

**Winter 2013**

**"News You Can Use"**

**Mailing Address:**  
WWMC  
Box 1005  
Wabamun, Alberta  
T0E 2K0

**Web Site:**  
[www.wwmc.ca](http://www.wwmc.ca)

**Email:**  
[info@wwmc.ca](mailto:info@wwmc.ca)

**Telephone:**  
780-953-2695

### **Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each  
month, 6:30 p.m.  
Contact WWMC for  
venue.

# Lakescape

newsletter of the



## WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

### **Albertans Invited to Participate in Water Conversation**

On February 5, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) announced that all Albertans are invited to participate in a conversation about how water is managed in the province.

Public sessions will occur in [20 communities](#) across the province, starting February 19. The closest sessions to the Wabamun watershed are in Edmonton, February 27, and Thorsby, March 13. Each session will be from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and ESRD will facilitate. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. If possible, plan to attend the session from the beginning. All are welcome—no registration required.

Those who cannot make the above discussions can participate in an online survey from February 11 to March 29. The discussions will focus on four areas:

- healthy lakes,
- hydraulic fracturing and water,
- drinking water and wastewater systems, and
- water management.

Go to the [ESRD Water Conversation web site](#) for more information. This is your chance to let the government know about your concerns for the future of water in Alberta.

### **"State of the Watershed" Report**

The Wabamun Lake State of Watershed Report is well underway with the contractor, Aquality Environmental Consulting, working hard to pull together all of the information sources they will need to produce a comprehensive report. An initial meeting took place between Aquality and WWMC Board Members at the end of January to review and confirm the table of contents for the report. It is anticipated that the State of Watershed Report will be completed by June of 2013.

### **Blue-green Algae Workshop**

Unlike many other recreational lakes in the province, Wabamun Lake does not have a serious blue-green algae problem—where the water becomes toxic, killing fish and wildlife, and threatening human health. However, that could change if water quality is allowed to deteriorate. The North Saskatchewan River Keeper and the Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) are sponsoring a workshop on toxic blue-green algae blooms in Alberta's lakes. Free of Charge!

From the ALMS' newsletter: "Our objectives for the evening are to provide the participants with the reasons for the concern and provide answers on what we can do and can not do."

**Date:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 - 18:00 - 20:30

**Location:** Atrium and Lecture Theatre 150, Telus Centre for Professional Development, NW corner of 87ave and 111st. University of Alberta Campus  
[Register here for either the physical workshop or the webinar.](#)

To 'Like' WWMC on  
**Facebook**  
or  
'Follow' WWMC on  
**Twitter**, go to  
[www.wwmc.ca](http://www.wwmc.ca) and  
scroll to the bottom

## Board of Directors

**Chair:** Kelly Aldridge,  
Seba Beach

**Vice Chair:** Stan Franklin,  
Sundance Meadows

**Secretary:** Jack Latham,  
Whitewood Sands

**Treasurer:** Neil Fleming,  
Seba Beach

### Directors:

Glenn Gustafson, Alberta  
Environment and Sustainable  
Resource Development

Hugh King, Fallis

Stan Kobylko, Camp Oselia

Al Kosik, Village of Wabamun

Denise Locher, Parkland County

Nicole Richardson, Pineridge  
Golf Resort

Vicki Specht, Shoreside  
Management Ltd.

Phil Sutton, boating community

**Lakescape** is a publication of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council. It is published four times a year for the benefit of council members as well as other stakeholders in the Wabamun watershed. All material is copyright the WWMC, unless otherwise specified.

Volume 3, No. 1.

**Editor:** Don Meredith  
([wwmc@donmeredith.ca](mailto:wwmc@donmeredith.ca))

## Submissions

*Lakescape* welcomes contributions from WWMC members and others who wish to inform members about issues or events in the Wabamun area. Please keep submissions brief and to the point. All submissions are subject to editing for length and clarity. For more information, contact the editor: Don Meredith  
[wwmc@donmeredith.ca](mailto:wwmc@donmeredith.ca)

**Deadline for the spring edition is April 15, 2013.**

## Corporate Members

The WWMC thanks the following businesses and organizations for partnering with the WWMC as corporate members and helping the council to achieve its goals.



**Camp Oselia Society, Derby's Lakeview General Store, Falher Drugs, Kokanee Springs RV Park, Seba Beach Ice Cream Stop, Shoreside Management Ltd., Summer Village of Point Allison, Wabamun & District Lions Club, Wabamun & District Seniors Centre, Wabamun Lakeside Liquor**

If you own or represent a business or organization that is concerned about Wabamun Lake and would be willing to help maintain its health, become a corporate member of the WWMC for just \$100 a year. Corporate members will be acknowledged at WWMC functions, in each newsletter and elsewhere. For more information contact Kelly Aldridge by e-mail, [ktammaa@hotmail.com](mailto:ktammaa@hotmail.com) or telephone, (780) 953-2695.

If you are already a corporate member and would like to see your logo here, please send a digital copy to Don Meredith at [wwmc@donmeredith.ca](mailto:wwmc@donmeredith.ca)

## Watershed Report Sponsors

The WWMC thanks the following sponsors for providing funding for the creation of the state-of-the-watershed report:

