



District of Katepwa

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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 Labour Day and Thanksgiving

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.



MAYOR'S REPORT

The summer season has seemed to zoom its way through again this year, but has left us lingering summer weather to catch up on yard work, to get in those last few boat rides and to simply enjoy the beauty of our lake and valley. Someone this summer mentioned to me that the only view that matches the beauty of the sun coming up over Katepwa might be that of the evening sun descending over Katepwa. I tend to agree. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful resort community.

A big thank you is in order to our Maintenance Supervisor, Rick Weber, and his summer crew of Don McCall and Kendal Leib for all their efforts at maintaining the district. The district does look great and clean. The gazebos have been very well received, and thanks to all who make use of the extra garbage cans placed throughout the district. If only we had some rain to green up the hills and green spaces. Speaking of green spaces, thanks to the crew who put together the backstop at Breeze Park West. The spot has already garnered some use, and should be a going concern next year.

Thank you all for your patience in our gradual shut down of the land fill site. Transition can be difficult, but district rate payers have been very understanding as we move forward to comply with provincial standards and begin to access the land fill at North Valley. Our land fill will remain open until October 31. Our district clean-up is scheduled for October 10 and 11. Please watch for details about this event.

How is that new Sasktel High Speed working for you? A big thanks to former Mayor Rick Pattison and former councillor Nathan Hollick for their work on bringing this service to the district.

Two documents that are of importance to all rate payers are the [Love Our Lakes](#), "Katepwa Lake Shoreline Assessment Summary Report", and our Official Community Plan which was prepared in 2014. Both documents contain highly relevant information and will allow you the good information required to participate in informed discussion regarding our district.

Thanks to all who participated in our community meeting regarding the use of campers and RV's within district limits (proposed amendments to Bylaw 4-2017). I can say confidently that opinions expressed at meetings such as these do have impact with councillors on the direction taken by council. Thanks so much for the respectful and informative nature of the discussions. Council will review the collated notes from this meeting and move forward on the issue.

Communication continues to be a major concern for us at the District Office. Thanks for your patience thus far. A major focus for us this fall will be to improve our email practice, our web site access and basically our connecting with rate payers. Your concerns along these lines are valid, and we take them seriously.

Another informative community meeting was held in July to discuss development of the green space at the corner of Highway 56 and Katepwa Avenue. Thanks so much for the Lions Club for taking on this project and for taking the time to gather public opinion in doing so.

On August 26, the grand opening of the new bridge took place celebrated by all residents in general and users of The TransCanada Trail specifically. Council is pleased to support the paving initiative for the trail, and has donated \$10,000.00 to help with costs of paving a highly used portion of the trail.

An issue concerning the safety of children in our village has been highly visible this summer. I refer to the increased use of golf carts for transportation throughout the district. (Check out Bylaw 6-2016.) I will admit readily that I avoid the practice of jumping on every bylaw breach that really has nothing to do with me as a home owner and rate payer. However, the practice of allowing children to head on down for ice cream on the golf cart, on a busy Saturday evening, sometimes loaded with four or five other children, taking corners on two wheels, dodging in and out of traffic is simply dangerous. No child is of the maturity level to drive a golf cart and if you are allowing your child to do so, you are doing a great disservice to everyone on the streets, not to mention the safety of your child. Y'er Welcome.

I would like to close out by acknowledging the passing of two neighbors of mine and long-time residents of the district. Marlene Glaspey on Elm Street had been here for about 30 years, and Jim Mackenzie of Lakeview Lane (son-in-law to the late Pop Oliver) had been a regular at the beach for over 70 years. Condolences to their families.

As always, if you have concerns, comments or observations regarding the operation of your District of Katepwa, please contact your elected representatives or the District Office. We are always pleased to hear from you and happy to serve you.

Mayor Don Jewitt

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Thank you to the volunteers that erected the back stop in **West Breese Park**, a job well done. Also a thank you to the residents of Katepwa South for their support on this project.

Several **speed bumps** were requested this year for safety and traffic slow down. Councillors Stoll and Temple have toured the District to note locations. Going forward, speed bumps will be installed and requests for additional speed bumps will be forwarded to the Public Works Committee.

Lagoon questions – We have received inquiries about the new lagoon and have spoken with Ministry of Environment officials who have advised that if no rainfall is received by fall, we should transfer liquids from the 1st cell to the 2nd cell. We are monitoring the situation and will proceed as protocol dictates to ensure the proper maintenance of our investment.

