

Office Report March 27, 2024 to August 19, 2024:

- Follow-up from March 26th Board meeting (minutes, etc.)
- Continued onboarding of 2 new staff
- Website upgrade and migration
- Worked with company to switch emails, set up under windows 360 (new email, file storage, teams communication etc).
- Year-end reporting
- AGM preparation and Preparation for Current and Future Water Uses Forum. – location, agenda, speakers, preparations
- Working with InnoTech Alberta for a grant proposal submission to Alberta EcoTrust
- Staff meetings - Jul 29
- Mar 27 – attended Friends of Sturgeon Lake meeting
- Apr 10 – AB Managers Mtg (Rhonda – chair)
- Apr 11 – presented at West County Watershed AGM
- Apr 11 – Powell site visit and measurements
- Apr 11 – Mercer Public Advisory Group
- Apr 15 – interviews for Aquifer Steward (position for Grimshaw Gravels and partially funded with GGMAA)
- Apr 29 – Technical Committee meeting
- Drought Update Call with GoA – Apr 8, May 10, Jul 29
- Jun 18th – met with Accountant
- Jun 20 – MPWA AGM (Summary of events and activities of past year, financial and Water Uses Forum – good speakers including updated Current & Future Water uses Paper, Irrigation, Municipal Water Co-ops, CAPP, Athabasca Chipewyan FN, Neolithica.
- Aug 8 – attended Riparian Health Assessment training (Amy & Ashley)
- Aug 16 – Call with Northern WPACs about potential conference

Project Summary of events/activities/progress

- Alberta Water Council Source Water Protection Project Team
 - Meetings – Jun 3; Jul 2
 - Planning workshop with Fort Mac and Town of Spirit River to pilot web tool
- Boreal Wetland Centre advisory group meetings and Workshop meetings – Apr 2; May 13; Jun 25; Jul 29
 - Groundwater monitoring – May 6, Jun 11, Jul 9
- Cumulative Impacts of Wildfires on Groundwater Resources in Alberta (with Innotech)
 - Calls May 2, May 16
 - Budgeting, project layout and grant writing
- Education/Outreach
 - Social media posts
 - April 28 - 4-H Workshop (Amy & Ashley); Jul 4 – Junior Agrarians Program (Amy & Adanna); Jul 25 PCBFA Field Day (Amy & Adanna); Jul 24 - Alberta Crop Diagnostics Day at SARDA (Amy); Jul 30 & Aug 1 – Soil Health Caravan with Living Labs)(Adam)
 - May 7-9, 2024 - Walk Through The Forest (WTTF) (Amy)
 - May 16, 2024 - High School Spring Tour
 - May 17, 2024 - Watershed Presentation at GPPL
 - May 21, 2024 - Willow Planting (and fish passage assessment) at Beaverlodge weir (Adam, Amy, Ashley)
 - Field trips (Boreal Wetlands – May 22, McNaught Homestead – May 23, Floating Treatment Wetlands - Jun 12 & Jul 31; Wilderness Park – Jun 18)
 - Booth at/participated in Metis Fest -June 22, 2024; Heritage DayGP – Aug 3; Fresh Air Market Dunvegan– Aug 4; Paddle the Peace – Aug 17
 - (Amy)
 - Booth at Lac Cardinal Regional Pioneer Village Museum Day Camp – Jul 18; Lac Cardinal Regional Pioneer Village Museum Pancake Breakfast – Jul 20; Berwyn Berd's Community FunDay – Jul 20; Pioneer Day Aug 10; (Adanna)
 - August 17, 2024 - Event at the Lake – Leddy Lake (Amy)

- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Source Water Protection Plan
 - Meeting with AEPA and Brian Smerdon (U of A) – Apr 18
 - Hired Aquifer steward – Adanna Hustler June 10 to Aug 30 (maybe Sept 30)
 - GGAMAA meeting - June 13
 - Spring discharge measurements, Lac Cardinal level measurements
 - Presented to Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board – July 9 (Adanna & Rhonda)
 - Completed several wellhead assessments; running survey for residents; planning Farm Water Management event (with NPARA) - Adanna
 - Lac Cardinal Enterococcus sampling (For AHS – Mainly by Volunteers Rick and Megan)
- LakeKeepers
 - Discussion with ALMS about volunteers, coordination and lakes
- Lower Peace Freshwater Contaminant Reduction
 - Project management
 - May 22 & 23 – revegetation; (Adam & Ashley)
 - Producer tour with Mackenzie County and MARA – Jun 26 (Adam & Ashley)
- Project Scoping and Follow-up work
 - Call with Fish & Water Program – Apr 8;
 - Eastern Slopes Collaborative – Apr 10;
 - Powell and Richard site visit – Apr 23; Sebastien-Powell site visit – May 6; Lind crossing site visit – Jun 4
 - Call with West County partners
- Reducing Invasive Species in the Peace-Athabasca Delta
 - May 27-29; Jun 25 – invasive species survey
- Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project
 - Beaverlodge Water Quality Modelling
 - Contract management
 - Mar 27 & 28 - late winter sampling; Jul 3 & 4 – summer sampling
 - Sharing of data with Fish & Water program – stream temperature project
- Victor Lake Riparian assessment – Jun 16 – call;
 - Riparian workshop with Mountain Metis Community Association – Jul 22-24 (Ashley & Adam)
- Wapiti Watershed Source Water Protection Plan
 - Continuing to follow-up on recommendations

Upcoming events

- Aug 28 – Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Farm Water Management (with NPARA)
- Sep 18 & 19 – Alberta Lake Management Society Annual Conference- open to public (3 staff going)
- Sep 25 – Wetland Innovation Workshop – open to public (Adam & Ashley presenting)
- Sep 25 – Water Use Adaptation

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