



To Enhance, Preserve & Protect Pigeon Lake & Its Watershed

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CURRENT ISSUES

On July 16th, 2008 the Association e-mailed members concerning an application by MEC Operating Company to divert ground water from wells for the purpose of injection to increase oil and gas production.

The Association has been advised that the application is at the approval stage. MEC's current licence expires December 31st, 2008. Attached is the link to a recent letter from the Association to Alberta Environment expressing concern that the use of fresh water from the aquifer adjacent to Pigeon Lake may adversely affect water levels in the lake.

<http://www.townlife.com/document/show/914>

Members concerned about the effect of the MEC application are also urged to write to or e-mail, quoting file number 19569:

Mr. David Helmer MSc. P.Eng. A/Regional Approvals Manager, Alberta Environment
304 Provincial Building, 4920 – 51st Street Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6K8

Copies should also be sent to Diana McQueen the MLA for Drayton Valley-Calmor and Rob Renner the Minister of the Environment. You can send an e-mail to david.helmer@gov.ab.ca indicating that "I have read Mr. Stevens' letter of December 2nd and fully support the comments therein. The licence should not be renewed at least until the study suggested is completed and an accurate picture exists as to the effect of such a licence on Pigeon Lake." and copy both Diana McQueen at draytonvalley.calmor@assembly.ab.ca and Rob Renner at medicine.hat@assembly.ab.ca.

Attached are links to items of current interest posted on the PLWA website:

- TD Great Canadian Shore Line Clean-Up 2008 results at Pigeon Lake
<http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/document/show/903>
- The PLWA 2008 Christmas Creature Count <http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/document/show/911>
- Province of Alberta news releases on the ban of weed and feed products & the Water For Life Program
<http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/document/library/40/category/187>
- Alberta Water Council fact sheet on Alberta's proposed wetlands policy
<http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/document/library/41/category/188>
- County of Wetaskiwin advertisement on changes to the Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use By-Law
<http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/document/show/896>
- Presentation by Chris Teichreb of Alberta Environment on Pigeon Lake at the North American Lake Management Society <http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/document/show/895>

Also attached is Notice of Public Hearing, December 11th, at 2:00 on proposed (Silver Woods) development and a copy of the proposed Area Structure Plan plus a briefing paper to the County by the Pigeon Lake Residents Group (PLRG).
<http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/document/library/25/category/191>

The PLWA will be making a submission on the Silver Woods proposal which will be posted on our website. Members can also get involved in the PLRG's efforts in responding to the development by contacting Blair Northfield by e-mail at blairnorthfield@telus.net or by phone at 780.464.6075 or 780.993.4765

Members concerned about the impact of this high density development, including the removal of a portion of the Municipal reserve, should attend the hearing, if possible, or write the County (David Blades Director of Planning & Economic Development at P.O. Box 6960, Wetaskiwin, AB T9A 2G5). Members can also advise the County of their concerns by way of an e-mail to David Blades at d blades@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca and copy Larry McKeever, County Councillor at lmckeever@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca prior to the hearing on December 11th.