



Board of Director's Summary ~ December 16th 2016

- 1) **Activity Report and Water Quality Report**
 - District of Invermere Fee for Service 2016 Activities Report will be submitted by end of month. Upon approval, \$8,000 will be granted to LWA (decreased from \$10,000 in 2015).
 - Final Water Quality Report and Presentations: January-February 2017.
- 2) **Announcement: Annual General Meeting**
 - The Ambassadors AGM will take place in February or March 2017.
 - The Ambassadors are actively recruiting Directors at Large to represent Commercial boating operations, Tourism and Shuswap Indian Band.
- 3) **Update on Funding Support**
 - The Ambassadors were successful in achieving \$30,000 in funding support from the Columbia Basin Trust Environment Initiatives Program for a 2-year Columbia Headwaters Watershed Ambassadors Project (2017-2018). The main objectives of the project are to:
 - Facilitate informed community participation in the Lake Windermere Management Plan and BC Water Sustainability Act where these tools provide opportunities for our organization to gather and share watershed information and hold public dialogues in service of a healthy Lake Windermere;
 - Support watershed health and literacy through stewardship education, citizen science monitoring, and community-based restoration projects.
- 4) **Outreach Events**
 - The Ambassadors Public Ice Hut will be launched in January 2017 at Kinsmen Beach, in partnership with Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club.
- 5) **Lake Windermere Management Committee**
 - A 2017-2021 Work Plan based on a recent workshop that included the District of Invermere and the Regional District of East Kootenay is underway.
 - As part of this work plan, the Committee will compile and distribute a report card update of the Lake Windermere Management Plan to date.
- 6) **Youth Committee**
 - The Ambassador's youth representative is looking for young Ambassadors (ages 15-25) who have a keen interest in local lake-based issues and outreach. Contact Cody to get involved at codyhollick94@gmail.com.
- 7) **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday, January 25th, 11:00am, 625 4th Street (South Annex)

8) Donate to the Ambassadors

- Financial assistance from individual community members and local businesses (in addition to grant funding and service fees we receive) is critical to the Ambassadors ongoing efforts to maintain a healthy lake and promote watershed stewardship.
- We remind the community that, as a registered Charity, tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$25 and more. Donations can be made on our website via Pay Pal or by mail to PO Box 601, Invermere, BC, V0A 1K0.
- Thank you in advance for your support!

9) Teaser Alert! The Ambassadors: Engagement Video

- Stay tuned in 2017 for the launch of a short, fresh film about the story of water stewardship on Lake Windermere.

Vision: 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.

Directors' meetings are open to the public. We welcome community groups to contact us to schedule a meeting or presentation regarding our programs.

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