15,300;
- Fire Call \$750 plus an additional \$375 per hour after the first hour; and
- \$27.50 Per Man/Per Hour plus expenses

### **NORTH VALLEY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

As an alternative for landfill services after we close our current landfill site, a bylaw was passed and an agreement was signed with North Valley Waste Management accepting the following provisions:

- District's Per Capita will be based on a population 411 persons.
- A buy-in fee of \$75.00 per capita to cover a portion of the undepreciated capital cost of assets.
- A per capita fee of \$65.00 towards reserve funds.
- The 5% annual operating budget fee will be waived until the District commences hauling waste to the NVWM Landfill. The fee will be prorated for the year in which the District commences hauling waste.
- North Valley Waste Management will waive the 5% fee that would be levied if no municipal waste is brought to their landfill site.
- The District's residents will be permitted to haul yard debris, including branches and trees at no charge, from the time the District enters into an agreement, and before the District commences hauling municipal waste to the NVWM landfill site.
- Upon both parties entering into an agreement, the residents and contractors of the District will be assessed a member rate tipping fee.
- The District is allowed to amortize the buy-in over 5 years with the first payment to commence in September 2016.

- To withdraw from the NVWM Authority, a notice must be submitted to the Authority and the other member municipalities at least one year prior to the date of withdrawal.
- The Authority may expel the Municipality from membership if refusing to meet financial obligations. The notice to expel is effective 60 days after the municipality has received written notice. A Municipality expelled, is required to pay its entire capital assessment due under the agreement for the one year in which it was expelled.
- A Council of a Municipality shall appoint One (1) representative annually to the Authority. The Representative is entitled to one vote.
- Member Municipalities will be sent an annual audited financial statement.
- The Board shall review annually the formula for the capital and operating costs of the Authority. If there is a change in the funding formula, the new formula will be presented for consideration and approval to the member municipality councils. The new funding formula must be approved by at-least two-thirds of the member municipalities.
- The term of the agreement is indefinite. Any changes to the agreement must be made in writing and approved unanimously by each municipality enacted by a bylaw.

The 1<sup>st</sup> year payment of the buy-in was budgeted for and will be paid in September.

#### **SASKTEL – HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE**

At the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council, a resolution was passed to proceed with the installation of infrastructure for the SaskTel High Speed Internet Service.

To inform the residents of Council’s decision and address questions, a Public Meeting was held on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. SaskTel Representatives were in attendance and provided the following comments:

- SaskTel’s contribution towards the project is the existing infrastructure and the connectivity to the network, along with the installation of cabinets required every 2200 meters around the lake.
- If a property owner signs an application and later sells their property, the property owner is not bound by the signed application and will be able to cancel service.
- When you submit a signed application, you are agreeing to subscribe to the SaskTel High Speed Internet Service at your location for three years (this means 12 months of each year for 3 years of monthly bill payments). This sign up helps the District toward reducing its share of the total infrastructure cost. Both Seasonal and Permanent residents are welcome to submit a signed application as long as you are able to commit to subscribing for the full three year commitment period. Only those signed applications agreeing to the 3 years will be eligible in the calculation of infrastructure cost reduction. However, upon SaskTel completing the installation, the internet service will then be available for connection to all residents in the District.
- The property owners that choose not to submit a signed application, can connect and disconnect service at any time. To disconnect, SaskTel’s fee is \$35.00. The maximum length of time for disconnection is 8 months. For reconnection, there is no fee.
- The high speed internet service is a dedicated wired service, so there will be no limit to data that a property owner can download and no throttle back or slow down. The service will provide unlimited usage.

- Satellite competitors are vulnerable to weather conditions and periods of slow service.
- The hot spot on a phone is more prone to congestion and slow down because of sharing a tower.
- Fusion is more expensive, it is a shared service, and vulnerable to throttle back and slow down
- If a property owner does not currently have a physical line into their home, the installation will be an additional cost to the property owner. When the line is activated there is no rental charge for the line.
- The deadline to submit signed applications has not yet been determined. A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by SaskTel and the District. Upon the Memorandum of Understanding being signed, no further applications will be able to be accepted as an offset towards the infrastructure cost.
- During the installation, SaskTel will be the direct contact for any concerns or issues that may occur.
- A \$5.00 credit will be applied for those that wish to bundle their SaskTel Services. The services eligible include cell phone, Securtek and landline long distance package.
- Max Television will not be available through the high speed internet service. SaskTel is currently in the planning stages in developing an internet television product to work with the subset channels from Max television.
- The installation of the high speed internet service can also connect to overhead phone lines.
- SaskTel anticipates having the high speed internet service installed by the fall of 2017.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to assist in the financing of the infrastructure costs, donation forms may be obtained from our website or at the District Office. To receive a tax deductible receipt, please make cheques payable to The District of Katepwa.

Applications can either be picked up at the District Office or obtained from our website: [www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com) (under Administration and SaskTel Internet Service link).

We would like to send out a Big “Thank you” to those that were able to attend the Public Meeting. The meeting was well attended and a great success. Also, a Big Thank you to Nathan and Laurel Hollick for donating the coffee, juice and donuts; and to all of you that helped set up and clean up.

### **NEWSLETTER EMAILS**

August has been a great month for receiving emails for the newsletter. At times, the email addresses do not seem to send the first time around. As the saying goes, if you don’t succeed the first time, try and try again!! If you still are not receiving the information, or are not receiving our newsletters on a regular basis, please feel free to call or email the office. We will just keep trying until it works!!

Please email your information and requests to: [katepwabeach@sasktel.net](mailto:katepwabeach@sasktel.net).



