

## MACO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...NOVEMBER 2

Frank Clark, President of Twin Lakes Beach Association and I attended the meeting at the invitation of Gus Wruck, president of the Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners.

Of particular note was an excellent presentation by Marlo Campbell representing the Lake Winnipeg Foundation. She impressed upon her audience that the water shed encompasses part of four Provinces and two US states. The focus of the Foundation is protecting the health of Lake Winnipeg.

- An Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) inspector training session training is offered through the Manitoba government Sustainable Development through Candace Parks (945-7787).
- The Northeast Sewage Treatment Plant has been non-compliant and excused through the licensing process by having time extended for improvements. They remain the fourth worst polluters in Canada. The result is continuing to pollute the watershed with high levels of phosphorous. Proposed by LWF is a letter-writing campaign urging interim action to address concerns.
- A 'wondering' or wish by Marlo is that government would provide incentives to eliminate and/or improve gray water and sewage – much like grants from Hydro to reduce consumption through home improvement action.

It is interesting to note the advice of this communications director to make us of multiple platforms to communicate with members – website, Facebook, Twitter, etc.

It may be worthwhile to inquire about a magazine format through Mercury Publishing who print for MACO.

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