

# PARCS UPDATE #21 – OCTOBER, 2011



## 1. A VERY BUSY SUMMER

### At Jackfish Lake on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

- 18 communities
- 38 participants

### At Lake Diefenbaker on Sat., July 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 2 communities
- 6 participants

### At Last Mountain Lake on August 6<sup>th</sup>

- 13 communities
- 22 participants

### At Wakaw Lake on Saturday, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

- 10 communities
- 26 participants

### Return visit to Wakaw Lake on Saturday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>

- The Wakaw Lake Property Owners invited PARCS to their annual meeting

**PARCS held regional workshops through the summer of 2011. Your input at those workshops is summarized in this newsletter. Plans for addressing that input will be detailed at **our Convention on Nov. 18/19 at Manitou Beach** ([see page 3](#))**

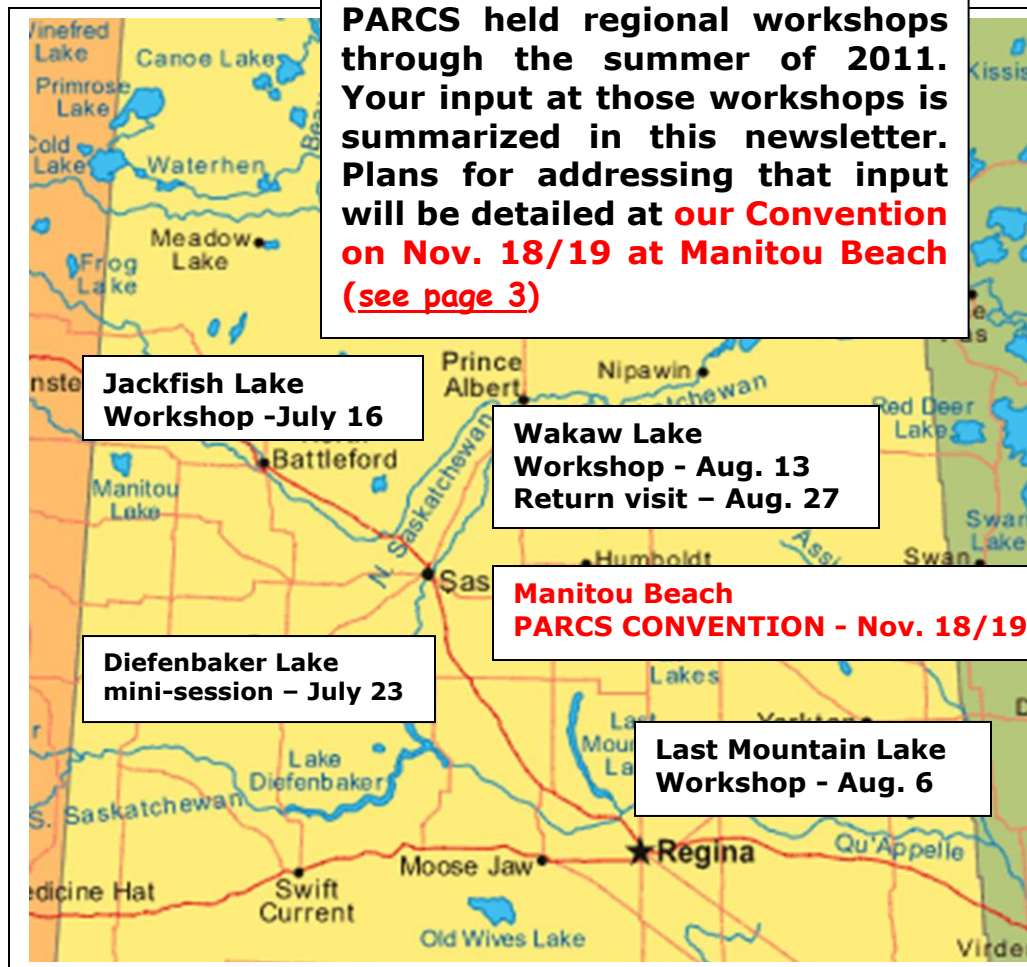
**Jackfish Lake Workshop - July 16**

**Wakaw Lake Workshop - Aug. 13**  
**Return visit - Aug. 27**

**Manitou Beach PARCS CONVENTION - Nov. 18/19**

**Diefenbaker Lake mini-session - July 23**

**Last Mountain Lake Workshop - Aug. 6**



## 2. RECALLING YOUR CONCERNS

MORATORIUM ON NEW DEVELOPMENT – CATTLE POLLUTING THE LAKES – BANNING ATV'S – BEARS IN THE GARBAGE – SERVICE AGREEMENTS - BEAVER CONTROL – BOATING LAWS ARE NOT ENFORCED – SEAWEED DISPOSAL – TRAILERS NOT PAYING TAXES – SEWAGE HAULING FEES – NEED FOR INTERCOMMUNITY COOPERATION – WAKE BOATS - TOO STRUCTURED CONTROL ON SHORELINE MANAGEMENT – KNOWLEDGE OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT - HOW CAN A SMALL COMMUNITY DEVELOP A COMMUNITY PLAN? – FIRE FIGHTING AND LIABILITY ISSUES - HOW TO GET SEASONAL PEOPLE INVOLVED – PEOPLE CUTTING DOWN REEDS ALONG THE LAKE SHORE – WHERE ARE THE RCMP? – NEED FOR A CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATOR – FLOODING - BYLAW ENFORCEMENT – WHO IS ENFORCING THE BOATING LAWS? – TRAILER PARKS PRESENT MANY PROBLEMS – ABUSES ON PUBLIC RESERVES – DEALING WITH GARBAGE – DOGS, NOISE, FIREWORKS – REDUCTION OF GOVERNMENT STAFF FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT – LOSS OF FIELD SPRAYING WILL PROVE VERY COSTLY – 2013 ASSESSMENT INCREASES – SAMA GUIDELINES – ROAD MAINTENANCE - CRISIS MANAGEMENT – KIDS ON QUADS – CRIME STOPPERS – OUTSIDERS USING COMMUNITY SERVICES – NEED TO REEXAMINE THE FUNDING FORMULA – ADMINISTRATORS ARE NOT PASSING ALONG THE PARCS NEWSLETTERS – COSTS OF SEPTIC SERVICES – DEVELOPERS CONTROLLING THE SHORELINE – NO FLOOD INSURANCE FOR SEASONAL PEOPLE – NEED A WORKSHOP ON GRANT APPLICATIONS – SOME GRANTS SHOULD INCLUDE SEASONAL RESIDENTS – THE BALANCE OF TAXES PAID BY COTTAGERS AND FARMERS NEEDS TO BE MORE FAIR- REGULATION OF BOAT DOCKS – WHO WILL LIMIT THE SIZE OF BOATS AND MOTORS? – BETTER WAYS TO WORK WITH OUR RM - LACK OF FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE – THERE MUST BE SOME TYPE OF GRANT RECOGNITION FOR SEASONAL DWELLERS – GOVERNANCE – LOBBYING – ATVS RUINING OUR COMMUNITY – **PARCS NEEDS TO KEEP INFORMING US AND LOBBYING FOR US!**

**There was so much to talk about at these summer workshops . . .**

### 3. YOUR LOBBYING SUGGESTIONS

The following are some of your questions concerning areas where **PARCS might lobby on your behalf**:

**We are back . . .**

**After a month's absence in September, we are anxious to tell you about our upcoming convention where we will prioritize your suggestions.**

#### 1. The **2013 reassessment**

- How does the government intend to address the effects of the reassessment on education tax?

#### 2. Achieving **equity in grants**

- Can operating grants be restructured to recognize seasonal residents?
- Based on the role that cottage communities play in supporting tourism in our province, how can the province provide more grant support for the infrastructure needs of cottage communities?

#### 3. The relationship between **hamlet cottage communities and their RM**

- Is there a way for absentee seasonal residents to have a vote in RM elections (such as on-line voting with an access code or a signed mail-in ballot)?
- Should PARCS be reaching out to RMs with a large number of cottage communities, on behalf of their cottage communities?
- Will the increasing assessments in hamlet cottage communities result in cottage owners shouldering an unfair share of the costs in the RM?
- Should existing hamlet cottage communities be consulted regarding new cottage developments on their lake?

