



# IMPLEMENTING WATERSHED PLANS

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# INTRODUCTIONS

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# WHO IS DOING THE GOOD WORK ?



**WATERSHED & COMMUNITY GROUPS**



**COUNCIL**



**SUBDIVISION AUTHORITY**



**PROVINCIAL AGENCIES**



**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**



**APPEAL BOARDS**

# CHALLENGE

## HOW DO YOU INFORM & IMPLEMENT THE GOOD WORK?





# COLLABORATION: LONG LAKE

## AT THE TABLE

- Local Community Association
- County Council & Admin.
- Professional Planners
- *Province of Alberta*
- *Regional Watershed Association*

## ABSENT

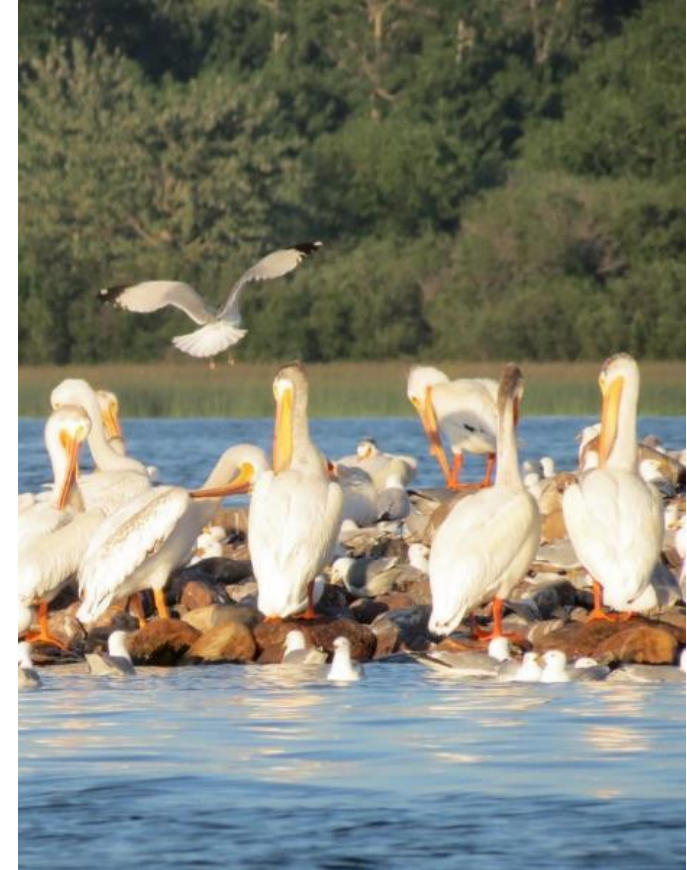
- Neighbouring County
- Academic Community
- Local Stewardship Groups
- *Local Business Stakeholders*
- Professional Scientists



# COLLABORATION: PIGEON LAKE

## AT THE TABLE

- Local Watershed Association
- Municipalities
- Province of Alberta
- Academic Community
- Residents
- Regional Watershed Association
- Professional Planners
- Professional Environmental Scientists



# CHALLENGES FACED

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## **LACK OF DATA (AND AVAILABILITY OF DATA)**

- Beneficial for informed decisions and recommendations

## **TIME FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

- Assume that you will need to rework the “language” (a lot!)

## **CHOICE OF WORDS**

- Recommendations vs. policies. Think carefully about your audience and when to use “should” wording or “shall” wording

## **BROKEN LINKS BETWEEN DATA, OBJECTIVES, & POLICIES**

# LESSONS LEARNED

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## START WITH THE RIGHT TEAM

- decision makers | planners | scientists | agencies | local groups | watershed association | provincial agencies | community members
- build relationships for more successful collaboration

## BE MINDFUL OF THE MESSAGE **AND** THE AUDIENCE

- implementation requires understanding
- clarify in your document who the target audience is for your recommendations
- focus on including:
  - Information that helps frame the *story of your watershed*
  - Data that municipalities can use to implement policy and regulatory changes



# LESSONS LEARNED

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## DON'T TRY AND DO IT ALL!

- you will **NEVER** have enough data ...and that's OK!
- gaps can be addressed through your implementation plan

## CAPITALIZE ON EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES

- Collaborate with decision makers to incorporate watershed planning into policy and regulatory documents
  - Watershed management plans
  - Area Structure Plan development & Land Use Bylaw reviews
  - **Bill 21 (MMGA Review -MDPs, IDPs and ICFs)**

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