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**Temporary office closure**

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The LWF office is closed until further notice to protect the health of our staff team, our volunteers and supporters, and our community. The best way to reach staff is by email but please note that our response time may be delayed.

Please direct all general inquires to info@lakewinnipefgfoundation.org or 204-956-0436.

For more information, please read our COVID-19 statement.

Thank you for your patience,
The LWF team

[Read more about Temporary office closure](#)

**LWF’s statement on COVID-19**

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The concerns about COVID-19 in Manitoba, and around the world, are growing. Our organization is committed to continuing our work to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg while ensuring the health, safety and well-being of our employees, volunteers, members, partners, and supporters. As an organization guided by science, we are monitoring current information and best practices. Recommendations from credible sources like the World Health Organization and local public health officials will guide our policies and actions relating to COVID-19.
For all of us, our best step forward is active risk...

Read more about LWF's statement on COVID-19

**We’re hiring for summer 2020!**

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Are you a full-time student looking for summer work before returning to school in the fall? We’re hiring for two positions!

- **Summer Outreach Coordinator:** This person will be responsible for activating community engagement through the planning, promotion and delivery of a series of outreach and fundraising events in Winnipeg and various lakeside communities.

- **Community-Based Monitoring Coordinator:** This person will support the field activities of the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network, enabling the collection of robust and credible citizen-generated phosphorus data.

Full job...

Read more about We’re hiring for summer 2020!

**Highlights from the 2020 Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network Gathering**

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The Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network (LWCBMN), coordinated by LWF, mobilizes citizens to collect water samples across Manitoba. With the help of watershed partners and the guidance of LWF science advisors, the network is identifying phosphorus hotspots – localized areas that contribute higher amounts of algae-causing phosphorus to local waterways than other areas.

In what has become an annual event, LWCBMN volunteers, partners and other supporters recently gathered at the University of Manitoba to connect with each other, learn about the results of the 2019 LWCBMN field season...

Read more about Highlights from the 2020 Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network Gathering

**Have your say on Red River water quality standards**

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Update: The deadline for public feedback on the IJC's proposed nutrient loading targets and concentration objectives has been extended until March 28, 2020.

The International Joint Commission (IJC) works to prevent and resolve transboundary water disputes, investigating issues and recommending solutions to the governments of Canada and the United States. Guided by the Boundary Waters Treaty, which was signed in 1909, it was established in recognition that each country is affected by the other’s actions in lake and river systems along the border.

The IJC is currently soliciting public feedback...

Read more about Have your say on Red River water quality standards

Plan released for phosphorus removal at Winnipeg’s North End sewage plant

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A plan outlining next steps for both interim phosphorus reduction and full upgrades at Winnipeg’s North End sewage treatment plant was released today.

The plan was developed by a project steering committee for the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC), which includes representatives from both the city and the province.

The NEWPCC is the largest of Winnipeg's three wastewater treatment facilities and the single largest point source of phosphorus to Lake Winnipeg. Excess amounts of phosphorus in freshwater ecosystems drive the growth of potentially toxic algae. Currently, the NEWPCC...

Read more about Plan released for phosphorus removal at Winnipeg’s North End sewage plant

Federal policy and Lake Winnipeg’s health: a look ahead

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In December, shortly after shuffling his cabinet, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued mandate letters to all federal ministers. Continuing a practice started by Trudeau in 2015, these letters have been released publicly and are available on the Office of the Prime Minister’s website.

Mandate letters outline the Prime Minister's expectations for each minister, including specific policy objectives which each minister is expected to
The health of Lake Winnipeg is both a national priority and a cross-cutting file. Achieving meaningful positive change will require attention and...

**Read more about Federal policy and Lake Winnipeg’s health: a look ahead**

**Update on Winnipeg sewage: Provincial regulators deny city request for licence extension, commit to accelerated phosphorus reduction**

On Dec. 5, the Manitoba government denied the City of Winnipeg’s request for a two-year extension to develop a plan for phosphorus reduction at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC).

Instead, the province is requiring that an interim phosphorus reduction plan be in place by Jan. 31, 2020.

The province will also assist the city move forward on plans to fully upgrade the NEWPCC so that it meets all requirements of its operating licence...

**Lake-friendly holiday gifts**

Please Note: We are happy to mail your purchases within Canada but during the holiday season, we can't guarantee an arrival date. If possible, we highly recommend you pick up your purchases from our downtown Winnipeg office located at 107-62 Hargrave Street. If you have any questions or need a hand, give us a call at 204-956-0436. We're happy to help!

Looking for a holiday gift that keeps on giving? Our fundraising efforts include product sales!

Proceeds from the sale of these unique items support the protection of Lake Winnipeg. When you give them to your family members, friends, kids...

**Opportunity for action: provincial regulators must ensure Winnipeg addresses its impact on Lake Winnipeg**

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November 1, 2019
UPDATE: On Dec. 5, The Manitoba government denied the City of Winnipeg’s request for a two-year extension to develop a plan for phosphorus reduction at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC). Instead, the province is requiring that an interim phosphorus reduction plan be in place by Jan. 31, 2020. It will also assist the city move forward on plans to fully upgrade the NEWPCC. Thank you to everyone who spoke up on this issue! You can read more about this latest development on our Winnipeg sewage update post.

LWF has been advocating for improvements to Winnipeg wastewater...

Read more about Opportunity for action: provincial regulators must ensure Winnipeg addresses its impact on Lake Winnipeg

Working together: Three freshwater commitments for Canada’s next government

Update: We reached out via email to Canada’s four main federal parties, asking them if they agree to these three commitments. (Note, we did not share the additional context provided here but we did share the links.)

- The Conservative Party of Canada did not send us a response.
- The Green Party of Canada sent us this response.
- The Liberal Party of Canada sent us this response.
- The New Democratic Party of Canada sent us this response.

Water connects us all. It is essential to life on our shared planet. It flows across our shared landscape - and its health is our shared responsibility.

Canada’s...

Read more about Working together: Three freshwater commitments for Canada’s next government

Winnipeg City Council rejects interim phosphorus-reduction measures at north end sewage plant; will seek provincial, federal funding for full plant upgrades

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Two significant decisions were made on Sept. 26 at City Hall related to Winnipeg sewage, the single largest point source of phosphorus contributing to the growth of algae blooms on Lake Winnipeg.

**Immediate action on phosphorus reduction rejected**

Council rejected a motion to direct Water and Waste staff to immediately test and implement interim phosphorus reduction at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC).

This motion was brought forward by Coun. Klein, who requested a suspension of the rules to have the issue brought to council for debate. His motion was defeated by a vote of...

Read more about Winnipeg City Council rejects interim phosphorus-reduction measures at north end sewage plant; will seek provincial, federal funding for full plant upgrades

**Winter 2020 Co-op Student Job Opportunities!**

LWF is hiring for two co-op student positions this winter to support the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network!

The CBM Volunteer Coordinator will be responsible for supporting volunteers participating in the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network. The CBM Data Coordinator will be responsible for supporting the field and data management activities of the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network.

Full job descriptions below:
- **CBM Volunteer Coordinator**
- **CBM Data Coordinator**

If you’re passionate about the environment and love working with people, apply to join our team...

Read more about Winter 2020 Co-op Student Job Opportunities!

**Job Opportunity: Digital Communications Coordinator**

LWF

September 18, 2019
We’re looking for a new team member!

LWF is currently accepting candidates for the immediate, full-time position of Digital Communications Coordinator. This unique opportunity will be ideal for someone with total comfort in the online world and a background in digital marketing, social media engagement and analytics. If you’re described as a creative and strategic thinker, results driven, self-motivated, adaptable, energetic, innovative and not afraid to roll up your sleeves to contribute, we want to learn more about you!

As part of our dynamic and growing organization, we’re looking for...

Read more about Job Opportunity: Digital Communications Coordinator

Manitoba parties respond to Lake Winnipeg questions

News
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August 30, 2019

In the lead-up to Manitoba’s election on Sept. 10, we wanted to learn more about how each party plans to address the challenges facing Lake Winnipeg.

We sent the following three questions to each of the four main party’s provincial headquarters:

1. Improving sewage treatment in Winnipeg

Winnipeg’s North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) is the single largest point source of phosphorus to Lake Winnipeg, releasing an average of 600 kilograms of phosphorus every day. This is more than three times the phosphorus limit prescribed in the plant’s provincial operating licence – yet the city...

Read more about Manitoba parties respond to Lake Winnipeg questions

Cycling for Solutions V hits the road on Aug. 30!

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August 13, 2019
Update: Congratulations to the Cycling for Solutions 2019 riders for crushing the route to IISD-ELA, and a heartfelt thank you to the many supporters who donated to support citizen science! So far, the cyclists have raised over $15,000! If you’d like to add your support, the CanadaHelps donation link will remain live until Monday, Sept. 16, 2019.

Cycling for Solutions returns for a fifth year in support of citizen science!

On Aug. 30, a group of amateur cyclists will once again embark on an ambitious, three-day, 500 km self-supported road trip from Winnipeg, Man. to IISD Experimental Lakes...

Read more about Cycling for Solutions V hits the road on Aug. 30!

Three Lake Winnipeg questions to ask your provincial election candidates

Manitoba’s election campaign has officially begun - and Lake Winnipeg needs to be on the agenda.

