



NOTES AND NEWS FROM EPS

WELCOME BACK AGAIN!

With one week left until the May long weekend, we wanted to share some summer time news with you. If you have any comments, or would like to see an article on a particular topic please let us know. You can email your general comments to eps@lakeland521.ca.

MAY LONG WEEKEND PRESENCE

As with most long weekends in Lakeland, you will see an increased presence of law enforcement. RCMP Detachment, Ministry of Environment, EPS and RCMP Traffic Services will be working throughout the area to ensure everyone is safe in their long weekend activities.

Officers will be present and conducting proactive traffic check stops, as well as being on the highways, streets and beaches ensuring people are being orderly and respectful of one another and the community. According to EPS Supervising Officer Jarett Taylor, meetings have been held with local elected officials Conservation Officers, and RCMP Detachments to ensure a plan is in place to deal with what will be a great influx of people to the area. "People are being more conscious of their actions, and being fairly well behaved over the last couple May long weekends." Taylor went on to say. "We hope it continues." He added.

The RCMP can be contacted from anywhere in Saskatchewan by dialing 310-RCMP.



May Long Weekend brings a zero tolerance for alcohol related offences. Please be safe and plan ahead.

Addresses

We want to remind everyone that you are required to have your civic address clearly posted at your property. We would ask that you take the time and place the address so emergency responders can quick and easily locate the address.

EPS will be doing property inspections through the year, and this includes checking for addresses. Please help us, and all the emergency first responders by doing your part and getting that address posted!

EPS - SUMMER PLANNING

Summer planning consultations have taken place. Some areas that will be focused on include;

- General property inspections;
- Boat activity, including illegal operations (boat card), alcohol use and consumption on the lake, and vessel operations like speed.
- Building and zoning bylaw compliance, including docks.
- General traffic enforcement with focus on impaired driving, speed and seatbelt & booster seat use.

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PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

EPS will be undertaking general property inspections throughout the area. The primary goal is to address property maintenance and standards. This includes property usage, storage, septic systems and general sightliness.

To date over 50 inspections have taken place. We thank those property owners for their comments and invitations to return.

If anyone has questions or concerns regarding their property, or another property in the community, please let us know.

Damages or deteriorated septic systems could allow effluent and waste to leach into the ground and contaminate our land and waters.



If your septic system is damaged or needs repair and you fail to address it you may be Ordered to vacate the property until a new legal conforming system is in place. Charges and costs may be levied against you. If you find your system needs repair we will work with you in establishing reasonable time to have it repaired.

ACTIVITY ON THE LAKE

Working with the RCMP and Conservation Officers more patrols on the lakes will be done. Our lakes are busy places! Please remember that;

- ✓ It is illegal to consume alcohol on a vessel. Vessels include your pontoon boat, personal watercraft, and speed boats. Charges under the Criminal Code of Canada are the same for vehicles on the road and vessels in the lake. Impaired is impaired!
- ✓ You must carry, on board, proof of your competency to operate a motorized pleasure craft. This means carry your Pleasure Craft Operator Card. You also need to carry your personal identification, such as photo driver's licence or photo card.
- ✓ Carry on board signaling devices like whistle, air horn and visual signals like flashlights or flares.
- ✓ Always have properly fitting lifejackets for each passenger!
- ✓ Remember rules of the ~~road~~ **water**. This means keeping distance from divers, using a spotter when towing and please remember the speed limit is **10km/hr. within 30 meters** of any shoreline!

LAKER INFORMATION

EPS is committed to serving our communities. Anyone wanting to file any complaint, get information, or ask questions of us, call us at any time and our Officers or Dispatch staff will take your information. We do not investigate anonymous complaints. For more information visit http://www.lakeland521.ca/services/services_EPSFAQ.htm

We will be available in the Administration Office Fridays, Starting June 20, 2014 at 12:30 pm if anyone wants to stop in.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY (POLICE - FIRE - AMBULANCE) 911
 Prince Albert RCMP 306.765.5500
 Waskesiu Lake RCMP 306.663.4400
 RCMP - SASK WIDE 310-RCMP (310-7267)