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Wednesday
June 8, 2011
6:30 p.m.
250 Diamond Ave.
Spruce Grove
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Lakescape

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WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

We've Reorganized!

If you haven't heard much from the WWMC in a while it's because we have been very busy getting the council reorganized. As a result of budgetary restraints, Alberta Environment had to scale back its financial support of the WWMC last year, and we've been working to get on a sound footing to begin fundraising and doing the projects that need to get done. Here are some of the things we have done:

- registered the council as a not-for-profit society in Alberta.
- rewrote the bylaws to comply with the Societies Act and allow general membership.
- established a bank account in the name of the society.
- developed a membership campaign to get lake residents, visitors and other stakeholders to become members of the WWMC and get involved in conserving the lake and its watershed.

Membership Campaign

Part of the reorganization is the opening of the council to General Memberships so that concerned stakeholders near and far from the lake can participate in the council's activities and help ensure the health of the lake and watershed.

Benefits of Membership include:

- receive a newsletter informing you 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 officers and directors.

All for only \$10 for the first year (ending June 30, 2012).

Attached to this issue of the newsletter is a membership application. Please fill out and send it along with your cheque for \$10 to the WWMC. As well, feel free to send the application and newsletter to others who you think might be interested in joining.

Let's all keep the momentum going to ensure a healthy Lake Wabamun!

Next Meeting

The WWMC will next meet on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Provincial Building in Spruce Grove, 250 Diamond Ave. Everyone is welcome.

Annual General Meeting

Mark it on your calendars! The WWMC will hold its first Annual General Meeting (as an Alberta society) on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. (venue to be announced). Besides the usual AGM business of electing board members and officers, there will be presentations about Wabamun Lake, its watershed and where the WWMC is going. More information will follow in subsequent newsletters.

News Around the Lake

The Stacks are Down!

They had stood for 45 years, but on March 18, 2011, Mayor Bill Purdy pushed the plunger that set off the explosion downing the first of the three stacks at the Wabamun power plant to fall that day. These red and white stacks dominated the landscape and were guideposts for many on the lake.



The remainder of the plant will be torn down and cleared by the end of this year. Thus, the one plant that used Wabamun Lake to cool its generators will soon be gone. The winter of 2010-11 was the first in over 50 years that the lake froze completely.

Corporate Membership

Do you own or represent a business or industry that is concerned about Wabamun Lake and would be willing to help maintain its health? If so, become a corporate member of the WWMC for just \$100 a year. Corporate members will be acknowledged at WWMC functions, in each newsletter and elsewhere. For more information contact Kelly Aldridge by e-mail, ktammaa@hotmail.com or telephone, (780) 953-2695

Council Members

Chair: Kelly Aldridge, Seba Beach

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Submissions

Lakescape welcomes contributions from WWMC members and others who wish to inform members about issues or events in the Wabamun area. Please keep submissions brief and to the point. All submissions are subject to editing for length and clarity. For more information, contact the editor: Don Meredith info@donmeredith.ca