

Friends of Sandy Lake AIS Committee Report – May 2018

1. New Friends of Sandy Lake website:
<https://www.friendsofsandylake.com>
2. Update from AIS Committee (on the back of this agenda), there is a table outlining presentations made to Council of Harrison Park and the motions they have passed regarding AIS. All of the material used to make presentations is available on the Friends of Sandy Lake website.
3. Available Literature
 - a. Don't Move a Mussel – Fact Sheet (hand out at meeting and available on new website)
 - b. Don't Move a Mussel – Poster (available on new website)
 - c. Community Planning Guide (available on new website)
<https://www.friendsofsandylake.com/documents>
4. AIS Resources available on the web
 - a. <https://www.friendsofsandylake.com>
 - b. <http://rmbrc.ca/spreadthewordnotthemussels>
 - c. <http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/stopais>
 - d. <https://rmofstclements.com/gull-lake-zebra-mussel-prevention>
5. “Zebra Mussel: A Threat to You and Your Community”, an awareness presentation prepared by Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve
 - a. Will be given after the Friends of Sandy Lake meeting is adjourned.
 - b. Additional presentations will be schedule during the next few weeks based on feedback from the Friends of Sandy Lake membership and the community.
6. Don't Move a Mussel – Fact Sheets are available at the door. We encourage everyone to take at least one copy home. If you feel comfortable talking with others about AIS, please take extra copies. That will help you spread the message. If you need additional information, please attend one of the “Zebra Mussel: A Threat to You and Your Community” presentations.
7. What are we planning to do for this open water Season?
 - a. Literature
 - b. Signage
 - c. Presentations
 - d. AIS Inspectors
8. Additional volunteers are needed to take the Local AIS Inspector training. Taking this training does not mean a commitment to inspect watercraft although it would be much appreciated. If you are concerned about AIS, this training will give you additional knowledge to assess the ability to determine the risk a specific watercraft poses to our waters. (training will be given by the Province of Manitoba on June 1st from 1:00pm – 4:00pm and a second training session will be held on June 2nd at 2:00pm – 5:00pm. The training will be held at the Fire Hall / Ukrainian Museum, 302 Railway Avenue East, Sandy Lake.
9. Friends of Sandy Lake AIS Committee is working on:
 - a. Having paid Sandy Lake AIS Inspectors at the main dock
 - b. Having a small shed-like building near the main dock to house AIS Inspectors
 - c. Getting a local decontamination station
 - d. Consider incorporating Friends of Sandy Lake or the AIS Committee so that it can apply for grants, accept donations and hire summer students.
 - e. Having an AIS Community Engagement meeting to determine the next steps that can be taken to further protect our waters. We will post the meeting place & time and send out an invitation by email to the Friends of Sandy Lake mailing list.

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Update on meetings with Council of Harrison Park

Date	Motion #	Motion
Jun 6, 2017	143/2017 Lloyd Ewashko Craig Atkinson	Municipality of Harrison Park support all interested parties in the Municipality, in preventing the spread of zebra mussels into the Municipality, through education, signage, and voluntary inspections.
Oct 31, 2017		The Friends of Sandy Lake AIS Committee made a presentation to the Council of Harrison Park for AIS Inspectors at Sandy Lake's main dock.
	266/2017 Craig Atkinson Lloyd Ewashko	Administration be instructed develop a special services area plan for aquatic invasive species, specifically for the properties in and around Sandy Lake.
Nov 21, 2017		The Friends of Sandy Lake AIS Committee made a presentation to the Council of Harrison Park regarding housing an AIS decontamination station in a building owned by the municipality at Sandy Lake.
Dec 12, 2017	301/2017 Lloyd Ewashko Craig Atkinson	The special services area plan for aquatic invasive species, specifically for the properties in and around Sandy Lake, be tabled until such time as the Province of Manitoba commits to an effective aquatic invasive species prevention strategy for Western Manitoba.
Jan 9, 2018		Friends of Sandy Lake made another presentation to Council clarifying the previous presentation of October 31 and emphasizing the economic impact that a zebra mussel invasion would have on the Sandy Lake community and the necessity of the extra protection that should be put in place by the community with the assistance of the municipality.
Feb 20, 2018		Friends of Sandy Lake made another presentation to Council to request permission to locate a shed near the main dock at Sandy Lake in order to house Sandy Lake AIS Inspectors.
Apr 17, 2018 Apr 18, 2018		Daryl Kines represented the Friends of Sandy Lake AIS Committee at the AIS Summits hosted by the Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve at Roblin and Sandy Lake. The Manitoba AIS Program was explained and an update of the Government's 2018 plan was given by Dr. Jeff Long (the Manitoba AIS Director).
May 15, 2018		Friends of Sandy Lake made another presentation to Council to find out what additional AIS protective measures they would support. At this time Council will support their motion 143/2017 to support all interested parties in the Municipality, in preventing the spread of zebra mussels into the Municipality, through education, signage, and voluntary inspections.