



Highlights of Directors' Meeting ~ February 26th 2014

1) Winter Activities and Upcoming Activities

- Education: The Ambassadors promoted winter lake education through an interpretive skating tour, booth at the Snowflake Festival in January, and a sign on the Whiteway.
- Watershed Tours: The Ambassadors will host a “Watershed Track” during the Wings Over the Rockies festival. This will be a series of tours with a water theme, starting at the headwaters of the Columbia River on Monday, and then heading to sites downstream throughout the week. Registration will be available at: <http://www.wingsovertherockies.org/>
- Education: A Healthy Shoreline Assessment project, conducted in coordination with the David Thompson Secondary School Earth Sciences class, will take place again in May, 2014
- Summer Student: The Ambassadors will begin recruiting a Summer Student as soon as possible to find the best candidate.

2) Watershed Governance

- The Program Coordinator attended the Canada-wide “Watersheds 2014” conference on Vancouver Island. For more information, contact: info@lakeambassadors.ca.
- A webinar, open to the public, will be held on April 14, 2014, from 11-12:30 MST. The webinar will summarize key findings from the “Watersheds 2014” conference and provide an update on watershed governance initiatives in the Canadian Columbia Basin.

3) Windermere Creek Report

- Results are now available from a study of Windermere Creek. The National CABIN protocol was used to study water quality and biological health in the creek from 2009-2012.
- Water quality was found to be good at all sites for the four years of the study, but there was a dramatic decline in bug community health in 2011 and 2012 in the lower part of the creek. More details are available upon request.

4) Foreshore Activities

- The Ambassadors were informed by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations of two legal dredging activities taking place or planned to take place in Lake Windermere: Shadybrook Marina and Jane Creek.

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