

# 2016 WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

As everyone will soon be thinking of spring and returning for another season of lake life please find an update from your Water Quality Committee.

As reported last fall, efforts have been ongoing since 2009 to improve the overall quality of water in Kip and enhance everyone's enjoyment of a beautiful lake. With the exception of our Northern lakes deteriorating water quality is a problem for the majority of lakes in Saskatchewan. The evidence of this is seen in sloughs and small lakes as you drive through the country. The cause has many sources and as in Kip's situation if there were only 1 or 2 problems we would have had it fixed by now.

As you are probably aware Kip has been sampled spring and fall since 2002 as part of the University of Regina study on 20 lakes in the province. Last fall the committee also sampled 13 spots in and around Kip to hopefully identify problem areas. We plan to take additional spring samples and meet with the university for their input on these samples, water quality in Kip and what, if any, work is being done at other lakes.

As mentioned in other reports, a major source of pollution and one that we have some control over is our own backyard. During the past 3 years the committee and the Park Board have spent a lot of time and effort on new park bylaws, education and enforcement of septic tanks, outdoor toilets and outdoor showers. The 2015 fall inspections would indicate that we are making progress as most park patrons are making efforts to fix identified problems on their leases to lessen their foot print on Kip. Part of this is educating people that their little bit of STUFF that they know is not good for our water quality DOES contribute to the overall problem.

Our Park Manager will be sending out letters and/or contacting lease holders and RV sites shortly to advise of individual problems identified during the 2015 fall lease inspections. It is the Board's intention to help and work with lease holders to correct problems on their leases.

If you are aware of possible pollution on your lease it is your responsibility to advise Ken Peterson of the problem and how you plan to rectify it. The Park will work with you to recommend solutions however any lease holder who continues to pollute Kip or not take action as requested by the Park will be fined under Park Bylaws. If you are aware of situations within the Park that may be polluting Kip contact your Park Manager.

Thank you to the vast majority of Park patrons that do their best to lessen their foot print on Kip. The pressure on Kip is great so let us all do our part to keep Kip the great place it is and that we look forward to every season.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact any Board member or Ken at 306-873-2500 or email [kippark@sasktel.net](mailto:kippark@sasktel.net)

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