



WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Become a Member

Are you concerned with the health of Wabamun Lake? Do you enjoy boating or swimming in its water? Fishing for its lake whitefish and northern pike? Watching waterfowl and other wildlife that visit the lake year around? Or just sitting on its shore watching a golden sunset? If you answered yes to any one of these questions, you should become a member of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC) and support its programs and activities that help ensure Wabamun Lake will be enjoyed for generations.

A Bit of History

The WWMC formed in the fall of 2006 upon the recommendation Dr. David Schindler made in his 2004 report, *Lake Wabamun: A Review of Scientific and Environmental Impacts*. In preparing the report Dr. Schindler realized that although there are numerous groups around the lake expressing interest in protecting the lake's health, these interests needed to come together in a coordinated effort to achieve success.

After getting organized under the auspices of Alberta Environment in 2006, the council has accomplished a lot.

- It has published and distributed information on how to reduce the nutrients that drain into the lake. Such nutrients increase the amount of algae that blooms each summer, reducing water quality and threatening fish and other animals.
- In conjunction with the Federation of Alberta Naturalists, the council has sponsored voluntary Home Site Consultations for lakeshore residents to help them become stewards of their lakeshore and help keep the lake healthy.
- It has organized a Shoreline Naturalization Workshop for lakeshore residents who wish to return at least a portion of their lakeshore to healthy natural habitat.
- As well, members of the council have presented its programs and information to various organizations around and away from the lake.

Reorganized

Unfortunately because of budgetary restraints, Alberta Environment has had to scale back its financial support of the WWMC. As a result the council has formally registered itself as a not-for-profit society in order to proceed with fund-raising activities and continue its work. One of its major projects is the production of a watershed management plan that would outline for all users and jurisdictions what needs to be done to ensure the health of the lake. All of this takes time, money and special expertise. We have created momentum; we don't want to lose it.

Benefits of Membership

- Receive a newsletter that will keep you informed about WWMC meetings, presentations and activities as well as news about what's happening around the lake.
- Attend WWMC meetings, hear presentations and participate in discussions about issues affecting the lake and watershed.
- Assist the council in its programs and activities—meet interesting people.
- Participate in WWMC elections of directors.

All of this for just \$10 a year. Note: Memberships or renewals purchased during a calendar year are valid until June 30 of the following year.

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Yes, I want to become a member or renew my membership in the Wabamun Watershed Management Council.

Enclosed is my \$10 dues (make cheque payable to **Wabamun Watershed Management Council**).

I have also included a donation of \$_____ to help the council meet its goals (optional; the WWMC is not yet a charitable organization).

Please print clearly and sign.

Name: _____

New Member__ or Renewal __

If you are a New Member, please fill in information on reverse.

Address _____

E-mail: _____

to receive newsletter and announcements

Town/City _____

Telephone: _____

Province and Postal Code _____

Signature: _____

Note: If you do not provide an e-mail address, you will receive your newsletter by postal mail.

Please mail your application/renewal and payment to

Wabamun Watershed Management Council
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Who are we?

The Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC) represents a cross-section of concerned stakeholders in the Lake Wabamun watershed who are committed to maintaining and improving the health of the lake and its watershed. The council was formed in 2006 to address the concerns raised in Dr. David Schindler's report concerning the health and viability of Wabamun Lake (see "A Bit of History" on the reverse side).

WWMC Vision

The Lake Wabamun watershed is a healthy ecosystem with a community that shares its collective responsibility to be the best stewards of that environment.

WWMC Mission

To guide the development, management and stewardship of Lake Wabamun through collaborative watershed planning, research and public education.

WWMC Membership

There are three classes of membership:

- General Members—any Albertan with an interest in maintaining and improving the health of the lake and its ecosystem.
- Board Members—are either elected from the general membership or appointed depending upon the sector they represent. Sectors include:
 - watershed residents—4 positions from summer villages and the County of Parkland
 - government—5 positions from federal, provincial and municipal governments
 - non-government organizations—4 positions from environmental and recreational organizations
 - industry/business—4 positions including agriculture, and
 - members-at-large—3 positions elected from the general membership.
- Corporate Members—companies or organizations that agree to partner with the WWMC in achieving the council's goals.

Meetings

Council board meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Annual General Meeting of the WWMC occurs in October. Please contact the WWMC to confirm dates and locations.

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What Can You Do?

Become a member and stay informed about what the WWMC is doing and how you can help. Send a membership application, today (see reverse).

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New Member Information

Please provide the following information so the WWMC can serve you better:

Are you a watershed resident, summer resident, regular visitor, occasional visitor, or
 other: _____.

What do you do on the lake or watershed? (check all that apply): motor boat, sail boat, row boat,
 canoe, fish in summer, ice fish in winter, swim, watch wildlife,
 hike, cross-country ski, picnic, sunbathe, drive all-terrain-vehicle,
 drive snowmobile
 other: _____

What is your age range? under 18 years, 18-35, 36-50, 51-64, 65 or older

Comments: