

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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SUMMER 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Bruce Gilmour

Summer is very much here, the fish are hiding and the barometer is high! On this, the day I prepare my message, memories of the wild fires of 2003 are brought home with the smoke about Green and Watch Lakes resulting from a new fire burning near Lillooet. Our sincere appreciation again is extended to those members of our volunteer fire departments and those supporting the work behind the front lines in educating about fire safety. Thank you for your efforts in strengthening this network. Highlights since the last bulletin include the following update.

The BC Lake Stewardship Society Conference co-hosted by GLARA at Watch Lake this June was in a word, great! The educational value of this event was positively overwhelming. The content has provided GLARA with increased scientific data to continue partnerships with your local and provincial governments on lake health monitoring. Thank you for your individual efforts in heightening commitments to lake stewardship values. GLARA will be developing opportunities to continue with data development related to lake level recording and expanding studies on Green and Watch Lakes related to water quality and development pressures. We expect to receive copies of conference presentations. When the data is complete, we will strive to get this information shared. i.e. fish stocking and species information.

The executive and I look forward to the reporting back on the OCP research completed to date by the consultants. We anticipate the forthcoming meeting on August 14th to be designed to educate the participants on the specifics of the development issues and suggested directions for our watershed. Your numbers are important, your ear to the reliability of the information, and your voice to confirm or to get clarification, is critically important to the value and success of this meeting. Please try to put the time aside.

The second date to put to the calendar is the GLARA annual general meeting on August 22nd. We will have the participation of the Electoral Area Directors and anticipate presentations from law enforcement, wild fire management, and a special guest speaker on a topic of common interest to all area residents.

To one and all of the GLARA directors and to all membership residents, thank you for your continued support and attention to the health and future of what draws our lives together – water, foreshore, trees, wildlife, and our back country values. Safe and happy trails into the remaining summer to all.

BE INVOLVED -THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) NEEDS YOUR INPUT

**AUGUST 14TH, 6:30 PM AT SMAC
HAVE A SAY IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!**

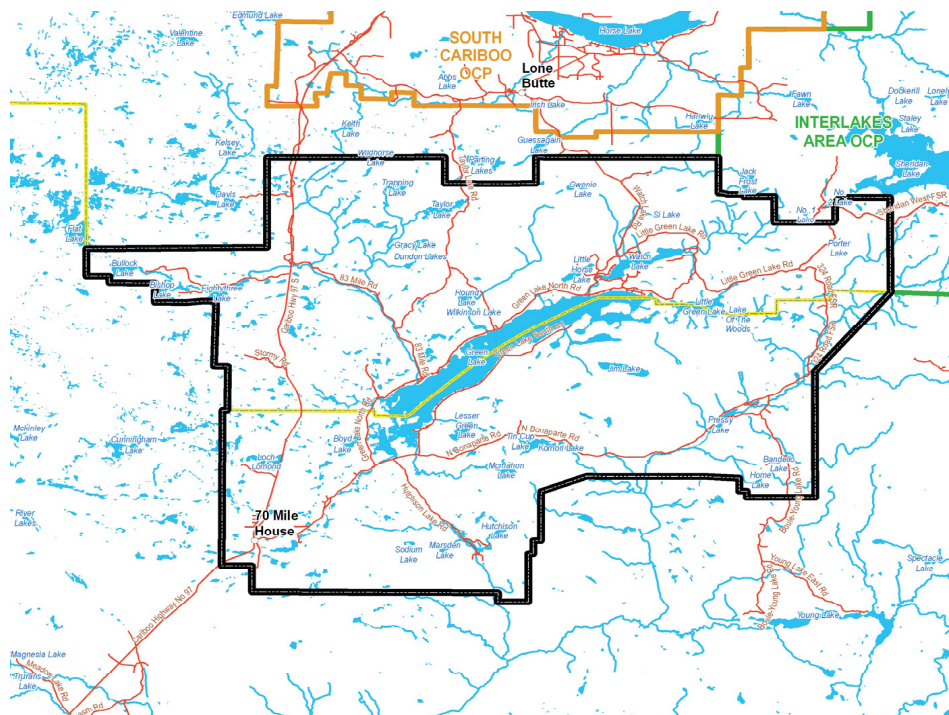
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN FOR GREEN/WATCH LAKES AND 70 MILE HOUSE AREA

Please join us at public Session #2

Friday August 14, 2009

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

**Seventy Mile Access Centre (SMAC),
2545 North Bonaparte Road, 70 Mile House, B.C.**



Adgenda

Public input is extremely important since
The OCP should reflect the interests
Of the community. Please attend this
Second of three public sessions.

