

**WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

AEP Spruce Grove

Time: 6:30 PM Date: September 13th, 2017

In Attendance: Kelly Aldridge, Paul Cardinal, Jocelyn Wiggins, Stan Franklin, Neil Fleming, Don Meredith, Stan Kobytko, Arin McFarlane-Dyer, Tracy Muloin, Jordyce van Muyden, Stacey Gibb, Don Waterman

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests: Tracy Melnyk, Gordon Kerr, Breda Muldoon

2. Review and approval of meeting agenda: Moved: Paul Seconded: Stan K.

3. Review and approval of minutes from August 16, 2017 Board meeting.
Moved: Jordyce Seconded: Neil

4. Executive Report - Meeting notes of September 11, 2107 meeting attached.

5. Treasurer's Report – Neil reported a bank balance of \$18,073.11 as of September 13, 2017.

Treasurer's report (Attached with list of cooperate members added) was approved.

Moved: Neil Seconded: Paul

Kelly presented draft financial statements for the year ended June 30th, 2017.

These were approved after typographical errors were corrected.

Moved: Kelly Seconded: Paul

6. Website/Facebook Report.

Don Meredith presented the Website Report for the period August 12 to September 11, 2017. In addition to website statistics, the report Includes Mail Chimp statistics that show our subscribers opened messages and clicked one or more links at rates well above the average for non-profit organizations. A copy of the report is attached.

7. August 31, 2017 meeting hosted by Parkland County (attendees from Parkland County, NSWA, AEP, WWMC, TransAlta and Summer Villages).

This meeting was called (by invitation) by Mike Heck to make sure all the groups who are working on watershed issues understand what Parkland County intends to work on in the near future.

WWMC and NSWA and AEP took this opportunity to explain what our plans are with respect to our Wabamun Watershed Management Plan (WWMP).

Breda Muldoon told us at today's meeting that she would be reviewing the county's Wabamun Sub-Watershed Land Use Plan (WSWLUP) and the WWMP to ensure it is clear how we intend to work together to implement these plans. The next follow-up meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12th.

8. Summer 2017 shoreline walkabout.

Neil explained that the feedback we go from shoreline home owners was mostly positive. It seems we had some impact, as Marie Breiner from Nature Alberta has already had 18 requests for assistance with shoreline naturalization projects at Wabamun. Some of these projects have already been completed.

Paul suggested we continue with the walkabout next year, but some of the people who have volunteered would prefer to do something else next year. Tracy Melnyk suggested hosting a BBQ and to supply information there and perhaps solicit volunteers at the same time.

No decision was taken tonight.

9. 2017 AGM – October 18, 2017

Kelly presented his proposed message to members announcing the AGM and the call for Board nominations. The election of board members will take place at the AGM. We do not elect Executive Officers at the AGM. The Board does this at the next monthly Board meeting.

10. Other matters discussed.

Arin told us about the Government's regional plan for the North Saskatchewan Region. She said that when we complete our WWMP we should submit it as a Sub-Regional Plan of the North Saskatchewan Region. If accepted as such, this would help to ensure the WWMP is implemented and not ignored.

Gordon Kerr spoke about concerns he has that we should fully understand the sources of nutrients entering the lake. He would like to see a map of the various water inputs to the lake showing the amount and the quality of each source. Arin indicated that such surveys have been done in the past, with the latest being in 2008.

11. Adjournment: 8:20 pm

Next regular Board Meeting: November 15, 2017

**WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 11, 2017
AEP Spruce Grove

MEETING NOTES

In Attendance: Neil Fleming, Kelly Aldridge, Don Meredith, Arin MacFarlane Dyer and Stan Franklin

1. The primary purpose of the meeting was for Neil, Stan and Arin to brief the other members of the Committee on the meeting with Parkland County on August 31st and to develop an agenda item for discussion with the Board at its September 13th meeting.

2. The August 31st meeting was attended by nine senior members Parkland's staff, a representative from some of the Summer Villages, TransAlta, AEP, WWMC and NSWA. It was apparent early on that Parkland County wanted to use the meeting to work toward identifying municipal and provincial watershed priorities that were common to all Parkland lakes. A mechanism for implementation on both a short and long term would in itself be a priority. Virtually all of the watershed decision makers were represented in the room.

3. WWMC made the point that 5 years ago there was very little effective or any communication or collaboration among the major players having jurisdiction in the watershed.

(This was largely to blame for an environmental disaster that took place on the north shore of Wabamun Lake about 4 years ago - the effects of which are still plainly and painfully visible. The fallout from this event revealed the need for better communication, collaboration and enforcement. It even went as far as a discussion about the need for some inter jurisdictional function to ensure that the lake and the watershed were properly considered in future development applications, inspections and enforcement.)

