Dear Permanent Trailer lessee;

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

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. PTC lessees 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 parks fees that have similar amenities, and have permanent trailer areas, to this park's fees.

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.

PTC Rates:

In 2014:In 2015:\$1000.00 lease fee\$1030.00 lease fee\$100.00 water service and usage
- water was billed at the end of the season\$105.00 water service and usage
- water is billed with the lease fee

Septic services – billed at the end of the season as per the service providers charge plus a 15% admin. Fee

Power – if applicable, power is billed at the end of the season as per the service providers charge plus a 15% admin. Fee

How and when you are invoiced:

March Invoicing:

- the lease fee for the upcoming season is invoiced in March and is due on March 30th.

In the past the Water Service and Usage fee was billed at the end of the season. In 2015 the Water Service and Usage fee will be invoiced in March along with the lease fee. All Park Patrons pay the water fee. This fee is for all things related to water. The maintenance, the irrigation fees we are charged from the provider, the potable water regulatory costs, new construction for water service, and anything else related to the water utility.

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 PTC rates in line with other regional parks that have similar amenities and also with our own daily and seasonal rates. In 2016, PTC lessees and seasonal site permit 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 and Septic is done before October 31st. This invoicing date may 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 service usages prior to invoicing. Going forward, the invoicing will likely be in December with a due date of December 30th.

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 PTC lessee at Palliser Park.

Please email your questions and concerns to <u>palliserrp@live.com</u>. Remember to always check the website for information at <u>www.palliserregionalpark.com</u>

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

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