



# Wabamun Watershed Management Council: Growth, Achievements and Challenges

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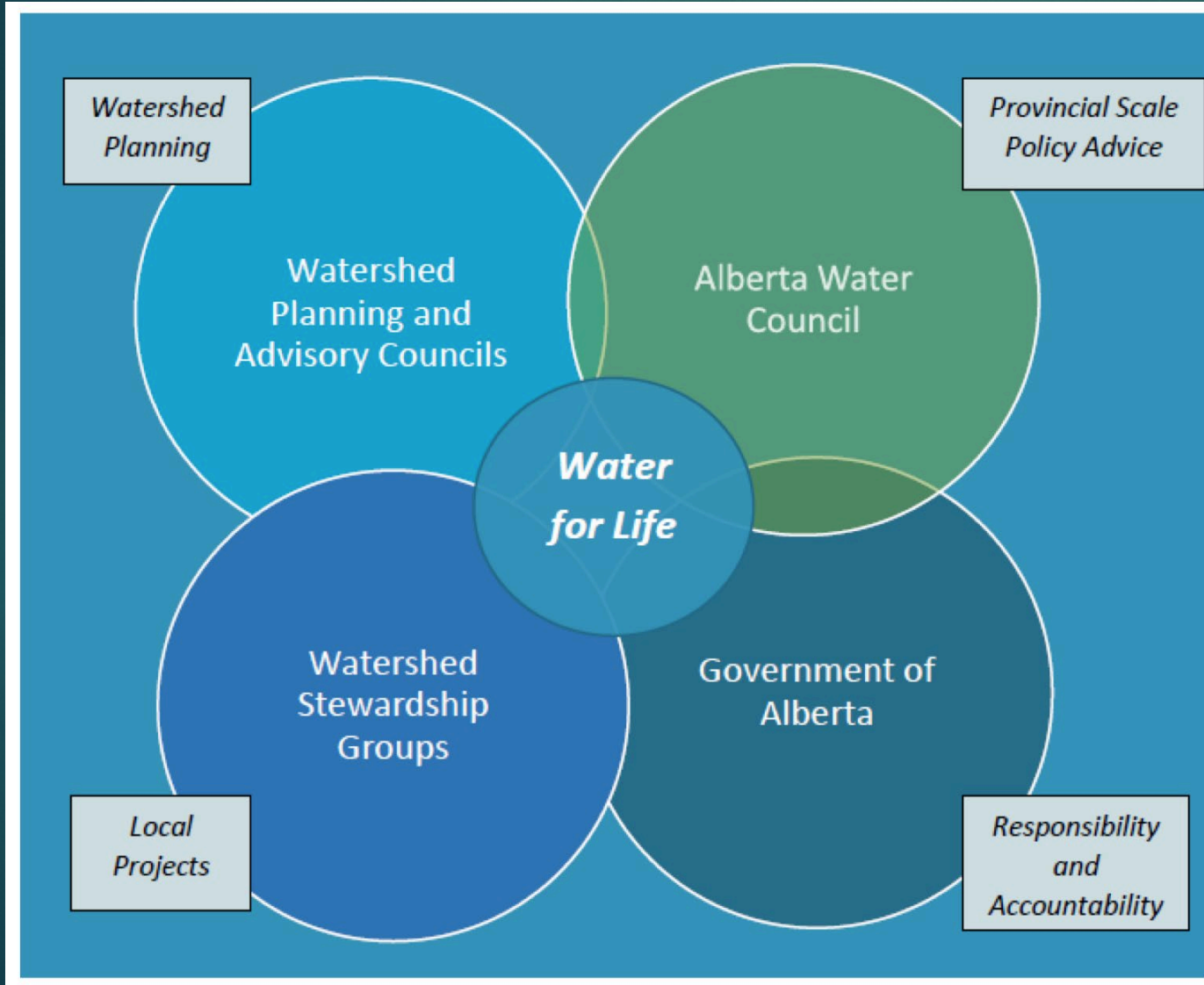
# Welcome to the Wabamun Watershed

