

THE GREEN WATCH

The Green Lake Area Ratepayers' Association Newsletter Representing property owners and residents in the Watch and Green Lake Area

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Bruce Gilmore

The election countdown is over and there are fewer days left until Christmas. All of this reminded me of the countdown to get a message out in The Green Watch newsletter. I slipped away from the wet west coast weather recently, to spend three wonderful days around the Green Lake area. While snowflakes teased Aurora's whiskers they reminded us of the onset of winter and the need to bring in firewood to take the chill out of the morning air. There is enjoyment in the coloured crisp leaves scattered about the ground and the last of the migrating birds touching down for a night of rest and nutrition. Viewed from the pace of the city, this becomes a form of great therapy.

Dennis and Ruth Tupman welcomed us, my wife Wendy and daughter Sarah, into the fold of Green Lake some thirteen years ago. I soon joined GLARA and quickly learned of Dennis' sincere heart. My awareness has since grown with admiration and respect, for Dennis has a balanced approach in finding common ground between intellect, need, community health, history, process, and a place in the future. In particular a place that creates cohesion, where we come together and work together in and out of the need for overall health in the area. We strive to live with harmony for the health of the people who have come to know and love the region, and for the preservation of the flora and fauna that surrounds us.

Harmony is a concept that resonates very much for both Dennis and Ruth, with their love for, and time spent, with the people of the 100 Mile House area. Literally it is harmony, as they both have a love for choral singing and the creation and sustaining of opportunities in music as a part of children's lives especially in the developing years.

Dennis, back in 1991, with several lake residents, recognized something. Heard something? Felt something? Perhaps, it was a collection of things seen, felt, and heard. From my heart and the hearts of many, thank you Dennis ever so much for your work in these past fifteen years in keeping the harmony, and developing that most needed balance between growth and change. Thank you for your time and service to the community of Green and Watch lakes and the life you infused into GLARA!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From Marie Kuyek

The total GLARA Membership is currently at 325 properties throughout the Green and Watch lake area. There are however over 800 properties in our catchment area. Please share your newsletter with your friends and neighbours and let them know of the important work being accomplished by the GLARA Board and its membership. GLARA is active today, so we can continue to have healthy lakes, forests, and meadows tomorrow. We are your volunteer resident association with your environmental, ecological, community issues and taxation concerns on our agenda. Please, encourage your neighbours and friends to become an active member of a vital organization protecting and supporting a healthy and sustainable ecological community for the future of our forests, lakes, wildlife and children. Membership fees are a mere \$15.00 per year or \$40.00 for three (3) years. A great investment for a great future. You can email me for a copy of the membership application to give to neighbours.

Also, if you would like The Green Watch newsletter to come to you in colour via email, send me your email address to greenwatchlake@bcinternet.net.

Thanks, Marie

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is now published three times per year. If you have any interests or articles you would like to see printed in the next issue please contact

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If you are interested in receiving a colour copy by email please contact

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SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

When riding and enjoying the winter trails always wear proper snowmobile gear, especially a helmet. Take along a survival pack and always let someone know where you are going and for how long.

Happy Winter trails.

WINTER AT THE 70 MILE TRANSFER STATION

Fees for garbage start January 1, 2009. Access to the recycle bins and further recycling information is also available. Winter hours are November 1 to February 28, 2009.

Sunday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm **Monday:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm **Saturday:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

This site is closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

The packaging for a microwavable microwave dinner is programmed for a shelf life of maybe six months, a cook time of two minutes, and a landfill dead-time of centuries.

David Wann

If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to the man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth.

Chief Seattle

BC LAKE STEWARDSHIP SPRING 2009 CONFERENCE

The BC Lake Stewardship Society is a registered non-profit society started in 1997 by Rick Nordin and Ken Ashley. It is dedicated to the preservation and protection of British Columbia's lakes. The BCLSS membership is open to all lakeshore residents, environmental professionals and those who have a general appreciation of lakes.

The mission of BCLSS is to act as a resource, communication, and information network among scientists, environmental professionals, lakeshore residents, the general public, First Nations, and government agencies in order to preserve, protect and restore the lakes of British Columbia. The BCLSS vision is to have clean, healthy lakes throughout British Columbia that provide good drinking water and quality habitat for aquatic life, wildlife and people.