6:30 – Open house, viewing of maps
7:00 – Presentation – What is an OCP?, Analysis, Draft Version,
Draft Goals, Draft Objectives and Policies
7:45 – Public questions and comments

For further information, contact or refer to the following people and Web sites:

Dan Wallace at the TNRD, 1-877-377-8673 (ext. 7064) or danwallace@tnrd.bc.ca, www.tnrd.bc.ca or
Rick Brundrige at the CRD, 1-800-665-1636 (ext. 216) or rbrundrige@cariboord.bc.ca, www.cariboord.bc.ca



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Green Lake and Area Ratepayers' Association'

AGM

Annual General Meeting

At Firehall #2, (Sonny Johnston Hall)

On North Green Lake Rd near Arrowhead Park

10 AM Saturday August 22, 2009

THEFTS AND VANDALIZM

This is a news item that was emailed out on July 7th to everyone who has registered his or her email address with GLARA. If you would like notifications by email but prefer the mailed Newsletter, I can set that up, email Marie at: greenwatchlake@gmail.com

On July 4-5 weekend, vandalism and theft's took place at some of the Parks on Green Lake. At Sunset View the attempted theft of a Sea Doo was not successful, it was recovered 50 feet from the beach, in the bushes. One boat parked on the Sunset view beach had the ignition vandalized and another boat on the beach had the stereo stolen out of it. Also on the North side of Green Lake, some people at the park had their coolers stolen from their campsite. If you see any suspicious activity or have anything stolen or vandalized please report it to the police. Everyone on Green and Watch Lake call:

Clinton detachment: 1-866-459-2221

A few properties on North Watch Lake are to call the 100 mile detachment. For those of you who know this is your area call:

100 Mile detachment: 1-250-395-2456

If in doubt call the Clinton number.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The total GLARA Membership is currently at 280 properties throughout the Green and Watch lake area. Share your newsletter with your friends and neighbours; let them know of the important work being accomplished by the GLARA Board and its membership. Encourage them to become an active member of a GLARA.

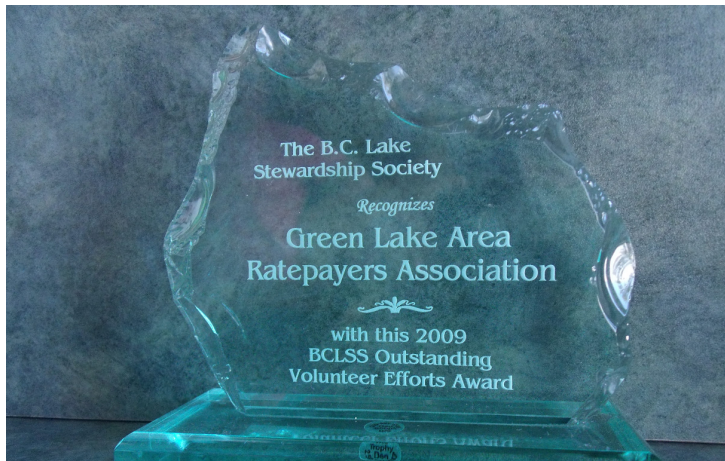
Membership fees are \$15.00 per year or \$40.00 for three (3) years. If you need a copy of the application form, you can email me at greenwatchlake@gmail.com And I will email you a copy.

Also, if you would like The Green Watch Newsletter to come to you in colour via email, send me your email address and I will put you on the email list for the Newsletter. If you receive a Newsletter by email and wish to receive it by Canada post mail, just email me your request and I will make the nessesary changes. You will still receive small email notifications by email from GLARA.