Our Public Works Committee wants to let residents know that we are on schedule and below budget with the District's landfill closure which will take place October 31, 2017. This will allow us to use our landfill during our free fall clean up on October 10 and 11 before the closure. Details on fall clean up follow in this newsletter.

We are asking for your opinion on the following:

- Would you like to see more gazebos – where?
- Should we have washrooms in our parks? Public reserve areas?
- With the thistle/weed issue in our green spaces, what are your thoughts on spraying? The District will be looking into contracting a certified sprayer.

For your information, we have included the Maintenance/Public Works statement profit statement.

Maintenance Operating & Salaries							
			2016 Final	2017 To Date	2017 Budget	2017 Estimate Final	2018 Budget
Land Surveys			\$ 4,300.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Road Maintenance			\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Tree Trimming			\$ 1,400.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 90.00	\$ -
Supplies			\$ 2,464.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Tools			\$ 1,160.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 500.00
Repairs			\$ 11,269.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Gravel			\$ 15,240.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
Dust Control			\$ 5,700.00	\$ 7,950.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,950.00	\$ 8,000.00
Street Signs			\$ 3,400.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,000.00
Snow Removal			\$ 7,300.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Fuel			\$ 4,600.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
Total			\$ 61,233.00	\$ 31,240.00	\$ 47,150.00	\$ 39,790.00	\$ 32,000.00
Maintenance Salaries			\$ 62,000.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 81,000.00
Total Operating & Salaries			\$ 123,233.00	\$ 78,240.00	\$ 130,150.00	\$ 119,790.00	\$ 113,000.00
Maintenance Operating - Contract Services							
			2016 Final	2017 To Date	2017 Budget	2017 Estimate Final	2018 Budget
Waste Collection			\$ 42,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Recycling			\$ 25,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Total Waste & Recycling			\$ 67,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
Professional Services			\$ 45,000.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total Professional Services			\$ 45,000.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL COSTS			\$ 235,233.00	\$ 117,325.00	\$ 208,150.00	\$ 190,290.00	\$ 147,000.00
Note: Operating with modern multi-use equipment; sold non-used equipment at budgeted amounts; 2017 transition year; maintenance operations today provide the District with the pleasure of having full time staff with accountability to the District; District of Katepwa looks attractive; restructuring has given residents a comfort zone that assets are looked after 365 days per year with a savings of close to \$100,000 annually.							
Please have a close look at the spread sheet, it tells the story of where we have been, where we are today, where we are heading moving into 2018 and onward.							

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Katepwa Point Trails Revitalization Project Proposal

Katepwa Point in the District of Katepwa is home to two footpath trails; namely the “Cutout Coulee Trail” and the “Hillside Nature Trail”. Thanks to a group of hardworking and dedicated individuals, these trails (along with the interpretive exhibit on the main beach) were created and developed by the Katepwa Beach Environmental Group as part of a millennium project in 2000.

The Cutout Coulee Trail and the Hillside Nature Trail offer local residents, visitors, and their families an opportunity to experience and learn more about the valley’s natural beauty (not to mention a great opportunity for some fresh air and exercise!) The two trails incorporate trail markings, interpretive signs, lookout points and safety steps in existing ravine areas. Both footpath trails have been accessible since 2000; however, it has been observed by some local area residents that the condition of the trails, signage and steps are in need of upgrading and/or repair in order to restore the trails to their original state and intended usage.

A public meeting was held at the Katepwa Centre Library on Friday, August 25th, 2017 to discuss the Katepwa Point Trails Revitalization Project.

Recreational Use for Municipal Reserve Blk/Par R2, Plan 79R00363 at Katepwa Drive (Hwy #56) and Katepwa Avenue

The Katepwa Lions Club approached the District about tree planting on this site and are discussing future uses such as an edible forest, picnic tables, barbecues, lawn bowling, horseshoes, etc. Before moving forward they requested a public consultation to assist in developing an overall plan for the area. A public meeting was called by Council and held Saturday, July 22.

Items raised during the meeting included:

- Parking, safety concerns for kids, something for kids age 10 – 12, kids horseshoes, engage youth
- Beautification, flower power, open space
- Edible forest requires lots of water, attracts wild animals and flies
- Keep it simple, outdoor facilities, gazebos
- Basketball, cricket, activities that co-exist with other activities to maximize use and space.