Excess phosphorus is contributing to the growth of potentially harmful algae blooms which are contaminating beaches, reducing water quality, and threatening local industries and communities.

We know what’s at stake. This election, join us in speaking out for Lake Winnipeg and advocating for action.

What we’re doing:

To help Manitoba voters make an informed decision when casting a ballot on Sept. 10, we’ve sent the following three questions to each party’s headquarters. (Click here to read the...)

Read more about Three Lake Winnipeg questions to ask your provincial election candidates

Update on Winnipeg sewage treatment

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Algae blooms at Connaught Beach and Lester Beach, July 2019; Photos (clockwise from top left): Murray McCaig, Jennifer Engbrecht, Carter Brooks, Laurie Bennett

**Update: The city’s request for an extension for NEWPCC upgrades is now under review by the provincial regulator.**

Manitoba Sustainable Development’s Environmental Approvals Branch must assess the city’s submission and decide whether or not to grant its request for a two-year extension. (The city has asked for a new deadline of Dec. 31, 2021, to come up with a plan that would include a revised date for a full plant upgrade and potential...

Read more about Update on Winnipeg sewage treatment

**Support fellow lake-lovers, support Lake Winnipeg!**

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Each year, lake-lovers of all ages channel their hobbies and talents into fundraising events for a healthy Lake Winnipeg: from lemonade stands to art shows to recreational activities!

Here are just some of the events and initiatives happening this summer:
Lake Winnipeg PaperCut Maps (ongoing initiative): Multi-media artist Gail Bacosa-Puhawan creates beautiful bathymetric maps of Manitoba lakes using cut paper, with relative depths illustrated by use of gradients of blue cardstock. Ten per cent of sales from her Lake Winnipeg piece will be donated to LWF. (Connect with Gail on Instagram, or...)

Read more about Support fellow lake-lovers, support Lake Winnipeg!

New report provides insight into phosphorus management to protect Lake Winnipeg

The Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network (LWCBMN), coordinated by LWF, mobilizes citizen volunteers and conservation professionals to collect water samples across Manitoba in order to measure phosphorus concentration. Phosphorus is the nutrient responsible for the blue-green algae blooms on Lake Winnipeg and other water bodies.

This growing, long-term monitoring program has been actively sampling since 2016. A new report highlights insights gained by analyzing citizen-generated phosphorus data from the 2017 and 2018 field seasons. Among them:

- Phosphorus hotspots exist and water...

Read more about New report provides insight into phosphorus management to protect Lake Winnipeg

Innovative technology meets grassroots water monitoring to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg

The May long weekend marks the unofficial beginning of cottage season in Manitoba. As lake-lovers prepare to head out to the lake, the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF), The Gordon Foundation and RBC Foundation are embarking on a new partnership to drive evidence-based water stewardship across the Lake Winnipeg watershed.

This collaborative, three-year project has been made possible with a $600,000 gift from RBC Foundation.

Leveraging LWF’s localized knowledge and community connections, and The Gordon Foundation’s technical expertise and innovation, the project aims to generate credible water...

Read more about Innovative technology meets grassroots water monitoring to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg
**Job opportunities with LWF and the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective**

We’re looking for a passionate individual to join our team – and so are our partners at the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective!

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is accepting candidates for a Program Manager, as part of our Agricultural Water Stewardship program. This person will be responsible for:

- Leading the development and implementation of a water-quality monitoring program for agricultural beneficial management practices (BMPs), in collaboration with landowners, conservation partners and LWF science advisors
- Effectively managing program resources in response to existing and emerging...

[Read more about Job opportunities with LWF and the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective](#)

**LWF’s 2018 annual report now online**

LWF’s 2018 annual report and audited financial statements are now online for your review. [Click here](#) to read the report.

FYI, past years’ annual reports can be found [here](#).

Our [2019 Annual General Meeting](#) is taking place on Tuesday, April 30, at FortWhyte Alive. Members in good standing will elect LWF’s 2019/20 board of directors. Plus, you’ll get an update on our activities - and impact - over the past year, and have the chance to learn from guest presenter Dr. Glen Daigger, Professor of Engineering Practice and Researcher with the Great Lakes Water Authority, who will be speaking on...

[Read more about LWF’s 2018 annual report now online](#)

**New report: interim retrofit to Winnipeg’s north end sewage treatment plant would help protect Lake Winnipeg**

New report: interim retrofit to Winnipeg’s north end sewage treatment plant would help protect Lake Winnipeg

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March 21, 2019
On World Water Day, the Lake Winnipeg Foundation and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) are releasing a report recommending an interim retrofit to Winnipeg’s largest sewage treatment plant. This retrofit could be implemented quickly and at low cost to significantly reduce the facility’s phosphorus contribution to Lake Winnipeg.

Research at the IISD Experimental Lakes Area shows that phosphorus is the nutrient responsible for potentially toxic algae blooms in freshwater lakes. Winnipeg’s North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) is currently the single...

Read more about New report: interim retrofit to Winnipeg’s north end sewage treatment plant would help protect Lake Winnipeg

The Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network’s 2019 Gathering

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Participants and supporters of the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network (LWCBMN) met at the University of Manitoba in February to learn more about recent LWCBMN activities, how water-quality data are being used and other CBM initiatives.

Coordinated by LWF, LWCBMN mobilizes citizens to collect water samples across Manitoba. With the help of conservation partners and the guidance of LWF science advisors, the network is identifying phosphorus hotspots – localized areas that contribute higher amounts of algae-causing phosphorus to local waterways than other areas.

Highlights from the...

Read more about The Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network’s 2019 Gathering

We’re hiring for summer 2019!

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Are you a full-time student looking for summer work before returning to school in the fall? We’re hiring for two positions!

- **Summer Outreach Co-ordinator:** This person will be responsible for planning, promoting and delivering a series of outreach and fundraising events in Winnipeg and various lakeside communities.
- **Hydrology Assistant:** this person will collect, manage and analyze hydrology data from sites across southern Manitoba to support the activities of the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network

Full job descriptions are below:

[Summer Outreach Co-ordinator](#)

[Hydrology Assistant](#)

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[Read more about We’re hiring for summer 2019!](#)

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**Opportunity for action: Provincial drainage regulation must protect wetlands**

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January 14, 2019

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**UPDATE: the deadline to provide feedback has been extended to Jan. 26.**

Manitoba Sustainable Development is currently seeking public input on a [draft regulation governing water drainage](#) that will impact wetlands across Manitoba.

The government’s stated goal is to streamline the approval process for routine drainage/water retention work and provide enhanced wetland protection through a new requirement to compensate for wetland drainage. However, as currently presented, the proposed amendments will not protect wetlands and in fact, are more likely to accelerate their destruction.

Wetlands are...

[Read more about Opportunity for action: Provincial drainage regulation must protect wetlands](#)

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**Manitoba Budget 2019: Opportunities for Sustainable Water Management**

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December 7, 2018

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In advance of Budget 2019, the Manitoba government solicited input on how provincial spending and revenue should be prioritized, and on innovative ways to save money. Our submission highlights the government’s responsibility for the sustainable management of provincial water resources and recommends provincial investment in four key areas.

**Protecting Manitoba’s threatened wetlands**

Ongoing drainage and damage to Manitoba’s threatened wetlands has increased flood risk and severity, and reduced water quality. Provincial resources must be invested in policies that ensure no net loss of wetland...

[Read more about Manitoba Budget 2019: Opportunities for Sustainable Water Management](#)

**This Giving Tuesday, we're giving back**

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Each year on the first Tuesday after the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday, citizens around the world celebrate Giving Tuesday by supporting the causes they care about – and this year, we’re thanking those who give by giving back to one lucky lake-lover!

Starting today until midnight on Nov. 27, 2018, [sign up through CanadaHelps](#) to become a monthly LWF donor and you’ll be entered into a draw for a $100 Mountain Equipment Co-op gift card!

[Donate Monthly...](#)

Monthly gifts add up to create a year-round impact – plus, it’s easy to do! When completing the [CanadaHelps online donation form](#), simply click the

[Read more about This Giving Tuesday, we're giving back](#)
Two-thirds of Manitobans agree upgrading Winnipeg’s north end sewage treatment plant is an urgent civic priority: poll

With just one week until Winnipeg’s election, new polling results show citizens want immediate action taken to improve city sewage treatment.

In a survey conducted by Probe Research*, nearly two-thirds of Manitoba adults (65%) agree that upgrading Winnipeg’s north end sewage treatment plant should be “a very urgent priority.”

The North End Water Pollution Control Centre (NEWPCC) treats approximately 70 per cent of the city’s wastewater. The NEWPCC is currently the fourth largest phosphorus polluter among all wastewater treatment facilities in Canada and the single-largest point source of...

Read more about Two-thirds of Manitobans agree upgrading Winnipeg’s north end sewage treatment plant is an urgent civic priority: poll

Opportunity for action: prioritizing Winnipeg sewage treatment

Winnipeg’s aging wastewater infrastructure is putting Lake Winnipeg at risk – which means civic leaders have a responsibility to take action.

Excessive amounts of phosphorus flowing into Lake Winnipeg from a variety of sources are causing potentially toxic algae blooms. Untreated city sewage is one of these sources. Toilet water ultimately becomes lake water – all that stands between the two is our wastewater treatment system.

