

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2004 7:30 PM  
CAPT. WILLIAM SPRY CENTRE**

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The meeting will review the year's activities, elect a Board of Directors for 2004-2005, and consider new business. Several long-serving members of the present Executive have indicated that they wish to step down. We encourage you to make suggestions for the incoming Board of Directors. Is your area represented on the Board? Contact any member of the Board (see below) for further information or to put forward a name.

The demands of the past year have been unprecedented in the WLCC's history. Members and other residents of this area and of HRM have given great support to the Board as the WLCC works to protect the integrity of the Williams Lake/Colpitt Lake watershed in accordance with its mandate to preserve the health of Williams Lake. This is very much an ongoing task and your input via the Annual General Meeting is important.

**GOOD NEWS FROM THE DAM INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

The funds have been raised to cover the cost originally quoted for the dam investigation. The engineer has been contacted and the action plan will be outlined at the AGM on May 12<sup>th</sup>. A big thank-you to everyone who has generously donated to the dam investigation fund, and a reminder to others that money will probably be needed to continue with this endeavour.

**LEGAL APPEALS OF PROPOSED GOVERNOR'S BROOK DEVELOPMENT**

As many of you are aware, on March 3, 2003, the Chebucto Community Council approved the rezoning of Governor's Brook from holding to RDD. The application for the rezoning was put forth by Kimberley Lloyd Developments Company (owned by George Armoyan). A similar application initiated in 1997 was later rejected by the Chebucto Community Council. The Williams Lake Conservation Company has always maintained that the proposed development could have serious impacts on Colpitt Lake and Williams Lake.

Following the decision by Chebucto Community Council, the WLCC filed a Notice of Appeal with the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board. The hearing was adjourned in order for the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to hear a *certiorari* application put forth by the Williams Lake Conservation Company. The *certiorari* application alleges that the public hearing process associated with the application was flawed. On November 24, 2003, Justice Glen MacDougall dismissed the *certiorari* application. This decision is currently under appeal and will be heard by the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal on May 18, 2004. The Utilities and Review Board hearing is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

The executive of the WLCC has met on several occasions over the past year to discuss and make decisions regarding the legal action. Much has happened regarding development in HRM over the past few months which in a general way can only positively affect the application. It is also noteworthy that the regional plan review has been fast tracked and this may also have an impact on the eventual outcome of this matter. Finally, environmental regulations recently put into effect will hopefully ensure better protection of the environment if the development is eventually approved.

It is likely the application for the development itself will probably require a further public hearing.

**GALA AUCTION**

Our gala fund-raising auction at the Saraguay Club last November was a great success from every point of view. It was a wonderful party and much enjoyed by the approximately 160 persons who attended. The generous sponsorship by the Saraguay Club, the persuasive auctioneering skills of our genial MC, Richard Knowles, the contributions to the auction and the refreshments from so many generous donors, the lovely music contributed by members of the Blue Engine, and the sense of a shared purpose and fellowship made it a memorable evening. Congratulations and many thanks to the WLCC/Colpitt Lake Action Committee for all their work. Thanks particularly to everyone who came and bought—the sum raised in support of the activities of the WLCC surpassed our expectations.

**PLANT SALE—BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Last spring's plant sale in support of the WLCC was so popular the WLCC/Colpitt Lake Action Committee will do it again! This year's event will be on **Sunday, May 30, from 2-4 pm at the Captain Spry Centre**. As you thin out and divide the overgrown perennials, hostas, etc. in your garden in the coming weeks please set some of the extras aside for the plant sale. Extra pots 3" or larger are also needed. Please call **446-8306** for details.

**VESEY'S SPRING BULB AND PERENNIAL SALE**

This is another activity of the WLCC/Colpitt Lake Action Committee. Vesey's, the well-known P.E.I. garden firm, supports non-profit organizations by allowing them half the proceeds from the sale of a selection of plants. Plants available for the spring sale include hostas, astilbes, tall phlox, calla lilies, day lilies and many others. The prices are the same as Vesey's usual prices but with no tax or shipping charges. Please call **446-8306** or **477-3353** for further information, to get a brochure, to order, and/or to help. The deadline for orders is **May 14** and plants will be delivered in perfect time for spring planting.

**ANNUAL CLEAN-UP**

Heather Watts has again offered to coordinate the WLCC's annual clean-up of the Williams Lake shore area, date to be announced. Last year's participants picked up many bags and pieces of rubbish and were rewarded with beautiful weather, refreshments donated by local businesses and the sense of a good job well-done. Thank you, Heather, and thanks also to all those who pick up as you walk around during the rest of the year.

**WEB-SITE**

The WLCC website will soon be up and running again and will be kept up to date. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**WATER –TESTING**

In July/August of 2003 the results of the water tests for recreational use of Williams Lake and Colpitt Lake were excellent. We will again have the water tested during the coming summer months.

**MEMBERSHIP—PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN THE WLCC**

WLCC membership is \$20 per household and runs from one Annual General Meeting to the next. Memberships can be paid at the AGM or by the tear-off form at the end of this newsletter. You may purchase Heather Watts' interesting history of the Williams Lake area for \$5 when renewing or joining; additional copies are \$10 each. It is an excellent way of learning about this historical area and makes a great gift.

Everyone who shares the WLCC's mandate of protecting the health of Williams Lake for the benefit of all is welcome as a member.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2003-2004**

Kathleen Hall	477-4159	Hall's Road
Pam Carter	477-1710	Spinnaker Drive
Melanie Dobson	477-0668	Wyndrock Drive
Martha Leary	420-1520	Redwood Avenue
Regine Maass	477-1469	Albion Road
Patricia Manuel	477-2266	Forward Avenue
Dawn Underwood	475-1568	Litchfield Crescent
Anne von Maltzahn	477-3353	Wenlock Grove
Heather Watts	477-9606	Williams Lake Road
Lana Wood	477-2800	Wyndrock Drive

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**MEMBERSHIP \$20.00 (\$80.00 for 4 years)**

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