

JULY 2014 News from Wasa Lake Land Improvement District



Photo of baby flickers at Wasa Lake by Ken Meadows, Victoria BC

Hi Property Owners: The long cool spring was just what we needed to slow down the melt, so the danger of another year of high water at Wasa Lake is all behind us now. Only an extraordinarily significant rain event will change anything. Summer is in full swing with temperatures in the high 20s C and nothing but sun in the 7 day forecast at Environment Canada <http://weather.gc.ca>

Water Watch

Trustees continued to monitor water levels in the river and lake throughout the past month. Our records show that 2014 water levels remained below 2013 levels despite the

higher snow pack. Recent lake water testing has indicated that clarity, temperature, and oxygen are at acceptable levels and that water turnover has occurred. These are all signs of a healthy lake.

Flood Mitigation

In June WLLID trustees worked with the Ministry of Forests to clear brush and debris from about 200 metres of Hanson Channel. A tender was awarded to Catamount Contracting to complete further work, the cost of which will be shared by WLLID and RDEK. The purpose of this work is to allow flood waters to return to the river sooner, and to reduce breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Policy Manual

Trustees have begun work on a Policy Manual to standardize procedures for conducting business. One priority is an Election Policy designed to clear up any grey areas related to matters such as voter eligibility for the Annual General Meeting. Procedures adopted by the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District will be in keeping with best practices outlined in the Improvement District Manual and Open Meetings. Both government publications are available at www.wasalake.ca. Click the "About" tab at the top of the Home Page and then select "About Land Improvement Districts" to learn more. Usually located in rural areas, land improvement districts are similar in structure to municipalities but more informal, and only provide direct services such as water works, fire protection, or street lighting. There are over 200 land improvement districts in BC.

Next regular board meeting is **7 pm Monday, July 21st** at the Wasa Community Hall. Agenda will be available on the Home Page before the meeting.

Please contact the secretary at admin@wasalake.ca with further questions or comments.

Have a safe and happy July,

WLLID Trustees