

Summer Village of Ross Haven



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

RE: WATER LEVELS IN LAC STE. ANNE

Over the past few months, several residents have inquired about the water level in Lac Ste. Anne. Alberta Environment and Parks, and elected officials from the County and Summer Villages, met to inspect the weir, and to discuss future options.

Alberta Environment were going to provide a letter outlining their action (or lack of action) that they would take. Unfortunately, that letter has never arrived, and concerns are still being expressed.

In short, the weir was built many years ago and was not licensed through Alberta Environment and Parks. The County, nor none of the Summer Villages want to take ownership of the weir. It would be unlikely that Environment would even provide a license for the weir.

The weir has not been removed. Over time the weir has deteriorated to the point it does not hold water. This summer, someone removed the weeds that had been clogging the area and water was free to flow out of Lac Ste Anne and into the Sturgeon River.

Residents of Ross Haven and Yellowstone have been contacting Alberta Environment and Parks, with concerns that the lake levels were dropping. In the meantime, Summer Villages along the other side of the lake were glad to see the levels drop to alleviate flooding problems they had been experiencing.

To compound matters, it has been reported that people are trespassing on private property and trying to mend the weir with metal/tin or other materials. It is against the law to restrict water flow, and if caught, they will be charged.

It appears that no one wants to take responsibility for the water levels in the lake. If you are concerned with the water levels in the lake, then the alternative is to voice your concerns with our MLA

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