As the current road is not surveyed and not registered, it will be incorporated into the area to allow for green space, parking or other items suggested by spring 2018.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Since the flood of 2011 there have been annual changes to the creek bed and banks of the creek that flows down the hills, under the bridge on Hwy 56 at Sandy Beach, and behind homes and cottages. This creek then feeds out into the lake. The creek is becoming shallower due to the increase in silt and the banks are being eroded. Concern has been expressed by residents. In August, Robin Tod and Jason Signarowski of the Water Security Agency did a tour of the creek bed. A meeting was held with residents to educate and make recommendations as to how they can begin to prevent further erosion. They also looked at some drainage ditches and rights of way within Sandy Beach. The purpose was to assess safety of the lake banks effected by erosion, how the shorelines are protected, and drainage into the lake. Council is waiting for the full report of areas that need attention with recommendations.



District of Katepwa Newsletter Fall 2017

We celebrated Canada Day and Canada 150 with great fanfare as we dedicated the flagpole atop Pimple Hill! Our thanks to Ross Keith for his generous donation to the project and his graciousness in sharing the hill. The flag flying on the hill is a nice addition to our beautiful valley.

The tee signs are up at the disc golf course. Its great to see people out there playing and enjoying the facility. Autumn will be a great time to enjoy the course so take advantage of the cooler weather and fewer park users. Dick Teece led a disc golf clinic and will do so again. If you are interested in attending a clinic, contact him at 306-332-4788.

Our Grey Cup Pool tickets are all but sold out! Hopefully you were able to purchase one and have a chance at winning!

Guided by the ideas and suggestions we received at the July public meeting, we are looking at some recreational installations for the green space at the corner of Katepwa Drive and Katepwa Avenue. In the meantime, the horseshoe pits are ready to go! Watch for announcements on a clinic day later in the fall.

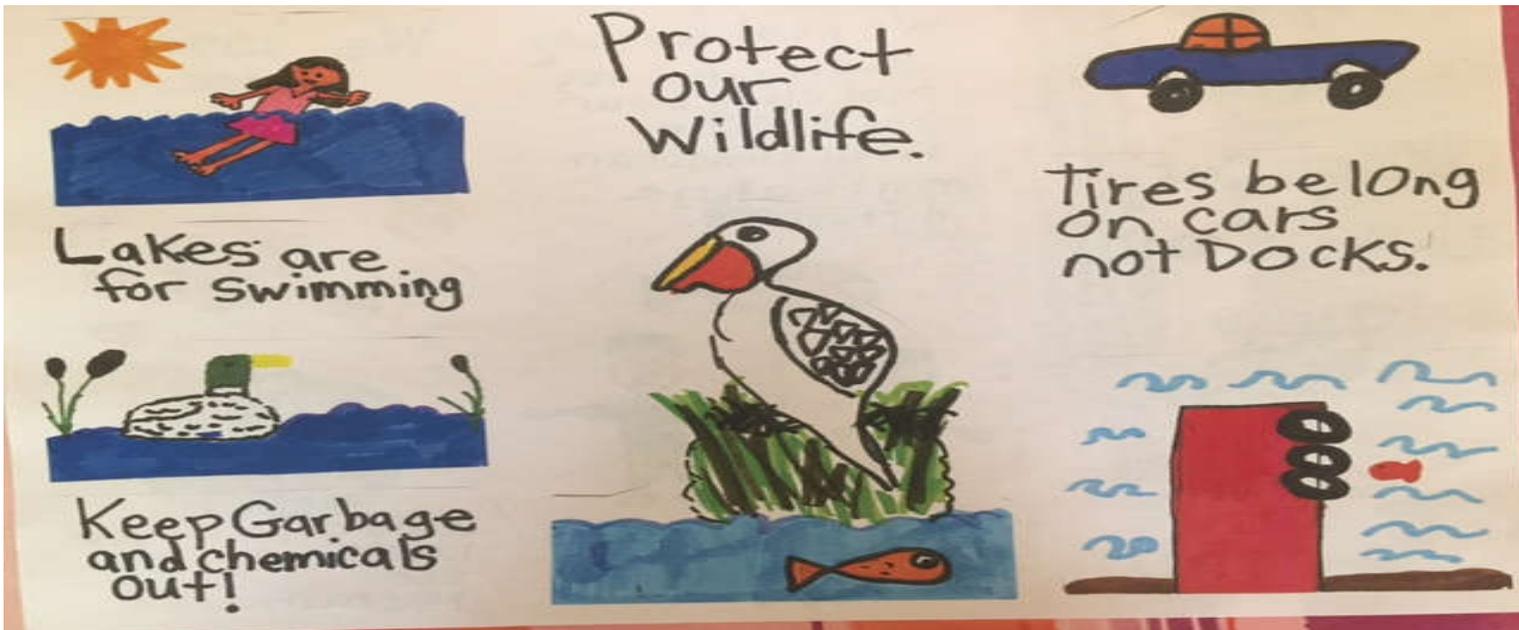
Thanks to all who have supported our Texas Hold'ems this summer. These will resume in June 2018.

