

Office Report from August 19, 2024 to December 4, 2024:

- Follow-up from August 19th Board meeting (minutes, etc.)
- Continued onboarding of 2 new staff
- Staff meetings - Sep 3, Sep 17, Oct 1, Oct 15, Oct 29, Nov 12, Nov 26
- Aug 29 – TC meeting
- Aug 30 - E/O Coordinator Amy Charles resignation – Review of work accomplished and files to finish and discussion regarding position Sept 3. Set last day Sept 5 to have computer, supplies and files returned to McLennan Office.
- Sept 15 - Submitted WRRP grant application for crossing installation and cropper setbacks from watercourses
- Sept 24 – Last AEPA Drought meeting with WPACs
- Oct 17 – meeting with Land Stewardship Center to review previous year process and discuss any possible changes for upcoming year. Funding secured.
- Oct 17 – Special meeting with Water Partners and Minister Schulz – introduction to upcoming Water Engagement – in part due to drought and ensuring future availability but also looking towards other priorities and changes regarding water resources.
- Oct 21 - Hired E/O Coordinator, Adanna Hustler
- Oct 24 – Collected Well Loggers from GP County sites and retrieved data.
- Oct 10 - Presented source water maps to Water North Coalition
- Nov 1 – removed lake monitoring device Lac Cardinal
- Nov 14 – Rhonda Attended Virtual Webinar explaining Water Availability Engagement
- Nov 18 – Ashley attended the Northern AB Water Availability Engagement Webinar
- Nov 19 - WPAC managers meeting Edmonton – Water engagement, SOW reviews, Compendium, roundtable, AWC, E/O Committee workload, AB WPAC MOU
- Nov 19 - WPAC State of the Watershed Discussion meeting - NSWA, BRWC, BRWA provided summary of methods and Info from the OCS
- Nov 20 – AEPA/Water Partners Forum, Millwoods Town Center
- Nov 21 – Only open house in Northern AB for the Water Availability Engagement - Peace River - Adanna
- Reviewing and discussing SOW opportunities, methods, needs, possible projects, etc.
- Nov 25 - IWMP SC meeting – State of the Watershed renewal meeting with the Tech Committee
- Nov 25 - TC meeting
- Water Management in Alberta's Boreal 2025
 - Meetings - Sep 13, Oct 15, Oct 31, Nov 14
 - Organizing workshop, finding speakers, setup registration, promotion
- Prep for Fall Board Meeting – survey, location, agenda, speakers, minutes, office report and financials.
- Dec 4 - Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Management Advisory Association Meeting

Project Summary of events/activities/progress

- Alberta Water Council Source Water Protection Project Team
 - Meetings – Sep 17, Sep 26, Oct 10, Oct 28, Nov 3, Nov 7
 - Hosted web tool workshop using Town of Spirit River – Oct 1
 - Lead Alberta Water and Wastewater Operations Association workshop – Nov 12
- ALMS Annual Conference – Hinton - September 18/19 – Adam, Ashley and Adanna
- Boreal Wetland Centre advisory group meetings and Workshop meetings –
 - Presented at Wetland Innovation Workshop – Sep 25
 - Groundwater monitoring – Aug 21, Sep 25
- CABIN Project (Canadian Aquatic Biomonitoring Network)
 - In the process of completing application for funding through Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA), specifically the Forest Resource Improvement Program (FRIP).
 - East Slopes Collaborative Meetings Nov 7 & Nov 28
- Cows & Fish – Beaver Coexistence Tools: Tree Wire Wrapping Oct 1– Ashley attended
- Cumulative Impacts of Wildfires on Groundwater Resources in Alberta
 - Waiting to hear confirmation of grant application
- DataStream – connected with them to create account and upload our data into their database
- DUC – attended Wetland Webinar November 26

- Education/Outreach
 - Social media posts and Website Updates
 - Working on fall newsletter
 - Planning for upcoming outreach events – tradeshow, and conferences
 - Meeting to discuss Home school opportunities
 - Met with Camp Tamarack to start to set up a Water resource session and training module.
 - Re-working aquifer video
 - Attend SARDA Ag Soil event - Rycroft
 - Attended virtual AB WPAC E/O meeting Nov 26
- Floating Treatment Wetlands
 - Sampling – August 21
 - last sampling and raft removal - Oct 23
- Grimshaw Gravels Aquifer Source Water Protection Plan
 - Aquifers and Agriculture Event – Aug 28
 - GGAMAA meeting – Sep 12
 - Lac Cardinal level measurements
 - Completed wellhead assessments; running survey for residents; planning Farm Water Management event
 - Lac Cardinal Enterococcus sampling
 - Aquifer steward wrapped term September 30
- LakeKeepers
 - Discussion with ALMS about volunteers, coordination and lakes. Potential Lakes: Swan, Sturgeon, Snipe
 - Upcoming: LakeKeepers Webinar for Volunteers
 - Sampling Protocol Winter 2024/2025 - Dec 10
 - One volunteer confirmed
- Lower Peace Freshwater Contaminant Reduction
 - Project management
 - Oct 3 – establishment survey
 - Oct 4 – Grade 5 field trip and livestaking
- Reducing Invasive Species in the Peace-Athabasca Delta
 - Worked with Canada Water Agency Grant Manager to adjust funding
 - Invasive species control and Grade 9 field trip – Oct 15 - 17
- Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project
 - Beaverlodge Water Quality Modelling - Contract management with AE
 - Sep 5 – meeting with Madison Kobryn, EPA limnologist
 - Water Sampling September 11/12, November 5/6
- Resiliency in the Wapiti Watershed
 - Signed contract with **Canada Water Agency** (Funder) – Nov 20
 - Site visits – Nov 27
- Victor Lake Riparian assessment
 - Shared final report with Mountain Metis Nation Association– Sep 23
- Wapiti Watershed Source Water Protection Plan
 - Continuing to follow-up on recommendations

Upcoming events

- Office Closed Dec 24-Jan 2 for Holiday season
- **Register for Water Management in Alberta Boreal 2025 Conference** – Register through Event Brite and book hotel
- Final reporting for Reducing Invasives, Complete work on Friia Application, AEP midterm reporting

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