

# **Wabamun Watershed Management Council**

## **Executive Meeting**

**April 15, 2021 (Zoom)**

### **Meeting Notes**

In Attendance: Don Meredith, Dave Ball, Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Carman McNary, Neil Fleming, Stan Franklin.

#### **1. Land Stewardship Grant.**

- Dave indicated that the LSC had sent out the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final portion of the grant. None of the grant funds have been expended due to COVID impact on the activities planned in the grant application. LSC has approved an extension of the grant implementation period to September 1, 2021.
- The bulk of the project was related to conducting Open Houses in the community to solicit support and feedback on the WMP prior to finalization and printing. None of that work was possible due to the pandemic. Feedback and finalization of the WMP was achieved through direct contact with major stakeholders, soliciting feedback through the WWMC website and a WMP webinar put on by NSWA.
- NSWA has tasked one of its consultants (Heather Marshall) to provide graphic design services in respect of the WMP and also work on an abbreviated (2 page) summary of the key objectives of the Plan for distribution.
- No decision has been made on printing of the full WMP or the number of copies required. At least some of the cost of printing could be charged to the grant. Don indicated that Staples was cost effective on previous printing projects.
- Arin confirmed that the terms of the grant do not specify a minimum financial or in-kind contribution from the grant recipient. A preliminary calculation of in-kind contributions to date has been made by Don and Arin.
- In addition to distribution of the anticipated 2 page summary document to be prepared by NSWA, consideration is being given to approaching local media for coverage.
- Carman proposed that we consider contracting an outside source to develop a short video promoting the WMP that could be used on the website, Facebook and YouTube. He will check with NSWA and Neil will speak with a podcaster who had interviewed him for his podcast.

- It is hoped that sufficient information can be gathered in time to be discussed at the next Board Meeting (April 21, 2021 – 4:00pm).
2. Sunshine Bay Sailing Club.
    - Carman has been contacted by a member of the SBYC regarding attendance at Board meetings and potentially appointing a Board member. Carman will invite the contact person to attend the April Board meeting to get more information. If possible, he will also contact EYC and make a similar invitation to attend the Board meeting.
  3. Municipal Elections
    - Elections to Wabamun Summer Village Councils will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup>. All other municipal elections will take place in the fall.
    - Some discussion took place about reaching out to candidates, once nominated, to provide candidates an opportunity to describe their position on issues of concern to the WWMC. The candidates would be advised that their responses would be made public through Facebook and the WWMC website.
  4. Pigeon Lake WMP Steering Committee
    - Stan indicated that he had been attending the monthly meetings of the Steering Committee to stay in touch with what is happening at Pigeon and to share information regarding Wabamun. He suggested that it would be more efficient to periodically engage with the Executive Director, Catherine Peirce, to update the respective organizations. Stan will discuss with Catherine.
  5. Next Meeting: April 21, 2021 by Zoom