

Wabamun Watershed Management Council

Executive Committee Meeting

November 24, 2021(Zoom)

Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Dave Ball, Stan Franklin, Sue Styles, Doug Thomas, Denny Thomas, Don Meredith, Neil Fleming, Arin MacFarlane Dyer.

1. Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee

- Doug Thomas agreed to sit on the Steering Committee as a representative of the WWMC. Both Doug and Stan will attend the SC meeting on December 10th at 1:00PM.

2. 2022 Planning

- Sue reported on her discussions with Leah Kongsrude, ED of the NSWA, regarding the management of donations for use in the Wabamun watershed.
- NSWA is a registered charity and is prepared to accept charitable donations that are directed to a particular lake or project within the NSR watershed. Monies donated would be managed by NSWA in accordance with donor direction toward a particular project or more generally as determined by NSWA such as supporting a staff position or contracted services.
- Currently donations to NSWA are deposited at ATB and ATB adds 20% of the donation to the account.
- If WWMC is interested in pursuing this option with NSWA, further discussions will be necessary and any

arrangement would need to be documented by a Memorandum of Understanding.

- Leah estimates that NSWA currently spends about \$25K annually on services and support to Wabamun.
- Sue also raised the question whether the WWMC should consider applying for its own charitable designation. This will require further discussion at the Board level. In the interim Doug Thomas indicated that he would investigate the process that would need to be followed. This information would inform the discussion about whether the potential returns would justify the effort and also what that would mean for the potential of an MOU with the NSWA.