Since then the parties have been talking and communicating but have not reached the stage of any formalized collaboration. It was hoped that this meeting would be an opportunity to explore a formalized collaboration.

4. The Wabamun WMP was identified as a project in which there was an informal partnership already in place that included, AEP, NSWA, TAU, WWMC and the Summer Villages - with the NSWA taking responsibility for writing the Plan. From the accounts of earlier discussions between Parkland officials and AEP/NSWA, it appeared that Parkland was not entirely clear what would be contained in a WMP that was not already covered in the Land Use Plan prepared for the County by Stantec. Dave Trew of NSWA undertook to produce a "gap analysis" that would identify issues not covered by the Land Use Plan that would be addressed in the WMP.

5. There appeared to be a consensus at the meeting about the need to work together at least on the implementation of priority issues that are to be identified. Hopefully this will translate into a long term commitment. The mechanism by which the parties will work together will need to be addressed and will inevitably for some be a test of political will and commitment to the concept. The model that appears to be the most compelling is a Memorandum of Agreement setting out the nature of the commitment by each of the signatories. This will be discussed further at the Board meeting.

6. Two sub groups from the meeting attendees were tasked to provide input to the next full group meeting on October 12th. One group will look at the structural options such as the MOU referred to above. The other group will attempt to put together a list of priority implementation issues - presumably those that involve municipal and/or provincial jurisdiction.

7. At the Executive meeting a rough list of priorities from a WWMC perspective was put together and will be a starting point for discussion at the Board meeting.

- Control of phosphorus entering the lake (at least to the extent that controls are possible) - fertilizer use, management and inspection of sewage disposal.
- Protection of habitat, wetlands and healthy shoreline areas - development approvals, construction management, enforcement.
- Water quality and water quantity related to the Highvale Mine reclamation in particular and to the watershed in general.
- Uniform municipal bylaws for the entire watershed - particularly relative to land use.
- Inter jurisdictional collaboration on approvals, inspections and enforcement in respect of watershed developments.
- recreation management - including dedicated resources for periodic water patrols on Parkland lakes.

8. Arin spoke about the ongoing work that the Province is engaged in to create a Regional Plan for the North Saskatchewan River. If the Wabamun WMP was made a part of the eventual regional plan it would have a significant impact. Arin will elaborate at the Board meeting.

9. Kelly expressed concerns about the decline or absence of numerous aquatic and feathered inhabitants normally in or on the surface of the lake. That coupled with the absence of some species of fish and declining health of others prompted a discussion about the need to look into this further. Don agreed to look into this and Arin undertook to provide Don with some recent studies conducted the TAU.

**WWMC Treasurer's Report
As of Sept 13, 2017**

Balance as of Aug 16, 2017		\$17,748.38
Income:	Credit interest	\$0.76
	Corporate Sponsor	\$300.00
	Reg Members	\$25.00
Expenses:	Paypal	\$1.03
Current Balance		\$18,073.11

Membership to Date

Paid Corporate Members 2016/2017	21		
Paid Regular Members 2015/2016		10	
Paid Corporate Members 2017/2018	11		
Paid Regular Members 2017/2018		4	

Corporate members

- Camp Oselia Society
- Degner Construction
- Derby's Lakeview General Store
- Drayden Insurance Ltd
- EBC Holdings Paul Cardinal
- Edmonton Yacht Club
- Falher Drugs
- Home Hardware
- Kokanee Springs RV Park
- Pineridge Golf Resort
- Seba Beach Ice Cream Stop
- Shoreside Management Ltd.
- Stony Plain F&G/Wabamun Gun Club
- Summer Village of Betula Beach
- Summer village of Kapasiwin
- Summer Village of Lakeview
- Summer Village of Point Alison
- Summer Village of Seba Beach
- Trans Alta
- Village of Wabamun
- Wabamun & District Seniors Centre
- Wabamun and District Lions Club
- Wabamun Lakeside Liquor
- Wabamun Sailing Club

Web Site Report

Wabamun Watershed Management Council

September 12, 2017

Don Meredith

Communications Chair

Website Stats (Google Analytics)—August 12 to September 11

- 86 users in 94 sessions
- 327 page views; 2.4 pages/session
- Average session duration (minutes): 1:49
- 61.7% bounce rate (only visited one page)
- Top Ten Pages visited
 - Home—70 views
 - Meeting Information—30
 - Lake Water Level—23
 - What's New—15
 - Council Members—12
 - Studies-Reports—9
 - Watershed Map—7
 - About Us—4
 - Contact Us—4
 - Invasive Species—4

Mail Chimp Stats— August 14 “August Meeting” campaign:

- 198 subscribers
- 56.5% opened the message.
 - List avg. = 47.6%
 - Non-profit org. avg. = 22.4%
- 8.8% clicked a link in the message.
 - List avg. = 7.7%
 - Non-profit org. avg. = 2.2%