- ▶ Watershed Stewardship Groups
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  - ▶ Growth
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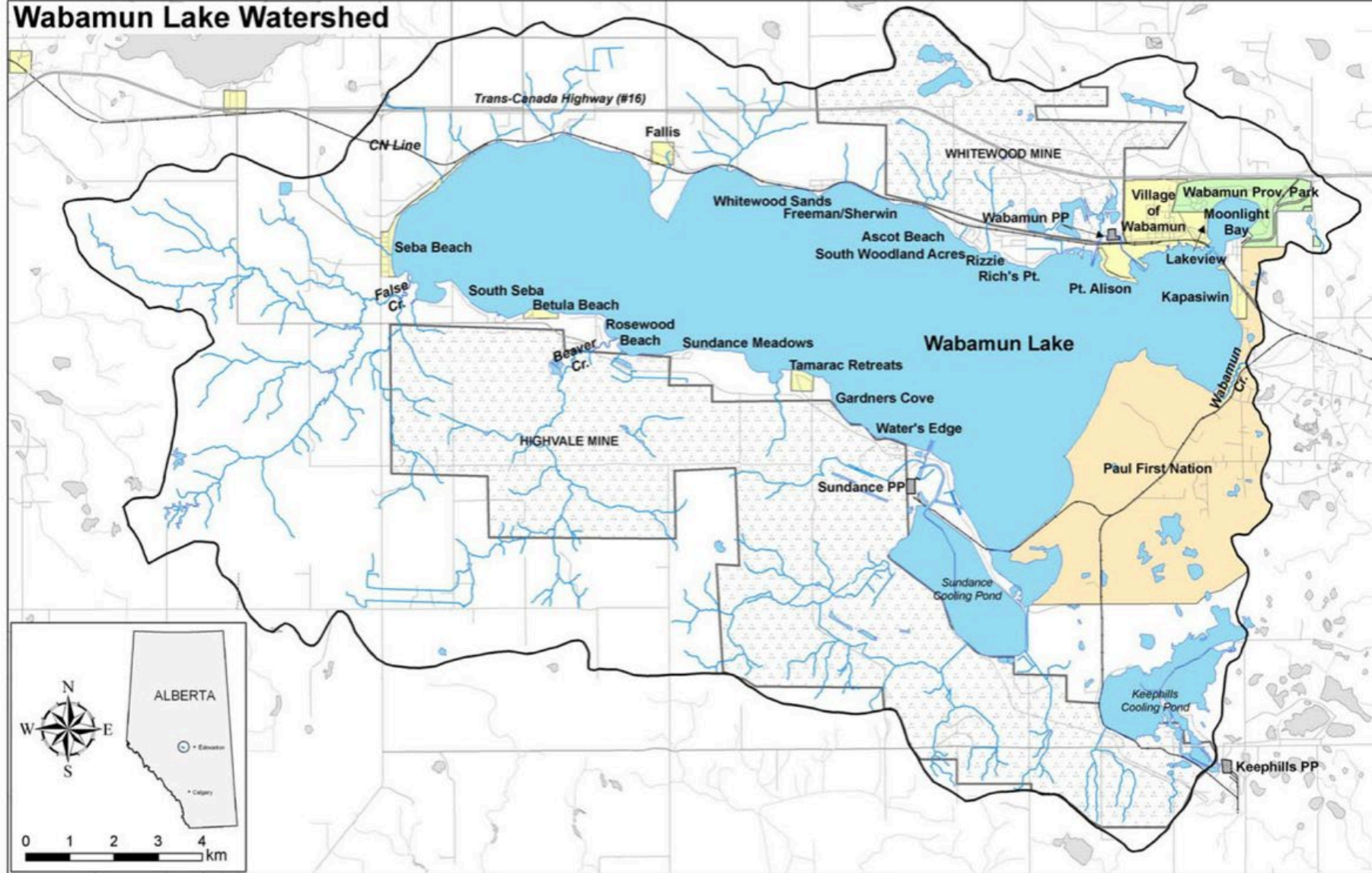