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Read more about Opportunity for action: prioritizing Winnipeg sewage treatment

Co-op student job opportunity

Co-op student job opportunity
Are you a full-time student looking for a winter co-op placement? We're hiring for a Community-Based Monitoring Co-op Student!

This full-time, term position will support the activities of the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network, enabling the collection of robust and credible citizen-generated water data.

Click [here](#) for a full job description.

If you're passionate about the environment and love working with people, apply to join our team and help us restore and protect the health of our great lake!

Applicants interested in the Community-Based Monitoring Co-op Student position...

**Cycling for Solutions returns for fourth year in support of citizen science**

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**August 20, 2018**  

**Update:** Congratulations to the Cycling for Solutions 2018 riders for completing their journey - and a heartfelt thank you to the many supporters who donated to support citizen science! So far, the cyclists have raised over $13,600! If you'd like to add your support, the donation link will remain live until Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.

A group of amateur cyclists is once again attempting an ambitious, three-day, 500 km self-supported road trip from Winnipeg, Man. to IISD Experimental Lakes Area (IISD-ELA) research facility in northwest Ontario.

Dubbed Cycling for Solutions, the ride began in...

**New federal investment in citizen science**

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The Lake Winnipeg Foundation will receive $260,000 in federal funding over four years for the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network (LWCBMN), a growing network of citizens...

Read more about New federal investment in citizen science

**Endurance athlete marks 70th birthday with ambitious fitness challenge in support of LWF**

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"The race is not always to the swift, but to those who keep on running." - Anonymous

Winnipeg endurance athlete John Sawchuk is swimming, cycling and running his way to his 70th birthday – all while raising funds for LWF!
John’s goal is to complete 777 kilometres of swimming, biking and running in 28 days, beginning on July 26 and ending on August 21, his birthday.

He’s also using this challenge to support LWF and hopes to raise $7,777 in donations.

“In tackling my endurance challenge, I hope that others reflect on their own health and fitness and what can be done to maintain and improve it..."
The RM of Victoria Beach was one of eight included in a 2017 study of south basin real estate. Photo: Paul Mutch

A 2017 study commissioned by LWF confirms that Lake Winnipeg property values make significant contributions to Manitoba’s economy.

Conducted by Scatliff + Miller + Murray and BW Ferguson & Associates, the analysis considered residential and cottage properties around the lake’s south basin, extending south from Riverton on the west side and south from Victoria Beach on the east side. Roughly bounded by Highways 8 and 59, the study area encompassed portions of eight rural...

Read more about Study finds Lake Winnipeg real estate valued at over $2 billion

**LWF invests in local water solutions**

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May 4, 2018

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LWF has awarded a total of $16,750 to five Manitoba-based projects dedicated to improving local water quality. Projects include two water-monitoring programs, educational signage for an innovative wetland project, consultations with local producers on water-storage initiatives and a new resource for wastewater treatment facility operators.

“Thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters, our grants program is investing in real-world solutions for Manitoba’s lakes and rivers,” says Alexis Kanu, LWF’s executive director. “It’s our privilege to be able to channel the passion and concern...

Read more about LWF invests in local water solutions

**LWF staff member wins national award**

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Rob Henderson, President and CEO of BioTalent Canada and Chelsea Lobson, winner of the 2018 MAGNUS Catalyst Award for Top New Hire (Photo: David Moder)

LWF’s Community-Based Monitoring Coordinator Chelsea Lobson has received a national honour!

On May 3, BioTalent Canada announced Chelsea as the winner of the 2018 MAGNUS Catalyst Award for Top New Hire!
BioTalent Canada is a national not-for-profit industry association which acts as the HR partner of the Canadian biotechnology industry, working to ensure that the bio-economy has access to the talent it needs. Its many wage subsidy programs to...

Read more about LWF staff member wins national award

**LWF's 2017 annual report now online**

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April 18, 2018
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Our **Annual General Meeting** is taking place on Tuesday, April 24, at FortWhyte Alive.

The 2017 annual report, as well as proposed revisions to our organizational by-laws, are now online for your review. Click here to read the report, and here to read the proposed revised by-laws. (To read our current by-laws, click here.)

FYI, past year’s annual reports can be found here.

At this year’s AGM, members in good standing will vote on a motion to approve the revised bylaws and elect LWF’s 2018/19 board of directors. We’ll also provide an update on our activities – and impact – over the past year...

Read more about LWF's 2017 annual report now online

**New report: Aging wastewater infrastructure is putting our lakes at risk**

News
LWF
April 9, 2018
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With Winnipeg’s municipal election slated for October 2018, LWF’s advocacy is focused this year on municipal wastewater treatment. City of Winnipeg sewage treatment plants represent the single largest point source contributor of phosphorus to Lake Winnipeg. To ensure we’re doing our part for Lake Winnipeg, phosphorus reduction through upgrades to these facilities must be a civic priority.

Setting the Standard for Wastewater Treatment is Action 3 of the Lake Winnipeg Health Plan.
Our educational report on Winnipeg's wastewater woes ("Sewage S.O.S.") was distributed through the Winnipeg Free... 

Read more about New report: Aging wastewater infrastructure is putting our lakes at risk

Citizen scientists find phosphorus hotspots across Manitoba

March 22 is World Water Day and we're celebrating with the release of new water-quality data generated by the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network (LWCBMN).

LWCBMN is a growing network of citizens, scientists and conservation professionals. Since 2016, LWCBM volunteers and staff have been collecting water samples across southern Manitoba using scientifically vetted protocols. Samples are then analyzed in a lab to measure phosphorus concentration and determine the amount of phosphorus being exported off our landscapes.

Excess phosphorus is the primary cause of potentially harmful...

Read more about Citizen scientists find phosphorus hotspots across Manitoba

We're hiring a Finance & Office Administrator

If you can bring a high-level background in financial and administrative management, and a demonstrated ability to provide outstanding organizational support, we want to learn all about you!

We're accepting candidates for the immediate full-time position as our dynamic Finance & Office Administrator. As part of our leadership team, broad responsibilities will include:

Financial Management:
- Full cycle bookkeeping, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, audit preparation and year-end duties
- Review all expense claims and cheque requisitions
- Support staff in preparing financial...

Read more about We're hiring a Finance & Office Administrator

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We're accepting candidates for a variety of summer positions.

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Full job descriptions are below:

- [Download LWF Summer Outreach Co-ordinator 2018 job description.pdf](#) (545.26 KB)

Read more about We’re hiring for summer 2018!

### Nominate a lake champion for the 2017 Alexander Bajkov Award

Many people have devoted much of their personal and professional lives to improving the health of Lake Winnipeg. Since 2008, the Lake Winnipeg Foundation has been celebrating these passionate individuals with our Alexander Bajkov Award.

Named in honour of the pioneering researcher (his last name is pronounced “bye-cough” and you can read his bio here), this annual award is presented to a person who exemplifies Dr. Bajkov’s dedication to the understanding of Lake Winnipeg, and who demonstrates outstanding efforts to protect and restore the lake and its watershed.

Past recipients have included...

Read more about Nominate a lake champion for the 2017 Alexander Bajkov Award

### Stay connected to us on Facebook

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January 17, 2018

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We very much appreciate everyone who has liked and followed our Facebook page over the years. By doing so, you’ve given us the opportunity to share important information about freshwater stewardship, and update you on the various ways we are advocating for change and co-ordinating action to improve the health of Lake Winnipeg.

As you may be aware, Facebook has just rolled out major changes to its newsfeed. Posts from friends and family will be prioritized in your feed; posts from brands – including organizations such as LWF – will largely be removed.

The good news: if you would still like to...

**Read more about Stay connected to us on Facebook**

**We've moved!**

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*LWF Communications Director Mario in the reception area of our new office!*

We've got exciting news: LWF has moved!

Our new, larger space is the perfect fit for our growing team. We are now located at 62 Hargrave St, just south of Broadway. Our office telephone number and all email addresses remain the same.

We are settling in quickly and eager to get back to the work of freshwater protection. If you're in the area, drop by to say hello!

**Read more about We've moved!**

**Healthy water and Manitoba’s Climate and Green Plan**

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LWF  
December 7, 2017  
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The Manitoba government recently released its Made-in-Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, a proposed framework to support environmental protection, natural resource management and sustainable development.

The plan’s actions are organized within four key pillars: climate, jobs, water and nature.

The Water Pillar of the government’s proposed framework provides a necessary starting point to improve water management for the benefit of all Manitobans. However, the plan does not yet go far enough. The pledges put forward by Manitoba Sustainable Development in this consultation framework must now guide...

Read more about Healthy water and Manitoba’s Climate and Green Plan

Important notice: LWF office displaced

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LWF
November 15, 2017
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Update: Our temporary situation has ended and LWF has now moved into a new office space.

At the Lake Winnipeg Foundation, we understand the importance of water. Last week, we were reminded of its power.

On Thursday morning, we learned that a pipe in the basement ceiling of the building in which LWF’s office space is located had burst during the night. The result was a serious flood – and serious damage to various mechanical systems.

The entire building is now shut down, and we have been told it will take up to eight weeks to complete all necessary repairs.

LWF staff are in the process of...

