**The 2016 Census, your cottage and you**

**Where will you be during Canada’s census?**

Canada’s next census will be held in May 2016.

Early in May, census letters will be delivered to households across Canada—including those in cottage country—and will provide residents with the information they need to complete the census. Completed questionnaires will provide valuable information that will be used by all levels of government to make decisions about your neighbourhood and community.

Most households in Canada (75%) will be asked to complete the short-form questionnaire. One in four households must complete the long-form questionnaire. Census information is important for all communities and is vital for planning services such as schools, daycare, family services, housing, police services, fire protection, roads, public transportation and skills training for employment.

**What if you receive a census package at both your cottage and your regular residence?**

You must complete and return a questionnaire for both residences.  Provide the information on your household at the dwelling where you reside most of the time. On the second questionnaire—the one received at your secondary residence—provide the address for your principal residence, your phone number (or phone numbers, if applicable) and your name on page 3 in the section called IF THIS ADDRESS IS. You must also complete STEP A as required.

Both questionnaires can be completed online or on paper.

The census goal is to count every person and every dwelling, so it’s important that both your main residence and your cottage are counted.