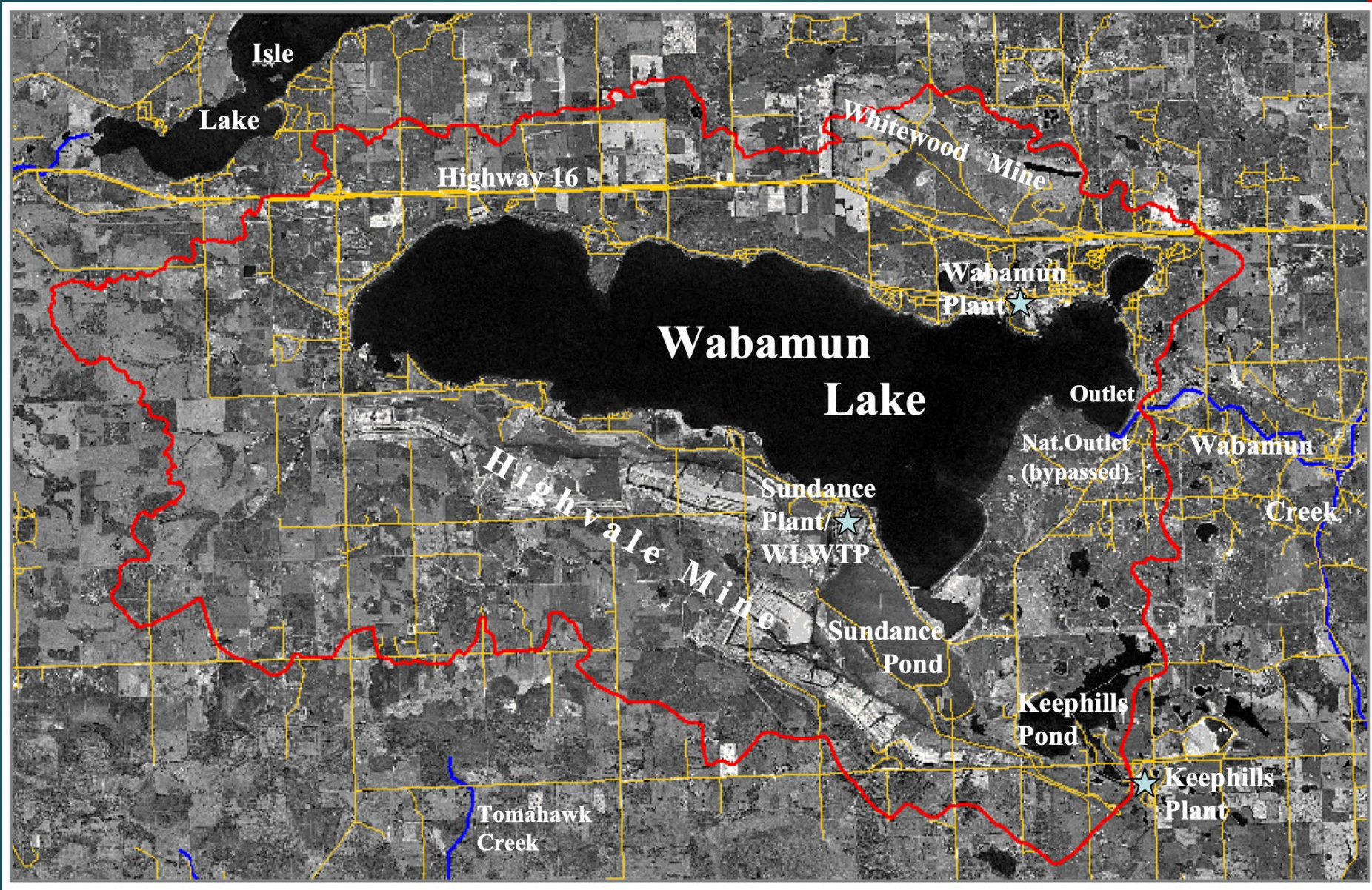
# Alberta – Water for Life Strategy

WWMC – a Watershed Stewardship Group



# Wabamun Lake Watershed





# WWMC: The Timing

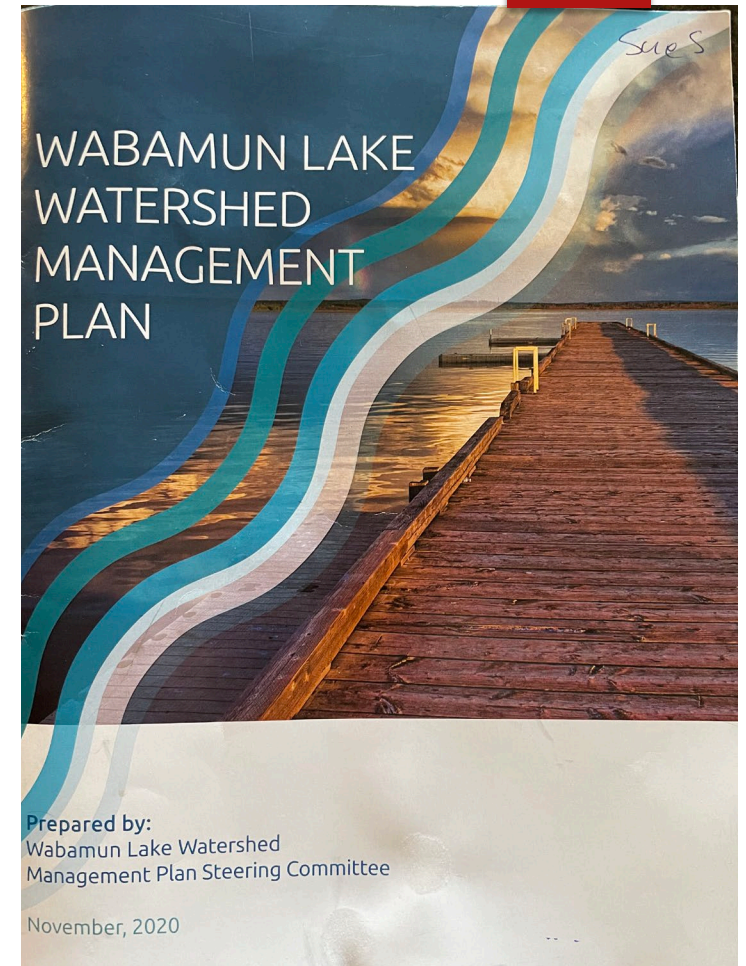
Dr. David Schindler's (2004) report - *Lake Wabamun: A Review of Scientific Studies and Environmental Impacts*

August 2005 – CN train derailment and major oil spill



# Formation and Growth

1. 2006-2010 – the need, the start-up
2. 2010-2014 – further established
3. 2014-2020 – Watershed Management Plan (WMP)
4. 2021-2025 – WMP implementation begins;  
organizational sustainability
5. 2025 – – next level of impact



# Achievements— Impact beyond growth

- ▶ Collaborative partnerships
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Watershed stewardship programs
- ▶ Passion and commitment



# Challenges

## 1. Implementation of the WMP -

- Economic development
  - Highvale Mine reclamation
  - Wabamun - priority growth area for Parkland County
  - Cumulative impact
- Urbanization
- Climate change

## 2. Organizational/operational sustainability



**The WWMC story:  
growth, achievements  
and challenges**

**A salute to the work and  
passion of all  
watershed stewardship  
groups!**



Thank you!

Questions?

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