



Newsletter  
March 2008

**Here we go again. Another season is fast approaching, and your probably wondering what we've planned for this year.**

Your committee this year as elected at the Annual General Meeting in November.

**Larry Weatherhead** – Chair, All Committees.

**Mike Janzer** - Finance, Planning & Development / Administration & Policies.

**Bruce Vine** -Planning & Development / Administration & Policies, Operations.

**Len Varjassy** - Operations, Fund raising & Donations, Special events.

**Blair Mcneely**- Operations, Fund Raising & Donations.

**Steve Forbes** - Special events, Fund raising & Donations.

**Doug Dent** - Public relations, Marketing, Fund raising & Donations.

**Rob May** -Public relations, Marketing, Fund raising & Donations.

The park is indebted to all the past committee members, not only from the last season, but from many seasons previous. We encourage all to keep active and committed to the development of our prairie paradise.

### **Message from the Chair.**

On behalf of the new committee I would like to welcome everyone to the 2008 season at 40 mile park. In this news letter we have listed some of the planned activities for the season. I encourage all park users to

make a dedicated attempt to **“Greening up the Park”** I would like to make this a Theme for the season, as well as assisting in keeping the park clean. If you see garbage could you please pick it up. As Chair I will be looking into updating the pumping system and installing more irrigation & sprinkler systems. As committee Chair I would like to make my personal cell phone number available to anyone with new ideas or concerns: 315-2502. I can also be reached at the park number which is 867-3708. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable season.

*Larry Weatherhead.*

We are pleased to announce that Jake and his family will continue with us this year.

Our hosts, Ken and Helen will not be returning this year. We thank them for their previous work and wish them well.

### **Developments and plans for 2008.**

**1.** Permits have been taken out for the washrooms. According to Park Enterprises, we can build the washroom buildings ourselves, but everything else has to be done by contractors. The new committee will be making the commitment that all new park development and washrooms will be handicapped accessible.

**2.** Power has been put in the new sites in Area H; and trenched over to the new Washrooms.

**3.** The septic tank in Area H for the new washrooms has also been installed.

**4.** A new burning pit was dug and the old one was filled in. We would like to remind everyone that the burn pit is for wood, tree's weeds and grass only. All other materials can be disposed of in the BFI bin or must be hauled to the local

sanitation facility. If we do not abide by these environmental standards the county can shut down the burn pit.

**5.** We've started on more shoreline modifications, moving some of the sand down to the shoreline.

**6.** The park will be negotiating with Derald Geldreich regarding the sand on his property. They dug some test holes and the sand looks good. The County will strip off the topsoil to free the sand, and then they can haul it into the park.

- The County is contributing \$3000 worth of services. We have to notify Oceans and Fisheries when we start hauling in the sand.

**7.** New lights have been installed on the gate office.

**8.** Jake has been working on the gate office at the Pavilion. And will be

working on the new Washrooms.

**9.** The County & SMRID have stated that they will assist in weed control by providing some much needed assistance in spraying the areas under their control.

**10.** A Day Use position still is to be appointed. If any day use patrons would like to be appointed to the committee please contact the Park. This position is a one year position elected at the annual general meeting.

**11.** Mike Melham is working hard at getting the 40 Mile Park Foundation re-instated.

**12.** As per leaseholder agreements any utilization of a lease lot requires a development permit.

**13.** All Structures and Improvements to your lease lot

require the completion of an application for development Permit. These are available at our office. We also suggest you discuss your plans with park management before proceeding with any improvements. Prepare your application well in advance of when you want to proceed so the committee can give approval without delay.

#### **14.**

The committee is presently working on a dock policy and monitoring process, more info will be provided when the policy is confirmed.

#### **Upcoming special Events.**

Once again we have the **Southern Alberta Walleye Tournament** coming up. This year it will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, Instead of the May long weekend. We anticipate a full registration of 75 and with that we may require

volunteers. We will update you in the next News Letter.

Season opener **May** long weekend we would like to have a dance and Band Plans are in the making.

Start your **July** long weekend at the park, we are planning to have Fireworks, Dance and a Band, more details to follow.

In mid **July** we would like to possibly plan a Beach party/Family day.

**August** long weekend events will be similar to past seasons.

Some time this season we would like to hold a boat parade again. Last years went over with great success with several participants taking the time to decorate their boats.

**September** we will have a season wrap up. Events to be discussed.

Once again we plan on having a **raffle** to be drawn on the August long weekend. These tickets will be available at the Fishing Derby and throughout the season until draw date in August.

**Lease fees** have increased this year. The Board struggled with this issue but unfortunately inflation must be addressed. The cost of maintaining and operating the park keeps rising. The Committee has set up a sub-committee to try to obtain donations, Grants etc. The Committee also implemented a recognition program, and will be trying to compile a list of names that have contributed to the park in some way over the years.

#### **ANNUAL LEASE**

##### **FEE'S**

##### **Area "A"**

\$850.00

##### **AREA "C"**

\$750.00

##### **AREA "D"**

\$750.00

##### **AREA "G"**

\$650.00

**AREA "H" Seasonal rental lots.**

\$1000.00

**AREA "B" seasonal rental lots.**

\$1000.00

**AREA "F" Seasonal rental lots.**

\$500.00

**Water service.**

\$75.00

**Additional Park Fees****LEASE TRANSFER.**

\$500.00

**LEASE SALE 85/15.****Development Permit.**

Set at time of application.

**Building Performance Deposit.**

\$3000.00

**Lot clean up.**

110% of cost, Plus Interest.

**Dock Removal.**

110% of cost, Plus Interest.

This year to make the process of payment easier for you. We have electronic payment options. Please call the office at **867-2181** with your Visa or MasterCard to have your payment processed on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lease fees are due on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008, watch your mail for your invoice. We would like to remind you that if

you have any outstanding County Taxes it will be applied to your invoice. All monies paid will be applied to County Taxes first. Park passes will be mailed out after all fees are collected.

**Seasonal lots.**

Those who enjoyed the yearly rentals in Area B and H will once again be able to continue. As with the leaseholders this rental will be due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2008 PARK & CAMPING FEES****PARK OR GATE FEES MAY NOW BE DEBITED TO MOST CREDIT CARDS (EXCLUDING AMERICAN EXPRESS).**

\* DAY USE PER VEHICLE

\$ 5.00

\* VEHICLE PLUS BOAT

\$10.00

\* SEASONAL GATE PASS,

INCLUDES BOAT \$ 75.00

\* OVERNIGHT CAMPING PER

UNIT-NON POWERED \$ 20.00

\* OVERNIGHT CAMPING PER

UNIT-POWERED SITE \$25.00

\* R.V. UNIT ON PRIVATE LOT.

\$15.00

\* VIEWING CENTRE RENTAL  
\$100.00/DAY, \$500.00

DAMAGE DEPOSIT

\* PARADISE POINT FACILITY

RENTAL \$100.00/DAY,

\$500.00 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

One of the best ways to keep informed is through our website.

[www.40milepark.com](http://www.40milepark.com)

Thanks to John Fyke who does a great job of keeping this site up to date.

The park is always looking for donations in the form of materials or financial donations, as well as help with ongoing projects and functions.

Please let us know if you can assist in any way or if you have any comments, concerns or Ideas.

Enjoy your summer.

*Rob May.*

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