

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER FROM WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



Hooded Merganser and Ducklings Photo by Cliff Youngs

Dear Property-Owners: If you have any doubts about safe COVID-19 protocol, please refer to the [BC Government's website](#) for their current recommendations.

WATER WATCH

Trustees continue to monitor, record, and report on the Wasa Lake and Kootenay River levels so residents can stay informed and prepared in case flooding becomes imminent. Thanks to the recently installed data logger, we are able to measure the exact figures which will lead to better modelling in future years.

Since the end of May, the Kootenay River has peaked 4 times. As of June 29, the river level dropped 52 cm to 769.06 masl. The lake level, at 769.42 masl (metres above sea level) June 29, has continued to rise and will do so until there is a sustained drop in the river level.

Check our website www.wasalake.ca for updates every few days. View the

[lake/river graph](#) to see the daily changes and how 2020 compares to 2019. Lake/river graphs from previous years are available on our website in HYDROLOGY under the LIBRARY tab.

MOSQUITOES

High water usually means mosquitoes and some areas of the community are feeling their stings. Please note that the Land Improvement District is **NOT** involved in mosquito control in any way, shape, or form; it is the responsibility of the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) and that is who collects your mosquito tax. If you have

concerns about mosquitoes, please direct your inquiries to the RDEK at 250-489-2791 or info@rdek.bc.ca

TAX PAYMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their tax payment already. If you are not one of them, please note that payments are due by July 15 after which a 10% penalty will be applied for late payment. If you pay by etransfer, we recommend that you use your 4-digit invoice number as the security password because only you and our accounting department have that information. If, however, your bank requires a different password, email us at admin@wasalake.ca stating the password. *Please don't expect us to guess!*

A few people have asked if we will be accepting automatic deposits in the future. Although convenient, automatic deposits create less of a paper trail and can occasionally end up in the wrong account, so for everyone's peace of mind, we will not be going that route. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact us to arrange a mutually agreeable payment plan.

The next regular board meeting (which will adhere to safe COVID protocol) will be held **July 6 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

Happy summer!

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