The fundamental values are preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of lakes throughout BC. One of the primary objectives of the BC Lake Stewardship Society is to provide a public forum to discuss information on specific lakes and watersheds, lake conservation issues and concepts and educational programs relevant to British Columbia freshwater resources.

This Spring 2009, the BC Lake Stewardship Society will be bringing their annual conference to Watch Lake June 12th to 14th. The gathering is an excellent opportunity for interdisciplinary interaction, bringing persons of knowledge and interest together to discuss the issues and concerns that surround Watch and Green lakes as well as so many other local lakes. Together with the professionals they shall seek ideas, answers and solutions to ensure our lakes remain healthy well into the future.

Courtesy BC Lake Stewardship Society



Photo Keith Carver

A proud mother loon feeds her young chick

LOON WATCH SUMMER 2009

Concern about the effects of acid rain and other human disturbances on loons has led to the creation of the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey (CLLS). The CLLS is a long-term project designed to monitor the numbers and breeding success of loons on lakes across Canada. The goal is to protect loons by increasing our understanding of loons and the impact of humans on loons. The CLLS success in achieving these goals depends entirely upon the work of volunteer surveyors. CLLS asks volunteers to survey a lake at least three times over the summer. The CLLS provides a survey kit along with detailed instructions. For information and to become a survey volunteer visit www.bsc-eoc.org/volunteer/clls.

Courtesy BC Lake Stewardship Society

THE GREEN BELT REPORT

By David Schwarz, RPF, Director

Summer is now behind us as is the latest beetle flight. I encourage everyone to inspect your trees between now and next spring to see if any have been attacked by the latest beetle flight. A sure way to know if your trees have been attacked is to inspect for pitch tubes on the trunk of the tree. They will be cream to pinkish in colour. If you have these, your trees were attacked. If you have newly attacked trees, to prevent further spread, you will once again have to dispose of the trees prior to next July; that is, prior to the next beetle flight. I know that some people did experiment with MCH this year, and from what I have heard, it did work to repel the spruce beetle and prevent them from being attacked by the spruce beetle. This is also a reminder that using MCH needs to be done annually in the spring.

GLARA continues to be active on the forestry front, providing input and comments on the harvesting plans in the vicinity of Green and Watch lakes. BC Timber Sales is the most active licensee in the area and they will continue to fine tune their plans over the winter and provide updated information for input and comment. From the information I have received, a majority of the harvesting and planning is within two to six kilometres of Green Lake, between South Green Lake Road and North Bonaparte Road, with a concentration south of Jim Lake. Note, all harvesting and planning is to remove the mountain pine beetle damaged timber. The harvest prescription is to remove all of the pine, leaving the Douglas fir and smaller spruce. Re-stocking the blocks within one year of harvest is a definite priority. This will ensure the re-establishment of a new stand as quickly as possible. We will continue and maintain communication with the local forest licensees (companies), West Fraser, Tolko and BC Timber Sales, over the next several months.

Beginning now, and throughout the winter, the Ministry of Forests will be flying over and probing the area to assess the level and spread of beetle attack from this past summer's flight. They will also be looking for spruce budworm and assessing the level of that spread as well. We do have spruce budworm in our area; unlike the beetle, it will not kill the tree. Spruce budworm is a defoliator that eats the new foliage of the tree. There is information available on the Internet regarding the beetles and spruce budworm. I encourage people to access some of this information - a good thing to do on a quiet winter night.

The beetle remains a problem in our area and only a community effort will reduce further spread. Working together with your neighbours will help improve the situation. Please feel free to call or email, dlschwarz@sunwave.net, with any questions you may have. Enjoy what winter will bring you.

