

## YOU ASKED!

# WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

### WHAT IS THE MANDATE OF THE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT?

In 1969 Wasa residents applied to the provincial government to create a Land Improvement District (WLLID) to maintain water *quality* and *quantity* of Wasa Lake. The boundary was set in 1969.

The WLLID is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees elected at an Annual General Meeting under rules set out by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. The Ministry enforces strict procedures for taxation and recordkeeping.

### WHO CAN VOTE?

The BC Government stipulates that only persons named on the BC Electors list and on property titles within the WLLID boundaries may vote at the AGM. However, everyone is welcome to attend meetings and participate. Minutes are available on request.

### WHAT ACTIVITIES HAS THE BOARD UNDERTAKEN IN 2013?

- **Flood:** During the June event, trustees measured and reported water levels twice daily to the RDEK. WLLID forwarded RDEK flood bulletins to property owners on our email distribution list. Trustees met with RDEK and other Ministries to examine every possible action for flood mitigation.
- **Dam Repair: (*Quantity*)** WLLID is obligated to maintain and upgrade its works and culvert in the area of Cameron Pond and may be facing a \$30,000.00 bill to repair flood damage to the dam between Cameron Pond and the Wildlife Sanctuary. WLLID is a community voice recognized by other government bodies and organizations, and has submitted an application to the Provincial Disaster Fund. WLLID is eligible for funding grants unavailable to individuals or other types of organizations. Repairs to the dam will be completed in fall 2014.
- **Water Tests: (*Quality*)** After June floods, WLLID arranged for e-coli and phosphorus tests, the results of which were negative. Volunteers and trustees have volunteered 800 hours testing water all year round, in addition to other activities. Water tests were consistently "drinking water quality".
- **Hanson Channel: (*Quantity*)** Plans to clean up the channel are underway. This will facilitate RDEK mosquito control and speed drainage of floodwater. .

### WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF WLLID VS. THE RDEK?

If the WLLID did not exist, the 800 hours volunteered by trustees in 2013 would have been funded through additional taxes from property owners. Without the WLLID, taxes would increase and local control would decline.

*A bit of history – The WLLID annually collected \$50 per property to fund a VOLUNTEER mosquito control program. Wasa residents requested that the RDEK collect taxes and manage the program. The program now costs \$274 per property.*

## **FUTURE GOALS**

Improved communication through public postings of meetings, and easier access to information via our new website on our own domain [www.wasalake.ca](http://www.wasalake.ca). We will update the new website regularly.

Please contact the secretary at [wllid@shaw.ca](mailto:wllid@shaw.ca) with further questions or comments and your email address. WLLID would like to email you news updates.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,

*WLLID Trustees*