

Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach

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Dear Ma-Me-O Beach Residents,

As you may be aware, an application for a confined feeding operation (feedlot) of over 4,000 head of cattle in the Pigeon Lake watershed is being considered by the Natural Resource Conservation Board (NRCB). This feedlot would be located near Sunset Harbour Creek and the Provincial Park. The risk of adverse impacts of a proposed feedlot in this location is high including impacts on human health, lake health, property values and area economics.

The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association submitted a <u>Statement of Concern</u> and <u>CFO Adverse Effects</u> <u>Background Report</u>. In the near future, we may need to go further and appeal the NRCB decision. The process for a legal appeal is challenging and the timelines will be tight.

The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association has taken a lead role in the opposition to this development. They have already committed hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to align people, seek professional and legal advice, reach out to a variety of stakeholders, and inform both residents and the province of the dangers of this proposal.

Residents are being asked by the PLWA Defend Pigeon Lake and its Watershed by:

- Making a tax-deductible donation to PLWA at http://www.plwa.ca/donate
- Volunteering with PLWA to prepare for the NRCB Review
- Writing letters to the <u>Minister of Agriculture</u> and the <u>Minister of the Environment</u> to protect
 Pigeon Lake and its watershed
- <u>Contact Fish and Wildlife Alberta</u> to request the protection of the spawning grounds at Tide
 Creek and Sunset Harbour Creek

It is estimated that \$40,000 is needed from lake residents to help PLWA *Defend Pigeon Lake and Watershed*. Should you wish for more information you can contact anyone on council or the PLWA itself for more information.

PLWA is asking that ALL of us to stand together to defend our lake and I strongly encourage everyone to donate what you can to help with this cause.

Best Regards,

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