



Preparing a Vision for the Lesser Slave Watershed

Share your thoughts with our online survey in November

The Lesser Slave Watershed Council is working with communities to improve the Watershed through sustainable water management and land use practices. The first step of this process involves building a shared vision for the watershed's future. We are inviting all watershed residents and stakeholders to participate in defining this vision, and to contribute the ideas, commitment and enthusiasm that will help us achieve it.

Stakeholder Interviews

Throughout September the LSWC asked 23 key stakeholders questions about our watershed and asked them to identify watershed concerns, risks and possible solutions.

Watershed Concerns

- Water quality & water levels
- Increased algal blooms
- Sedimentation in Buffalo Bay
- Cattle in streams and riparian areas
- Erosion of river banks
- Land use in the upper watershed
- Poor enforcement of current regulations around water
- Fertilizer and pesticide use

Watershed Risks

- Non-sustainable south shore development
- Climate change
- Industrial practices - Fracking, logging
- Agricultural practices and chemicals
- Population growth and increased water use
- South shore rail line - spill potential is high
- Eutrophication due to nutrient loading

What are your concerns?

Now that we have identified a list of watershed concerns and risks from our interviewees we would like to make sure this reflects what the rest of the communities in the watershed feel. The LSWC has developed a short online survey based on what we have already heard and we need you to provide your input.

Complete the survey at: www.LSWC.ca

Stay tuned for more information on what we heard from the people in our watershed. The LSWC will be hosting community workshops in February 2013 to share our findings and give folks the opportunity to review and add to them. For more information contact us at 780 523 9800 or via email at meghanpayne@lswc.ca