We are pleased to have welcomed 11 new members to the club! These new members will greatly enhance the Club's ability to serve! This year's slogan for Lions Clubs International is, "The Power of We!" All of us working together can do much more than we can as individuals. The District of Katepwa is a great example of this and we look forward to serving together with you!

CALLING LAKES ECOMUSEUM

Who said climate change was hard? It is as easy as removing those tires from your docks. Tires hold the heat and heat is what algae growth needs. Talk to the boat businesses in Fort Qu'Appelle - they will get you fixed up with the proper dock gear. And Recycle your tires at the Regional Landfill in Fort Qu'Appelle. Boom - it is that easy!

Please remember bathing in the lake using shampoo and shaving creams promotes algae blooms. Simple shifts really do bring clarity to our lake.



Are residents aware that Lebret will be releasing lagoon sewage into Katepwa Lake until 2030? In January 2017 the WSA (Water Security Agency) advised they are working with the Village of Lebret and have taken steps to lessen inputs to their lagoon to meet Federal effluent limits by 2030. The WSA advised they take all concerns seriously and look for a solution beneficial to the community and the environment.

For more information on water quality, Quill Lakes issue, zebra mussels, etc. go to www.skparcs.com That is the Provincial Association of Resort Communities website which has excellent information and produces a monthly newsletter.

ALTERNATIVE INSECTICIDE, HERBICIDE & HOME CLEANSER

Try these homemade and ecofriendly alternatives:

Weed Be Gone – 1 gallon vinegar, 2 cups Epsom salts, ¼ cup Dawn (blue)

Mosquito Repellant – 15 drops lavender oil, 3-4 tablespoons vanilla, ¼ lemon juice, water to fill 16 oz bottle

Ant Killer – 1 cup confectioners' sugar, 2 tablespoons Borax

Also try used coffee grounds or cucumber peels as ant repellants

Bathroom/Shower Cleaner – 1 cup Dawn (blue), 1 cup vinegar. Spray and wait 15 minutes.

Can be slippery so rinse thoroughly.

CANADA DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS – JULY 1st CELEBRATIONS

Our District celebrated Canada Day in a big way! Residents got in the spirit decorating their properties with flags and banners, and planting red and white flowers in planters and pots. We wish to thank and acknowledge the following for their volunteer efforts and donations: Jan Thatcher and Auralee MacPherson for decorating the village and the TransCanada Trail with new white birdhouses with Canada decals; Dawne Zahorski for coordinating decorations in the village and in the Katepwa Point Provincial Park; Katepwa Point Provincial Park for their donation of the cakes commemorating the 150th birthday celebration and the use of the provincial park grounds; Murray Penny for organizing the afternoon entertainment; and all the other volunteers for making this event a successful fun family day!



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A huge thank you to all those who donated toward the fireworks for Canada Day celebrations:

Markusson New Holland
Prairie Co-operative Limited
Sunday's Log Cabins
Indian Head Bakery
Miracle Auto Touch
Katepwa Beach Golf Club
Jason & Keeley Szysky
Don Jewitt

We also wish to acknowledge the grant received from SaskLotteries in the amount of \$3784. The donations and grant combined resulted in a beautiful display lighting up our night sky.

USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES BY MINORS

Parents & Grandparents – A reminder that any motorized vehicle operator must be 16 years of age, hold a driver's license and wear a helmet. Some motorized vehicles can only be operated on your own private property. Please be cautious in the use of all of your motorized vehicles.



KATEPWA TRANS CANADA TRAIL

NEEDS YOU!!

Katepwa Trans Canada Trail has struck a committee called "Paving the Way"

The plan is to pave the trail to make it more inclusively accessible for all. Safety is a real concern for all using the roads for recreational activities.

Such as: walking, biking, skate boarding, golf carts, quads, snowmobiles etc.

In order for this to happen the Katepwa Trail is committed to raising funds through donors (donations may be made to the District of Katepwa office, tax receipts will be issued for all donations). Also, fundraising events will be held as part of the project. The Katepwa Trail "Paving the Way" has also made the decision to enter in to the contest offered by

Kraft Heinz "Project Play"

Check out the website: www.kraftheinzprojectplay.com

This a photo from the Photo taken at the Katepwa Point Provincial Park on Monday August 7th



Note:

Trans Canada Trail

The Trans Canada Trail is one of the world's longest networks of trails, developed and promoted by a non-profit registered charity. When completed, the Trail will stretch nearly 24,000 kilometres from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the Arctic oceans, linking Canadians in close to 1,000 communities.

