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The Lakelse Watershed Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Save the date!

UPCOMING INVASIVE PLANT WORKSHOP!



The Lakelse Watershed Stewards Society invites you to:



INVASIVE PLANT AND AQUATIC SPECIES WORKSHOP

June 18 & 19, 2019
Terrace, BC



At the Regional District Kitimat-Stikine Boardroom.
Cost: **FREE** but please RSVP as space is limited.
For more information and to register email chera.hrem@gmail.com or call 604-388-9779

Learn about common invasives in our area during this 2-day workshop and find out how to identify them and prevent their spread. Open to everyone!

The Invasive Species Council of BC will be presenting a 2-day workshop about invasive plant and aquatic species on June 18 and 19. Register with Chera Barrowman as space is limited!

Special Thanks to Terrace Community Forest!

The City of Terrace had a Town Hall meeting on January 14, 2019. At the meeting, local organizations that received a grant from Terrace Community Forest in 2018 gave presentations of how the funding was used.



LWSS accepted a cheque from Kim Haworth of Terrace Community Forest. The funding went towards the interpretive signage at the Clearwater Lakes hiking trails. Thanks, Kim and Terrace Community Forest!

Clearwater Lakes Interpretive Signage

More interpretive signage has been installed on the Clearwater Lakes trail! There are still six signs left to install.

If you would like to volunteer with signage installation then contact Chera Barrowman at chera.hrem@gmail.com or 604 388 9779!



An opening ceremony will occur later in the spring. The ceremony date will be posted soon!

"The best advice I ever got was that knowledge is power and to keep reading." - David Bailey

What Animal Did This?!



This tree was found on the Clearwater Lakes trail. Many animals chew and strip bark off of trees such as beavers, rabbits, bears, deer, and squirrels. However, this work was done by a particular creature!

Can you guess which animal?!

Hints:

- They are part of the rodent family;
- They are found all across North America;
- They are shy;
- It may hurt to pet them!



Answer: porcupine!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Starting in May, water quality sampling will be starting again on the Lakelse Watershed route and Lakelse Lake! A YSI ProDSS Water Quality Metre is used to record water parameters such as pH, turbidity, conductivity, and pressure which aids in determining the health of the waterbody.

Also, we supply transportation and lunch 😊!



Lake sampling is performed on a boat and takes approximately 1-2 hours to complete!

The watershed route involves driving to 15 sites. It can take approximately 7 hours to complete. Come help and see the streams that flow into Lakelse Lake!



If you would like to volunteer with water quality sampling then contact Chera Barrowman at chera.hrem@gmail.com or 604 388 9779!

Returning Soon!

Interpretive Walks

at

Furlong Bay



Meet @
Amphitheatre

Come walk along the Twin
Spruce Trail and learn about
fish species, local vegetation,
and bats!



-All Ages Welcome-
Dates will be posted soon!



Starting in June, the interpretive walks at Furlong Bay will return for the fourth year in a row!

Additional information that will be included in the walks this year are invasive plants and invertebrate species information! Can you identify the invertebrate species below? If not, then come join the interpretive walks and you will!



Well, Well, Well...

Have you been wondering about the new wells that were installed on Westside Road? Here's the scoop!

In April 2018, the City of Terrace installed three groundwater wells adjacent to Westside Road and the turnoff at Highway 37 South.

The wells supply potable water to the Airport Lands for current and proposed development. The wells and area will be maintained by the City of Terrace.

As this area was Crown land, the City of Terrace was required to apply for a tenure to have permission to drill as well as a tenure for the road. The City of Terrace has applied for a "Sponsored Crown Grant" to be able to own the 0.60 ha of land instead of having a tenure on it.

In the spring, at
the end of the
day, you should
smell like dirt
Margaret Atwood



What do call
water that is good
for you?

Well water!



Bumblebee

For The Love of Bees



Honey Bee

Bees are insects that are part of the scientific Order Hymenoptera. There are more than 20, 000 known species of bees worldwide and they live on every continent except for Antarctica! Canada has over 800 species of native bees.

Though honey bees are the most well known bees, they are not native to Canada! They were introduced from Europe to establish apiaries (collection of beehives) for their honey as North America had limited sources of sugar.

It is estimated that one-third of all food consumed by humans is directly related to pollination from bees! Though other insects and animals pollinate plants, bees pollinate the majority. They also pollinate other commercial plants such as cotton.

Bee populations are declining world wide. The declines have been linked to climate change, loss of biodiversity, certain pesticides (neonicotinoids – now banned in Europe!), and pathogens.

You can help bees by planting native plants (no exotics or hybrids!), avoid using pesticides, and by supporting local apiaries when purchasing bee products!



What did the sushi say to the bee?

Wasabbe



Have you picked up your
INSEINE 2018 t-shirt yet?

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If you volunteered for
Sockeye Seining last fall
then we have a t-shirt
waiting for you !

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pick up your t-shirt.

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