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WABAMUN WATERSHED **MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

What are we working on?

Nutrient Reduction

The WWMC will continue its work this summer promoting the reduction of the flow of nutrients into the lake. Nutrients entering the lake from fertilizers, septic systems animal waste, etc., speed up the process of eutrophication where algae fouls the lake and reduces oxygen that fish and other aquatic plants and animals need to live. Information brochures and presentations will be made to the following groups:

- Boaters - focus on improved septic management
- Watershed Residents - focus on how to "live by water"
- Municipalities - focus on improving operations & policies
- Government - focus on coordinated services and effective enforcement
- Agriculture - looking at best management practices

Visit www.wwmc.ca to learn more about the issue and strategy.

Watershed Management Plan

The Council is continuing its development of a management plan for the Wabamun watershed. It has been reviewing a document prepared by the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta, *Lake Stewardship Reference Guide*, which covers many of the issues the Wabamun plan needs to address. A committee has been formed to start drafting the plan. Once the Council has developed a draft plan, they will take it to the broader community for review and discussion.

Verne Schneider presented Mitchell Award

At the regular meeting of the council on April 14, Verne Schneider, past chairman of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council, was presented the prestigious George and Joan Mitchell Award for outstanding work in fish and wildlife conservation. Greg Kulak and Dave Altheim, president and secretary respectively of the Stony Plain Fish and Game Association, presented the award on behalf of the association. The Mitchell award was created in the memory of two prominent conservationists who were active in the Stony Plain club and Alberta wildlife conservation generally. Schneider was presented the award for his work with the WWMC in informing Parkland county residents of the importance of protecting the health of Wabamun Lake for present and future generations of Albertans.



Verne Schneider is congratulated by Don Meredith, Stony Plain F & G rep. on council.

What can you do?

Stay informed about the work of the WWMC by visiting our web site at www.wwmc.ca.

Ask to be put on the WWMC mailing list by emailing info@wwmc.ca or using the form on the web site.

Volunteer to help with WWMC education and awareness programs in the watershed.