

Clear Hills Watershed Initiative  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Meeting @ Eureka River Hall

15 people were present: Peter & Joanne Frixel, George and Audrey Svederus, Irene Basnett, Linda Richardson, Denise Wiseman, Mary Hayes, Rhonda Bjornson, Ernie Riemer, Ernie Schwerdt, Don Thomas, Mike Rudakewich and Sherri Larsen

On March 18<sup>th</sup> we had an informal meeting with guest speaker Bob Cameron from Debolt here to help explain our water testing results.

Mr. Cameron is currently on the AB Water Council, developing Water Management Planning Framework and used to work as a Fisheries Tech for Environment Canada.

Peter called the meeting to order and Mr. Cameron offered some suggestions for testing:

- spring sampling, use a thermometer and get samples close to 4 degrees C.
- if coliforms are high shouldn't swim in the water
- consistently test for coliforms
- watch for dissolved organic carbon, if it's high don't add chlorine – this makes a toxic combination
- test when the water starts moving
- muskegs flush in July
- dugouts with high coliforms should have personal testing done (\$10) to watch levels
- use consistency when testing
- make a map to show sites – could put GPS locations on map & have pic for file
- keep records, possibly put some program in place for dugout treatment
- not enough ground water information in AB – research projects are underway
- no standard for waste treatment in AB (Mike knows of a treatment system – Edmonton)

Mr. Cameron was a great guest speaker and answered many questions.

We had a brief discussion regarding the following topics:

**Spring Testing:** Eureka North and South, Willow Creek, The Clear (look for someone willing to do the testing there), Montagnuese, Rambling Creek (later, hard to get in to.)

**Trade Fair:** Is all looked after, Mary has pics of Solar/Wind power for display board.

**Website:** Bulletin board – one for public, one for us, learning tool for students, newsletters, map with sampling points.

**Newsletter:** Do 2 times per year and all households. Peter will look after next newsletter – May/June.

Was mentioned Philip Shaw would be a good contact for speaker.... Has his own website. Andrew Nikiforuk was also noted as a good possibility for speaker.

Meeting adjourned.