

## Office Report November 12, 2020 to January 29, 2021:

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic and many restrictions put in place in mid March, changes have been made to the way we do work and projects.

- Nov 13 – Call with First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group about projects in the Peace and Slave Watersheds
- Nov 16 – Wapiti Watershed Source Water Protection Plan meeting and prep
- Nov 16 – Land Stewardship Center Grant Committee Meeting
- Nov 17 – Call with AEP staff and contractor about possible funding
- Nov 18 – Alberta Water Council Source Water Protection Plan project team meeting
- Nov 19 – Meeting with Wapiti Watershed Bank Stabilization landowner
- Nov23 – Canadian Conservation and Land Management platform review
- Nov 23 – AB WPAC Managers Meeting
- Nov 27 – Nature Fund meeting to assess possible alignment with Smoky Headwaters Initiative
- Nov 30 – Start of engagement period for Wapiti Watershed Source Water Protection Plan (ended Jan 15, 2021)
- Dec 9-11 – Webinar series regarding Farmland and Wetland Drainage/Retention (Sask)
- Dec 9 – Alberta Water Council Source Water Protection Plan project team meeting
- Dec 10 – Webinar with Dr D. Locky (UofA) – Wetland and Wetland policy
- Dec 11 – Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Source Water Protection Plan meeting
- Dec 11 – Call with NAIT Centre for Boreal Research and Grande Prairie Regional College
- Dec 14 – Improved Livestock Crossing site layout
- Dec 15 – Streambank Stabilization and Extension video release
- Dec 16 – Erosion consultation with landowner in the Birch Hills County
- Dec 17 – Winter LakeKeepers start up meeting
- Jan 5 – Send out Doodle to establish meeting date for Board Meeting. Meeting Prep.
- Jan 13 – Wadlin Lake sampling and volunteer training
- Jan 14 – AB WPAC Education/Outreach meeting
- Jan 21 – Grant Writing Webinar
- Jan 22 – Improved Livestock Crossing site visit
- Jan 25 – Technical Committee meeting – priority to review SWPP for Wapiti
- Jan 27 – Water North Coalition meeting – Review options for continued operations
- Jan 28 – WRRP meeting
- Follow up from Nov 12 Board meeting and prep for Jan 29 Board meeting
- Fielded water related inquiries from the public (including questions regarding gun range development and effect on water courses and water well testing result interpretation)
- Continued exploration for partners and funding for prioritized projects
- Joined NAIT Centre for Boreal Research grant application to College and Community Social Innovation Fund along with Grande Prairie Regional College, Ducks Unlimited and Evergreen Learning and Innovation Society
- Input for Alberta Water Council reviews
- Education/Outreach
  - Focussed on social media posts
- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Source Water Protection Planning
  - Finalized gravel pit by-law alignment
  - Scoped aquifer water budget
- Improved Livestock Crossing
  - One Landowner backed out
  - New landowner identified
  - Site visit completed
  - Working on details
- LakeKeepers
  - Distributed sampling kits and reviewed sampling protocol
  - Completed sampling at Wadlin Lake

- Volunteers sampled Snipe Lake and MPWA completed chlorophyll filtration
- Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project
  - Ongoing monitoring and reporting
  - Discussions with Alberta Environment and Parks and Alberta Conservation Association about fish habitat in the Redwillow Watershed
- Smoky Headwaters Initiative
  - Grant applications for funding, confirming partners
- Streambank Stabilization
  - Video release event preparation and hosting the release event
- Surface Water Management Strategy
  - Data collection
  - Calls with partners and consultants
  - Grant proposal for funding
- Wapiti Watershed Bank Stabilization
  - Hydraulic model
  - Water Act approval work
- Wapiti Watershed Source Water Protection Plan
  - Engagement on draft plan

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