

Office Report August 17 to November 24, 2022:

- Follow-up from August 17th Board meeting (minutes, etc.)
- 2023-2027 AEP Grant application work and MRD review – needs to be submitted by mid-late Sept.
- Aug 18 – Tour of project sites with Barry White of fRI
- Aug 22 – ENGO UNESCO Reactive Monitoring Mission meeting
- Aug 25 – ENGO UNESCO Reactive Monitoring Mission Session – Presented on behalf of MPWA
- Aug 29 – Eastern Slopes Collaborative meeting
- Ongoing work and discussions with WPAC managers regarding Mission, Vision, W4L review/Action Plan, WPAC process guidelines.
- Sept 1 – AgroForestry Woodlot Extension Society AGM
- Sept 8 – Meeting with Doug Thrussel (AEP) to review grant process and MRD acceptance
- Sept 9 – Project update meeting with ACA, AWES, County of GP, Cows and Fish
- Sept 18 – Submit AEP Grant & signed MRD
- Sept 14 – Evergreen Wetland Center monitoring and Advisory Committee meeting
- Sept 21 – Participated in Foothills Forest Products Public Advisory Group meeting
- Sept 27 – Floating Treatment Wetlands final WQ and raft retrieval and harvest
- Sept 28 & 29 – Attended the Alberta Lake Management Society Conference
- Oct 3 – Prep meeting with Ducks Unlimited for Evergreen Wetland Centre open house
- Oct 5 – Participated and presented at Evergreen Wetland Centre open house
- Oct 5 – All day WPAC Managers Meeting(online)
- Oct 6 & 7 – AEP/WPAC Forum in Edmonton. MPWA attendees – C. Thiessen, S. Miller, D. Walty, A. Norris, R. Clarke-Gauthier
- Oct 13 – Attended Water North Coalition Meeting and Grovedale New Water Treatment Plant Tour
- Oct 18 – Meeting with WaterSmart and Athabasca Watershed Council- Continued conversations regarding possible project with AWC-WPAC, MPWA and WaterSmart
- Oct 19 – Evergreen Wetland Centre monitoring
- Gathered information and numbers to put in a document from AB WPACs to new minister.
- Oct 24 – Presentation to Canfor Public Advisory Group
- Oct 25 – WPAC technical committee meeting, Camrose – establishing an adhoc committee to look at ways to update SOWs
- Oct 31- Nov 1 – Alberta Institute of Agrologist Conference (virtual)
- Nov 2 – WPAC E&O committee meeting
- Nov 3 – Septic Sense workshop MD of Greenview
- Nov 9 – First meeting with LSWC and AWC to discuss possible Northern WPAC Forum (set date, agenda, etc)
- Nov 9 - Mercer Public Advisory Group
- Nov 15 – Mtg with Madison (AEP) re possible extension of monitoring or further work on the Beaverlodge River
- Nov 16 – Investigate possible opportunity to provide an event for Ethical space for Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science
- Nov 21 – Technical Committee meeting
- Nov 21 – Northern WPAC Forum meeting #2
- Nov 23 – Meeting with MMNA aquatic habitat coordinator
- Nov 23 – Foothills Forest Products Public Advisory Group meeting

Project Summary of events/activities/progress

- Alberta Water Council Source Water Protection Project Team (A. Norris, AB WPAC Representative)
 - Awaiting AWC's decision on funding the webtool
- Education/Outreach
 - Social media posts
 - Exploration of different delivery formats
 - Advertizing for E/O Coordinator
 - Collaboration with municipal partners for program delivery
 - Website updates

- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Source Water Protection Plan
 - Aquifer measurements and water chemistry – Aug 23, Oct 31
 - Input on development permits and by-law amendments
 - Work on engagement and decision- making tools (maps, factsheets)
 - Meetings – September 8
 - Presentation to MD of Peace and Gravel pit operator on gravel pit by-laws – Sep 13
- LakeKeepers
 - Coordinating lake sampling
 - Delivery of gifts from ALMS to volunteers
- Lower Peace Freshwater Contaminant Reduction
 - Finalize grant agreement
 - Meetings – Sep 8,
 - Search for partners/landowners to work with
 - Media campaign; Interview with River Country – Sep 30
 - Site visits – Oct 12 & 13
- Reducing Invasive Species in the Peace-Athabasca Delta
 - Finalize grant agreement
 - Meetings – Sep 12, Oct 4, Oct 26
 - Social media campaign
 - Invasive species workshop planning
 - Hosted workshop – Oct 17
- Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project
 - Summer volunteer sampling program and fish passage monitoring coordination
 - Conducting sampling Nov 1
 - Beaverlodge Monitoring meetings – Oct 3, Nov 15
- Smoky Headwaters Initiative
 - E/O social media campaign
 - Recreational stewardship ride calls – August 19, Sep 9, Sep 29
 - Planting and livestaking prep
 - Call with Tourmaline about crossings – Aug 29
 - Supervising planting and livestaking at Seymour Creek – Sep 19 – 22
 - Recreational Stewardship Ride – Oct 16
- Source Water map
 - Working with Bonnie Nicolai and Dave Walty to create source water watersheds for every community in the Peace and Slave Watersheds
 - Meeting Oct 21
- WRRP
 - Plug planting at Patrick's – Sep 17 & 18
 - Livestaking at Hill's – Oct 12 & 13
 - Livestaking at Patrick's – Oct 13 – 19
 - Site inspection at Patrick's – Oct 19

Upcoming events

- TENTATIVE - Northern WPAC Forum – Feb 22-23 in Grande Prairie
- Mackenzie County Spring Runoff workshop – Nov 25
- GGAMAA meeting – Dec 1

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