

AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER FROM WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



Photo by Alex Jensen

Dear Property-Owners: Residents have reported an increased number of pelican sightings on Wasa Lake this year.

WASA LOSES A WELL-KNOWN AND RESPECTED FORMER TRUSTEE

Earlier this month we were saddened to hear of the passing of James Abbott, retired Member of Parliament and one of the first trustees elected to the Land Improvement District. As trustee and later as federal politician, James was well-known for his integrity and commitment to public service. In his retirement years, which he spent in Wasa, James remained a staunch supporter of the work of the board and often responded to this newsletter. We will miss his faithful support.

FIRE WATCH

The summer is winding down but the fire danger rating remains high because more hot weather is forecast into the future.

The following prohibitions apply to all private and public lands in the East Kootenay:

- open fires (eg. campfires) larger than 0.5 metres by 0.5 metres
- burning of any waste, slash, stubble or grass fires
- burn barrels, air curtains burners, sky lanterns, and binary exploding targets
- FIREWORKS

To track wildfires, go to BC Wildfire website www.bcwildfire.ca To **report** a wildfire, unattended campfire or open **burning violation**, call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cellphone. To receive RDEK news and alerts regarding local wildfires (or other reports such as flood,

smoke conditions, and Board Highlights), sign up for Wasa community news at www.rdek.bc.ca

EVACUATION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The RDEK has launched an Evacuation Notification System (ENS) powered by *Voyent Alert!* to keep residents and property owners informed in case of evacuation orders or alerts during critical events such as wildfires, floods or hazardous materials incidents.

The sign-up process is simple and is available to all residents and property owners in the East Kootenay: including rural RDEK, municipal and First Nations communities. Sign up at www.rdek.bc.ca

The next regular board meeting will be held **September 21st at 7 pm** at the board office in the Wasa Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend board meetings but because last minute changes do sometimes occur, it is wise to check the website www.wasalake.ca to confirm the schedule and download the agenda. If you wish to address the board, or if you have comments or questions, please notify the secretary at admin@wasalake.ca

We hope you enjoy the remainder of summer!

TRUSTEES

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