

AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER FROM THE WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



Photo by Paul Dixon

Hello Everyone: The weather forecast predicts a return to sunshine and relatively warm temperatures later this week so the campfire ban remains in effect. To report a wildfire or burning violation, call 1-800-5555 or *5555 on your cellphone. Find the latest news on wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures, and air quality advisories at www.bcwildfire.ca To receive RDEK bulletins on weather, fire, and water events, email RDEK Communications Coordinator Loree Duczek at lduczek@rdek.bc.ca with "Wasa Email Group" in the subject line.

Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop

Twenty-four residents attended the Aquatic Invasive Species workshop at the Wasa Community Hall on August 16th. The workshop, presented by the East Kootenay Invasive Plants Council (EKIPC) and the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District, covered the threats and impacts of aquatic invasive species, prevention strategies, identification of native vs non-native plants, and sample collection techniques. As reported in earlier newsletters, [Native Water Milfoil](#) has been found in the lake and WLLID and EKIPC have been monitoring its growth. Find out more about invasive species at www.ekipc.com

Section 9 Application Underway

Responding to residents' concerns expressed at the Aquatic Invasive Species workshop, trustees voted at the August 17th board meeting to file a Section 9 Application under the Water Act (Approvals and Notifications of Changes In and About a Stream) to request government permission to deal with milfoil. We will update you via this newsletter or www.wasalake.ca as the process evolves.

Non-Resident Advocate

Although non-residents pay property taxes to the Improvement District, they cannot run for trustee positions and do not have a vote at the Annual General Meeting (in accordance with the BC Elections Act). In order to provide a formal process for non-residents to be represented, trustees are very pleased to announce the appointment of Murray Lytle as the Non-Resident Liaison. Murray, who currently resides in Calgary, was born and raised in Kimberley and spent his summers at Wasa Lake since 1954. He

agrees there is a need for a more robust “voice” from those who cannot attend meetings. Please contact Murray at wasa.liaison@gmail.com to discuss any concerns you may have.

Next Meeting: 7 PM September 17th 2015 at Wasa Community Hall

Safe Boating!

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