

# CAMP YOGI SOCIETY

Revitalization Project

Presented by Real Chartrand, President of Camp Yogi Society

# LOCATION

- Location South East shore of Gregoire Lake
- Near the Hamlet of Anzac, AB.



# HISTORY

- Fr. Turcotte leased 4.5 acres from the Province in 1949, originally in the diocese of Mackenzie.
- Diocese of St. Paul took over when St. John's Parish was formed.
- St. John's Parish was designated by the diocese to manage the operation of Camp Yogi.
- Used for summer school for student, parish, and members of the community.

# HISTORY (CONTINUED)

- In 1985 the Brick Warehouse donated Cedar Lodge Motel to the camp, and buildings were relocated to the site.
- 1985 the Camp Yogi Society was formed by St. John's Parish, the Knight's of Columbus, and the Catholic School Board.
- 1986 a new 21 year lease was approved and expanded to 7.63 acres.

# TODAY

- Camp Yogi is a jewel in our municipality.
- It has been enjoyed by students, family reunions, wedding receptions, retreats, company BBQs, winter festivals, etc.
- Many tourists have enjoy the site over 30 years.
- It has been a self sustaining operation since the inception, and will continue in future years.



# TODAY (CONTINUED)

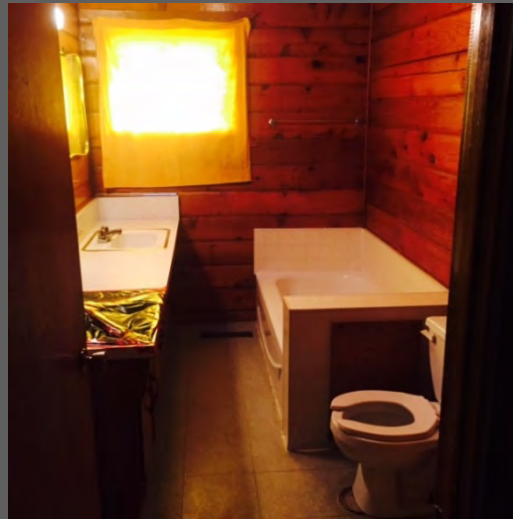
- Rental fees for the facility are \$500.00 per day.
- Weekends rates start at \$1,100, depending on requirements.
- Rental income has decreased due to current condition, as it does need some upgrades.
- Volunteers operate the facility, and had 1 paid caretaker.
- Lease was renewed in 2007, ending 2032 with two additional 10 years terms optional.



# CROSSROADS

- Camp Yogi needs some new life, including capital upgrades.
- A new board of directors has been formed, with five new executive members and five new directors .
- Is working with Fort McMurray Tourism, the Fort McMurray Hotel Group, and the RMWB to revive this facility.
- We have completed a Business Plan.
- We have asked for quotes for some minor repairs.

# REPAIRS





# FUTURE GOALS

- We would like to bring the Northern Lights Tours to Fort McMurray.
  - Alberta Tourism and Fort McMurray Hotel Group supports this initiative.
- We will offer other tours such as Snowmobiling, Dog Sled rides, Trapping and Ice fishing demonstrations, etc.
- We will also provide tours of our city highlights, including Vista Ridge, Oil Sands Discovery Center, MacDonald Island Park, Giants of Mining, etc.



# FUTURE GOALS (CONTINUED)

- Camp Yogi will be a very popular venue for many of these activities:
  - Exploring of the stars with astronomer
  - Photography with local photographers
  - Local Guides to promote the history and future of RMWB
- We will have a great tourism package to promote our community.

# REQUIREMENTS

- Camp Yogi requires financial assistance to get the project started
- Requesting for \$ 50,000.00:
  - \$40,000 for repairs and maintenance.
  - \$10,000 for operations and administration.

THANK YOU!

Questions?