

Office Report November 24, 2022 to February 1, 2023:

- Follow-up from November 24th Board meeting (minutes, etc.)
- Worked on updating Mailing lists/contact lists.
- Preparation for ½ day workshop at Water Innovation Week (Aquatera event early February)
- Nov 30 – Planning and organizing of Northern WPAC Water forum in Slave Lake. Further online meetings: Dec 12, Jan 9, Jan 27. Event will be Feb 15-16 in GP. Lots of committee work for planning, speakers, logistics, advertising, etc.
- Hired Aidan Yakymyshyn for Research & Report work for “Wapiti River Monitoring Data Collation Project”. He is a student from Calgary with previous watershed work experience with Bow River Council to do contract work. Conversations on Jan 13 and Jan 20 to clarify scope and resources.
- Dec 12 – Call with West Hawk Associates about website repairs, function, and necessary maintenance. Ongoing emails and discussions. Further meetings include: Jan 11.
- Dec 21 - Technical committee meeting - Review the reporting for the RedWillow project before submission to DFO
- Dec 21 – call with Stuart McLean about WBNP Action Plan
- Jan 12 – Call with Madison (and other stakeholders ACA, EPA, MPWA) to discuss potential extension to Beaverlodge River monitoring/data collection.
- Jan 13 & 16 – prep for Ag Services Board conference
- Jan 17 – 19 – Ag Services Board conference, Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie – Booth at event. A number of good conversations regarding our work, potential work, upcoming forum.
- Jan 20 – Native Trout Workshop meeting
- Jan 23 – Interview with Michael Short (Let’s Go Outdoors) about Northern WPAC Water forum
- Jan 26 – Call with David Samm about Board retreat facilitation
- Jan 26 – WPAC Mangers meeting online – there has also been ongoing conversations regarding a meeting with the minister and how best to approach EPA to work toward increased funding model with focus on the value AB WPACs bring to EPA and Albertans.
- Prep for Feb 1 Board meeting and planning for March 7&8 meeting.
- Jan 24-30 – Gather info and organize for AB WPAC Summary Document.
- Planning for AGM, 4-year Grant reporting, Annual report.

Project Summary of events/activities/progress

- Alberta Water Council Source Water Protection Project Team
 - Securing letters of support and funding search
 - Project Team meeting December 5, Jan 13, Jan 30
- Education/Outreach
 - Social media posts
 - Starting January joining with other WPACs in a World Water Day campaign and highlighting different WPAC projects each week
- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Source Water Protection Plan
 - Jan 12 - Discussion with MD of Peace about gravel pit development application
 - Work on engagement and decision-making tools (maps, factsheets)
 - Meetings – December 1
- LakeKeepers
 - Coordinating lake sampling
 - Jan 25 – Swan Lake sampling
- Lower Peace Freshwater Contaminant Reduction
 - Nov 25 – Lower Peace Freshwater Contaminant Reduction site visit
 - Water Act Approvals work
 - Jan 24 – Water Act approval submission
 - Workplan development
 - Search for partners/landowners to work with
 - reporting
- Reducing Invasive Species in the Peace-Athabasca Delta
 - Reporting

- Translation of factsheets into Cree
- Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project
 - Data analysis
 - Year end reporting and submission
 - Beaverlodge Monitoring meetings – Dec 7, Jan 12
- Smoky Headwaters Initiative
 - E/O social media campaign
 - Follow up with Oil & Gas companies about crossing repairs
 - Reporting
- WRRP
 - Wapiti Watershed Bank Stabilization reporting
 - Jan 27 – project team meeting
- Wapiti Watershed Source Water Protection Plan
 - Working on collating existing Wapiti River monitoring to evaluate cumulative effects in watershed
 - Jan 9 & 20 - Calls with Aidan about collating monitoring data and schedules, and data review.

Upcoming events

- AB WPAC Managers meeting with the Minister of EPA
- Water Innovation Week – Feb 7-9 (MPWA presentation the morning of Feb 8th)
- Water Management in Alberta's Boreal – Feb 15-16 in Grande Prairie

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