**Marie Kuyek
Membership**

BCLSS Annual Conference 2009

The BCLSS held its annual conference for 2009 on June 12th - 14th at the Watch Lake Community Hall located near Green and Watch Lakes in the beautiful Cariboo/Thompson-Nicola regions. The event was co-hosted by the Green Lake Area Ratepayer's Association. This year's theme, "Interface 2009: Linking Land to Water on the Bonaparte Plateau" dealt with the interface between lakeshore environments and the many land uses that surround and impact lakes. During the conference GLARA was presented an award for their volunteer work in the Green Lake Watch lake area.



Some off the speakers at the conference were:

Dr. Rick Nordin "[Marl Lakes](#)" and "Paleolimnological Cores for Green Lake and Watch Lake"

Dan Wallace "TNRD/CRD Joint Official Community Plan: A Water-Centric Planning Process"

Rory Colwell "Forest Fire Protection Landscape Changes & Reducing Community Susceptibility"

Lee Williston "Fisheries Status on Green Lake and Watch Lake"

Roger Packham "Riparian Ecosystems Management"

Bob Grace "Green and Watch Lakes Lakeshore Surveys"

Samantha Kelly "Green and Watch Lakes Fluorometer Study"

Dr. Tom Siddon "Lakes Alive: Preserving our Lakeside Heritage"

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Rural Crime Watch
www.ruralcrimewatch.com

Temperatures on Green Lake as of July 28th 2009

In one of the deepest spots in Green Lake the Temperature

at 24 meters (80 feet) was 6.5° C

Temperature at 12 meters (40 feet) was 16.5° C

Temperature at .5 meters (1.6 feet) was 20.5° C

The water clarity was at 9.14 meters (30 feet)

Sorry no data for Watch Lake at this time.

GLARA is *your* organization. Let us know what you want to see, or be involved in, within your community, whether it's Watch Lake, Green Lake or 70 Mile House. Share your ideas or contribute your suggestions and get involved. Contact a director or the editor of this Newsletter. We want to hear from you. GLARA email is greenwatchlake@gmail.com for Newsletter contributions. The next Newsletter deadline is November 1st 2009

Update:

South side Green lake residents cattle fence

PHASE 1 CATTLE FENCE: repairs.

Gordon Labinsky has been patrolling the fence and making necessary repairs that have been needed on the Phase 1 portion of the South Green Lake Cattle exclusion fence. Please remember to close gates behind you. If you see any damage to the fence that you are unable to repair yourself, please contact either:

Gordon Labinsky: 250-456-2310 or

Dennis Nagy: 250-456-6020

PHASE 11 CATTLE FENCE: repairs.

Last year a request for funds to maintain the cattle fences on South Green Lake was issued. The response was phenomenal. Thanks to the generosity of the residents, supplies were bought for the fence and repairs were made. I would especially like to thank Bob Walker and Dale Dyck for helping me fix the fence this spring. Thank you again for your assistance and support for sustaining the quality of life and values, which have drawn us to the Green lake area.

Dennis Nagy

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE

Wildlife diet fact sheet

- When animals come to rely on human food instead of their natural diet, their health suffers. Growth and development can be seriously disrupted if baby animals are fed the wrong foods.
- When wild animals are attracted to populated areas by food, they may become habituated and lose their healthy fear of people. This poses risks to both humans and wildlife (as well as pets). Most injuries treated by wildlife rehabilitation centres are human-related.
- Feeding wildlife disrupts normal population and migration patterns. Animals adapt to an artificial abundance of food, but when food becomes scarce, as in winter or when people stop feeding them, animals face starvation.
- Feeding draws unnaturally large numbers of animals to the area of the food source. These gatherings can increase the spread of disease among animals.

Copied from a pamphlet put out by the BCSPCA

www.wildarc.com



TNRD Solid Waste Management

Fees for garbage started on January 1st 2009

SUMMER HOURS AT THE 70 MILE TRANSFER STATION

March 1 to October 31

Sunday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Monday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

WINTER HOURS AT THE 70 MILE TRANSFER STATION

November 1 to February 28

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.



For more information on our recycling program log on to: www.tnrd.bc.ca

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