

APRIL 27TH MEETING WITH MINISTER RENNER

The one hour meeting was attended by the Minister, his Executive Assistant, Cory Habulin (of Alberta Environment and the Lake Stewardship Committee), Art Lamoureux, Gord Harris and Danielle Tunke.

Art opened the discussion indicating to Minister Renner that the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) had contacted its' members for the issues to be raised and presented Minister Renner with 3 copies of the final version of the 2006 Lake Stewardship Reference Guide.

Issues Raised:

- The requirement for a regional infrastructure plan to address the issues of development at the waters' edge and inter-municipal cooperation.
- All parties agreed that the big picture issue is one of the watershed approach as opposed to focusing on the lakes one by one.
- Minister Renner confirmed there will be an Environment Committee which he will chair.
- Lake Stewardship Reference Guide
 - Minister Renner acknowledged the guide was a professional product and its' maintenance and advancement is justified.
 - The ASVA is to formulate a plan and apply to Environment and other partners for the funds required for the reprinting.

The meeting concluded with Minister Renner reiterating the issue of cooperation between municipalities and that the summer villages fill an important niche in the province. "If the ASVA can help Alberta Environment achieve the improvement of the lakes that would be great."