**Who leaves the pine-tree, leaves his friend,
Unnerves his strength, invites his end.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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CRD 1.800.665.1636
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TNRD 1.877.377.8673.
www.tnrd.bc.ca

Ministry of Environment
www.env.gov.bc.ca

Water Stewardship
www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd

www.livingbywater.ca

www.cottagelife.com

Environment Stewardship
www.env.gov.bc.ca/esd

Environment Protection
www.env.gov.bc.ca/epdiv

Ministry of Forests & Range
www.for.gov.bc.ca
Direct links to *Fire Smart* and the
Mountain Pine Beetle

Grasslands Conservation
www.bcgrasslands.org

BC Lake Stewardship
www.bclss.org

**StreamLine Watershed
Management Bulletin**
www.forrex.org/streamline

Lake and Fishing Information
www.gofishbc.com

Wildfire Information
www.bcwildfire.ca

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THE WATER REPORT

By Fred Kuyek, Green Lake Water Steward, Director

Water Testing

This year 11 deep water tests were performed on Green Lake. Keep in mind that these temperatures were taken in approximately 90 feet of water, well away from shoreline temperatures. May 20th was the first water test of 2008. At that time the temperature at 24m was 3.5° C. At 12m the temperature was 4° C and at 0.5m the temperature was 8° C.

The July 14th testing recorded the warmest midsummer temperatures. At the 24m mark it was 5° C, by 12m it was 9° C and at 0.5m it was 17° C. October 6th was the last water test of 2008. At the 24m mark the temperature was 6° C. At 12m it was 10.5° C and at 0.5m it was also 10.5° C.

Clarity readings were also conducted during these tests. A Secchi disk was used to determine the clarity of the water. The highest clarity reading during the year was 11.5 meters taken on June 3rd and the lowest clarity reading was 6.2 meters on August 27th.

Buoys

The buoys in the Haywood Farmer area and Sunset Park area have been taken out of the water for the winter and will be returned to their areas in May 2009. These buoys are in place to warn boaters of the rocks in the area. The anchor for the buoy in the Haywood Farmer area will have to be replaced next spring. High winds and waves tore the buoy away from its anchor. Thanks to Allan Boyd, Ken Greenwood and Grant Speers for their assistance in removing the buoys.

Fluorometer Testing

This past August the fluorometer testing was conducted on both Green Lake and Watch Lake. At this time the final results of the study are not yet available to us. We did have several fluorometer spikes, and samples were taken at four test sites on Green and Watch lakes. However, early results show no clear indication for sewage-contaminated seepage into either Watch Lake or Green Lake. The final report will be posted in the spring newsletter.

This study was conducted under the supervision of Bob Grace, a ministry Environmental Impact Biologist, Dennis Einarson, a ministry Environmental Impact Biologist and Samantha Kelly, Water Technician, Environmental Quality, Ministry of Environment. Thanks also to Ken Greenwood for his assistance in this study and Doug Hughes for lending us his boat to conduct the study.

**We forget that the water
cycle and the life cycle
are one.**

Jacques Cousteau

**To understand water is to understand
the cosmos, the marvels of nature,
and life itself.**

Masaru Emoto

IN WINTER PROTECT OUR LAKES

When out enjoying our frozen lakes be sure to continue your respect for water conservation and lake ecology. Please do not leave rubbish, fishing paraphernalia, or other debris around to be absorbed into the lake during the Spring break-up and melt.

Once it finds its way into the lake the damage is done. And please – no fires on the ice unless in a removable self-contained fire pit.

Enjoy your winter sports!

A FAREWELL TO MAUREEN PINKNEY

On behalf of GLARA and those residents who live in Electoral Area L, a bouquet of gratitude is extended to Maureen Pinkney. Maureen Pinkney was the CRD Director for several terms, committed, dedicated and working hard for her community. Maureen grew up in the area for which a love, appreciation and respect soon developed. Her values became the foundation that anchored her and set her direction to give back to the community through the service and years spent as a Cariboo Regional District Director.

Maureen, thank you for that commitment not only to the larger community, but especially to those who live in and define the area you were elected to represent. The past and recent years did not unfold without some challenges. In these circumstances, the situation often gave way to an opportunity to learn and re-enforce the values we commonly share. Thank you for the level of commitment you gave to coordinating, communicating, and addressing the qualities and values needing attention for the on-going and sustainable health of the area.

Thank you for the effort and time you put forth in addressing these values and the successful outcomes for an area responding to rapid and ever changing growth with a broad diversity of priorities. For those of us who came to know Maureen, she will be fondly missed. And to those on the shores of Shuswap Lake who will get to know Maureen, they will receive a great and true new friend, neighbor, advocate and member of the community.