Read more about Important notice: LWF office displaced

New Lake Winnipeg resource for music educators

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LWF
October 27, 2017
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LWF’s education program assists teachers to engage students on water stewardship issues and inspire youth action. We offer in-class presentations and funding for water-related learning, plus opportunities to collaborate with individual educators and/or schools on more customized partnerships and initiatives.

We are excited to launch a new resource for music educators, in recognition that water can be explored beyond the science curriculum. 

Rise and Shine, Lake Winnipeg, is an original song co-written by Rod Palson and Lorne Martin, residents of Riverton and Husavik, Manitoba, respectively...

Read more about New Lake Winnipeg resource for music educators

**An update from the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network’s annual gathering**

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As the 2017 open-water season draws to a close, participants and supporters of the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network (LWCBMN) met in Winnipeg to discuss progress, share lessons learned and plan next steps.

Co-ordinated by the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) and supported by LWF’s Science Advisory Council, the LWCBMN is engaging citizen volunteers in the collection of water samples. These samples are then analyzed in a lab to measure phosphorus concentration and calculate the amount of phosphorus being exported off our landscapes.

Citizen-generated data can be used to pinpoint...

Read more about An update from the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring Network’s annual gathering

**Manitobans unconvinced government can properly regulate hog barns, protect water**

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**LWF**  
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Update 2: Presentations on Bill 24 have been rescheduled; the committee will now meet on Monday, Oct. 23, and Tuesday, Oct. 24.

Update: The Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development is set to meet on Wednesday, Oct. 25, and Thursday, Oct. 26 to hear public presentations on Bill 24. LWF has registered to present. We urge all our supporters to contact their MLAs in advance of these meetings.

In March 2017, the provincial government announced plans to lift restrictions preventing the expansion of Manitoba’s hog industry, a move that would enable new and expanded barns to be built...

Read more about Manitobans unconvinced government can properly regulate hog barns, protect water

**Exploring nature’s laboratory**

**News**
LWF
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It’s not every day you get to visit one of Canada’s primary sources of lake science. And it’s certainly not every day you get to stand on the shores of a humble little lake known simply as Lake 227 that has informed scientists’ understanding of eutrophication for almost half a century.

Located in northwest Ontario about an hour and a half east of Kenora, the IISD Experimental Lakes Area (IISD-ELA) is a natural laboratory comprised of 58 small lakes and their watersheds. The area was set aside for scientific research in 1968 and it’s an ideal setting in which to conduct whole-ecosystem science...

Read more about Exploring nature’s laboratory

**Our beer series finishes with Boardwalk Belgian Pale Ale**

**News**
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All summer long we’ve been celebrating local beer and local lakes, partnering with local craft breweries to showcase limited-edition, lake-themed brews.

This collaborative beer series continues with September’s Boardwalk Belgian Pale Ale, created by our friends at PEG Beer Co.

Boardwalk Belgian Pale Ale is fruity with a slight pepper spice – a balanced beer that finishes dry and crisp. Try it while supplies last by visiting PEG Beer Co.’s brew pub, located at 125 Pacific Ave. in Winnipeg’s Exchange District.

Starting on Wednesday, Sept. 20, you’ll also be able to find Boardwalk Belgian Pale...

Read more about Our beer series finishes with Boardwalk Belgian Pale Ale

Have your say on watershed planning and protection in Manitoba

News
LWF
September 5, 2017
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Manitoba’s government has launched public consultations on three new watershed planning initiatives. This is an opportunity for lake-lovers to speak up for our lakes and rivers and help shape provincial water policy.

Co-developed by the provincial departments of Sustainable Development and Agriculture, the three documents outline:

- Changes to drainage regulations
- An incentive program for farmers
- Changes to Manitoba’s conservation districts program

At LWF, we recognize that these proposed initiatives have the potential to provide a strong framework to improve water management – and the health of...

Read more about Have your say on watershed planning and protection in Manitoba

Support Cycling for Solutions 2017 and expand water monitoring across Manitoba!

News
LWF
August 17, 2017
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For the third year in a row, a group of amateur cyclists are challenging themselves to complete an ambitious, three-day, 500 km self-supported road trip from Winnipeg, Man. to the IISD-Experimental Lakes Area (IISD-ELA) research facility in northwest Ontario.

Riders are paying their own expenses while accepting financial pledges for their efforts. All funds raised will be donated to the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) to support the expansion of the Lake Winnipeg Community-Based Monitoring (CBM) Network.

CBM engages citizen volunteers in the collection of water samples which are then analyzed...

Read more about Support Cycling for Solutions 2017 and expand water monitoring across Manitoba!

**Federal government announces $25.7 million investment in Lake Winnipeg**

On July 24, Canada’s Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, announced that the federal government will invest $25.7 million in the Lake Winnipeg Basin Program, which is part of the $70.5-million funding allocated for freshwater protection in Budget 2017.

The Lake Winnipeg Basin Program will focus on three priorities, according to ECCC’s press release:

- Reducing nutrient pollution
- Enhancing collaboration to protect freshwater quality throughout the Lake Winnipeg basin
- Strengthening collaborative-governance opportunities and supporting enhanced engagement of Indigenous...

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**Cheers to the lake with our new glasses and coasters!**

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We’re excited to launch our newest fundraising products: an exclusive line of lake-themed glasses and coasters!

Created in conjunction with our 2017 summer beer series, they’re a perfect and practical addition to any home or cottage. (Have some lake-lovers in your life? They also make great gifts!)

Choose between two distinct coaster sets – one featuring local wildlife and script art by K.BARTESKI; the other featuring a series of symbolic lake designs – or purchase any two sets and save $4 off your total!

Our glasses also come in two designs: K.BARTESKI script art and Lake Winnipeg’s iconic...

Read more about Cheers to the lake with our new glasses and coasters!

**LWF's newest summer partnership celebrates local beer and local lakes**

News
LWF
June 28, 2017
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We are thrilled to launch a new collaboration with Barn Hammer Brewing Company. Big Water, a limited-edition, lake-themed gose, will be available while supplies last for the month of July. Barn Hammer’s generous co-owners Sable and Tyler Birch will be donating $1 from the sale of each bottle to LWF. Giving has never been so refreshing!

“Going to the lake is an essential part of summer for so many of us in Manitoba,” says Alexis Kanu, LWF’s executive director. “We’re excited to celebrate local breweries and local lakes – two ingredients for a great Manitoba summer!”

“ Summers wouldn’t be the...
Local water champions receive provincial honour

The Manitoba Excellence in Sustainability Awards recognize and honour people, projects and ideas that successfully turn the principles and guidelines of sustainable development into concrete, lasting achievements.

The 2016 winners were announced on May 10, and included several individuals and groups dedicated to clean water and a healthy Lake Winnipeg. Among them:

Mike Stainton, winner, Sustainability in Water and Natural Area Stewardship

Mike has demonstrated a commitment to innovative research in both his professional and personal life. An instrumental part of the design and operation of the...

Read more about Local water champions receive provincial honour

Put your family history in the spotlight

There’s nothing like flipping through an old family photo album. From unforgettable sunsets to wish-we-could-forget fashions, these cherished pictures remind us of how special lake life really is.

So let’s celebrate it!

Lake Winnipeg Memories is a vintage photo exhibit curated by you! Launching on July 3, this is your chance to showcase your family’s unique relationship with Lake Winnipeg. We want to see your grandparent’s first trip to the beach, the legendary cottage reunion, or the time your great-uncle finally learned how to waterski!

Participating is easy. All you have to do is:

• Scan your...

Read more about Put your family history in the spotlight

Dr. David Lobb honoured with the 2016 Alexander Bajkov Award

Dr. David Lobb is the winner of the 2016 Alexander Bajkov Award for his dedicated research on Lake Winnipeg and his commitment to sustainability. He has been a key figure in advancing our understanding of the lake's ecosystem and its importance to the local community.

Read more about Dr. David Lobb honoured with the 2016 Alexander Bajkov Award
The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is pleased to announce that Dr. David Lobb has been chosen to receive the 2016 Alexander Bajkov Award.

Named in memory of pioneering fisheries biologist Alexander Bajkov (1894 – 1955), this award was created by LWF in 2008 and is presented annually to individuals or groups who demonstrate outstanding efforts to protect and restore the health of Lake Winnipeg and its watershed.

Dr. Lobb has worked in the Lake Winnipeg watershed since joining the Soil Science Department at University of Manitoba in 1998. His research has focused on understanding the processes and...

Read more about Dr. David Lobb honoured with the 2016 Alexander Bajkov Award

**Take action by May 12: Livestock manure regulations**

News  
LWF  
April 25, 2017

The government of Manitoba is proposing changes to the legislation and regulation that govern Manitoba’s hog industry, laying the groundwork for industry expansion.

A public consultation process is currently underway with respect to proposed amendments to the Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation (LMMMR), which dictate where, when and how livestock manure can be used as an agricultural fertilizer.

This is an opportunity for lake-lovers to speak up for the health of local water.

Before undertaking any amendments to the LMMMR and associated legislation, the government of...

Read more about Take action by May 12: Livestock manure regulations

**Provincial budget 2017 and Lake Winnipeg**

News  
LWF  
April 17, 2017

Before undertaking any amendments to the LMMMR and associated legislation, the government of...
On April 11, Manitoba’s government released the 2017 budget, its spending plan for the coming year.

