

Dear Seasonal permit holder;

The 2015 budget has been passed and the rates for camping have been set. There has been a general increase of approximately 3% for seasonal camping.

Rates are set using a number of determining factors:

1.) The Authority looks at the cost of living increases as determined and reported by the Consumer Price Index for Canada, as well as any other increases put on the Park from other service providers:

This year, the 3% increase is coming from a combined increase using the cost of living increases for Saskatchewan of 2.5% in 2014 and the SaskPower increase of 5.5% in 2014. Seasonal site holders can expect an increase every year as per the cost of living and any other increases such as power, water or sewer as per the service provider. SaskPower announce increases some time ago for 5.5% in 2014, 5.5% in 2015 and 5.0% in 2016.

2.) The Authority compares other Regional Parks that have similar amenities to this Park:

This year the following comparisons were used:

WAKAW LAKE :	Full service seasonal fees are	\$2,250.00	30 amp
		\$2,400.00	50 amp
WOODLAWN:	Full service seasonal fees are	\$2,100.00	30 amp
		\$2,100.00	50 amp
THOMSON LAKE:	Seasonal sites range from	\$1273.00 to \$1893.00 and everyone pays their own power	

- when we average the seasonal sites at Palliser Park we get an average site fee of about \$1740.00 plus the levy of \$250.00 for a total of \$1990.00, making us very comparable to these and other Regional Parks.

3.) The Authority checks to makes sure that the fees are equitable amongst all the park users including, permanent trailers, seasonal permit holders, daily sites and cottage owners.

4.) The Authority looks at the budget and the 5 year strategic plan and they determine what projects need to be done and how soon.

## Seasonal Rates:

	In 2014:	In 2015:
Base Fee:	\$1350.00	\$1385.00
Water service and usage:	\$100.00	\$105.00
Septic service and usage:	\$120.00	\$125.00
30 amp Power Service only:	\$50.00	\$55.00
50 amp Power Service only:	\$100.00	\$115.00
30 amp Power Service and usage:	\$200.00	\$215.00
50 amp Power Service and usage:	\$400.00	\$425.00

30 amp and 50 amp Power Usage only: - billed after the season, in October of each season; based on the billing received from SaskPower and PRP meter readings plus a 15% admin fee from PRP.

## How and when you are invoiced:

### November Invoicing:

- a deposit of \$750.00 to hold your permit for a seasonal site in the upcoming season and a winter storage fee of \$100.00 to keep any items on the site from October to May (prior to the new season). Due November 30th.

\*storage is defined by the authority as anything left on the site. The site must be bare for the storage fee to be waived. An inspection of the sites is done prior to November invoicing to determine what sites will not be charged for storage.

\*\*please note that next year storage over the 2015/2016 winter will be increasing to \$125.00

\*\*\* with the change to the PRPA fiscal year, as discussed later on this document, there is a possibility that the date of this invoicing may change for 2015.

### March Invoicing:

- the above rates are invoiced, less the \$750.00 deposit from November, and due on April 15th. You are provided with the regulations for the upcoming year and **must fill out the permit**, in duplicate, and return one copy to the Park Office and retain one copy in your camping unit. Please fill out the form in its entirety; even if none of your information has changed.

### June Invoicing:

- the levy that PRP is charging over 3 years (2013, 2014, and 2015) is billed in June and due on June 30th. 2015 will be the last year for this levy.

\*please note that the levy fee is what puts Palliser Park seasonal rates in line with other regional parks that have similar amenities and also with our own daily fees. In 2016 seasonal site holders can expect to see an additional increase over the cost of living increase and any service provider increases to accommodate for the end of the levy fee. This amount will not be determined until next fall when the usual rate evaluations take place.

**After the season:**

- the service billing for Power is done before October 31<sup>st</sup>. This invoicing date will change as PRPA are being legislated, through the new Regional Parks Act, to change the fiscal year to a calendar year. Currently, PRPA's fiscal year runs from November 1 to October 31. The change will be beneficial in regards to service invoicing and give the office manager and the park manger more time to evaluate the power service usages prior to invoicing. Going forward, the invoicing will likely be in December with a due date of December 30<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to continue to correspond with you throughout the winter on a monthly basis and bring you up to date on changes and information that pertains to you, as a seasonal patron at Palliser Park.

Please email your questions and concerns to [palliserrp@live.com](mailto:palliserrp@live.com). Remember to always check the website for information at [www.palliserregionalpark.com](http://www.palliserregionalpark.com)

Happy Holidays!

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