**Wishing you all the best Maureen in your
new community and in all your new
and exciting endeavours.**

SOUTH GREEN LAKE FUNDRAISER

By Dennis Nagy

On August 2nd the South Green Lake Fire Department and the Snowmobile Club had its Annual Community Day open house. The event was well attended by South Green Lake community residents. Thank you to Jeff Kendy of A&W, for the generous donation of hot dogs and ice cream. A total of \$829.64 was raised for donation to the South Cariboo Health Foundation. A big thank you also goes to all the volunteers and firefighters who helped to make this annual event a great success.

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Provincial Emergency Program
www.pep.bc.ca

The Land Conservancy of BC
www.conservancy.bc.ca

Rural Crime Watch
www.ruralcrimewatch.com

BC Crime Prevention Association
www.bccpa.org

Conservation Officer Service
www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos

BC Wildlife Federation
www.bcdf.bc.ca

Pitch-in Canada
www.pitch-in.ca

BC Hydro
www.bchydro.com

BC Adventure
www.bcadventure.com

iWasteNot
www.reuses.com

Recycle Council of BC
www.rcbc.bc.ca

Thompson Nicola Reuses
www.tnrdreuses.com

Canadian Wildlife Federation
www.cwf-fcf.org

Do you know of some great websites to add to the directory that GLARA readers would find informative? Send them to awynton@bcwireless.com and in the subject line please type Green Watch Directory.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To GLARA and All My Constituents;

First of all, I would like to thank my supporters – those who campaigned on my behalf and those who voted for me on Election Day. The results were gratifying. Now it is time for me to get down to the real work. I will formally take over the position, being vacated by Director Maureen Pinkney, on December 12, 2008.

I promised during my campaign to keep residents and property owners better informed about issues that affect them, such as development proposals, taxation initiatives and solid waste and recycling programs. In this regard, I will be working directly with local community associations. In addition, I will be posting information on my website www.bruceatray.ca. I am also proposing to send out regular email notices about current CRD activities. If you would like to be added to my mailing list, please send your email address to bruce@bruceatray.ca.

Once again, thank you for your confidence in me and I look forward to working with you and for you over the next three years.

Bruce Rattray, Director, Area L, Cariboo Regional District

THE OCP IS FLYING

By Bruce Gilmour

The Official Community Plan now has wings! This past September, the Ministry of Community Services in collaboration with the Cariboo Regional District and the Thompson Nicola Regional District, at a public meeting at SMAC, introduced the consultant retained to complete the OCP. A welcoming congratulation to Catherine Berris of Catherine Berris Associates Inc. of Vancouver. The full process has now begun and the proposed geographical boundary for the OCP is now being reviewed.

The Executive Committee, which consists of the consultants, Ministry of Community Services staff, and our regional districts' staff, is anticipating a public meeting in the spring to update and report on the OCP status. There will also be an Advisory Committee set up to support the executive function. If you reside in the 70 Mile House, Watch Lake, North or South Green Lake areas, you are invited to apply to participate on the Advisory Committee. Please send a brief letter with your history in the area and your expression of interest in the OCP, to Bob Finley by December 12th, 2008 at bfinley@tnrd.bc.ca.

Many thanks to Gordon Labinsky for the exhaustive work completed in the past for the OCP process while on the Green Belt Committee. Also, thanks for coming out of hibernation to provide and generate additional scientific and technical data that will assist us in this aspect of the OCP.



Canada's oldest guest ranch, established in 1886 at beautiful Green Lake, is now the proud new home of newcomers Mauritz and Erika Westerveld. The Westervelds, after a two-year worldwide search, fell in love with the area and the ranch. Originally from South Africa near Pretoria, Mauritz and Erika left their cattle and wild game ranch for Duha, Kuwait. They lived and worked there for three years until they found their dream here on the shores of Green Lake.

This winter they will be opening the Longhorn Saloon for area residents and the public throughout the winter months. They have other openings and activities planned for the winter for snowmobiles, winter travellers, and New Years Eve. Call them at 250.456.7717 for more information or drop by the Longhorn and say hello and welcome them to the area.

ELECTION RESULTS

Your Cariboo Regional District Directors for the 2009 to 2011 term are newly elected Director Bruce Rattray, Area L and returning elected Director Al Richmond, Area G. In the TNRD Sally Watson is back with us as Director by acclamation. We welcome all of you and look forward to working together over the next three years for the best interests of Green Lake, Watch Lake, 70 Mile House and the surrounding area.

