

Office Report March 25 to August 17, 2022:

- Follow-up from March 24th Board meeting (minutes, etc.)
- Mar 25 – Call with Madison (limnologist and AEP team to discuss possible Beaverlodge River Monitoring and MPWA assistance
- Mar 25 – Meeting with WPAC Leg & Policy Committee to review framework
- Admin work for year end – new staff agreements, prep contract for summer staff, year-end accounting, prep books for accountant, begin interim AEP grant reporting.
- Apr 1 – WPAC Committee meeting with Scott Miller from AWC to discuss the Water For Life Review and what info is important for WPACs to consider and include.
- Ongoing work and discussions with WPAC managers regarding Mission, Vision, W4L review/Action Plan, WPAC process guidelines.
- Planning for AGM – location, speaker, resources, requests for nomination letters and calls.
- Apr 7 – presented at West County Watershed Society AGM
- Apr 8 – MPWA Technical Committee (TC) meeting
- Apr 11 – Walk Through The Forest meeting
- Apr 13 – Forest Foothills Forest Products Public Advisory Group meeting
- Apr 18 – Submitted AEP interim report.
- Apr 19 – Call with concerned producer regarding surface water management and possible ideas for planning/correction
- Apr 19-20 – WPAC Managers Meeting – Work on Collective Vision/Mission/Goals/Values. Manager discussions with new AEP contact, updates of WPAC joint projects, and updates from individual WPACs.
- Apr 21– Roadway Crossing webinar
- Apr 26 – Call with AEP about Wapiti River Water Management Plan implementation
- Apr 26 – Call with Cam Lane (AEP), Brian Free, Abdi Siad-Omar about WPACs and AEP – intro and update call at request of Cam Lane to each WPAC.
- Apr 28 – Eastern Slopes Collaborative meeting
- Outline Annual Report information required and start collecting reports.
- May 2 – Call with Jennifer Janzen (Alberta Tomorrow) to discuss AGM presentation and Workshop
- May 1-8 – We re-worked the Wapiti Implementation
- May 2-6 – Summer Student first week - reviewed protocols, Bear Aware Course, set guidelines and establish work expectations. Grimshaw Gravels Water Budget project.
- May 9 - 11 – Walk Through The Forest – Thank you to Volunteers – Bob, Sandra, Jill and Kate
- May 10 & 11 – Water and Fish Program meeting (fRi Research Committee that Adam has been asked to join)
- May 19 – Alberta Water Council Water Tool webinar
- May 20 – Floating Treatment Wetland harvesting and raft construction, water quality monitoring
- May 24 – Books to Accountant for year end review.
- May 25 – IWMP SC meeting
- May 27 – Water North Coalition meeting
- May 27 – Floating Treatment Wetland water quality monitoring
- May 31 – Meeting with County of Grande Prairie Planning department about our plans
- Jun 3 – Floating Treatment Wetland harvesting, raft construction and water quality monitoring
- Jun 10 - Finish Annual report and send for printing
- Jun 5 – 9 – CWRA -Canadian Water Resources Association conference - Adam
- Jun 16 – MPWA AGM in Fairview
- Jun 16 – Alberta Tomorrow Cumulative Effects workshop
- Jun 20 – Conference Call with AB WaterSMART, Athabasca Watershed Council to discuss possible joint work project for northern rivers
- Jun 23 – Meeting with New Chair Chris to discuss MPWA
- Jun 23 – LSWC AGM in Kinuso
- Jun 25 – Smoky Headwaters excursion with Junior Forest Wardens
- Jun 28 – Eastern Slopes Water Temperature Monitoring provincial meeting

- Jul 6 – Meeting with AB WaterSMART and potential partners to further discuss options for project.
- Jul 8 – Meeting with Doug Thrussel (AEP) , AEP Eds who deal with WPACs, and the AB Managers to be introduced to AEP's New MRD and the grant process for the upcoming year.
- Jul 11 – worked with Saddle Hills County to receive stakeholder contribution to cover 2020, 2021, 2022 of \$15,0000
- Jul 13 – Discuss with Lubicon Band Member regarding MPWA
- Jul 14 – Follow-up call with Doug T and Managers to further discuss MRD and make suggestions to document. Managers will now make edits and send to Doug asap for his consideration.
- Jul 18 –
- WPAC Leg and Policy Committee meeting to review draft framework.
- Begin working on grant application for MPWA – setting out work plans, projects, requirements, etc
- Jul 25 – 27 – Field visits of WRRP sites and new project opportunities
- Jul 26—Prep for Surface water workshop at MD of Greenview and public event in Debolt.
- Jul 28 – Surface Water Management Workshop event hosted in partnership. MD of Greenview cancelled this event on the afternoon of the 27th, so Adam needed to cancel speakers and ensure social media notices were updated.
- Aug 4 – Peace Country Beef and Forage Association Field Day
- ECOAciton Grants which had been applied for on Jan 20 were finally accepted Aug 5. As these were meant to start last spring, we needed to check with partners about possibilities of continued projects:
 - Aug 8 – call with Mackenzie County about grant for Lower Peace Freshwater Contaminant Reduction project
 - Aug 9 – call with Little Red River Cree Nation about grant for Reducing invasives in the Peace-Athabasca Delta
- Prep for board meeting – office report, minutes, agenda, MRD, financial, tour, speaker.
- Aug 16 – TC meeting

Project Summary of events/activities/progress

- Alberta Water Council Source Water Protection Project Team meetings – April 29,
 - Reviewing proposals and selection
 - Funding considerations and next steps forward
- Education/Outreach
 - Social media posts
 - Exploration of different delivery formats
 - Advertizing for E/O Coordinator
 - Collaboration with municipal partners for program delivery
 - Walk through the Forest
 - Peace County Beef and Forage Association Field Day
- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Source Water Protection Plan
 - Summer student to help with water budget – meetings April 4, May 3 (start-up day)
 - Input on development permits and by-law amendments
 - Engagement with PCBFA for partnered outreach – meetings March 25, April 5
 - Meetings – June 2
- LakeKeepers
 - Prepped for summer sampling season
 - We sampled Victor Lake with Mountain Metis Nation – Jun 27
- Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project
 - Summer sampling program finalization
 - Beaverlodge Monitoring grant – meetings March 25, April 5, May 4, June 30
- Smoky Headwaters Initiative
 - E/O social media campaign
 - Field excursion with Grande Cache Youth Connections to talk about freshwater ecology and species at risk
 - Follow-up with fRI – April 19
 - Kakwa watercourse crossing call – May 12, May 26, June 13
 - Prep (June 23) and field excursion (June 25) with Junior Forest Wardens
 - Call with Cows and Fish about outreach event – Jul 29

- Source Water map
 - Working with Bonnie Nicolai and Dave Walty to create source water watersheds for every community in the Peace and Slave Watersheds
- WRRP
 - Field season prep – meetings April 7, Apr 22 (call with AWES about summer work)
 - Site assessment – May 12 & 13, July 25 - 27
 - Water modelling meeting – May 13

Upcoming events

- September 28 & 29 – Alberta Lake Management Society conference – Stony Plain [ALMS 2022 St. Albert Conference - ALMS](#)
- October 5 – Evergreen Wetland Centre open house
- October 6 & 7 – Alberta Environment and Parks WPAC Forum - Edmonton

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