Millions of Canadians and international visitors are using the Trail to hike, cycle, ski, horseback ride, canoe and snowmobile. The Trans Canada Trail offers countless opportunities to explore Canada's diverse landscapes and rich history.



DISTRICT OF KATEPWA LANDFILL HOURS

OPEN: SATURDAY 9:00 am to Noon

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

Items **not permitted** at the landfill site include: mattresses, box springs, couches, televisions, railway ties, used oil, tires, paint, demolition material and trees.

Permitted Items: household garbage, grass clippings, leaves and metals

NORTH VALLEY WASTE MANAGEMENT REGIONAL LANDFILL

Phone: 306-331-8016

The District of Katepwa is a member of the NVWM Regional Landfill. **Tipping Fee Schedule (Member)** can be viewed on District's website under "**Services**" – **Garbage & Landfill link**. For members, fees start at \$5 per car/truck or 4'x8' utility trailer load.

Landfill Site Location: 3.5 km north on the east side of highway 35 from junction of Highway 35 & 56, 2 km east on gravel road, and .5 km south.

Hours

May 1st to October 31st - Monday to Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 1st to April 30th - Monday to Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Closed Statutory Holidays and Boxing Day

ITEMS PERMITTED: household garbage, tires, furniture, railroad ties, cement (not big loads), wood, metal and aluminum.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED: Electronics, paint, chemical containers or mixed loads.
(Mixed loads are loads that cannot be separated into metal, burning and dumping)

Loads must be tarped, or otherwise secured to prevent littering. All Loads must be separated into either:
metal (stoves/refrigerators/washers/dryers/hot water tanks/scrap iron & metal)
burning (tree branches/clippings/clean wood/unpainted and untreated lumber)
dumping (household garbage/shingles/composting)

NO charge for trees, leaves, grass clippings, compost, used oil, gas, oil filters and air filters.

DISTRICT OF KATEPWA LANDFILL SITE

The operating permit for the District of Katepwa landfill expires February 2018. It is expected that the landfill will be at full capacity before that date. We are on schedule and below budget for the targeted closure of the landfill on October 31, 2017.

DIRECTORY – WE NEED YOUR HELP



In 2018 a new directory will be available to residents. The District would appreciate the resident's help in ensuring your name, address and telephone number are correct in the current directory. Only one phone number (landline or a cell phone) per address. We need information such as:

- new residents
- name(s) you wish listed
- change to street name
- change to phone number – disconnected landline and gone to cell phones?

Email updates with subject line "Directory Updates" to katepwabeach@sasktel.net

There are an abundance of 2016-18 directories available, please feel free to pick one up at the District Office.



DISTRICT FALL CLEANUP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

BAGGED LEAVES & BRANCHES ONLY

(PLEASE HAVE PLACED AT YOUR LANE BY 7:00 A.M ON October 10th)



***UPON ARRIVING TO YOUR PROPERTY,
THE DISTRICT WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS
WELCOME YOUR HELP IN THROWING YOUR BAGGED LEAVES AND BRANCHES
IN THE TRUCK & TRAILERS***

Thank you For Your Help

WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

WASTE COLLECTION - 2017 Waste Collection Calendar on website under Services.

Please have your garbage out by 6:00 a.m. in a closed container. Grass clippings, branches, leaves are not to be included with your regular garbage. Those items must be taken to the landfill.

Back Lane pickup from May 1st to September 30th

Front Lane pickup from October 1st to April 30th

Weekly waste collection is four (4) garbage bags per household, unless tags have been purchased and placed on the additional garbage bags. Tags may be purchased for \$2.00 per bag at the District office during regular office hours.

USE OF CONTRACTED SERVICES - WASTE COLLECTION & SNOW REMOVAL

Council has decided to discontinue the contracted waste collection and snow removal services and that the District maintenance employees assume the responsibility. The switchover for snow removal will commence the 2017/2018 winter season and the waste collection as of January 1, 2018 or sooner if necessary.

The hours for the position of maintenance supervisor have been increased to full time hours to accommodate for the additional duties of waste collection and snow removal.

RECYCLING

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

Please break down cardboard boxes. **DO NOT RECYCLE Construction materials, garbage, glass and Styrofoam.**

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

Use of Library

Our library is such a useful asset to everyone in our community. Remember to treat the library and everything in it with respect so we can all continue to enjoy it.