You can reach your regional representative Al Richmond at arichmond@cariboord.bc.ca, Bruce Rattray at brattray@cariboord.bc.ca and Sally Watson at sallywatson1@xplornet.com with your questions or comments.

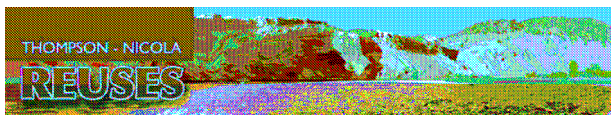
LETTERS BRING ATTENTION TO TAXATION INEQUITIES

By Bruce Gilmour

GLARA residents take a bow! The letter writing campaign last winter to the regional district Board Chairs, regarding the urgent need to bring increased property tax relief to owners of lakeshore property, certainly got their attention. The GLARA executive presented to the CRD with a request for their assistance to take our message for re-dress to the annual general meeting of the Union of BC Municipalities. Green and Watch lakes area resident concerns were similarly voiced by Directors of other areas in the province experiencing the very same issues and expressing the need for a new taxation formula. The GLARA executive will continue to work with the electoral area Directors and the regional districts Board Chairs. Please keep the optics open on this issue by directing questions, concerns and suggestions to your regional district Director.

Meanwhile, while not all resolutions at the UBCM meeting passed, we patiently await for updates in the new year of those that did, especially the re-evaluation of taxation collection. CRD prepared a policy paper that was passed on the floor. Suggestions made to the government included taxing properties based on the value of the improvements, a mill rate designation which expands to include the growth in residential development on recreational and seasonally occupied properties, and an examination of events in other cottage districts in Canada where caps have been put in place consistent with the cost of living.

Thanks to all of you who brought your concerns forward last winter and showed your support for GLARA by drawing government attention to the need to address the many service inequities faced by those of us living outside the more concentrated residential regions.



A NEW SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Got something to get rid of? Want to find something free or really cheap? Then check out the new TNRD Reuses web site at www.tnrdreuses.com for listings of items, such as old furniture or appliances, for swap or sale, as well as garage sales. The TNRD has partnered with the Recycling Council of British Columbia to host this new web site where you can list these items online instead of sending them to the local landfill or transfer station. Or you can look for something you need! The web site also has a handy directory of where to take other unwanted items locally and across BC. The TNRD Reuses Program was developed in response to comments received at the thirteen open houses held as part of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan review to provide more local, easy to access options for re-use and a central location for information on recycling.

Taxes after all, are dues that we pay
for the privileges of membership
in an organized society.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

I'm proud to pay taxes, but the
thing is, I could be just as proud
for half the money.
Arthur Godfrey

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a community work, a society work, a civilization work.

Vince Lombardi

KUDOS FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Bruce Gilmour

I am sending kudos to the many people involved with GLARA and letting you know what they are busy volunteering for, and accomplishing, for you in our area. Thank you to Joanne Macaluso, for not only your encouragement but dedication and time spent in attending the Regional District Advisory Planning evening meetings related to regional affairs, amendments and applications for re-zoning. Lorrie Fleming, thank you for the exhaustive energy you have provided in attending meetings, completing very reliable research, and for the accuracy and timeliness in generating the minutes of those meetings.

Marie Kuyek, kudos to you for sharing your home and warmth so hospitably, not only for the Directors, but the guests attending the various meetings of the past year. In between these meetings, my gratitude is shared for the time you have dedicated to generating property tax data and keeping accurate files for both the membership and treasury. Of course, behind every successful woman, stands an equally capable and talented partner. Fred Kuyek, thank you for your efforts both on and off the water and for all the water testing of the lakes and maintenance of the navigation buoys.

I would like to also use this opportunity to extend on behalf of GLARA and the lake residents, sincere appreciation to Fred's son Dave Kuyek and daughter-in-law Denise Waldner for the assistance they provided during the water quality and assessment work completed this past August. They provided the boat to support the success of the work the Regional District staff did on both lakes. Alan Boyd, I would like to express my appreciation for the time you have given to me on an individual level and to the files your experience and knowledge have required, such as property tax relief and re-zoning development in particular.

