



Gardom Lake Management Plan Public Meeting November 24, 2014



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Meeting Objectives

1. Develop relationships and engage of all orders of government (local, provincial, federal, first nations), landowners, industry sectors, and the public
2. Gather feedback from participants on issues or concerns
3. Begin the lake management planning process





Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic
6:00 PM	Welcome
6:05 PM	Purpose, objectives, ground rules
6:10 PM	About the Fraser Basin Council
6:15 PM	The planning process
6:45 PM	Outcomes
7:00 PM	Issues and concerns
7:45 PM	Gardom Lake Planning Committee
8:15 PM	GLPC Terms of Reference
8:45 PM	Next steps
9:00 PM	Meeting closes





About the Fraser Basin Council

- Our mandate is sustainability – integration of environmental, economic and social issues
- Non-profit organization, 37 directors
- Facilitate “messy issues” that cross many jurisdictions, that require multiple parties to find solutions
- Fraser Basin Council has no agenda – we are convenors, facilitators, or “cat herders”
- “Switzerland” of non-profits
- Consensus-based
- Inclusive process






Fraser Basin Council and Watersheds

- Developed the Collaborative Watershed Governance Accord

- Water and watershed planning is one of 3 strategic priorities



A Collaborative Watershed Governance Accord for BC

Purpose of the Accord

To encourage all orders of government (local, First Nations, provincial, and federal), organizations and commercial interests throughout BC, to work collaboratively to attain enduring healthy, resilient watersheds for the benefit of those ecosystems, communities, resource users and economies that depend on them.

The signatories of this Accord will:

1. Encourage interests in watersheds throughout the province to adopt these principles;
2. Encourage participation of those active in watersheds to engage collaboratively in watershed planning processes;
3. Encourage implementation of measures in support of collaborative watershed planning and management; and
4. Apply lessons learned from other models of collaborative watershed governance.

Guiding Principles of Collaborative Watershed Governance

The following inter-dependent principles will guide activities in watersheds:

1. Ecological, social, cultural and economic considerations are integral parts of decision making.
2. Best practices are to be employed to contribute to watershed sustainability in new and existing obligations, jurisdictions and plans.
3. Effective collaborative watershed governance is to be carried out in a transparent, accountable and inclusive manner.
4. Effective working relationships are to be developed and maintained through open communication, trust and cooperation.
5. Decisions are to be based on the best available scientific information and First Nations traditional ecological knowledge, with the goal of achieving watershed sustainability.
6. Authorizations to use water are to take into account the interests of present and future generations.
7. Effective watershed management is to be integrated with land-based resource objectives and activities on a watershed scale.
8. Watershed governance is to include shared responsibilities and enable those affected to have input in decision-making processes.

"We the signatories of this Accord will make best efforts to implement the Guiding Principles in this Accord"

Province of British Columbia

Union of BC Municipalities

First Nations Summit

BC Assembly of First Nations

Union of BC Indian Chiefs

Urban Development Institute

Council of Forest Industries

Mining Association of BC

BC Agriculture Council

Clean Energy BC

The Federal Government, represented by Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, have provided their support for this Accord.

* "Collaborative watershed governance" refers to a coordinated and collaborative decision making process that involves all interests within a watershed.
* "Watershed sustainability" refers to sustaining the natural attributes of watersheds for present and future generations.

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Context of Meeting

- The only decision made to date is to move forward with a lake management planning process
- This is the first meeting – to gather feedback/input
- Aboriginal title and rights exist and are evolving
- There are multiple perspectives and realities
- No attempt to re-do existing plans or duplicate efforts





Feedback

What do you value about Gardom Lake?





Creating a Plan

There are two parts:

1. Lake Management Plan (the *what*)
2. Planning Process (the *how*)





How does the planning process work?

