

WILLIAMS LAKE

April, 2011

CONSERVATION COMPANY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9 AT 7:30 P.M.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM SPRY CENTRE
10 KIDSTON ROAD

EVERYONE WELCOME

The WLCC is a non-profit volunteer organization. We welcome everyone who shares the WLCC's mandate to preserve the health of Williams Lake to come to our Annual General Meeting. We will be discussing ongoing concerns with the dam, water quality, water levels and the impact on the lake of approved and potential developments in the Williams lake watershed area. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn more about these issues and their relationship to Williams Lake and its watershed, including Colpitt Lake. The AGM is also an opportunity for us to review the year's activities and for you to bring forward your concerns and observations.

The Board needs your input and also new members. Is your area represented on the Board? The WLCC depends on its volunteers. Please contact any of the Board listed at the end of this newsletter to volunteer or suggest a name. We encourage you to attend the AGM and look forward to seeing you on Monday, May 9th.

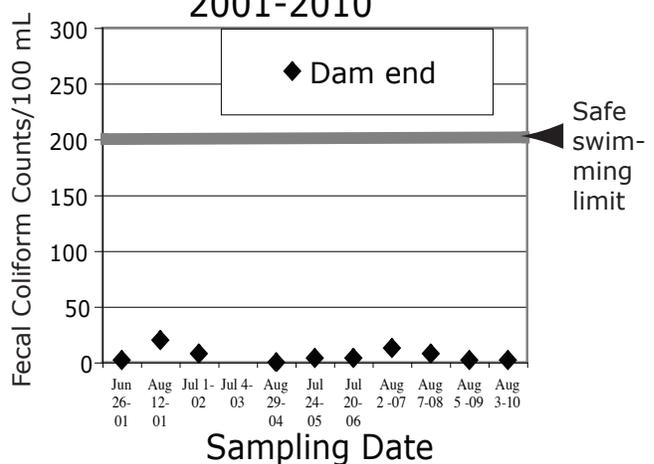


Everyone enjoys exploring Williams Lake by canoe. Photo courtesy of Melanie Dobson

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

As we approach summer and swimming season many residents may have concerns about the water quality of the swimming lakes in our neighbourhood. Swimming safety is just one of the reasons why the WLCC has been monitoring the water quality in Williams Lake since 1994. Although HRM officials (Environmental Performance (Water) Sustainable Environment Management Office) also monitor water quality in HRM lakes including Williams Lake, their samples are often collected in May and October, non-swimming months for most of us. The WLCC water samples are collected by volunteers mid-summer. Thanks to membership dues we have been able to have samples tested by the Capital Health District Authority. Both the WLCC testing (results for samples taken near the dam end are shown below) and the testing by HRM indicate that the main body of Williams Lake has consistently been safe for swimming, even during past hot dry summers (HRM closes supervised swimming areas if fecal coliform counts are above 200 per 100 mL). We can be proud to live in an urban area that offers such a valuable recreational resource as Williams Lake that is in such good condition.

Williams Lake Water Testing 2001-2010



WEBSITE

To find out more about the WLCC and our activities, check out our website:

www.williamslakecc.org

Among other items it includes links to the newsletters and a printable membership form.

BEAVERS AND BIRDS

The Williams Lake beavers were busy last fall, building a new lodge near the supervised swimming beach behind the Cunard Junior High School. We wonder if they have abandoned their old lodge in the main part of Williams Lake. Alternatively, maybe one of the kits has finally decided to leave home and get his own place.

We know spring has finally arrived when the ospreys return to fish in Williams Lake and the loons start calling. This year an immature commorant moved in for a few days to take part in the feast and soon the Great Blue Herons will return.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP

The annual clean-up of the lakeshore area will be held on September 24th starting at 1:00. As in recent years, the WLCC will be organizing this event as part of the national Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup Week. Check out their website (<http://shorelinecleanup.ca/en>) for more details .

We have had enthusiastic participation from the younger generation during past clean-ups and expect another successful event this year. Ideally, of course, there would be nothing to clean up, but in the meantime many thanks to those who don't litter and who do pick up rubbish as they find it during the year.



Great Blue Heron, an annual visitor to Williams Lake . Photo courtesy of Melanie Dobson

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WLCC MEMBERSHIP

WLCC membership is \$20 per household and can be paid at the AGM or by returning the attached form. (The form is also available through our website at www.williamslakecc.org)

Heather Watts's history of the Williams Lake area is \$5 when renewing or joining, additional copies are \$10 each. The mandate of the WLCC is to protect the health of Williams Lake. **Everyone who shares this goal is welcome as a member!**

MEMBERSHIP FORM \$20. (\$80. FOR 4 YEARS)

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