Lake Winnipeg was not specifically mentioned in either Finance Minister Cameron Friesen’s speech or the budget summary.

Water-related spending appears on page 18 of the budget summary, nested under strategic infrastructure. This spending includes a $60 million investment in water-related infrastructure such as flood protection, drainage and other water-control initiatives, and represents a 33 per cent increase from the 2016/17 budget.

Funding for Sustainable Development – the provincial...

Read more about Provincial budget 2017 and Lake Winnipeg

We're hiring for summer 2017!

News
LWF
March 27, 2017
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Are you a full-time student looking for summer work before returning to school in the fall? We're hiring a Summer Outreach Co-ordinator!

This person will assist LWF staff and volunteers in the planning, promotion and delivery of a variety of outreach and fundraising events. If you love working with people, are passionate about the environment and have a talent for communicating science, apply to join our team and help us in our mission to restore and protect the health of our great lake!

A full job description is below.

Download LWF Summer Outreach Co-ordinator 2017 job description.pdf...

Read more about We're hiring for summer 2017!

Federal budget 2017 and Lake Winnipeg

News
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On March 22, the government of Canada released its 2017 budget, outlining federal priorities for the coming year. We've reviewed the plan to figure out what it means for fresh water and for Lake Winnipeg.

What we know so far:

Investments in freshwater protection generally and Lake Winnipeg specifically are mentioned on P. 125 of Budget 2017, which focused on “addressing the persistent and growing threat of aquatic invasive species and toxic and nuisance algae.”

Proposed funding is being provided to two federal departments:

• Up to $70.5 million over five years to Environment and Climate Change...

Read more about Federal budget 2017 and Lake Winnipeg
World Water Day 2017: $21,000 in funding for local water projects

On March 22 - World Water Day - LWF staff and supporters gathered at FortWhyte Alive in Winnipeg to celebrate our shared waters and announce $21,000 in funding for four Manitoba-based projects.

LWF's grants program supports projects working to improve water quality in Lake Winnipeg and its watershed. Priority is given to those that address one...

Read more about World Water Day 2017: $21,000 in funding for local water projects

Crowdfund for local water projects - and double your impact!

Our grants program funds projects that improve water quality in Lake Winnipeg and its watershed. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of LWF supporters over the years, we have been able to award more than $230,000 in financial assistance to a diverse range of vital initiatives: from cutting-edge research on the lake to accessible water education in schools to practical stewardship projects on the land.

Now, we need your help to make this program bigger and better in 2017.

Starting today, we're partnering with Small Change Fund on a new online crowdfunding campaign that gives lake-lovers the...

Read more about Crowdfund for local water projects - and double your impact!

The Manitoba government wants to hear from you!

The Manitoba government wants to hear from you!
Update: The deadline to complete the survey has been extended to March 31, 2017.

A new Climate and Green Plan is under development and the government is gathering public input through an online survey on energy, land use and conservation measures. Completing this survey takes just a few minutes and is an easy way to impact policy development for Manitoba’s lakes.

Here at LWF, we have spent the past four years working with the provincial government to improve protection of Manitoba’s threatened wetlands though strong regulation and strict enforcement. Specifically, we have been calling for new...

Read more about The Manitoba government wants to hear from you!

Fresh water takes centre stage in new documentary play

News
LWF
March 2, 2017
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The real-life politics of freshwater protection hit the stage this month with the Winnipeg premiere of The Watershed!

Presented by the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre at Tom Hendry Warehouse, the latest documentary play from Montreal playwright Annabel Soutar investigates the complexity of freshwater stewardship in Canada through the story of IISD Experimental Lakes Area (IISD-ELA) – a research facility located near Kenora, Ont. that’s one of Canada’s primary sources of lake science.

Documentary theatre is a style of theatre that records stories and portrays characters from real life. Soutar...

Read more about Fresh water takes centre stage in new documentary play

World Wetlands Day 2017: the flood prevention connection

News
LWF
February 1, 2017
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Photo courtesy of Ducks Unlimited Canada

Feb. 2 is World Wetlands Day, celebrated in honour of the United Nations’ 1971 adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, which provides an international framework for wetland conservation and use. It’s a day to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands and take action to protect these special areas.

This year’s theme is “Wetlands for Disaster Risk Reduction,” selected to highlight the vital role healthy wetlands play in reducing the impacts of extreme weather events such as floods and droughts.
Certainly, this is something to which...

Read more about World Wetlands Day 2017: the flood prevention connection

**Nominate a water champion for the 2016 Alexander Bajkov Award**

News  
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January 10, 2017  
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Past Alexander Bajkov Award winners (clockwise from top left): Val Weirer, Karen Scott, Pascal Badiou, Lyle Lockhart

Many people have devoted much of their personal and professional lives to improving the health of Lake Winnipeg. Since 2008, the Lake Winnipeg Foundation has been celebrating these passionate individuals with our Alexander Bajkov Award.

Named in honour of the pioneering researcher (his last name is pronounced “bye-cough” and you can read his bio [here](#)), this annual award is presented to a person who exemplifies Dr. Bajkov’s dedication to the understanding of Lake Winnipeg, and...

Read more about Nominate a water champion for the 2016 Alexander Bajkov Award

**We're hiring a CBM co-ordinator!**

News  
LWF  
December 15, 2016  
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We're seeking an enthusiastic, detail-oriented individual to join our team in the position of community-based monitoring co-ordinator.

This one-year, full-time term position (with the possibility of extension) is based out of Winnipeg and includes travel throughout southern Manitoba.

The community-based monitoring co-ordinator’s responsibilities will include:

- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Sampling and analysis
- Data interpretation and communication

At LWF, we’re passionate about the health of Manitoba’s lakes. We work as a team to foster innovative research, influence public policy and...

Read more about We're hiring a CBM co-ordinator!

**We've got lake-friendly holiday gifts!**

News  
LWF  
December 13, 2016
Looking for a holiday gift that keeps on giving? Our fundraising efforts include product sales!

New for 2016 is an exclusive line of ornaments, art pieces and tote bags featuring local artist Kal Barteski’s signature brush script! Perfect for hanging on the tree, displaying on the mantle – or taking to the beach next summer!

For nature-lovers, gardeners or local art history buffs, we’ve got vintage limited-edition wood engraving prints, created by Henry Eric Bergman (1893-1958) and generously donated to us by this accomplished artist’s descendants. Each print features a plant found within...

Read more about We've got lake-friendly holiday gifts!

**LWF is building CBM bridges!**

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LWF
November 24, 2016
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Lake Minnewanka, in Banff National Park. Its Nakoda name means "water of the spirits." Photo: Kirsten Earl McCorrister

LWF has been hard at work coordinating a new community-based monitoring (CBM) program here in Manitoba, having recently completed a CBM pilot project to test for phosphorus in the tributaries that feed into Lake Winnipeg. We are not alone in our efforts to understand and improve the health of our waters. Across Canada, water groups are collaborating with citizens and governments to understand the threats to clean water and work for solutions. LWF has had the opportunity to...

Read more about LWF is building CBM bridges!

**Giving Tuesday 2016: Send Manitoba students on their next water adventure**

News
LWF
November 21, 2016
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“In the end we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught.” — Baba Dioum, Senegalese conservationist

Donate at the link below to send Manitoba students on their next water adventure.

The wonder of new discovery is a special thing.

We all remember the first time we had the chance to experience our natural ecosystems: The first time we went out in a boat on open water. The first time we saw a dragonfly up close. The first time we caught tadpoles in a bucket.

We all remember the first time we truly understood that we are all...

Read more about Giving Tuesday 2016: Send Manitoba students on their next water adventure
Watch highlights from our Water Wednesdays series!

Our three-part Water Wednesdays series took place in October and featured local experts talking local water: from algae blooms to zebra mussels and everything in between.

We recorded each event and are excited to now present three highlight videos!

Special thanks to our Water Wednesdays sponsor, Desjardins Financial Security Investments Inc., to our special guests – and of course, to everyone who joined us in Assiniboine Park for these lively conversations.

Oct. 5 – Frankly, Lake Winnipeg, no one gives a damn: Public perceptions and why they matter – with special guests:

- Richard Cloutier...

Read more about Watch highlights from our Water Wednesdays series!

LWF in Mexico

In 2014 LWF embarked on a new initiative that sought to add a crucial but marginalized voice to the Lake Winnipeg conversation. Through generous funding from the North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action (NAPECA), a grant program of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation

Read more about LWF in Mexico

Citizen science project is hands-on water stewardship in action

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Gathering on the banks of the Assiniboine River with Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) staff, science advisors and partners on a sunny morning in September, Sustainable Development Minister Cathy Cox participated in a new citizen science project supported by Manitoba’s government.

LWF’s community-based monitoring (CBM) network is currently focused on monitoring phosphorus levels in water samples. Excess phosphorus is a primary cause of harmful algae blooms which have been increasing in size and frequency on Lake Winnipeg’s waters.

CBM provides valuable information that can be used to enrich long...

**Cycling for Solutions returns for 2016 with new goal**

News
LWF
August 24, 2016
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A group of amateur cyclists will once again challenge themselves to complete an ambitious, three-day, 500 km self-supported road trip from Winnipeg, Man. to the IISD Experimental Lakes Area (IISD-ELA) research facility in northwest Ontario.

