

Mayor and Council
Town of White City
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RE: WUQWATR Annual Report and Membership Invoice

Enclosed please find a copy of the 2010-11 WUQWATR Annual Report, and an invoice for your municipal membership renewal for 2011.

The last year has put water issues at the top of the agenda all over Saskatchewan. All municipalities have experienced extensive damage to infrastructure from flooding, adding to long term issues of funding available for roads, bridges and water and waste water.

The volunteer board and staff of WUQWATR have been working hard to profile water issues with provincial and federal agencies. We have seen progress on completion of the 82 Key Actions identified in our watershed protection plan, and this report is included in the attached Annual Report.

WUQWATR has also been very active in promoting our community priorities in the development of a Provincial Water Management Strategy. Our provincial group, the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds, hosted a Provincial Water Forum in October 2010 to set the terms of reference for a public consultation on a Provincial Strategy. We also hosted the 2011 Provincial Watersheds Conference in Humboldt, where we discussed the roles that local governments and organizations should play in water management.

WUQWATR has been very active in helping to design the public consultation process and we look forward to hosting public meetings on the Provincial Water Management Strategy.

We have also been active in discussing local issues, like the need for improvements to the Qu'Appelle conveyance channel and for improved operating plans for Wascana Creek. WUQWATR also hosted three public consultations on the water supply for proposed potash mines in our watershed area.

On the programming side, in 2010, WUQWATR staff helped local agricultural producers apply for over \$320,000 in funding for water protection projects through our Agri-Environmental Group Plans. In just the first three months of 2011, we have written up another \$320,000 worth.

WUQWATR also hosted well- decommissioning demonstrations, and has partnered in a pilot project to collect and recycle grain bags and twine.

The last year has shown the need for local governments to have a voice on water issues. Your membership helps us to maintain our independence when we advocate on your behalf.

If your municipality or organization has not yet taken out a membership, our Board members and staff would be pleased to meet with your council to discuss our activities and the value of membership.

If you have any questions or comments about our activities, please contact our General Manager, Duane Haave at 757-1704 or by email at wuqwatr@sasktel.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Clipsham".

Fred Clipsham
Chair of the WUQWATR Board