



## **IMPLEMENTING THE PIGEON LAKE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN** *Working Together for a Healthy Watershed, Healthy Lake and Healthy Community*

### **SAVE THE DATE**

- July 23, 9-11:30 am, PLWA AGM at the Lakedell Ag. Society

### Defend Pigeon Lake Initiative - Confined Feeding Operation Appeal

A decision by the Natural Resources Conservation Board on the confined feeding operation application is not expected for 2 to 5 months. Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA) has enhanced the Defend Pigeon Lake team. PLWA Director and Treasurer Rick Melia has stepped forward to take on the role of CFO Response Lead and a PLWA Program Coordinator will provide administrative support for the initiative. PLWA is working with legal counsel, the directly affected party representatives and has engaged an Environmental Engineer and Contaminant Geoscientist. PLWA has established the creek sampling strategy with the help of local volunteers, directly affected parties, the Alberta Lake Management Society, the environmental consultant, and two labs in Edmonton. Thank you to the residents and municipalities who are supporting the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association's fundraising campaign and encouraging residents to help with letter writing campaigns. Just over \$60,000 has been raised to date. [Defend Pigeon Lake](#)

Our team has set regular meetings with individuals and groups from around the lake to discuss advocacy and a legal challenge. In attendance were members of the Maskwacis Cree Tribal Council, the Métis Nation of Alberta, Pigeon Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce, a council member from the Summer Village of Crystal Springs, Pigeon Lake Renewal League, directly affected parties, and members of the local community. Volunteers are helping to review NRCB cases, policy and legislation to prepare for an appeal. A case in Ponoka, 2.4km from Chain Lakes, that was recently approved is a significant reminder of the challenge that we face.

### Village West Area Structure Plan Update

PLWA is preparing a comment on the newly revised Village West ASP. See the original comments submitted by PLWA to the developer. [Comments from the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association](#)

### Community Science Program – Volunteers Needed

PLWA is recruiting volunteers to help track and monitor changes to the lake and our creeks. We are launching three new community science initiatives - LakeObservers, Secchi Dip-In (taking place in late July, boat required), and a CreekWatch sampling program and collecting historical records of changes to the lake.

<https://www.plwa.ca/lake-log-about>

### PLWA Stewardship Staff

Two environmental science students and an engineering graduate have been hired to coordinate summer stewardship activities. This summer, *Caring for the Lake Together* is the focus. The staff look forward to meeting with cottage owners in person and having some fun hosting events. We are hoping to work with municipalities and businesses to help share stewardship information. [Meet the team](#)

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## ACTIVE COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

### PLWA Board of Directors

Wayne Buskas, Ma-Me-O Beach  
Michael Gaian, Vice President, Mission Beach  
Betty Ann Lough, Secretary, Argentia Beach  
Bob Gibbs, Silver Beach

Dave Crombie, Mulhurst Bay  
Peggy Juchli, Silver Beach  
Daniel Kenway, President, Sundance  
Kevin McKee, Johnsonia

Rick Melia, Treasurer, Golden Days  
Ian Rawlinson, Crystal Springs  
Felix Sperling, Itaska Beach

### PLWMP Steering Committee

#### **Chair**

Robert (Bob) Gibbs, (Chair) PLWA Director

#### **Maskwacis Cree Nations**

Melanie Daniels, Consultation Coordinator, Louis Bull  
Chad Simon (Nipiy Committee), Samson Cree Nation  
Leonard Standing on the Road, Chief, Montana Band

#### **Counties**

Glenn Belozar, Councillor, Leduc County  
Nicholaus Moffatt, Parks Planner, Leduc County  
Dale Woitt, Councillor, County of Wetaskiwin

#### **Healthy Lake Partners**

Sarah Skinner, Watershed Planning Coordinator, Battle River  
Watershed Alliance

#### **Pigeon Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce**

Richard Conrad, Vice President  
Tom Karpa, Chair

#### **Summer Villages**

Don Davidson, Mayor, Grandview  
Randal Kay, (APLM Chair), Mayor, Golden Days  
Ron LaJeunesse, Deputy Mayor, Crystal Springs  
Brian Meaney, Councillor, Poplar Bay

#### **Alberta Environment and Parks**

Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Integrated Resource Planner, AEP

#### **Pigeon Lake Watershed Association**

Catherine Peirce, Executive Director  
Daniel Kenway, Director

#### **Guests**

Blake Bartlett, Chair, Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake  
Stewardship Association  
Linda Bartlett, Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship  
Association  
Stan Franklin, Wabamun Watershed Management Council

PLWMP Science Committee: Don Davidson, Mayor Grandview; Evan DeLance, Spatial Data Scientist/Land Use Analyst, Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute; Bob Gibbs, PLWMP Steering Committee Chair; Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Integrated Resource Planner, AEP; Catherine Peirce, Executive Director, PLWA; Bradley Peter, Executive Director, Alberta Lake Management Society; Caleb Sinn, Program Coordinator, ALMS; Rolf Vinebrooke, Professor Biological Sciences, University of Alberta; Guests: Paul Drevnick and Ron Zurawell, AEP