### **PHOTOS WANTED**

Our office has some great photos of Katepwa, but never enough. If you have a photo(s) you wish to share, please feel free to send them to our email: [katepwabeach@sasktel.net](mailto:katepwabeach@sasktel.net). I would like to continue including the photos in the newsletters and on covers of future Directories.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

This year has been an outstanding year for building permits. To date, the office has received a total of 33 building permits. Seven (8) of those permits are related to new home construction, and thirteen (14) received in the month of August.

### **LOVE YOUR LAKES PROGRAM**

The District of Katepwa would like everyone to recognize the volunteer work Aura Lee MacPherson contributed in assisting with the Love Your Lakes Program. Thank you!

The District had identified the following goals:

- The need to remove railway ties from the shoreline or property; and
- Repair the riparian areas starting with the simple act of planting a tree along the shoreline.

To receive one **free** tree, residents may obtain a coupon from the website [www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com) (under Administration – Love Your Lakes Program) to present at U&K Greenhouse. Also on the website, are the planting instructions and information about trees.

For information on the removal of railroad ties and location for disposal, please visit our website [www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com) (under Administration – Love Your Lakes Program).

Please Share With Family, Neighbours and Friends

If you know of anyone that has not received the information, please have them contact the District Office at (306)332-6645 or email: [katepwabeach@sasktel.net](mailto:katepwabeach@sasktel.net)

### **KATEPWA & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

It was a busy spring and summer. The Lion's celebrated the Club's 10th anniversary followed by three Texas Hold'em and the sale of Grey Cup Pool tickets.

The disc golf project is progressing. Equipment Suppliers are being researched.

Planning for the annual ice fishing derby is underway. The ice fishing derby will be held Saturday, March 11, 2017.

Annually, Lion's Clubs collect used eye glasses. There is a collection box at the District Library.

The Lions welcome suggestions for projects that benefit the District. Contact Ann Barnsley at 306-331-7425.

### **KATEPWA TRANS CANADA TRAIL COMMITTEE**

The Trans Canada Trail Golf Tournament was held in August at the Katepwa Golf Course and was very successful.

One more fundraiser will be held in September at the Grand Avenue Inn in Indian Head.

Thanks to our great volunteer maintenance crew, lots of work has been completed on the trail this season. The trail is in great shape.

The committee is always looking for new members and will be holding a potluck meeting this fall.

## **SERVICES**

### **DISTRICT OF KATEPWA "OPEN" OFFICE HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed all Statutory Holidays including Easter Monday and Boxing Day

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are open to the public and are held every third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held in the District of Katepwa Community Center at 41 Elm Street at 7:00 pm. Any change to meeting dates will be posted in accordance with the Districts public notice bylaw and on our website.

### **BYLAW OFFICER SERVICES AND NUISANCE PROPERTIES**

If you require Bylaw Officer service or wish to report a nuisance property, please contact the District Office.

### **RECYCLING**

Blue bins are located at the District Office, Sandy Beach at Grove Ave near park, and South Katepwa on Berry Hill road turnoff. If the bins are full, please contact the District Office.

Please break down cardboard boxes.

Construction materials, garbage, glass and Styrofoam **are not** permitted in recycle bins.

### **GARBAGE**

Garbage pickup is Mondays by 6:00 a.m. and if it is a statutory holiday then pickup is Tuesday. Garbage bag limit is four (4) per pick up. If you have additional bags, please come by the District Office for garbage tags priced at \$2.00 each.

Front street pickup is from October 1st to April 30th.

### **LANDFILL SITE**

Summer hours from May 1 through to October 31 - Monday, Friday, Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Winter hours are Mondays from 9:00am to Noon.

For access to the landfill outside of regular hours please contact our Landfill Operator, Jerry Stremick at 306-331-9317. The fee is \$20.00 for the call out plus the fees for the load.

Items that **are not permitted** at the landfill site include: mattresses, box springs, couches televisions, railway ties, and used oil.

### **SASKTEL PHONE BOOKS**

SaskTel phonebooks are available at the District Office.

### **2016/2018 DIRECTORY**

For residents wanting a copy of the 2016/2018 Directory, please feel free to pick one up at the District Office. There is a \$5.00 fee charged to non-residents.

### **FIREARMS CARRIERS FOR THE DISTRICT**

The following individuals have been assigned to take care of nuisance animals within the District of Katepwa. If you need help with a nuisance animal, please contact:

Richard Barnsley - 306-331-7865 or 306-331-7425  
Fred Weekley – 306-536-1816  
Rand (Chico) Norton – 306-332-4055  
Don Urzada – 306-537-5480 or 306-332-1363

### **CAMPSITE BOOKINGS**

For campsite bookings, please contact:

- Indian Head RV Park – 306-695-3330
- Family Nine Golf and RV Park – 306-332-4264

### **SEPTIC SERVICES**

For septic service, please contact:

- Norton Septic (306)332-7200 (Katepwa)
- Lakeside Septic (306)332-5833 (Fort Qu'Appelle)

**STREET LIGHT OUTAGES**

To report a street light outage, please feel free to contact SaskPower at 1-888-757-6937. When you call, you will be provided with a tracking number.

**FRIDGE RECYCLE**

SaskPower will recycle your fridge free of charge. Book your pick-up by September 30, 2016. To book an appointment, please contact 1-877-757-3292.

**DUTCH ELMS**

Dutch Elms can be disposed of at the landfill site. Dutch Elm trees **are not** to be pruned during the months of April 1 to August 31.

If you require further information, you can call 1-800-SASK-ELM or visit their website at [www.se.gov.sk.ca](http://www.se.gov.sk.ca)



I would like to thank Council, the Maintenance Men, Contractors and the Residents in keeping the District of Katepwa looking spectacular!!

It has been a pleasure meeting and working with everyone.

We will chat again in January!

Sincerely,  
Laurie Rudolph