#### 4. The **enforcement shortfall** at our cottage communities

- Are Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Sask Environment doing an adequate job of protecting our lakes and lakeshore environment? Should these two agencies synthesize their policies?
- Is the RCMP providing adequate enforcement of the provincial laws regarding ATVs, water safety, and public safety at our cottage communities?

- **Where do you want PARCS to place its lobbying efforts on your behalf?**
- **Come to Convention and help us refine these priorities!**

#### 5. Changes in **government practices**

- Do we need a committee to study the implications of the province's proposed changes to regulations regarding field spreading?

### 4. HAVE YOUR REGISTERED FOR CONVENTION?

- See page 3 for the convention program and registration form.
- **Hamlets and RMs** – Don't miss our pre-convention workshop Friday afternoon
- Friday evening promises to be a blast. Our banquet will be held at the historic Danceland, followed by a very special guest speaker and our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party!
- This will be your opportunity to help PARCS select priorities for lobbying on your behalf.
- There are still a few rooms left at Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa at our convention rate of \$110 (single), \$120 (double). Call **946-2233**.
- Other accommodation is available at:
  - Brown's Motor Inn, 1 and 2 bedroom units, 946-2863
  - Lakeside Inn, 946-3456
  - Harmony House, 946-2707
  - Serenic View B&B, 946-3821
  - Manitou Retreat, 946-3634

## 2011 PARCS Convention Program

### Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

- **Pre-convention workshop: Round Table for hamlets, organized hamlets and RMs**
  - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa
  - Several of our hamlet members have been invited to kick off the discussion in this round-table session.
  - An advisor from Sask Municipal Affairs will be available to answer technical questions.
- **Registration**
  - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa
- **Convention banquet and social evening**
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Danceland Historic Dance Hall
  - **Banquet speaker** – Allan Casey, award winning author of *Lakelands*
  - **Celebration of PARCS 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary**
  - Recognition of special guests

### Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

- All sessions at Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa
- 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. – **PARCS annual meeting**
  - Plans for dealing with member input from the summer workshops
- 11:30 to 12:30 noon – Lunch on site
- 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. – **Lessons Learned from the Flood: Preparing for Emergencies in our Cottage Communities**
  - A panel composed of the Provincial Fire Commissioner, an EMO coordinator from Katepwa and mayors from other cottage communities will provide insights about what a community should have in place for dealing with emergencies.
- 2:00 to 3:30 – **Tourism – Its impact on cottage communities and the challenges it poses**
  - A panel of delegates from cottage communities will be joined by staff from the Department of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport and will discuss the following issues:
    - What are the new initiatives for tourism in Saskatchewan?
    - What is the impact of tourism on our cottage communities?
    - Does provincial funding adequately reflect the new expectations on cottage communities as hosts for the growing tourist industry in Sask?
- Convention adjourns at 3:30 p.m.

## Convention Registration

(mail or fax or email)

Name of Community:

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Contact email:

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Contact phone no:

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Number of attending **members:**  
**(voting delegates** - Friday workshop and banquet, Saturday breakfast & lunch and Saturday sessions)

\_\_\_\_\_ x **\$120** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attending **non-members:**  
**(nonvoting delegates** - Friday workshop and banquet, Saturday lunch and Saturday sessions)

\_\_\_\_\_ x **\$220** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **Saturday only** delegates:  
(Saturday lunch & Saturday sessions)

\_\_\_\_\_ x **\$100** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of extra banquet tickets:

\_\_\_\_\_ x **\$20** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(no spousal convention packages available)

Number of walk-in registrations for  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON ONLY (no meals)

\_\_\_\_\_ x **\$50** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Enclosed: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Voting Delegates

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**Questions?** Call or email

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- Participants at the Wakaw workshop had so much to share.
- 43 communities took part in our summer workshops
- "We need every opportunity to communicate together. We learn so much by sharing."