For a thorough and wise-owl perspective on the function and duties associated with our regional districts, Jack Keough, you have been a huge asset to the work we have completed and continue to perform. And to Dave Schwarz, my fellow forester and tree hugger, having your professional skills and networking experience, drawn from the natural resource sector, you filled a gap that got me over my sleepless nights. I wondered how we were going to fill the role for effective monitoring of the Green Belt file and then you came along. Thanks for assisting all of us by providing the information related to the health and sustainability of that beautiful backdrop we play in and around – our green belt.

Robin Rusaw, Dennis Read, Judy Cole, and GLARA's most recent appointment to the executive, Mark Tinner, thank you for your support of the work completed in both years, 2007 and 2008. There will be low hanging fruits on the tree for us to reach for in 2009 and your assistance in making the harvest as valued and beneficial as possible, is appreciated.

Kudos from Bruce continued on page 10....

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.

Working together is success.

Henry Ford

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Angela Wynton

GLARA continues to work on issues and initiatives throughout the area and communicate the information and results to local residents. Although 325 property owners do belong to GLARA, there still are many who do not. GLARA works for the benefit of the entire community protecting our lakes, shores, grasslands and woodlands, as well as applying itself to taxation, waste management, and zoning concerns. GLARA is busy and active with our local communities, area and regional governments on behalf of residents and the environment. With approximately 800 properties in the area benefiting from all of the hard work and the commitment, let's see more support. Share your newsletter with your neighbours and friends and encourage them to join. At \$15 dollars a year or \$40 for 3 years, don't you think it's a good deal and a great investment in the future of our magnificent and beautiful area? For a membership application email Marie Kuyek at greenwatchlake@bcinternet.net and let her know you and a friend would like to join. We look forward to your participation. Have a wonderful white and sunny Winter.

WIRELESS IS HERE

There are currently seven towers now situated in our area. They are on Mt. Jack and Mt. Jim on South Green Lake and at 83 Mile on North Green Lake. There is also a tower at 70 Mile House. Two towers are at Watch Lake – one at Watch Lake Lodge the other north of the Y on the West property. If you are interested in signing up for high speed wireless or investing in towers, please contact [Peter](#) at BC Wireless, 100 Mile NetShop.

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On behalf of the GLARA executive and the newsletter membership distribution, I give kudos and thanks to Angela Wynton with my sincere appreciation for the time and effort in editing, content, topic development and newsletter lay out. Also, Marie Kuyek, I extend an additional thank you and sincere gratitude for addressing, stamping, stuffing, and getting both the hard copy and electronic text of The Green Watch to the GLARA membership and others. To the readership, if you have an idea or a question or want to confirm the possibility of how you could be contributing added value to our small and vital group, when you see one of the Directors at the pub, at a postal box, or waiting in line in the store, please pass on your name. We will get right back to you and explain how easy it is to get hooked into, and hooked on, the work of GLARA!

THE GLARA FILES

By Bruce Gilmour

There are always many files currently open and being studied by your GLARA Executive and volunteers. One of those files that is keeping GLARA currently busy and active is our letters to the government for the need to continue to direct resources to land fill site contractors to provide safe and clean burning conditions for pine beetle kill wood waste.

We continue our on-going dialogues and communications with BC Hydro to ensure the completion of the removal of power line hazard trees. This will decrease the potential for outages due to falling dead trees. We also continue to work in a coordinated effort with the government levels to get the necessary water quality testing done regularly for Green and Watch lakes. It is now complete and we express our sincere gratitude for the well-coordinated efforts. When the final reports are completed and received, we will share the progress that residents are making by their on-going stewardship of sustaining water quality.

We work diligently to keep the OCP process active and look forward to the outcomes and the final plan. GLARA will continue to keep active relationships with regional Directors to deal with all issues current and relevant to a healthy and sustainable area and region.

GLARA works for you to keep a healthy, balanced and sustainable Green Lake and Watch Lake region.

PINES, POWER AND DEBRIS

The mandate for BC Hydro is to deliver safe and reliable power to British Columbians. However, the large number of dead and dying pine trees resulting from the mountain pine beetle epidemic threatens their ability to meet that mandate.

