

LWMP Implementation

Lake Windermere Management Committee

MANDATE

The primary role of the Lake Management Committee is to assist the RDEK and DOI in implementing the non-regulatory recommendations of the Lake Windermere Management Plan (LWMP). The focus of the Committee shall be the engagement and education of the residents and visitors of the Invermere and Lake Windermere area.

APPOINTMENT

The Lake Windermere Ambassadors Board has been appointed as the Lake Management Committee for a term of five years commencing in August 2011. A Terms of Reference have been prepared outlining the partnership between the Lake Management Committee, the DOI and RDEK. The Terms of Reference were adopted by the DOI Council on June 28, 2011 and the RDEK Board on August 5, 2011.

The current Lake Windermere Ambassadors Board are Paul Christy (Chair), Gurmeet Brar, Erin Hillary, Heather Leschied, Danny Osborne, John Rouse, Taoya Schaefer, Bob Shaunessy, Gerry Wilkie, Al Miller (DOI), and Wendy Booth (RDEK).

LAKE WINDERMERE AMBASSADORS

The Lake Windermere Ambassadors are a society of community volunteers representing a cross-section of stakeholders. Their mandate is the protection of the lake in perpetuity. The Ambassadors have a vision of an ecologically healthy Lake Windermere with balanced management approaches that support recreation and traditional uses, high fish and wildlife values, and economic prosperity in the region.

The Lake Windermere Ambassadors carry out lake water quality monitoring as outlined in the 2010 Water Quality Assessment and Objectives for Lake Windermere developed by the Ministry of Environment. They also conduct education and outreach related to various ecological issues facing Lake Windermere and best practices as outlined in the LWMP. The Ambassadors are responsible for putting on the annual Lake Windermere Regatta on Kinsmen Beach as a community celebration of Lake Windermere for everyone who loves the lake.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Lake Windermere Management Committee

- Engage in public education activities as identified within the LWMP to educate residents and visitors about water stewardship and conservation, water quality, responsible boating, boating safety, healthy shoreline practices, and habitat restoration.
- Implement a water quality monitoring program.
- Coordinate with various levels of government in outreach activities and sharing of information.
- Work with the RDEK and DOI to educate the public and implement the recommendations identified within the LWMP.
- Assist with the distribution of information about the application requirements for undertaking foreshore works.
- Assist the RDEK and DOI with the dissemination of information and public consultation when introducing new regulatory measures.
- Review referrals from the RDEK and DOI for development and Crown land tenure applications on the foreshore in an advisory capacity, when applicable.

Regional District of East Kootenay & District of Invermere

- Preparation, consultation and consideration of new regulatory measures as identified in the LWMP, including a Foreshore and Aquatic Development Permit Area and zoning for the surface of Lake Windermere.
- Consultation with the Lake Management Committee when considering the implementation of new regulatory measures as identified in the LWMP.
- Bylaw enforcement of applicable zoning bylaws and Official Community Plans.
- Coordination with provincial and federal government agencies responsible for lake and foreshore management regulatory approvals.
- Liaise with Akisqnuq First Nation and Shuswap Indian Band on land use and foreshore planning and development.
- Referral of development and Crown land tenure applications on the foreshore to the Lake Management Committee for comment when requested by the RDEK Board or DOI Council.

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