



Lac Ste. Anne and Lake Isle Water Quality Management Society (LILSA)

Executive Meeting

April 23, 2024 - 7:00 PM - Online (Zoom)

In attendance:

Bernie Poulin	Kelsie Norton
Ray Hutschal	Connie Stonehouse
Kevin Lovich	Jenna Carter
Keir Packer (Joined at 7:30 PM)	Kelly Muir
Michael Findlater	

Regrets:

Brian Brady	Debbie Durocher
John Cassano	Tracy Friedel

Meeting started at 7:05 PM

Bernie P. provided a Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Kelly M. moved the adoption of the agenda as presented, unanimously accepted - passed.

2. Minutes Mar 26, 2024

MOTION: Connie S. moved the adoption of the Mar 26/24 minutes, unanimously approved – passed.

3. Financials

Bank Balance as of March 31, 2024 - \$20,136.19

Outstanding accounts payable to SV of Silver Sands, paid in April/24.

Sending a \$500 donation request to summer villages in early May (include sunset shores).

Ross haven should be sending a cheque for \$2000 for the request for the flowering rush initiative. Ross Haven will still donate the \$500 in addition.

Recommendation made to send out donation requests prior to municipal budgets which are around December and January – should be sent in November.

MOTION: Ray H. moved to accept financials as presented. Unanimously approved – passed.

4. Love Your Lake

This is open to lake groups and associations who have participated in Love Your Lake. Lakes must have been assessed through Love Your Lake. Up to \$500 per lake group/association will be provided to approved shoreline naturalization projects. All receipts must be submitted for reimbursement. The Love Your Lake Microgrant Program will provide funding for shoreline naturalization projects that positively impact lake health such as shoreline restoration and demonstration sites.

Proposals need to demonstrate the support and involvement of lake community members in projects that act towards improving and maintaining shoreline and lake health. Examples can include members distributing native plants, helping design garden layouts and planting shorelines.

- Application deadline is June 3, 2024
- Successful recipients will receive notification by June 28, 2024

Bernie to bring to the council of South View and Silver Sands, potentially a Lac Ste. Anne site. Kelsie connected with coordinator and the project area can be on either private or municipal land. Kelsie can support the application process.

5. Flowering Rush

Request for funding of the flowering rush crew vehicle was sent to LSAC. LSAC will be having their budget meeting this week.

Kelsie mentions there are two separate programs that conduct water quality monitoring, [LakeWatch](#) through Alberta Lake Management Society and [CreekWatch](#) which is a program through RiverWatch.

Kelsie notes it's more ideal for the flowering rush crew to conduct CreekWatch, as LakeWatch requires a boat but may be difficult due to low tributary flows. Ideal to monitor during high runoff times. CreekWatch is only field samples, no bottles are sent to a lab for analysis.

CreekWatch is offering training at any time and Kelsie will stay connected with Bernie as the personal are hired.

6. Maverick Update

John's Email: For the agenda item related to Maverick - I have connected you and Ray with Phillippe to coordinate a day trip to Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne (we should confirm who from LILSA can meet Phillippe and where). Phillippe has said he can do both lakes in one day if we keep it to 8 hrs total including drive time. The scope of work is detailed in Maverick's proposal from March 5th. What I suggest is that we prioritize spots on each lake by marking up the maps we sent (attached) and then send the markups to Phillippe.

Priority areas are Silver Sands, Ross Haven, followed by Yellowstone. Dependent on how much they can complete within 8 hours and the ~\$3,000 budget.

Completed at the end of the meeting: Ray highlighted areas on a map where the drone will flyover.

7. Alberta Beach Farmers Market

Kelly believes that the market starts up on May 5, 2024. Would be ideal to participate when it doesn't conflict with other events (Mother's Day, May long).

8. Outreach/Website Update

Kelsie and Michael spent time updating images, reports, and minutes on the website. Kelsie designed a new logo for LILSA, will send out other options to come to a consensus. There is a recommendation to update our organization's name from 'Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society' to 'Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society' as we do not manage water quality by any means. We can go about it informally or through Alberta Registries. Connie notes that it should be simple in that it would get included in the AGM paperwork and we either get accepted or declined the change.

9. Round Table

Kevin: Concerns around high fire hazard in the region and looming dry conditions.

Ray: Will be attending a Regional Meeting and has a 12 minute window to cover the game plan of an adjustable weir with fish ladder. Ray will be creating a presentation and can circulate to LILSA for comments. SV LSA East high will discuss water levels, will go over process, anticipating it to be a contentious topic. Keep it as information only and nudge people to come to LILSA. Applied to be a board member on the NSWA Board as a municipal representative board member.

Kelly: LSA ice is slowly breaking up. Concerns around lake levels due to the lack of snow and rain.

- Kelsie asked a question on whether there's been developments within the Village around getting a raptor perch to deter shorebirds on the main beach.
- Kelly states to send an inquiry to the village CAO, Kathy S, which will get it in as an action item during a council meeting.

Michael: Having retaining wall issue, new sod is sinking in. Brown ice observed around their shoreline, likely due to underground springs. Had to divert underground springs with weeping tile.

- Michael mentions the ice is still around the shoreline vegetation and you can still see the path cut by the harvester. Kelsie asked Bernie for an update on aquatic vegetation harvesting.
- Bernie states that Lake Isle Aquatic Management Society (LIAMS) received blanket permission to do cutting in from of docks anywhere on lake isle if you pay a fee. Alberta Environment said to LIAMS and to the SV's that if we initiated the renewal of a 5-year permit before it expired it automatically gets renewed. Alberta Environment retracted on this agreement and now requires LIAMS to go through consultation with First Nation communities. Alexis has requested \$8000 for consultation, however LIAMS does not have that financial capacity.
- Questions and follow-up needed on whether we send \$200 to LIAMS.

Jenna: Brought up a previous conversation during a LILSA meeting around having the Wakâ Mne Science and Culture Initiative sit in ANSN position on the board. Bernie provided background information in that ANSN, the Metis Nation and LSAC appoint whomever they want to sit on this committee, they have a voting position. They are not elected, and always have a seat, the rest of the board members are voted in during the AGM. Jenna will follow up with Hughie.

Kelsie: The Wabamun Watershed Management Council has extended the invitation to their bioengineering workshop, will include details in the post-meeting package. Note that we should consider reaching out to potential presenters for the AGM as summer gets busy for people. Kelsie mentions the new LSAC ALUS Coordinator. Bernie will contact the coordinator.

Bernie: Has connected with Sue Styles, Chair of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council. There was a successful grant application that will allow for the inspection of every septic system in Silver Sands and South View. Systems that don't comply will be forced to close.

Adjournment @ 8:20 PM

Next Meeting May 28/24 In-Person at Alberta Beach Office (Pending availability)