Therefore, BC Hydro is taking aggressive action to protect the electrical distribution system and prevent the possibility of wildfires by removing dead and dying trees in close proximity to power lines. Working proactively with local governments and landowners, BC Hydro is safely falling hazard trees that threaten the electrical system.

BC hydro is providing a valuable service to landowners by safely felling and limbing hazardous trees on private properties, at no charge to the tree owner. BC hydro is spending millions of dollars annually to address this unprecedented provincial catastrophe, the mountain pine beetle epidemic. Once BC hydro and its contractor crews have made their contribution, all they request of land owners is that they share in the effort required, to address liabilities posed by their dead trees, by accepting responsibility to manage debris clean-up and removal on their properties.

The contractors are required to leave work sites free of hazards and ensure that all felled stems, portions of stems and debris are situated in stable locations to ensure they cannot be easily dislodged and potentially cause damage to property or pose a safety risk to the landowner or the public, including motorists. They are required to

- Leave woody debris on site for the landowner's subsequent management,
- Ensure that all paths, driveways and access roads remain free of debris.
- Leave no debris in or around drainage ditches, waterways or culverts, such that it may become dislodged and impede existing drainage flow.
- Leave no debris within the high water mark of a riparian feature.

For further Fuel Management information from the Ministry of Forest and Range, access to the Fuel Management Toolkit, managing forest fuels to reduce the potential for devastating wildfires, and information on assisting communities in exploring fuel management treatment alternatives, please visit www.ground.hpr.fo.gov.bc.ca.

Information Courtesy of Rick Walters, RPF, BC Hydro Forest Health Issues & Projects Manager

Trees for generations - plant it forward.

THEY'LL BE GONE

TransMountain Tree Services will now begin removing standing dead pine trees along power line corridors from the 70 Mile Substation, through to Watch Lake, and along to Pressy Lake. Logging contractors will be removing the trees on crown land and some private lands. The total number of trees to be removed over the winter months is 11,336. That equates to about 95% of all the standing dead pine beetle trees around the power lines. If you have any questions or require more information please call Mark Holland of BC Hydro in Williams Lake at 250.392.8320.

The tree is more than first a seed,
then a stem, then a living trunk,
and then dead timber. The tree
is a slow, enduring force
straining to win the sky.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

REPORT AN OUTAGE

1-888-POWERON (769-3766)

Cell phone *HYDRO (*49376)

SAME OLD GARBAGE - BRAND NEW PROCESS

Effective January 2009 the TNRD will roll-out a new ECO-CARD system whereby residents will buy a punch card and take it to the 70 Mile Transfer Station. The card can be purchased at several designated retailers and government offices. Cards will come in different amounts, starting at five bags for \$5.00. Simply take the card to the transfer station and have it punched for each bag you drop off.

Depending on the number of garbage bags or the size of the load, the appropriate number of punches will be made in the card by the attendant. If people are in a pinch, there will be a limited number of cards available at the site and the attendant will complete an invoice and the billing for the card will be done through the TNRD. These cards available at the site will just be a temporary measure until everyone gets used to the new system. Ultimately, the TNRD hopes to upgrade the transfer station with phone and power lines so that payment can be made directly by Interact or charge card on site.

Remember, you can bring as much recycling as you want at no charge. Recycle more and you will end up paying less for your garbage. Watch for more details later this year as the program start date gets closer. Please note that fees for demolition, construction, land clearing and bulky items, like mattresses or furniture, have already started.

To date there are no figures on the quantity of waste that will be diverted from disposal through the blue bag recycling bins at the 70 Mile site. If other sites are any indication, the diversion rate should be quite good - as much as 35% to 40 % waste reduction.

The TNRD hopes to begin further upgrading at the 70 Mile station in 2009, but it is contingent on approval from the provincial government to expand onto adjacent crown land. The plan is to expand waste diversion and recycling to better separate wood, construction and demolition waste, install a weigh scale and provide depots for product stewardship programs such as used oil and Product Care. We hope to have a drop-n-shop or share shed as well as current recycling.

For further information on the tipping fees and blue bin recycling visit www.tnrd.bc.ca and go to Solid Waste and Recycle Updates. You may also address concerns and make inquiries to Nathan Pehowich, Transfer Station System Administrator at 1-877-377-8673.

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