

Wabamun Watershed Management Council

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2015

9:00am

**Alberta Environment and Parks Offices
Spruce Grove**

In Attendance: Kelly Aldridge, Neil Fleming, Stan Franklin, Jack Latham, Art Erickson, Dave Mussell, Dave Trew, Duncan Martin

1. Parkland County Wetland Inventory Workshop.
 - Don presented his report on this workshop (attached).
 - While the Wetland project will be several months to complete, we should consider whether there is wetland work specific to Wabamun that can be undertaken in 2016 and form the basis for a grant application to the LSC. Dave M will invite Shari Claire (the consultant from Fiera Biological Consulting) to attend our Board meeting on December 16th to discuss the Parkland Wetland Project and possible additional work specific to Wabamun that could be undertaken. Her attendance at the Board meeting has since been confirmed.
 - Dave Trew spoke about the regional ground water and lake level decline. NSWA will be studying water supply and lake levels in the Sturgeon system to provide background on the cumulative effect of human activity and climate. This work should also provide some insight into regional declines.

2. Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Planning:
 - Dave Mussell reviewed the understanding reached at the last Steering Committee meeting for the Parkland LUP that Parkland would concentrate on the land use component of the larger Integrated Watershed Management Planning.
 - Both processes are interconnected and supportive of each other.
 - It is now necessary to determine how watershed management planning will proceed. It was agreed that Stan would develop an outline of a possible Terms of Reference document that, once refined, could be presented to AEP, NSWA and Parkland Council in support of some form of collaboration agreement or memorandum of understanding. A target date for presentation to Parkland Council is mid February 2016.

- The outline of the Terms of Reference will focus on the management structure and process and will be consistent with Provincial guidelines.
3. Parkland LUP "Outcomes/Objectives/Actions Chart for Stewardship and other Groups".
 - Kelly will circulate the chart to the Board in advance of the December 16th meeting and will lead the discussion.
 4. Potential 2016 priority projects for Grant Applications.
 - To be discussed at the December 16th Board meeting.
 - It is possible that the STEP program will be reinstated in 2016 in which case we may be able to use the program for staffing lakeside education initiatives.