

MPPCOA 2017-2018

Manitoba Provincial Park Cabin Owners Association
(Cabin Owners)

MPPCOA Membership

- Inaugural Members – Summer 2016

- Duck Mountain COA
- Grindstone COA
- Hecla Historical Village COA
- Moose Lake COA
- Whiteshell COA

Inaugural Meeting: September 12, 2016

- Current Members

- Duck Mountain COA
- Grindstone COA
- Hecla Historical Village COA
- Moose Lake COA
- Whiteshell COA
- Hecla North Shore COA – August 2017
- Booster Lake COA (Nopiming) – March 2018
- Long Lake COA (Nopiming) – March 2018

Philosophical Reflections

- **I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order. -- John Burroughs**
- **In wilderness lies the hope of the world. -- John Muir**
- **In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks. -- John Muir**
- **And into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul. -- John Muir**
- **The world is big and I'd like to have a good look at it before it gets dark. -- John Muir**
- **Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt. -- John Muir**
- **When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world. -- John Muir**
- **One touch of nature makes the whole world kin. -- John Muir**
- **Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul. -- John Muir**

PROVINCE EXTENDS FREEZE ON COTTAGE FEES**Cottagers Continue to be Consulted: Squires**

- The Manitoba government has extended its moratorium on increases to park land lease and service fees for cottages in provincial parks for another two years, Sustainable Development Minister Rochelle Squires announced today.
- “We believe cottagers are prepared to pay a fair price for the services they receive and for the value of using provincial park land for their vacation retreats,” Squires said. “We are continuing to explore the development of a fair and sustainable fee structure, and are working in partnership with cottagers to ensure Manitobans can enjoy their cottages and be able to pass them on to future generations.”

Minister Rochelle Squires - January 31, 2018

- “Our government realizes the importance of cottages and the cottage lifestyle that is cherished by many Manitoban families. We realize how hard those families have worked over the years to gain this experience and the opportunity to pass this experience down within their generations.”
- “...I am announcing that we are to extend the moratorium for another 2 years, from July 2018 to July 2020, so that your current fees remain frozen for another 2 years. ...we fully expect to conduct meaningful engagements with all provincial park cottagers in an effort to achieve our goal; a fair and sustainable approach that keeps the cottage with your family and maintains your cottage lifestyle for years to come.”

Summary of MPPCOA Activities since August 17, 2017

- Congratulations on behalf of MPPCOA to Rob Nedotiafko on new assignment: Director of Parks and Protected Spaces
- Welcome to J.P. Perreault - Park Infrastructure/Capital Planner
- Aug. 17th seems forever ago – anxiety re: potential news of Cabinet Shuffle & potential new minister
- Letters forwarded welcoming new minister (Minister Squires), new deputy minister and thanking Minister Cox
- Quarterly Executive Council Meeting –September 16th weekend ---hosted by Moose Lake COA
- Highlighted Items from agenda:
 - Review of discussion paper distributed July meeting
 - D. Klass presented paper (Sept. 14th) Crown Land Rent
 - JE directed to prepare info for non-member MPPCOA outreach
 - Discussion of possible participation in Cottagers Show (March 2018) - preparation of “Slim Jim”

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- October 13th, 2017 Introductory Meeting with Minister Squires & Rob Nedotiafko
- Quarterly Meeting – October 25th – Children’s Hospital Research Centre Boardroom
- Highlighted Items from agenda:
 - Further discussion of July & Sept. papers ---decision to compile and prepare discussion paper encompassing a potential position paper for MPPCOA: philosophical underpinnings, Crown Land Rent & District Service Fees.
 - Review of info prepared for non-member MPPCOA outreach
 - Commitment to preparation of Slim Jim and distribution - March 2018 Cottagers Show
- November 2017 – early January 2018
 - JE – letter: MPPCOA support of Recycle Everywhere
 - Correspondence re: liability insurance plans for provincial park COAs
 - --- stymied by several underwriters due to claim histories of other groups
 - D. Klass prepared comprehensive discussion paper
 - - distributed to all members of MPPCOA Advisory Committee (all MPPCOA members have a representative) and to all MPPCOA Executive Council for reaction, further input, editing, , etc.
- December 14, 2017 p.m. – Meeting MPPCOA & PPSB

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- January 12, 2018 – MB government announcement of moratorium extension for 2 years
- January 25, 2018 p.m. – Meeting MPPCOA & PPSB
-- distribution & introduction of MPPCOA discussion paper to PPSB
- March 22, 2018 p.m. – Meeting MPPCOA & PPSB
- April 12, 2018 p.m. – MPPCOA Advisory & PPSB
- Working Group –Topic: Crown Land Leases
- Next Meeting(s):
- MPPCOA & PPSB Thursday, April 19, 2018 p.m.
- MPPCOA Advisory & PPSB Working Group
Wednesday, May 9, 2018 p.m.