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PROTECTING SANDY LAKE FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS)

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL OF HARRISON PARK

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PROTECTION OF OTHER LAKES KEY AS ZEBRA MUSSELS CLOG LAKE WINNIPEG

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FRIENDS OF SANDY LAKE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 MEETING

1. WORK WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF HARRISON PARK TO SETUP AN INSPECTION STATION AT THE MAIN DOCK TO BE OPERATIONAL BY THE MAY 2018 LONG WEEKEND. TRAINING OF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE DONE BY THE PROVINCE.
2. CLOSE ALL OTHER BOAT LAUNCHES AT SANDY LAKE.
3. SETUP LOCKABLE GATES TO PREVENT BOATS FROM LAUNCHING WITHOUT BEING INSPECTED.

COOPERATION

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE WORKING TOGETHER:

- FRIENDS OF SANDY LAKE
- MUNICIPALITY OF HARRISON PARK
- THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA
- THE RIDING MOUNTAIN BIOSPHERE RESERVE
- OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
- INDIVIDUALS

WHO IS INTERESTED?

- ERICKSON FISH & GAME
- DITCH LAKE
- STUART LAKE
- RIDING MOUNTAIN BIOSPHERE RESERVE

WHAT IS THE THREAT?

- WATER QUALITY
- PROPERTY VALUES
- TOURISM
 - FISHING
 - BOATING
 - BEACHES
- INFRASTRUCTURE
- CONTAMINATING OTHER BODIES OF WATER DOWNSTREAM

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CAN SANDY LAKE BE PROTECTED?

YES

GULL LAKE

AND

RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

ARE DOING WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO APPROVE.

WHAT IS THE HIGHEST THREAT?

1. AIS HITCHHIKERS ON TRAIERED WATERCRAFT
2. WATER THAT HAS NOT BEEN DRAINED FROM A TRAIERED WATERCRAFT

WHAT IS THE PROVINCE DOING?

- SIGNS POSTED AT LAKES
- EDUCATION
 - MAKING PRESENTATIONS
 - THE STOP AIS WEBSITE
- INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINATION STATIONS
- MONITORING LAKES FOR AIS

IS THE PROVINCE DOING ENOUGH?

IN MY OPINION THE PROVINCE HAS NOT GIVEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ENOUGH MONEY TO PROTECT SANDY LAKE OR ANY OF THE LAKES WEST OF WINNIPEG.

1. THERE ARE ONLY 6 INSPECTION / DECONTAMINATION STATIONS
2. THEY DO NOT OPERATE FOR ENOUGH HOURS PER DAY AND DAYS PER WEEK. ADDITIONAL STATIONS WILL DECREASE THE RISK TO SANDY LAKE BUT WILL NOT ELIMINATE THE RISK.
3. THE AIS PHONE NUMBER ON PROVINCIAL SIGNS IS NOT ANSWERED PROMPTLY
4. THE PROVINCE IS NOT ENFORCING THE MANITOBA WATER PROTECTION ACT

WHAT CAN WE DO TO FURTHER REDUCE THE RISK TO SANDY LAKE?

- RESTRICT ACCESS TO BOAT LAUNCH SITES TO THE MAIN DOCK AT SANDY LAKE.
- HIRE AND TRAIN AIS INSPECTORS TO MANAGE THE SINGLE LAUNCH SITE.
- WORK WITH PROPERTY OWNERS THAT ARE ABLE TO LAUNCH TRAILERED WATERCRAFT FROM THEIR PROPERTY.
- POST UPDATED SIGNS AT ALL LAUNCH SITES AT SANDY LAKE.
- EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS THAT USE SANDY LAKE BY:
 - PROVIDING LITERATURE AND
 - MAKING PRESENTATIONS

HOW WILL THE PROVINCE HELP US?

- TRAIN OUR AIS INSPECTORS
- UPDATE SIGNAGE SO THAT IS MORE EFFECTIVE
- WORKING TO DEFINE INFRACTIONS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED FINES
- WORKING TO ENSURE THE RCMP AND CONSERVATION OFFICERS ARE ENGAGED IN ENFORCING THE LAW AS IT APPLIES TO AIS IN THE MANITOBA WATER PROTECTION ACT

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

- PLEASE GIVE US AN ANSWER ON RESTRICTING ACCESS TO SANDY LAKE ASAP. SOMEONE IS DONATING FIELD STONES BUT WE NEED TO RETRIEVE THEM IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.
- IT WILL TAKE TIME TO RAISE THE NECESSARY STARTUP FUNDS, PLACE THE FIELD STONE AND HAVE THE GATES MANUFACTURED.
- THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO BE READY FOR THE 2018 BOATING SEASON AND TIME WILL GO BY QUICKLY.

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