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Next AWC Board Meeting

The next AWC board meeting will be held Thursday October 31, 2013 in Calgary.

New Alternate Directors join the Council:

- Ahmed Idriss for the Power Generation Sector
- Stephanie Neufeld for Lake Environment Conservation
- Hugh Sanders for WPACs

AWC Presentation Opportunity

Would you like to raise awareness in your group or sector about the Council? Staff would be happy to present information about how the Council works, including an update on its projects, and to respond to questions. If you are interested in such a presentation, please contact Council Staff or email info@awchome.ca



THE CONFLUENCE

New project team to look at Aquatic Invasive Species

In October 2012, the Council approved a potential piece of work, based on a statement of opportunity entitled "Safeguarding Alberta's Water Supplies and Ecosystems from Aquatic Invasive Species." A working group was launched in March 2013 to scope out the topic and develop a project terms of reference for the Board's consideration.



The co-chairs for the working group presented the draft terms of reference at the June 2013 meeting. They outlined that a project team would review current prevention and management approaches in Alberta and elsewhere. Alberta information will be gathered through a survey and information from other jurisdictions through a consultant report. The team would then make recommendations to improve awareness, communication and coordination of activities by stakeholders in Alberta.

The Water Council established this new project team on Aquatic Invasive Species, and a call for members went out shortly after the Council meeting. The Terms of Reference will

The reports for the newly completed projects can be found on the Council's website:

Non-Point Source Pollution Project report was released on June 4, 2013.

Sector Planning for Water Conservation, Efficiency & Productivity Project press conference was on June 18, 2013. Minister McQueen was in attendance to receive the report and spoke well of the Council and of the accomplishments of the sectors in completing their CEP plans. A number of team members were present as well as other representatives from some of the sectors that developed CEP plans.

Council's Newsletter

The Council's newsletter will arrive at your inbox three times per year, shortly after each board meeting, providing a quick update for board members and other interested stakeholders. Comments and suggestions are welcome, so please tell us what you think. Email your feedback to info@awchome.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!

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be posted shortly on the Council's [website](#). Great job Invasive Species working group members!

Working Group Members: Dave Hayman, Daniel Laubhann, Brian Meagher, Ron McMullin, Jon Sweetman, Joan Tingley, Jay White, John Willis, Kate Wilson.

Project Managers: Andre Asselin, Petra Rowell

Riparian team nearing completion



This team is working on its final report and is considering 13 recommendations to improve riparian land conservation and management in Alberta. A sector engagement package was distributed at the end of May and the review process will wrap up in mid-July.

The team will get back together in the fall and review the sector comments. The final report and recommendations are expected to come forward at the October board meeting.

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WATER PIPES

Symposium Committee on Exploring Water Reuse continues its work

The Council is planning a Symposium on exploring water re-use for household municipal and industrial applications. The Symposium will bring participants together to share global water re-use knowledge, challenges and solutions to inform the potential development of responsive water re-use policy in Alberta.



The 2 day event will be held in Calgary in spring 2014. The symposium steering committee has identified the following themes to highlight opportunities and barriers related to water re-use:

- Business and Environmental Sustainability
- Technology and Innovation
- How to Apply Water Re-use in Alberta

The committee is now identifying speakers to begin shaping a program. Watch for more information about the symposium in a "save the date" email later this summer!

AWC Updates its Business Plan

The Council prepares a 3-year business plan that guides its strategic direction and focus, and serves as the foundation for its annual operating plans. At its June meeting, the board began to review and update the current business plan (2010-2013) to take the Council through to 2016. The focus of the review was to confirm the





Council's strategic direction for the next three years, revisit key components of the business plan and identify potential areas

of work that align with the organization's strategic direction. The finalized business plan will be available for wider distribution in early 2014.



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