

### Calling Lakes Planning Commission

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# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Tuesday November 8, 2022 ZOOM

PRESENT: Chair: Murdoch MacPherson District of Katepwa

ZOOM:

Sec./Treas. Richelle Haanstra

Members: Gus Lagace Town of Fort Qu'Appelle

Joanne Pelletier Village of Lebret
Paul Korpan RV of B-Say-Tah
Lee Carlson RM North Qu'Appelle

ABSENT: Val Hamilton Village of Lebret

ATTENDEE: Aura Lee MacPherson C.L.E.M.

Dr. Peter Leavitt U of R

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Murdoch MacPherson called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

## **DELEGATIONs**

Dr. Peter Leavitt, Chair of the Canadian Research in Environmental Change and Society, Co-Director of University of Regina's Institute of Environmental Change and Society, and fellow of the Royal Society of Canada's Academy of Science

Dr. Leavitt presented to the Commission on the water quality of the Qu'Appelle river system.

In his presentation, he noted that compared to northern lakes, the Qu'Appelle lakes have always been green to some extent. However, using fossil records from lake sediment samples, his research team has shown that modern conditions are much worse than the historical conditions in many prairie lakes. For example, Pasqua Lake contains 400% to 600% more cyanobacteria now than it did in the mid-1880's. The timing of the changes matches increased urban pollution and increased nutrient loading resulting from agricultural fertilizers.

In keeping with our interest to preserve and protect the natural environment of the Qu'Appelle Valley, the CLDPC will continue to educate our members on matters related to water quality.

Question and Answer period with Dr. Leavitt and the Commission members.

Chair MacPherson thanked Dr. Leavitt for his presentation to the commission.



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Rick Vigrass, District of Katepwa and Calling Lakes Echo Museum member, presented to the commission Epcor's work at keeping the wastewater treatment plant powered doing outages to prevent unnecessary discharges into the river system

Question and answer period with Mr. Vigrass and the Commission members.

Chair MacPherson thanked Mr. Vigrass for his presentation to the commission.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### 22-42 MINUTES- L. CARLSON/ P.KORPAN

THAT the September 2022 Minutes be approved as presented.

**CARRIED** 

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCES**

## 22-43 FINANCIAL REPORT - J. PELLETIER/ L. CARLSON

THAT the Financial Report for the periods ending September and October 2022, be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED** 

## 22-44 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -P.KORPAN/ L. CARLSON

THAT the following payments be approved to be paid

- #163 Melcher Media & Design \$721.50
- #164 Richelle Haanstra September Sec./Treas. Fees \$150.00

**CARRIED** 

# **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on December 13, 2022, 6:30p.m.

**22-45 ADJOURNMENT J. PELLETIER**— adjourned the meeting at 8:44p.m.

**CARRIED** 

Approved this	day of	, 2022.
Chair		Secretary/Treasurer