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	PARCS UPDATE #174 March 20, 2022 Who is who in PARCS?

Ours has been a steady dependable group of members who have consistently supported our association.

PARCS APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT! BUT NOT ALL MEMBER GROUPS HAVE BEEN EQUALLY EASY TO COMMUNICATE WITH - SEE BELOW.

RESORT VILLAGES:

There are 41 RESORT VILLAGES in Saskatchewan (within these four districts of PARCS):

- There are 5 resort villages in the North East District including the largest in the province (RV of Candle Lake) and the most northerly (RV of Tobin Lake).
- There are 10 resort villages in the <u>North West District</u> including the newest to incorporate (RV of Turtle View).
- There are 13 resort villages in the <u>South East District</u> including the result of multiple amalgamations (RV of the District of Katepwa).
- There are 13 resort villages in the South West <u>District</u> including two with perfect membership renewal records (RV of Shields & RV of Mistusinne).

Keeping in contact with resort villages is easy for 2 reasons:

- 1. Resort villages are listed in the Sask. Municipal Directory
 - (https://www.mds.gov.sk/apps/pub/mds) which gives you their mailing and email addresses, along with names of their Mayor and councillors.s
- Each Resort Village has a single unique email address. Each email address includes the name of the RV, such as:
- rvbirdspoint@sasktel.net
- · resortvillage.turtleview@xpornet.com
- rvglenharbour@sasktel.net
- infoelkridge@sasktel.net

Hey - It looks like the OH of Elkridge may have achieved its goal of becoming our 42nd resort village (there's also another OH working on becoming a RV) - stand by and we will report in a future edition.

ORGANIZED HAMLETS

There are 59 ORGANIZED HAMLETS in Saskatchewan that are cottage communities (within these four districts of PARCS):

- There are 10 OHs in the North East District (in 7 RMs).
- There are 27 OHs in the North West District (in 6 RMs).
- There are 18 OHs in the <u>South East District</u> (in 18 RMs).
- There are 13 OHs in the <u>South West District</u> (in 4 RMs).

Keeping in contact with OHs is difficult for 2 reasons:

- 1. There is no government directory where one can go find a listing of email contacts of organized hamlets. OH emai addresses change as their members change but PARCS is not always kept informed about those changes.
- 2.Email addresses for organized hamlets vary for the same hamlet (typically the emails of the 3 members of the OH board). Only a very few Organized Hamlets have bothered to purchase a COMMON EMAIL ADDRESS for use by their OH board and others. Here are some examples:
- hamletofhorseshoe@gmail.com
- hamletofparkview@sasktel.net
- sprucebayoh@gmail.com
- Collingwood3@gmail.com

A REQUIREMENT WITH A DEADLINE

Yesterday I sent an email to as many OH email addresses that I was able to glean from the *Constant Contact* lists of contacts. The following deadline was stated:

BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022, EVERY ORGANIZED HAMLET THAT WISHES TO RECEIVE MAIL FROM PARCS MUST HAVE ONE (and only one) OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESS (just as resort villages have only one official email address). Preferably that address would relate to the name of the organized hamlet (see examples above).

Recipients of that letter that I sent out were reminded that they will need to include the cost of that email address in their 2022 OH budget, I suggested that they do this in collaboration with their RM administrator. I also suggested that one person on the Hamlet Board be set up to receive incoming emails to that new address (likely their chair or perhaps another designated board member). That person would then forward the emails that come in under that address to other members of the OH Board. All newsletters and other correspondence from PARCS will go ONLY to this official address. When a new member is elected to the hamlet board, that

new member will qualify to receive a forwarded copy of the email and the departing board member should no longer receive forwarded copies. I look forward to receiving an email from your OH stating, "Please accept and file the email address on this email as our Organized Hamlet's official email address for communications with PARCS."

Also about Rural Municipalities - The 100 OHs that are cottage communities are found within 23 RMs in which these resort communities are located. The RMs with the most OH cottage communities are the RMs of: Meota, Mervin and McKillop. PARCS has also appreciated the support of the RMs of Hoodoo and Sasman. (Like Resort Villages, RMs have single identifiable email addresses.)

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