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AIS Presentation to Council of Harrison Park

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On December 12, 2017, Council tabled the AIS special service area plan for the properties in and around Sandy Lake until such time as the Province of Manitoba commits to an effective AIS prevention strategy for western Manitoba.

Now that the Province of Manitoba has announced their AIS Program for 2018 and that Council has received a letter from the Minister of Sustainable Development on this topic, is the Municipality now open to working with the Friends of Sandy Lake on implementing additional AIS Protection?

In any case, Friends of Sandy Lake will be implementing the following Additional AIS Protective measures for the beginning of the 2018 open water season:

1. Assisting the Municipality with updating the Provincial AIS Signage in place within the Municipality of Harrison Park.
2. Assessing the need for additional Provincial AIS Signage at boat launches that do not have signs and making recommendations to the Municipality for additional signs.
3. Putting up AIS Awareness posters on bulletin boards at Sandy Lake
4. Distributing the "Don't Move a Mussel" document at Sandy Lake
5. Delivering AIS Awareness Presentations as requested by various community groups
6. Conducting Volunteer AIS Inspector training with the Province
7. Conducting AIS Inspections at the Sandy Lake main dock

The Municipality of Harrison Park can support our efforts by:

1. Installing the additional Provincial AIS signage that is needed at boat launches within the Municipality. The signs will be provided by the Province. The Municipality would supply the posts and labour to install the signs.
2. Printing the AIS Posters and "Don't Move a Mussel" documents required by Friends of Sandy Lake
3. Distributing the "Don't Move a Mussel" document as part of the next mailing to ratepayers
4. Providing access to facilities at no cost to deliver:
 - a. AIS Awareness Presentations
 - b. AIS Inspector Training