



Appendix II – Other Programs and Resources

Included below is a list of organizations that may offer information and/or assistance to Summer Village councillors as they consider lake stewardship matters.

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (AFRD)

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (AFRD) is involved in part with working towards improved environmental stewardship in Alberta. They work with farmers and ranchers, but also extensively with members of watershed or lake groups interested in stewardship issues across the province. The department has an excellent web-site that deals with many stewardship matters relating to air, soil and water.

Home page: <http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app21/rtw/index.jsp>

Stewardship link: <http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app21/seltopcat?cat1=Soil%2FWater%2FAir>

Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society (ACTWS)

The Alberta Chapter of The Wildlife Society (ACTWS) is a non-profit organization whose focus is wildlife biology and management. They are dedicated to the wise stewardship of Alberta's natural resources. The ACTWS works with Albertans, the government and industry to emphasize the value of wildlife and healthy ecosystems, and to promote proper land use practices.

Home page: <http://www.albertadirectory.net/actws/>

Alberta Conservation Association (ACA)

The Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) is a non profit, non government organization that promotes partnerships with both government and non government agencies to help conserve and enhance Alberta's wildlife, fisheries and natural habitat. They can provide information on good stewardship practices.

Home page: <http://www.ab-conservation.com/>

Alberta Environment (AENV)

Alberta Environment manages the use of Alberta's diverse landscapes. They have a mandate to protect the province's air, land, and water, while promoting a prosperous economy and strong communities. Alberta Environment is available to partner with any Alberta stewardship group interested in protecting and enhancing Alberta's natural environment. They have an extensive web-site that includes an excellent library of publications relating to environmental matters.

Home page: <http://environment.gov.ab.ca/>

Links to specific questions regarding lakes:

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/SWQ/faqs01.cfm>

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/env/water/SWQ/faqs03.cfm>

Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS)

The Alberta Lake Management Society was formed to promote the understanding and comprehensive management of lakes and reservoirs and their watersheds. ALMS members and their partners continually collect information to increase our knowledge of lake functions and management options, and to share this information with the public. They organize and hold an annual workshop at one of Alberta's lake communities to provide a forum to discuss issues, technical aspects of lake and watershed management, and practical solutions to local problems. The Society also maintains a resource library of publications that is available for loan to its members.

Home page: <http://www.alms.ca/>

Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN)

Community-based stewardship groups have long expressed the need for a provincial stewardship network. Stewards indicated they needed better access to funding sources, technical and scientific information, and training in recruiting and keeping volunteers. The Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN) was established as one tool to address these needs. The ASN is a provincial stewardship initiative, with partners from government agencies, non-government organizations, community stewardship groups, and Aboriginal communities. Services currently offered by the ASN include directing stewards to existing resources. Through building partnerships and sharing resources the ASN strives to reduce the duplication of services and increase the efficiency of stewardship activities in Alberta.

Home page: <http://www.ab.stewardshipcanada.ca/>

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (ASRD)

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (ASRD) works with all Albertans to ensure a balance between the economic, environmental and social values of the province, for now and the future. The Department includes the Fish and Wildlife Division and the Public Lands and Forests Division. Fish and Wildlife Division is involved with protecting and managing Alberta's fish and wildlife. The Public Lands and Forests Division has information on using and managing public land, as well as geographic information about public lands.

Home page: <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/index.html>

Home page for Fish and Wildlife Division: <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/index.html>

Home page for Public Lands and Forests Division: <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/land/index.html>

Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA)

The Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA) is the oldest wilderness conservation group in the province. The focus of the association is to conserve wilderness throughout the province. They are working towards the completion of a network of protected areas including wilderness lands and waters throughout Alberta. They have a large outreach component that includes information and education and advocacy on matters relating to wildlife conservation and the establishment of protected areas.

Home page: <http://albertawilderness.ca/>



Bow River Basin Council (BRBC)

The Bow River Basin Council (BRBC) is a multi-stakeholder charitable organization that was formed to work towards the protection and improvement of the waters of the Bow River Basin. Areas of concern include riparian zones, aquatic ecosystems, the quality and quantity of water, and the effects of land use on surface and groundwater within the basin. Their web-site contains information about their projects, as well as education/awareness material.

Home page: <http://www.brbc.ab.ca/>

Cows and Fish

Alberta's Cows and Fish program aims to promote the improvement of riparian areas through partnerships and proactive community-based actions. Using education and awareness about management options for livestock producers and their communities, they hope to foster a better understanding of how improvements in grazing management on riparian areas can enhance landscape health and productivity, for the benefit of producers and others who use and value riparian areas. They are available to work with all stewardship groups to help them understand riparian area functions and values, examine and monitor the health of their riparian areas, and evaluate and suggest management strategies.

