

Wabamun Watershed Management Council - Selection Criteria 2007

The Wabamun Watershed Management Council is comprised of 16 seats with representatives from the following sectors:

Sector	Affiliation
Watershed Resident (including incorporated and un-incorporated villages)	Watershed Resident I
	Watershed Resident II
	Watershed Resident III
	Watershed Resident IV
Government	Provincial
	Federal
	Rural Municipality
	First Nation/Metis
NGO	Recreational I
	Recreation II
	Environmental I
	Environmental II
Industry/Business	Industry I
	Industry II
	Business
	Agriculture
Science Advisor - ex-officio	

Selection Criteria:

Council members represent the diversity of perspectives, jurisdictional authorities and organizations active within the Lake Wabamun watershed based on affiliations within four broad sectors: watershed resident, government, non-government organization and industry/business. Each member will be responsible for establishing a process for communication within their respective affiliation, so that they can represent the broader interests of that group as well as themselves. Those interested in joining the Council will forward their nomination to Alberta Environment who will serve an interim role in facilitating the selection of candidates as outlined below. In subsequent years, the Council will take the lead role in its own recruitment and selection. Individuals are asked to name alternates within their nomination. Initial terms are to be for both two and three year durations (as agreed upon by Council members), to allow for a staggered replacement of members. Subsequent terms will be for two years with no member serving more than two consecutive terms.

Nominations for membership on the Wabamun Watershed Management Council will be accepted until such time as the Council is fully populated, after which time replacement of membership will occur on an annual basis. At the discretion of Council members, vacant seats may be filled throughout the year as required to replace departing members.

Watershed Resident

Eligibility: Any permanent or part-time resident within the Lake Wabamun watershed can submit a nomination for this sector. It is expected that representatives in this sector would primarily come from the incorporated or un-incorporated communities around the lake. Residents within incorporated Summer Villages, and the Village of Wabamun are encouraged to copy their nomination to their respective municipal councils so that they are aware of the individuals proposed involvement with the Council.

Nomination: Interested individuals will forward their nomination form, letter of interest, and two letters of support from within the affiliation they represent to Alberta Environment.

Selection Process: A minimum of four seats will be available for Watershed Residents. Should the number of nominations exceed the number of seats available, existing WWMC members will select nominees based on the following criteria:

- Individual nominations from the same subdivision or area will be encouraged to designate a single representative or opt to participate as alternates.
- Representatives will be selected to incorporate as broad a perspective as possible of the diversity of interests around the lake.
- Representatives will be selected to reflect the geographical distribution of interests around the lake.
- Representatives will be selected based on the level of demonstrated community support (expressed as letters of support) and relevant experience.

Government

1. Provincial

Eligibility: Any employee of the provincial government representing a Ministry interest in the environmental and/or public health of the Lake Wabamun watershed.

Nomination: Ministry will forward nomination form, letter of interest, and a letter of support from the immediate supervisor of the employee to Alberta Environment.

Selection Process: relevant provincial Ministries will determine the single seat available for Alberta Government.

2. Federal

Eligibility: Any employee of the federal government representing a Ministry interest in the environmental and/or public health of the Lake Wabamun watershed.

Nomination: Ministry will forward nomination form, letter of interest, and a letter of support from the immediate supervisor of the employee to Alberta Environment.

Selection Process: relevant federal Ministries will determine the single seat available for Federal Government.

3. Rural Municipality

Eligibility: To be determined by Council of the rural municipality, i.e. Parkland County.

Nomination: The Council will forward a nomination form and letter of interest to Alberta Environment outlining their designated representative.

Selection Process: One seat will be available.

4. First Nation/Metis

Eligibility: To be determined by the Paul Band Chief and Council.

Nomination: The Paul Band will forward their nomination form and letter of interest to Alberta Environment.

Selection Process: One seat will be available.

Non-Government Organization

1. Recreational

Eligibility: Any member or employee of an organization with a mandate for coordinating or promoting recreational activities in the Lake Wabamun watershed.

Nomination: Interested individuals will forward their nomination form, letter of interest, and two letters of support from within their affiliation to Alberta Environment. Only one nomination per group/association will be accepted.

Selection Process: Two seats will be available.

2. Environmental

Eligibility: Any member or employee of an organization with a mandate for the protection of the environment in the Lake Wabamun watershed.

Nomination: Interested individuals will forward their nomination form, letter of interest, and two letters of support from within their affiliation to Alberta Environment. Only one nomination per group/association will be accepted.

Selection Process: Two seats will be available.

Industry/Business

1. Industry

Eligibility: Any individual involved in an industry that is active in the Lake Wabamun watershed.

Nomination: The interested individual will forward a nomination form, letter of interest and letter of support from their employer to Alberta Environment.

Selection Process: Two seats will be available.

2. Business

Eligibility: Any individual involved in a business that is active in the Lake Wabamun watershed.

Nomination: The interested individual will forward a nomination form, letter of interest and two letters of support from within their affiliation to Alberta Environment.

Selection Process: One seat will be available.

3. Agriculture

Eligibility: Any individual involved in an agricultural pursuit within the Lake Wabamun watershed.

Nomination: The interested individual will forward a nomination form, letter of interest and two letters of support from within their affiliation to Alberta Environment.

Selection Process: One seat will be available.

Science Advisor

This ex-officio designated position will initially be appointed by Alberta Environment for the first 2 year term. Subsequent appointments will be made by the Council. The Science Advisor would facilitate additional independent research/review of the environmental issues recognized by the Council and act as liaison to, and chair of, a parallel science advisory group.