Wabamun Watershed Management Council Executive Meeting March 11, 2021 (Zoom)

Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Don Meredith, Dave Ball, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Carman

McNary, Neil Fleming, Stan Franklin.

1. Strategic Planning

Carman reported that further discussions with NSWA regarding a future working relationship are deferred pending the outcome of the proposed Stakeholder meeting on March 30, 2021. That meeting is intended to solicit approval of the WMP from the watershed Municipalities, a commitment to participate in the implementation of the Plan and to appoint representatives to the Plan's Steering Committee and/or Technical Advisory Committee. The results of that meeting should inform the future roles of the NSWA and the WWMC in the implementation of the Plan. That in turn should enable further discussions between NSWA and WWMC regarding the formalization of an ongoing working relationship.

2. Website and Communications

Don will facilitate a meeting with Dave and Neil to brief them on the management of the website.

Don will investigate establishing a page on the website for internal Board communications such as Notices of Meetings, Meeting Agenda, Meeting Minutes and other nonpublic materials. Based on the decision of the Executive Committee at the meeting, access to the page will be restricted to Board members and will be based on a password that will be provided to those members.

3. March Water Sampling

The final winter water sampling will take place on March 18th and will be carried out by Neil, Dave and Stan.

4. Invasive Species

Dave indicated that he will send out the letter to the Minister of AEP, similar to what other watersheds have done advocating for the continuation of the Boat Inspection Program in 2021. Arin said that the Department's budget has

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not be finalized and as a result it is not possible to predict whether the Program will continue at last year's level.

5. March Board Meeting

There were no pressing reasons to hold a Board Meeting in March and accordingly the meeting was cancelled. The WMP meeting on March 30th should provide a good deal of material for discussion and decision making for the April Board Meeting.

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