- Collect issues and opportunities (tonight)
- Assemble a Gardom Lake Planning Committee - GLPC (tonight)
- Review key items from the GLPC DRAFT Terms of Reference (tonight)
- Develop vision, goals, and objectives for Gardom Lake
- Develop the plan with guidance from the GLPC
- Implement the plan





About the Plan

- Helps to guide current and future decision making
- Does not override existing laws/bylaws, policies, existing plans
- Scope, process, and implementation are limited by funding
- Effective planning is inclusive and supported by agencies with jurisdiction
- Must have buy-in from local residents, businesses, organizations





Jurisdiction Is Complicated

- All orders of government have jurisdiction at Gardom Lake - FrontCounter BC knows how to help
 - First Nations - Rights and title on traditional territory
 - Transport Canada - *Canada Shipping Act*
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada - *Canada Fisheries Act*
 - Ministry of Environment - *Water Act ~ Water Sustainability Act, Fish Protection Act*
 - Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations - *Land Act*
 - Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Columbia Shuswap Regional District





Existing Plans

- CSRD Ranchero/Deep Creek Official Community Plan
- CSRD Area D Parks Plan
- First Nations Plans
- Okanagan Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan





Ranchero/Deep Creek Official Community Plan

- Identification and protection of watersheds and aquifers from degradation, inappropriate development and pollution to ensure a continued safe water supply
- Recognition that the sustainable development of the Plan Area must be linked to groundwater quality and quantity for all residents
- Protection of environmentally sensitive areas, natural hazard lands, aquifer recharge areas and natural, environmental and geographic features
- Recognition that a comprehensive approach to managing sewage is required
- Recognition of the importance of agriculture in the local economy
- Consultation with First Nations, in accordance with statutory requirements, to develop approaches to issues of mutual interest





Ranchero/Deep Creek Official Community Plan

- Minimization of encroachment of land uses that are incompatible with these community values
- Recognition of Gardom Lake as a unique environmental resource
- Recognition of Gardom Lake area parks and the Benches identified on Schedule 'E' as the primary recreational resources in the Plan Area
- Support for environmentally responsible recreational and silvicultural uses
- Preservation and enhancement of green space, access to public lands and integrated trails
- Recognition that storm water management should be initiated





Feedback

Do you have concerns about Gardom Lake? If so, list the top three.

- Water Quality (e.g., sediment, nutrient levels, pollution, septic systems, sanitation practices)
- Water Quantity (e.g., water withdrawals, lake levels)
- Fish & Wildlife (e.g., bird habitat, fish habitat, stocking and populations, fishing regulations, species at risk)
- Native/non-native terrestrial and aquatic plant species





Feedback

Do you have concerns about Gardom Lake? If so, list the top three.

- Recreation (e.g., noise impacts from boats, firearms and fireworks)
- Foreshore changes by residents and visitors (e.g., modifications, wood removal)
- Lake access (e.g., parking, infrastructure, congestion)
- Facilities (e.g., washrooms, garbage, maintenance)
- Enforcement of laws or bylaws.





Feedback

Are there specific groups, government agencies or interests that you think should provide input during this process?





Gardom Lake Planning Committee

- Ideally a planning committee has broad representation within a relatively small group
 - Ideally there are people that represent more than one group
 - Representatives must be willing to represent their group at the table and report back to the group regarding the planning process
 - Representatives must be willing to prepare for and attend meetings as required





Feedback

Gardom Lake Planning Committee perspectives should include:

- Agencies
- First Nations
- Home owners/associations
- Groups/organizations
- Businesses
- Industry
- Other?





Gardom Lake Planning Committee Terms of Reference

- Terms of reference are put in place to guide the planning process
- The Gardom Lake Planning Committee Terms of Reference will be posted at www.gardomlakeplan.ca
- Follow the planning process at www.gardomlakeplan.ca





Gardom Lake Planning Committee Terms of Reference – Committee Member Roles

- Provide direction, coordination, and oversight to the development of the Plan
- Promote the role of the GLPC and the Plan to collaboratively address issues
- Attend meetings and work collaboratively with all GLPC members to seek joint opportunities
- Communicate from and to respective membership





Gardom Lake Planning Committee Terms of Reference – Key Points

- The Fraser Basin Council is an impartial organization that provides support to the GLPC but is not a member
- The planning process, documents, meeting notes etc. will be available online, second public meeting in spring 2015
- The GLPC will operate on a consensus decision making model
- The GLPC has no specific financial responsibilities or budget
- The GLPC will determine if and how to go forward in May 2015





Next steps

- Meeting date for Gardom Lake Planning Committee
- Aiming for a public meeting for early May
- The Plan will be finalized by late May





Web resources

www.gardomlakeplan.ca

- Web site for this initiative

www.rethinkingwater.ca

- Fraser Basin Council guide on water and watershed planning





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