- We have found some marker scribbles on the shelves
- Please be careful not to track in sand and grass
- Pick up your candy wrappers, juice boxes, etc. before leaving. Thank you!

Ice Shacks

Please keep Ice Shacks stored on your private property.

Dogs Running At Large

For the safety of others, please ensure your dog is securely fastened so not able to roam at will, and have leashed when taking for a walk.

Protecting our Trees from Dutch Elm Disease

The pruning of elm trees is prohibited from April 1 to August 31. Pruned trees or dead wood can be disposed of at the NVWM landfill. For more information, call 1-800-SASK ELM or VISIT www.se.gov.sk.ca

Rural Crime Watch Program

The Fort Qu'Appelle RCMP Detachment is reaching out to the municipalities to seek community interest in a Rural Crime Watch Program. There are two Rural Crime Watch options:

Non-scheduled patrols:

- Volunteers/Members of the community act as another set of eyes and ears to assist RCMP in detecting crime.
- Volunteers/Members of the program can join a “by invite only” social media group.

Scheduled patrols of the municipality areas:

- Two man patrols are scheduled to observe and record information to report immediately to RCMP.

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer/member of the Rural Crime Watch please notify the District Office by email to: katepwabeach@sasktel.net

COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS - NEWSLETTER EMAILS

We have been working with SaskTel for the past year trying to improve our communication with the District. At this point, we are running out of options with them and may need to look at other distribution options for our newsletter. Please check with your neighbours that have not received our emails in the past to see if this mailing has reached them. Thank you for your assistance and patience.

WHAT'S NEW?

TOXIC GIANT HOGWEED SPREADING IN CANADA



It can cause third-degree burns and even permanent blindness – and it's spreading. Giant hogweed is cutting a wider swath in B.C. and Ontario, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada is urging people across the country to document sightings of the towering, three-metre green plant with large umbels of white flowers.

Dan Kraus, a biologist with the conservancy, said the invasive Asian species likely arrived in Canada in the 1940s and can now be found in areas of the Atlantic provinces and Quebec, and has been spreading in southern Ontario and southern B.C.

BRIDGE WORK – SANDY BEACH ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The materials for the repair of the Sandy Beach Bridge have been purchased and the Ministry of Highways and Transportation will commence work this fall.

SASKTEL – HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE

SaskTel has been installing highspeed internet within the District! Work is well underway and SaskTel will contact and book an install with residents that submitted a “Community Participation Service Request Application”. Those properties that have not submitted a “Community Participation Service Request Application” may contact SaskTel to subscribe for service at **1.800.727.5835**.

The SaskTel website www.sasktel.com/bundles is a good reference to get information on current prices and promos. SaskTel's internet service package will include 5Mbps High Speed plus 10Mbps High Speed Advanced.

SEPTIC SURVEY

A few years ago the District took part in a Septic Survey. Over the past few months the District and the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Authority have been working together to follow through with issues identified. So far

four (4) letters have been forwarded to the Dept. of Health re: septic being in violation of safe use. It has been suggested by the LQWA that if a ratepayer of the district has a concern about a septic or privy septic being in violation of safe use emptying of grey water into the lake to please report the address to the office. The concern will then be dealt with using the District Septic Bylaw or it will be forwarded to the proper Government department. All concerns are confidential and may be reported anonymously.

Council asks that all residents of the glorious Katepwa Lake do their part in helping to make our lake cleaner for years and decades to come. If we want our lake clean and safe for generations to come we all must do what we can starting now.

For details, the Septic bylaw can be viewed on the District's website under Administration.

HOLDING TANK – SEPTIC TANK

A holding tank is a one-compartment tank designed to collect and hold sewage without treatment prior to it being transported to a final point of disposal.

- Tanks must be CSA approved for sewage, must be watertight, and must have a minimum capacity of 1000 gallons. Storm Water and Clear Water Waste can bypass holding tank (these are the only types of waste that can bypass the holding tank system). The definition for "clear water waste" (i.e. cooling water and condensate drainage from refrigeration and air conditioning equipment and cooled condensate from steam heating systems) can be found in The Private Sewage Works Regulations, but is not really applicable in most residential uses, the storm water is and would include surface runoff and eaves trough discharges. Wastewater leaking from the tank can threaten groundwater quality.
- A septic tank is a two-compartment tank of which the first compartment is where the solids separate and settle. The heavy solids sink to the bottom of the tank as sludge which gets pumped out as required (typically annually) and the second compartment is where the liquid waste collects before being pumped to the onsite system. The liquid is sent out to the onsite system (which could include: chambers, absorption fields, mounds, jets, lagoons, package treatment plants). Effluent flows (gravity or pump) to the onsite system in specific dosages to ensure proper treatment and prevent system overloading. Some of it evaporates through the soil but most of the liquid is absorbed through the gravel bed into the surrounding soil. Here, harmful bacteria, viruses and other contaminants stick to soil particles and are broken down by beneficial bacteria present in the soil.

