

WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Photo by Robyn Peel

Hello Property-owners: Happy New Year! The frosty photo above was taken by a Wasa visitor on the way to the December 31st Winter Festival.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, April 26 7 PM at the Wasa Community Hall. This is the opportunity for property owners to ask questions, view the audited financial reports, and express their opinions in a public forum. Trustees will provide reports on a number of items, including the hot topic of the year: Control of Native Milfoil in Wasa Lake. There will be at least one trustee position open; nominations must be received at admin@wasalake.ca at least 2 weeks before the AGM.

RDEK Public Hearing

On January 24, area residents attended the second RDEK public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of a 23 hectare land parcel on the west side of Highway 93/95 across from Wasa Lake. The applicant is requesting that the parcel, currently zoned for a golf course, be rezoned to allow a 120 unit RV park. Attendees raised a number of concerns including highway safety, increased boat traffic on the lake, sewage disposal system, and the effect on the local aquifer.

Improvement District trustees expressed their concern with the health of the lake and emphasized that there is not enough known about the level of the aquifer (nor the factors which influence it and to what degree) to make informed decisions on this and future development. The RDEK Staff Report did not mention the first major goal of the Wasa and Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw 2501- 2014 (as it relates to the proposed development) is to “protect the integrity of Wasa Lake, Kootenay River, and all other surface and ground water resources.”

The RDEK directors’ decision will be made February 10th and will be available online at www.rdek.bc.ca. Although the deadline has passed for public input, you can find out more information from jterpsma@rdek.bc.ca. If you’d like to be on the newsletter email distribution list for RDEK Board Highlights, send a message to communicationsdept@rdek.bc.ca or lduczek@rdek.bc.ca.

The next regular board meeting of the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District will be held 11:00 AM on February 17 at the Wasa Community Hall.

If you have questions or concerns, contact us at admin@wasalake.ca or check out the website at www.wasalake.ca