Cycling for Solutions 2016 builds on the success of last year’s inaugural ride, in which three participants raised almost $4,000 for LWF and our ongoing work to restore and protect the health of Lake Winnipeg – the 10th largest freshwater lake in the world.

This year’s riders are once again paying their own expenses while accepting financial pledges for...

**The Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective is hiring!**

News
LWF
August 8, 2016
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Apply to become the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective Coordinator!
In partnership with the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective (LWIC), the Lake Winnipeg Foundation is seeking a relationship-driven project manager to support the dynamic growth of a First Nations collective dedicated to protecting the health of our sacred waters and restoring traditional livelihoods. Based out of Winnipeg, this position includes travel to various Lake Winnipeg Indigenous communities.

The function of this position is to:
- Provide administrative and facilitative support to advance the development of the Lake...

**Read more about The Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective is hiring!**

**An annual lake tradition expands online**

News  
**LWF**  
July 20, 2016  
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Walk for Water is the largest grassroots fundraising event in support of a healthy Lake Winnipeg. For many lake-lovers, participating has become an annual family tradition.

Three walks are being held this season in Dunnottar (July 24), Gimli (Aug. 7) and Victoria Beach (Aug. 7), organized by community volunteers with support from LWF. Proceeds are used to translate science into solutions: funding research, training citizen scientists, educating students and community groups, and addressing the root causes of harmful algae blooms by advancing the eight actions of the Lake Winnipeg Health Plan...

**Read more about An annual lake tradition expands online**

**Embrace the #LakeLifeGoodLife and win prizes!**

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**LWF**  
June 27, 2016  
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Share your #LakeLifeGoodLife photos for the chance to win amazing prizes!

What do you do at the lake when you’re feeling adventurous? How do you kick back and relax? Who do you ask when you need a companion?

We want to see those gorgeous hikes and peaceful canoe rides; those tubing wipeouts and wild wakeboard skills. We want to know what lake life means to you!

We’re looking for photos – plain and simple. Show us your own creative style. Show where you go when you feel like exploring. Show us your favourite memories.
Show us what lake-lovers know: that the lake life is the good life!

Prizes...

Read more about Embrace the #LakeLifeGoodLife and win prizes!

LWF members receive national honour

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(l - r) Mike Stainton, Alex Salki, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Al Kristofferson, in Ottawa; photo credit: WO Ronald Duchesne, Rideau Hall © OSGG, 2016

Congratulations to Alex Salki and Mike Stainton!

On June 23 in Ottawa, Alex and Mike, along with Al Kristofferson, were presented with Meritorious Service Decorations (Civil Division) by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

These prestigious decorations recognize Canadians who have performed an exceptional deed or activity that brings honour to...

Read more about LWF members receive national honour

We're hiring!

News
LWF
June 8, 2016
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We’re seeking an enthusiastic, detail-oriented individual to join our team in the position of Finance & Administration Manager!

This one-year, full-time term position (with the possibility of extension) is based out of Winnipeg and includes travel to various Lake Winnipeg communities.

The Finance & Administration Manager’s responsibilities will include:
- Financial management and bookkeeping
- Donor database management and communications
- Office reception and management
- Governance support
- Program support

At LWF, we’re passionate about the health of Manitoba’s lakes. We work as a team to...

Read more about We're hiring!

Mapping out new watershed connections

News
Geography, according to American professor Dr. Charles Gritzner, can be defined by three simple questions: “What is where?”, “Why there?” and “Why care?”

Gritzner’s definition – which speaks to location, ecological features and socio-cultural contexts – underlies OPEN Water, a collaborative initiative led by Canadian Geographic Education, a program of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society.

The multi-year, multi-aspect project’s title is an acronym that stands for Observe, Participate, Experience and Network. Last year, organizers brought together...

Read more about Mapping out new watershed connections

**K.Barteski x LWF: Exclusive art pieces now on sale!**

News
LWF
May 25, 2016
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We’re thrilled about our collaboration with local artist Kal Barteski!

Designed exclusively for LWF and created with help from Huron Woodwork, these unique #kbscript art pieces are perfect for hanging on your wall, or displaying on your mantle or bookshelf. (They also make great gifts.) Best of all, all proceeds from every sale support our ongoing work, which means your purchase is not only beautiful, it’s also making a healthy Lake Winnipeg possible!

All items within this collection can be purchased through our website or by contacting us at our Winnipeg office. Purchased merchandise can be...
Seine-Rat River Conservation District honoured with the 2015 Alexander Bajkov Award

LWF
April 27, 2016

(left to right) SRRCD Project Supervisor Chris Randall, SRRCD District Manager Jodi Goerzen, Board Chair Cornie Goertzen, LWF board member and Science Advisory Council Chair Alex Salki, SRRCD board member Larry Bugera

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is pleased to announce that the Seine-Rat River Conservation District has been chosen to receive the 2015 Alexander Bajkov Award.

Named in memory of pioneering fisheries biologist Alexander Bajkov (1894 - 1955), this award was created by LWF in 2008 and is presented annually to those who demonstrate outstanding efforts to protect and restore the...

Read more about Seine-Rat River Conservation District honoured with the 2015 Alexander Bajkov Award

Manitobans expect political leadership on Lake Winnipeg: poll

LWF
April 11, 2016

With the provincial election just one week away, a new poll reinforces the importance of Lake Winnipeg to all Manitobans.

The online survey of 882 Manitobans was conducted by Probe Research Inc. for the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF). Among the findings:

- 94% of Manitobans agree Lake Winnipeg is worth protecting
- 91% agree the health of lakes and rivers is very important to the quality of life in Manitoba
- 80% agree that Lake Winnipeg is one of Manitoba’s most important natural resources

“We are not surprised by these numbers. They reinforce what I think all Manitobans already know: the health of...
Manitoba parties and candidates respond to Lake Winnipeg questions

Fresh water matters to us, and we know it matters to our members and supporters.

In the lead-up to Manitoba’s election, we wanted to learn more about how parties and candidates plan to address the challenges facing Lake Winnipeg.

We sent the following five questions to each party’s headquarters. We also reached out to all Manitoba candidates with an accessible email address.

Question 1

Whole-lake studies on Lake 227 at Canada’s Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) over multiple decades demonstrate that phosphorus controls the growth of blue-green algae blooms. This research has driven important...

Support LWF through Strathmillan Elementary School’s rain barrel sale!

We first met some of the young water champions from Strathmillan Elementary School when we presented last year to a particularly enthusiastic Grade 4 class. Inspired by what they learned about Lake Winnipeg, these students went on to collaborate on a series of watercolour paintings, write letters to local politicians and organize a successful fundraiser for LWF.

One of the beautiful paintings created by Strathmillan students last year.
Fast forward to this year, and the entire K to 5 school has rallied into action!

Strathmillan has chosen “water” as its 2016 educational theme – and LWF as a...

Read more about Support LWF through Strathmillan Elementary School’s rain barrel sale!

**Five Lake Winnipeg questions to ask your provincial election candidates**

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Manitoba’s election campaign has officially begun – and Lake Winnipeg needs to be on the agenda.

Over the past three decades, excess phosphorus has increased the growth of harmful algae blooms which are contaminating beaches, reducing water quality, and threatening local industries and communities.

It’s time for all of us to get involved as citizens living in a democracy in which the collective voice of the people influences the laws of the land.

It’s time to speak out for Lake Winnipeg.

**What we’re doing:**

To help voters make an informed decision when casting a ballot on April 19, we’re...

Read more about Five Lake Winnipeg questions to ask your provincial election candidates

**We’re hiring for summer 2016!**

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Are you a full-time student looking for summer work before returning to school in the fall? We’re on the hunt for extraordinary event planners, social media superstars and marketing geniuses with a passion for the environment.

LWF is creating an applicant pool for two term positions:

- **Summer Outreach Coordinator:** This person will assist LWF staff and volunteers in the planning, promotion and delivery of outreach and fundraising events.
- **Digital Communications Coordinator:** This person will assist LWF staff in the creation and dissemination of online content related to the promotion of LWF...

Read more about We’re hiring for summer 2016!
World Wetlands Day 2016

Tuesday, Feb. 2 is World Wetlands Day. It marks the date of the 1971 adoption of the United Nations’ intergovernmental Convention on Wetlands in the Iranian city of Ramsar. Every year on Feb. 2, people around the world raise awareness about the importance of wetlands and take action in their own communities to protect these special areas.

A wetland is any area that holds water – either temporarily or permanently. They may more commonly be known as sloughs, swamps, ponds or marshes.

We here at LWF love wetlands: for their biodiversity, for their ability to mitigate the effects of flooding and...

Read more about World Wetlands Day 2016

Nominate a lake champion for the Alexander Bajkov Award!

So many people have devoted much of their personal and professional lives to improving the health of Lake Winnipeg – and, since 2008, the Lake Winnipeg Foundation has been celebrating these passionate individuals with our Alexander Bajkov Award.

Named in honour of the pioneering researcher of Lake Winnipeg (you can read his bio here), this annual award is presented to a person who exemplifies Dr. Bajkov’s dedication to the understanding of Lake Winnipeg and who demonstrates outstanding efforts to protect and restore the lake and its watershed.

Past recipients have included scientists...

Read more about Nominate a lake champion for the Alexander Bajkov Award!