CAUTION: NEVER puncture a holding tank to reduce the need for regular pumping. This would risk contaminating ground and surface water. It could also contribute to increased algae growth and deterioration of water quality.

CAUTION: Don't build, install, alter or repair a private sewage disposal system without a permit from your Regional Public Health Inspector.

Did you know.....

It is illegal to dump liquid domestic waste (which includes discharges from water softeners and treatment devices like iron filters.) in places where it will impact surface or ground water? Improper disposal causes damage to environmental quality and poses health and safety issues to people, pets and livestock. Septic waste contains organisms such as E. Coli and Salmonella which can cause serious illness. Human exposure to improperly disposed sewage may be direct or indirect through flies and animals or where sewage has contaminated drinking water supplies.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR 2017

To date, there have been 24 building permits issued – 6 of the 24 are for new homes.

ASSESSMENT APPEALS

There were 20 appeals received this year. Fifteen were settled through Agreements to Adjust, two were refused, two went before the Board of Revision, and one was withdrawn.

BYLAWS

PLEASE NOTE - By Spring 2018 the District will commence enforcement of these three bylaws:

Property Owners please be aware that Council has authorized enforcement. If you are in contravention of any of any of these three bylaws, please ensure compliance by Spring 2018.

***BYLAW NO. 4-2017** which is a zoning amendment proposing to regulate use of recreational vehicles on a lot with or without a principle residence (vacant lots). The final writing and reading are expected to be completed in October. The initial public meeting was held at the June 20, 2017, regular Council meeting. At this meeting the public asked for an additional public meeting to be held on a weekend and that meeting was held Saturday, August 27, 2017. Council will be making their final decision as to the final alterations to Bylaw #4 -2017. These amendments will be advertised by Public Notice and a final public hearing to be held at the October regular meeting.

***BYLAW NO. 7-2017** regulates the removal of buildings and vehicles from public reserves.

***BYLAW 18-05** regulates removal of vehicles from a highway. The District has confirmed the common width of a street is 60’ and the width of a back lane is 20’. Therefore, the District has the authority to remove any vehicles occupying that portion of a roadway.

BYLAW NO. 5- 2017 outlines the terms of an established committee and a chartered club.

BYLAW NO. 8-2017 regulates tree pruning, removal and planting within the boundaries of the Resort Village of Katepwa.

As a reminder:

BYLAW 6-2016 (Golf Carts)

- a. It shall be lawful to operate a golf cart during the hours of sunrise and one-half hours after sunset on all the public highways within the limits of the District of Katepwa.
- b. Notwithstanding Section (a) it shall be lawful to operate a golf cart on the public highways for the purpose of crossing the street or highway subject to the following:
 - i. Any golf cart crossing such street or highway must come to a full stop prior to crossing
 - ii. Whenever entering onto Highway 56 it shall be done from an established Public Highway approach
 - iii. Any golf cart crossing such street or highway must take the most direct route across
 - iv. Golf carts can be used for transportation only to and from a golf course and drivers must access the golf course using the most direct route.
 - v. Golf carts may be used by the members of the local Trans Canada Trails Committee to perform maintenance of trail.

For details -any of these bylaws can be viewed on the District’s website.

DEVELOPMENT and BUILDING PERMITS

If you are looking at building, you will require a development permit and building permit. These permits can either be obtained from the website under “Administration” – Forms link or give the office a call and a form can be emailed. For questions related to the **Zoning Bylaw** (setbacks and permitted/discretionary uses), please contact the District Office at (306)332-6645 or email: katepwabeach@sasktel.net

The **Building Bylaw** was amended in 2016. Some of the clauses include:

BUILDING/DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Every building permit application shall be in **Form A**. The application may include, but shall not be limited to the following information:

- a) The legal and civic description of the land;
- b) The estimated value of construction;
- c) The size of the building;
- d) Plans/drawings prepared by a experienced Draftsman, Architect and/or Engineer; and
- e) The names, address and telephone numbers of the owner, contractor, experienced Draftsman, Architect and/or Engineer

The following plans/drawings shall be submitted at the time of building application:

- a) Two (2) sets of plans and specifications of the proposed building;
- b) One (1) electronic set of plans and specifications of the proposed building;
- c) Foundation Plans signed and sealed by a Structural Engineer;
- d) Certified Truss Plan and layout for all roof truss systems and floor truss systems; and
- e) Plan/drawing that shows the zoning setbacks from and between all property lines to existing and proposed buildings;

Engineered Plans in addition to the foundation plans, may be required as part of the building permit approval, and shall be supplied by the property owner if requested by the local authority or building official.

