



Fact Sheet

Community Centre Relocation

Riding Mountain National Park of Canada

Wasagaming Community Plan Review 2007

What's happening?

The Wasagaming community centre is being relocated to Onanole in the fall of 2007.

Why relocate the community centre?

The centre was under-utilized and not financially sustainable, mainly due to the fact that Wasagaming is a seasonal community. The centre was only used 12-15 times per year. One major expense to run the community centre was the electrical bill since the building was heated during the winter months to prevent damage. The building cost about \$25,000 annually and annual income was about \$10,000. Services in the community must be 100% cost recoverable and the current fees would have had to increase substantially to achieve cost recovery.

How was the decision made?

1. In the beginning, various options to help offset costs of managing the facility were explored.
2. There were no other groups willing to take over the facility on site.
3. The Onanole Recreation Centre committee approached Parks Canada with a request to move the building into Onanole as part of their recreation centre redevelopment.
4. Parks Canada is willing to work cooperatively with the Rural Municipality of Park (Onanole) to enhance services, environmental stewardship and reduce municipal services costs.
5. The decision to accept Onanole's request was taken in consultation with the Wasagaming Tenants' Association.

Benefits to seasonal residents

- By minimizing duplication of infrastructure and services, both Onanole and Wasagaming can potentially benefit economically and socially.
- The viability of some existing businesses will be enhanced.
- The new Onanole recreation centre will be available to seasonal residents as well as year round residents.
- The building is being moved at no cost to the Wasagaming community. The Onanole Recreation Centre committee is covering those costs.

Plans for the site

Parks Canada plans to build an outdoor amphitheater on the community centre site in Wasagaming. Park interpretive programs and community events can be held in the amphitheatre.