Love, Lake Winnipeg merchandise now on sale!

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**Update:** We have now sold out of Love, Lake Winnipeg T-shirts and the CD re-issue of *The Lake Winnipeg Fisherman*. Thanks to everyone who supported this project with their purchases!

Love, Lake Winnipeg merchandise is now available for purchase!

Created in conjunction with **Love, Lake Winnipeg: A tribute to the songs of Sol Sigurdson**, our products include:

- Art posters (two options are available; click [here](#) to learn more or buy yours now)

The Love, Lake Winnipeg EP featuring reimagined Sol Sigurdson songs from Jess Reimer, DJ Co-op, Scott Nolan and John K. Samson, and Mise en Scene (click [here](#))

**Read more about Love, Lake Winnipeg merchandise now on sale!**

**Love, Lake Winnipeg raffle**

News

**LWF**

December 22, 2015

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**Update:** Love, Lake Winnipeg raffle winners!
Congratulations to the winners of our Love, Lake Winnipeg raffle:

1st prize: Brandon Bertram (Ticket #0552)
2nd prize: Michael Paterson (Ticket #0331)
3rd prize: Alma Sigurdson (Ticket #0515)

Thank you for supporting the Lake Winnipeg Foundation.

Tickets are now on sale for our Love, Lake Winnipeg raffle!

Created as part of our collaborative fundraising project, Love, Lake Winnipeg: A tribute to the songs of Sol Sigurdson, this is your chance to win amazing prizes and support LWF!

**Prizes:**

1st prize: Custom-built acoustic bass guitar with soft case...

Read more about Love, Lake Winnipeg raffle

**Classic Lake Winnipeg folk songs get a musical makeover**

Update: Tickets for our Love, Lake Winnipeg raffle are on sale now! Only $5 each (or three for $10), they offer another way to support LWF - and a chance to win amazing prizes. We'll also be selling tickets at our Jan. 14 benefit show. The draw will be that night but you don't have to be at the concert to win. Good luck!

Almost 50 years after they were first recorded to vinyl, folk songs documenting life on Lake Winnipeg are being given new life - and new purpose. Love, Lake Winnipeg: A tribute to the songs of Sol Sigurdson, is a collaborative project featuring select tracks from Riverton...

Read more about Classic Lake Winnipeg folk songs get a musical makeover

**Lake-friendly gift ideas**

Looking for a holiday gift that keeps on giving? Our fundraising efforts include product sales!
For nature-lovers, gardeners or local art history buffs, we’ve got vintage limited-edition wood engraving prints, created by Henry Eric Bergman (1893-1958) and generously donated to us by this accomplished artist’s descendants.

Featuring plants found within Lake Winnipeg's watershed, these prints are a great addition to any home or cottage. Each costs $80 and comes mounted on an 8 x 10, acid-free, archival mat – all that’s missing is the frame. Even better - 100% of proceeds support our ongoing...

Read more about Lake-friendly gift ideas

Giving Tuesday 2015: What’s your reason to give?

News
LWF
November 13, 2015
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Update: Thank you so much to everyone who took part in Giving Tuesday 2015 and helped raised $1,583! We are humbled and inspired by your generosity. Together, we will continue speaking out for the health of our lake!

Dec. 1 is Giving Tuesday – a global day to give back – and this year, we’ve set ourselves an ambitious goal: raise $2,000 in 24 hours.

We’re spending this week celebrating people who are helping make a healthy Lake Winnipeg possible by giving to LWF, adding a new story each day. We hope their passion for our great lake will inspire you to get involved, too.

Our online donation...

Read more about Giving Tuesday 2015: What’s your reason to give?

Clean Environment Commission report on Lake Winnipeg regulation

News
LWF
October 30, 2015
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On Oct. 19, the Manitoba government released the Clean Environment Commission’s report on Lake Winnipeg regulation.

The CEC and its role

The Manitoba Clean Environment Commission (CEC) is an arms-length provincial agency established to provide advice and recommendations to the minister of conservation and water stewardship, and to develop and maintain public participation in environmental matters. Its recommendations are not binding; the minister reviews them and chooses whether to adopt them.

The scope of the recent report

The CEC was asked to conduct a review and gather public input on...

Read more about Clean Environment Commission report on Lake Winnipeg regulation

Zebra mussels reinforce need to invest in Lake Winnipeg

News
LWF
October 26, 2015
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This zebra-mussel-encrusted rock was found on Sept. 26, 2015 near Balsam Harbour (Photo: Greg Armstrong).

Oct. 26, 2015, Winnipeg – Zebra mussels continue to spread in Lake Winnipeg. Adult mussels and their microscopic larvae (known as veligers) have been detected throughout the south basin of the lake and in the Red River. More recently, the invasive species has also been discovered in the north basin of Lake Winnipeg and in Cedar Lake, just west of Lake Winnipeg.

Today, Manitoba’s Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister Tom Nevakshonoff announced that the province plans to double its...

Read more about Zebra mussels reinforce need to invest in Lake Winnipeg

Federal candidates respond to Lake Winnipeg questions

News
LWF
October 9, 2015
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Fresh water matters to us, and we know it matters to our members and supporters.

In the lead-up to Canada’s election, we wanted to learn more about how federal parties and candidates plan to address the challenges facing Lake Winnipeg.

We sent four questions – focused on solutions for Lake Winnipeg – to all Manitoba candidates representing the four federal parties running a full slate. We also contacted each party’s national headquarters.

**Question 1**

Canada currently has an $88 billion water infrastructure deficit (Our Living Waters Call to Action for the Next Government of Canada...)

[Read more about Federal candidates respond to Lake Winnipeg questions](#)

**A call to action for federal leadership on fresh water**

News
LWF
September 22, 2015

This August, Manitobans were confronted with a graphic reminder of the challenges facing Lake Winnipeg when *algae* washed up on Hillside Beach.

Excessive phosphorus flowing into the lake from many different sources throughout its vast watershed is contributing to the increasing size and frequency of harmful algae blooms such as this one – but Lake Winnipeg is not the only water body in need of help.

Across the country, mounting pressures on rivers, lakes and streams are closing beaches, compromising drinking water supplies, impacting fisheries and undermining the health of aquatic ecosystems...

[Read more about A call to action for federal leadership on fresh water](#)

**Free event showcases Lake Winnipeg art**

News
LWF
August 12, 2015

[Photo: Balsam Harbour Boat Launch, William Pura](#)
Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 19, for a unique event! Surrounded by amazing photographic art, Lake Winnipeg: Framing the Issue will showcase a range of perspectives about our great lake.

Lake Winnipeg is the 10th largest freshwater lake in the world; an iconic body of water that has shaped both the physical geography of Manitoba and the shared cultural experiences of its citizens.

Humans have interacted with this ‘inland sea’ for centuries – and our actions have left a mark.

In partnership with Gurevich Fine Art, we invite you to a sure-to-be...

Read more about Free event showcases Lake Winnipeg art

Cycling for Solutions

News
LWF
August 11, 2015
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Update: Sadly, the foursome is now a trio, as Bruce unfortunately had to drop out of the trip. Good luck to the three remaining cyclists, Roger, Brad and Pete!

Update: Thank you so much to everyone who has already pledged support to Roger, Brad, Bruce and Pete as they prepare to take on this challenge. Here’s a sampling of the amazing messages of encouragement the riders have received so far:

• “Thanks for leading this inspiring initiative, Roger and team! You’re reminding us all of the importance of investing in science-based solutions for lakes throughout our beautiful watershed, and you’re...

Read more about Cycling for Solutions

System Maintenance on CanadaHelps.org

News
LWF
July 23, 2015
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Heads up to any lake-lovers looking to support us with an online donation this weekend: On Saturday, July 25th, the CanadaHelps platform will undergo scheduled maintenance from 6:00 am - 8:00 am (CT).
The CanadaHelps site will be in maintenance mode and will not be accepting donations during this time. You will also be unable to access and use your MyCharity account. In an effort to reduce the impact, CanadaHelps will complete work related to Custom Donate Now first, allowing these pages to be back online slightly sooner than the CanadaHelps.org direct donor site and your MyCharity account.

Read more about System Maintenance on CanadaHelps.org

### Canadian water advocate Maude Barlow joins Walk for Water 2015!

News  
LWF  
July 20, 2015  
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Photo credit: Wolfgang Schmidt

We’re pleased to welcome Maude Barlow to our 2015 Dunnottar Walk for Water event, taking place this coming Sunday, July 26.

Perhaps best-known as the national chairperson of the Council of Canadians, Barlow also chairs the board of Washington-based Food and Water Watch, is a board member of the San Francisco–based International Forum on Globalization and a councillor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council. Maude is also a co-founder of the Blue Planet Project, an organization that promotes water justice based on the principles that water is a human right.

Read more about Canadian water advocate Maude Barlow joins Walk for Water 2015!

### Country music artist Leanne Pearson joins Walk for Water 2015!

News  
LWF  
July 7, 2015  
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We’re thrilled to welcome local country rocker Leanne Pearson to our 2015 Dunnottar Walk for Water event, taking place on Sunday, July 26.