A **Surveyor’s Real Property Report - Surveyors Certificate** shall be required for a principal residence and accessory use buildings as part of the building permit approval, and shall be supplied by the property owner.

An **Initial and Final Elevation Certificate** of the site described in the building permit application may be required as part of the building permit approval, and shall be supplied by the property owner if requested by the local authority or building official.

It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to obtain an initial and final elevation certificate to ensure drainage does not impede onto adjacent land parcels.

Any **modular home** to be moved in must have the CSA-A277 certification.

All building permits issued under this section expire:

- a) six (6) months from date of issue if work is not commenced within that period; or
- b) two years from the date on which the permit was issued.

PERMIT FEES AND CHARGES

The **Permit Fee** for construction, erection, placement, alteration, repair, renovation or reconstruction of a building shall include and be based on the following:

- a) \$25.00 Building Permit Fee;
- b) \$100.00 Development Permit Fee;
- c) 10% of Inspection Fees for Administration Fee;
- d) Inspection Fees as per **Schedule “A”**;
- e) SAMA Inspection Fee(s) as per **Schedule “B”**.

Revisions to the fees in **Schedule “A”** shall be completed annually without affecting this bylaw.

The permit fee and inspection fee for **Demolition** or **Removal** of a building as follows:

- a) Permit Fee \$100.00
- b) Inspection Fee as per **Schedule “A”**

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Pursuant to the Act, the building official may at his/her discretion, inspect any building in the District at any time during any reasonable hour of the day.

For all buildings requiring a permit, the property owner, or property owner’s agent, shall notify the building official a minimum of 24 hours in advance for the following site inspections:

- i. Foundation Inspection – Rebar prior to concrete pour

- ii. Foundation Inspection – Prior to backfilling
- iii. Framing Inspection – Including insulation and vapour barrier prior to gyproc application
- iv. Final inspection – Interior and Exterior (prior to occupancy)

OCCUPANCY

No person shall occupy a building, unless the building official or the local authority has provided a written final inspection report indicating approval for occupancy.

Approval for occupancy shall not be granted until the building has passed the final inspection and the building official is satisfied that the building conforms to the minimum requirements of the *National Building Code*.

Should occupancy occur prior to the completion of any work being undertaken that requires a permit, every property owner shall ensure that no unsafe condition exists or will exist because of the work being undertaken or not completed.

For details, the Building bylaw can be viewed on the District’s website under “Administration”.

DISTRICT SERVICES

YOGA @ the Library – Namaste!

Something New! Chair Yoga is now offered at 3:00 pm on Thursdays, followed by Yin at 4:30 pm. Mondays at 4:30 pm we do a gentle/beginner flow session.

We focus on breathing, stretching and strengthening in a relaxed, casual setting where you practice at your comfort level. These practices are completely adaptable and are modified to suit all ages and mobility levels.

All you need: comfortable clothes, a yoga mat, and a large beach towel/blanket. Classes are drop in with a \$10 fee. This session ends September 14 and will resume October 12. Bring your neighbour and try a class or two! Please contact me with any questions – call or text to 306-535-5901 or gbobbie@live.ca



DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM - FIREARMS CARRIERS

The following individuals are authorized by a letter from the District of Katepwa as firearm carriers to hunt nuisance animals within the boundaries of the District. 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

Unless authorized by a letter of the District of Katepwa, no person shall hunt wildlife within 500 metres of a building, stockade or corral that is occupied by persons or livestock without the consent of the owner.

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 are:

- 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

with an annual increase of 2% each year thereafter.

The following options and direction were given to us by the Balcarres Fire Chief at a meeting earlier this year.

Our backup water supply options are:

- using our high pressure pump from the lake to the fire truck;
- a plan and agreement are in place with Katepwa Farms for year round backup; and
- last resort is using a sewer truck, keeping in mind the risk of stones and sludge that could damage pumps and nozzles and shut down water supply.

SEPTIC SERVICES

For septic service, please contact:

- Norton Septic (306)332-4055 (Katepwa)
- Lakeside Septic (306)332-5833 (Fort Qu'Appelle)
- Quality Septic (306)332-6000