

## **Wabamun Watershed Management Council**

### **Board Meeting**

AEP Offices Spruce Grove

6:30PM, February 19, 2020

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Neil Fleming, Carman McNary, Dave Ball, Don Waterman, Kelly Aldridge, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Stan Kobylko, Len Eddy, Stan Franklin.

1. Welcome and introduction of guests.

Ken Wollard	TransAlta
Catherine Peirce	Executive Director
	Pigeon Lake Watershed Association

2. Guest Speaker: Catherine Peirce PLWA "Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan Update."

- In 2018 the Pigeon Lake WMP was endorsed by all municipalities in the watershed.
- Implementation of the WMP is under the direction of a Steering Committee with broad based representation from watershed stakeholders.
- Accomplishments to date include fertilizer bylaws adopted by municipalities, a model Municipal Land Use Bylaw and a Clean Runoff Guide.
- With respect to sewage management, many Summer Villages are now connected to a central sewage system. Bylaws in some Summer Villages mandated connection to the central system. In areas not connected to the central system, bylaws have been passed to require inspection of existing holding tanks. Non-compliant septic systems were not "grandfathered". Catherine indicated that there are some Federal and Provincial programs to provide funding incentives for conversion or upgrading.
- The PLWA currently has 2 demonstration sites for measures recommended in the Clean Runoff Guide. They are also encouraging municipalities to create rain gardens to manage storm water from municipal lands.

3. Review and approval of meeting agenda.

Agenda approved Len Eddy/Kelly Aldridge

4. Review and approval of minutes from June 19, Board meeting.

Minutes approved Dave Ball/Len Eddy

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report approved Kelly Aldridge/Len Eddy  
Current Bank balance is \$7475.01

6. Grant Applications

Grant Applications to the Land Stewardship Centre and the Alberta Conservation Association have been submitted to assist with funding of the roll out of the WMP and to support the hiring of a summer student to assist with education projects. Randy Heil will be submitting a grant application to Learning Tree.

7. Watershed Management Plan

A meeting with major stakeholders will be convened in early March to review the content of the latest draft of the WMP with a view to obtaining some form of endorsement of the Plan and agreement to consider opportunities to collaborate on watershed initiatives in the future.

A formal presentation in respect of the Plan will be made to each municipal council later in the Spring. Broader community information sessions will need to be considered and scheduled as well.

8. CN Rail Twinning of Mainline on North Shore

It appears that CN will be proceeding with this project as early as this Spring. Carmen will make some inquiries to get more information. Apparently there is no formal requirement for public consultation.

Next Meeting: To be determined