Home page: <http://www.cowsandfish.org/>

Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) "is the lead federal government department responsible for developing and implementing policies and programs in support of Canada's economic, ecological and scientific interests in oceans and inland waters." They are responsible for the conservation and sustainable use of Canada's fisheries resources, and for providing safe, effective and environmentally sound marine services to Canadians. DFO promotes good stewardship practices, and works with all Canadians to make responsible decisions with regard to conserving, protecting and enhancing Canada's fish habitats and oceans.

DFO's Fish Habitat Management Program plays a pivotal role in the conservation and protection of fish habitat in Canada. Staff are involved in reviews of works and undertakings in or near water; monitoring compliance and enforcing the habitat protection provisions of the Fisheries Act; watershed and coastal zone planning; habitat enhancement; public education and stewardship. The Program works closely with provinces, territories, industry, and conservation and Aboriginal groups on protecting and conserving fish habitat, and has responsibility to report to Parliament annually on the administration and enforcement of the habitat protection and pollution prevention provisions of the Fisheries Act.

DFO home page: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/>

Canadian Waters home page: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/canwaters-eauxcan/index_e.asp

Stewardship page: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/canwaters-eauxcan/getinvolved-prendrepart/index_e.asp

Habitat page: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/canwaters-eauxcan/habitat/index_e.asp

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC)

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is a national, private, non-profit organization. They have been committed to wetland and wildlife conservation for more than 65 years. DUC's conservation efforts take many forms. DUC scientists are actively involved in field research on wetland and environment-based projects. DUC works to change government policy in favour of wetland and habitat conservation. DUC also delivers wetland and environmental education programs to teach Canadians about wetlands and the need to conserve them.

Home page: <http://www.ducks.ca/>

Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN)

The Federation of Alberta Naturalists' (FAN) was formed in 1970 when six natural history clubs joined together. FAN has a province-wide focus on promoting the enjoyment, conservation and study of Alberta's natural history. They aim to encourage all Albertans to increase their knowledge and understanding of natural history and ecological processes. FAN has educational material available to any group seeking to increase their understanding and appreciation of nature and natural history in Alberta.

Home page: <http://www.fanweb.ca/>

Living By Water

The Living By Water Project is a national partnership initiative that supports local community groups with programs, services and materials aimed at protecting, conserving and restoring shorelines. They provide services and materials to promote the value of keeping all types of shorelines healthy. Living By Water helps groups develop tools and the capacity to carry out shoreline awareness and outreach programs. They also occasionally sponsor or initiate special activities to help bring people together, or provide communities with customized tools to help care for shorelines. They are committed to helping shoreline residents obtain information to prevent problems like erosion, and protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat.

Home page: <http://www.livingbywater.ca/>

North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA)

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) is a non-profit society "whose purpose is to protect and improve water quality and ecosystem functioning in the North Saskatchewan Watershed within Alberta." They promote the sustainable use of all the natural resources within the North Saskatchewan watershed. The society advocates an ecosystem (watershed level) approach to environmental responsibility. Membership is diverse and includes industry, government, agriculture, research, and municipalities. NSWA believes in improving the community's ability to make informed decisions about the value of watershed protection and the integrated stewardship of land and water resources.

Home page: <http://www.nswa.ab.ca/>



Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC)

Trout Unlimited Canada (TUC) was founded in 1972. Goals of the organization include conserving and protecting Canada's freshwater fish and their ecosystems, restoring Canada's freshwater habitat and their watersheds to a healthy and productive state, and educating communities about their watersheds. The Alberta Council is the Alberta branch of Trout Unlimited Canada, and is dedicated to the conservation and wise management of cold water resources in Alberta. The Alberta Council's conservation program includes research, habitat restoration and enhancement, management, and public education.

Home page: tuc@tucanada.org

Home page of the Alberta Chapter: <http://www.tucanada.org/alberta/index.htm>

Vincent Lake Work Group (VLWG)

The Vincent Lake Work Group was comprised of a group of representatives from various conservation agencies and local and provincial government departments in 1999. Their goal was to bring about environmentally friendly land use practices in riparian areas and the overall watershed. Their mission is, "Healthy and functioning riparian areas and watersheds in Northern Alberta that provide communities with sustainable recreation and agriculture benefits." They wanted to achieve this goal through a community-based approach and they set out to design a 'model process.' Today, the VLWG offers tools that will help communities with their present and future needs in managing riparian areas and their watersheds.

Home page: <http://www.healthyshorelines.com/index.asp>

Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability

Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability is the Government of Alberta's response to develop a new water management approach, and outline specific strategies and actions to address the province's water issues. The Water for Life strategy is based on three key goals including safe, secure drinking water supplies, healthy aquatic ecosystems, and reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy. This is a multi-year project and will include input from Watershed Stewardship groups. One of the deliverables will be the development of an Alberta Water Information Centre.

Home page: <http://www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca/>