

IF WE CAN DO IT, YOU CAN TOO!

Your council members encourage you to consider a position on council. If we can do it you can too! We will have vacant spots next year to fill. Consider joining the District of Katepwa Team. It's not that difficult and you will feel great about being in touch with the issues and making a difference. Call Glenda at the Office for more details at 332 6645.

<p>Katepwa Village Office Hours</p> <p>Monday to Friday from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm</p> <p>Phone: 332 6645 Email: katepwabeach@sasktel.net</p>	<p>The Landfill</p> <p><i>Days and hours of operation:</i></p> <p>May 1 to Sept: Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm</p> <p>October 1 to April 30 Saturday from 1 pm to 3 pm</p>
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Winter Activities at the Katepwa Cultural Centre

<p>Community Coffee Group Mon – Fri. at 9am Contact Blanche McRorie 332 6002</p>	<p>Bridge Group Tues at 1:00 pm. All levels welcome! Contact Darwin Chatterson 332 1460</p>
<p>Katepwa & District Lions Club Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm Call Pres. Elaine Chatterson 332 1460</p>	<p>Quilting Wed at 10:00 am Contact Orla Downing 332 5670</p>
<p>Library Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 12:pm Monday to Friday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Please use the office door.</p>	<p>Village Council Meeting Third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm (unless posted on the office door or the website www.katepwabeach.com) Contact Mrs. Hodson at 332 6645</p>

The Recreation committee wishes you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.
Eileen Fisher, John Boehmer & Sue Borys

DISTRICT OF KATEPWA COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Fred Weekley, Mayor	Em Anderson, Public Works
Ben Holden, Environment	Sue Borys, Recreation and Programs
Eileen Fisher, Finance and Policy	Jennie Avram, Communications and Bylaws
Glenda Hodson, Administrator	District of Katepwa Village Office phone 332 6645 or email katepwabeach@sasktel.net www.katepwabeach.com

District of Katepwa Council



NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S REPORT

I've just returned from a 'PARCs' convention (Provincial Association of Resort Communities) and several issues were noteworthy:

- a. By far the biggest issue at the convention was the issue of education tax as it is added to your property. We all agree that the resort villages across the province are going to take a beating on the reassessment in 2009. Collectively we agreed that ALL property tax should move back to sales tax as it was prior to 1987. At that time it was felt that a fairer way to fund education was by property tax. However, this has not turned out to be the case.
- b. The only way we will get things changed is if EVERYONE signs petitions, sends letters, phones and emails Brad Wall and the Saskatchewan party to get this problem fixed before too many folks get hurt.
- c. Sask water made a couple of copies of 'all about your well', treating it among other things. These copies can be found in the District library.
- d. The police were one of the groups that spoke to us and encouraged us to use the 'TIPS' program wherever possible. That keeps individuals out of the 'lime light' should criminal charges proceed. Your tip is completely anonymous.

Things are moving along relatively well in some areas of the District. The continuing issues of the land-fill and lagoon will continue on over the next couple of years.

We are pleased to announce that our web sight is up and running! www.Katepwabeach.com

Our thanks to Glenn Bailey for all his efforts in making it possible for us to have a website. We will be posting notices, new issues for the valley as well as the minutes for council meetings. We are also working on including more formal advertising for business in the area.

Keep an eye on the web page from wherever you are for up to date notices of important meetings and information.

Fred Weekley, Mayor

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A 70% INCREASE TO PROPERTY TAXES LOOMING!

NEXT YEAR THE DISTRICT OF KATEPWA IS EXPECTED TO SEE A HUGE JUMP IN THE DISTRICT PORTION OF THE SCHOOL TAX!!!

In 2008 the actual taxable assessed value of property within the District of Katepwa in 2008 was 48, 900, 705.00. The predicted Taxable Assessed Value in 2009 will be approximately 72, 260, 930.00.

What does this mean for the District portion of the School Tax?

In 2008 we are required to pay \$978, 992.00 after the 12% education tax credit.

In 2009 if the education tax **stays** at the current 22.75 mils and **if** the 12% education tax remains **the same**, the District will be required to pay \$1, 446, 664.00 to the Prairie Valley School Division.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

Please contact our government representatives as soon as possible.
Addresses and phone numbers are listed below.

<p>Premier Brad Wall Room 226 – 2405 Legislative Drive Regina SK S4S 0B3 premier@gov.sk.ca</p>	<p>Glen Hart 402 Stanley Street Box 309 Cupar SK S0G 0Y0 ghart@mha.legassembly.sk.ca (306) 723-4421</p>
<p>Honourable Don McMorris Room 302 – 2405 Legislative Drive Regina SK S4S 0B3 minister.he@gov.sk.ca (306) 787-0237</p>	<p>Honourable Ken Krawetz, Minister's Office Room 348, Legislative Building 2405 Legislative Drive, Regina, SK S4S0B3 minister.edu@gov.sk.ca Phone: (306) 787-7360</p>

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

CONTACT ONE OR ALL OF THESE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TODAY!

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Well the summer of 2008 has now come and gone and I am already looking forward to the next one!

Our landfill operated very well this summer, thanks to our new hours and the excellent work of our landfill manager Gerry Racette. Thank you Gerry! Your continued hard work keeps our landfill well organized and operating smoothly.

This summer we did not have the lake weed cutter operating as our contractor had difficulty hiring a crew to operate the equipment. Hopefully next summer we will be able to get the harvester operating.

Our lagoon is a concern for council. We are trying to determine just what steps need to be taken to upgrade the lagoon. An upgrade is necessary to accommodate the rapid growth we are seeing in the District.

Speaking of the next council for the District of Katepwa, next summer the current council term expires and we will be having an election for new Councillors. Please consider letting your name stand for one of the positions! We are all at the lake because we love it. It's easy to get involved.

The coming years are going to require ideas, leadership and teamwork to manage spending, keep taxes low and control costs like garbage pick up and septic pump outs. Both creative and common sense solutions will be needed to manage the operation of a growing District! Get information about letting your name stand by talking to any of the current council or by speaking to Glenda at our office.

As my term on council is drawing to a close, I extend a big THANK YOU to some of the people I have worked with over the last few years-Glenda and Dawne, our Council members, Gerry, Terry and Corey, and the many ratepayers who have helped us.

My wife Diane and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Please feel free to contact our office at 332-6645 if you have any questions or concerns.

Ben Holden

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Some of the summer public works agenda was smoothly taken care of but there are still projects we slated that did not get started for a variety of reasons.

ASL paving did a great job completing the major road resurface project in the Sandy beach subdivision. We were unable to complete all of the many smaller road repairs that were required.

Speed bumps to reduce traffic speed are proving effective. Extra speed bumps were ordered but did not arrive in time for the season. Tree trimming was slow this summer because the student we hired didn't work out. Tree chipping for mulch did not get off the ground but some of this can and will be handled in the winter months.

This was the village's first experience contracting a full time maintenance person. Public works thanks Gord for the hours he put in. Hopefully Gord will be back with us next year. His input was appreciated. The workload was heavier than expected in the village upkeep and we are going to be looking for an extra person in the upcoming year. If anyone knows of someone that might be interested contact the office.

Cory Hodson, will again be our snow removal operator for the winter. Please have any signs and obstacles set back a bit from the shoulder of the road to avoid any damage when the plow rolls the snow to the ditch.

I would still like to remind some of you that we are still in RURAL SASKATCHEWAN. Snow tires or all season work much better than the summer tires.

Everything that the rate payers and property owners do to help public works such as tree trimming, grass cutting, litter pickup, etc. is greatly appreciated so thank you.

Em Anderson