Pearson is quickly making a name for herself; her catchy 2013 single, Get Outta My Heart, hit Top 48 on the Canadian country music charts, and her follow-up single, The Only Thing, hit Top 90. Leanne has headlined countless shows across Manitoba and opened for many heavy hitters. She was a part of Dauphin’s 2014 Countryfest lineup and recently returned as a part of the 2015 lineup. Her current single, Worth Fighting For, was released in January and is...

Read more about Country music artist Leanne Pearson joins Walk for Water 2015!

### LWF brings India's monsoon season to Manitoba

News  
LWF  
June 25, 2015  
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The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is proud to once again offer its support to the Gimli Film Festival by sponsoring the 2015 screenings of Monsoon, a feature documentary from multiple award-winning Canadian filmmaker Sturla Gunnarsson.

Filmed across the Indian sub-continent in 2013, Monsoon introduces viewers to an array of individuals whose lives are entwined with the beautiful/terrible spectacle that is monsoon season. With stunning imagery and compelling storytelling, it captures the timelessness and rich human drama of our engagement with the natural world...

Read more about LWF brings India’s monsoon season to Manitoba

**Support that sparkles**

News
LWF
June 16, 2015
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We’re thrilled to announce our latest fundraiser: a gorgeous new necklace, courtesy of local jeweller Hilary Druxman!

Designed as part of her popular philanthropic collection in celebration of our 10th anniversary, this handcrafted sterling silver necklace was inspired by the unique natural beauty of driftwood. Wear it on its own or as the perfect companion piece to our signature shell necklace. (It also makes a great gift!)

Each purchase supports LWF’s mission to protect the health of Lake Winnipeg, now and for future generations. Get your necklace at LWF outreach events this summer and at...

Read more about Support that sparkles

**We’re on Instagram!**

News
LWF
June 16, 2015
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A picture is worth a thousand words - and we want to share them all with you on Instagram!

If you're active on this popular social network, follow us @SaveLakeWpg for photos, graphics and interesting information about our great lake - and our efforts to protect it.

This summer, be sure to check out #LoveLakeWpg; we'll be using this hashtag on all our networks (including our Facebook and Twitter accounts) to keep you updated on our events and activities.

See you online!

Help LWF win $10,000 and you could win Gimli Film Fest passes!

LWF invests $39,000 in local water projects
LWF has awarded a total of $39,000 to seven projects as part of its ongoing Stewardship, Research and Education Grants Program.

Projects supported by LWF’s spring 2015 grants include:

- **Brokenhead Wetland Monitoring and Restoration Planning**: a project facilitated by the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER) that will enhance and restore the Brokenhead Wetland in Manitoba on Lake Winnipeg, and build the capacity of the local community to conduct wetland monitoring.
- **OPEN Water**: an educational initiative of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society that will see an innovative Lake...

Read more about LWF invests $39,000 in local water projects

**Congratulations to Dr. Pascal Badiou, 2014 Alexander Bajkov Award winner!**

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is thrilled to announce that Dr. Pascal Badiou has been chosen to receive the 2014 Alexander Bajkov Award.

Named in memory of pioneering fisheries biologist [Alexander Bajkov](http://example.com) (1894 – 1955), this award was created by LWF in 2008. It is presented annually to an individual who exemplifies Dr. Bajkov’s dedication to the understanding of Lake Winnipeg, and who demonstrates outstanding efforts to protect and restore the health of the lake and its watershed. Past recipients have included scientists, politicians, educators and journalists.

A graduate of the University of...

Read more about Congratulations to Dr. Pascal Badiou, 2014 Alexander Bajkov Award winner!

**LWF is hiring!**

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LWF

April 1, 2015

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Are you a full-time student looking for summer work before returning to school in the fall? We're on the hunt for extraordinary event planners, social media gurus and marketing geniuses with a passion for the environment.

LWF is creating an applicant pool for two term positions:

- **Summer Outreach Coordinator**: This person will assist LWF staff and volunteers in the planning, promotion and delivery of LWF’s Lake-a-thon fundraising events.

- **Summer Communications Coordinator**: This person will assist LWF staff in the creation and dissemination of communications related to online and in-person...

Read more about LWF is hiring!

**Canada Water Week 2015: Follow Your Water, Winnipeg**

News
LWF
March 26, 2015
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March 16 to 20 was Canada Water Week, an annual celebration of water from coast to coast to coast, held in advance of World Water Day on March 22. Inspired by this year’s national theme, Know Your H2O, LWF created an interactive, week-long challenge to highlight the connection between urban water and the health of Lake Winnipeg.

Follow Your Water, Winnipeg, kicked off last Monday morning where Winnipeg’s Red and Assiniboine Rivers meet. We placed a sign with our distinctive LWF logo at Oodena Celebration Circle, then asked participants to find it and take an “LWFelfie” with it.

Canada’s...

Read more about Canada Water Week 2015: Follow Your Water, Winnipeg
Lake Winnipeg Health Plan progress: Conserving the Boreal Forest

Planning now for the long-term health and sustainability of Manitoba's boreal forest ecosystem is one of the best ways to restore and protect the health of Lake Winnipeg, which is why Conserving the Boreal Forest is Action 2 of our Lake Winnipeg Health Plan.

Last month, the Province of Manitoba held a multi-stakeholder summit in The Pas/Opaskwayak Cree Nation to explore the development of a Manitoba Boreal Strategy. Greetings were offered by Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister Gord Mackintosh and Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Eric Robinson, and a keynote address was given...

Read more about Lake Winnipeg Health Plan progress: Conserving the Boreal Forest

LWF signs Lake Friendly Accord

Joined by partners and supporters, LWF celebrated Canada Water Week 2015 by signing the Lake Friendly Accord and renewing its commitment to the Lake Winnipeg Health Plan. (Front row, l to r: Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister Gord Mackintosh, Mike Sampson, Laurel Harrison with Maeve Harrison, Janet Sampson with Isla Harrison, Ella Carmichael, LWF executive director Alexis Kanu; back row, l to r: Jeremy Harrison, Dunnottar Mayor and chair of the South Basin Mayors and Reeves Rick Gamble) Photo: Kirsten Earl McCorrister

Winnipeg – Today, on the final day of Canada Water Week 2015, LWF...

Read more about LWF signs Lake Friendly Accord

Nominate someone you know for the Alexander Bajkov Award!

Nominate someone you know for the Alexander Bajkov Award!
Past Alexander Bajkov Award winners (clockwise from top left): Val Weirer, Karen Scott, Rick Gamble, Lyle Lockhart

We know so many people who have devoted much of their personal and professional lives to help improve the health of Lake Winnipeg. That's why, since 2008, the Lake Winnipeg Foundation has been publicly recognizing these passionate individuals with our Alexander Bajkov Award.

Named in honour of the pioneering researcher of Lake Winnipeg (you can read his bio here), this annual award is presented to a person who exemplifies Dr. Bajkov’s dedication to the understanding of Lake... 

Read more about Nominate someone you know for the Alexander Bajkov Award!

Navigating solutions: 10 years

News
LWF
February 17, 2015
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Photo: Gimli, 2014 (Paul Mutch)

LWF was founded in 2005, making this year our 10th anniversary!

We're proud of our grassroots beginnings and the many passionate supporters whose dedication to our collective vision of a clean, healthy Lake Winnipeg and watershed, now and for future generations, has shaped LWF into what we are today.

We're also proud of what we've been able to accomplish over the past decade: educating citizens, funding projects, and collaborating with governments, researchers and other stakeholders.

We've made progress – but our work is far from finished. Lake Winnipeg...

Read more about Navigating solutions: 10 years

Happy World Wetlands Day!

News
LWF
February 2, 2015
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On Feb. 2, 1971, an intergovernmental treaty called the Ramsar Convention was adopted. Named for the Iranian city in which its adoption occurred, the convention came into force in 1975 to provide a framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. (You can learn more about the Ramsar Convention [here](#).)

Today, almost 90 per cent of UN member states – including Canada – are considered “contracting parties.” Contracting parties implement the Ramsar Convention and collaborate on shared projects. More than 2,000 wetlands across the globe (37 in Canada) are currently...

**Read more about Happy World Wetlands Day!**

**Project funding available: deadline March 1**

**News**

**LWF**

January 29, 2015

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Have a great idea for a project that can help save our lake? We can help make it happen!

LWF’s Stewardship, Research and Education Grants Program supports projects working to improve water quality in Lake Winnipeg and its watershed – particularly those which address one or more of the eight key actions to reduce nutrient loading identified in our [Lake Winnipeg Health Plan](#).

*Past projects* have included educational resources, water-quality sampling and monitoring programs, video projects and various research projects.

**The deadline for Spring 2015 grant applications is March 1, 2015.** More...

**Read more about Project funding available: deadline March 1**

**Investing in solutions: LWF awards $21,500 in grants**

**News**

**LWF**

January 6, 2015

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The Pelly’s Lake Watershed Management Project is located just east of Holland, Man. A Spring 2013 grant from LWF went towards this project’s water-quality monitoring program. (Photo: Marlo Campbell)

LWF has awarded a total of $21,500 to three projects as part of our Stewardship, Research and Education Grants Program. Fall 2014 grants will support:

* [Caring for our Watersheds](#): a contest run by Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre in which high-school students will submit proposals on how
they can help their watershed, with a goal of implementing as many projects as possible.

- **Determining extent...**

Read more about **Investing in solutions: LWF awards $21,500 in grants**

**Taking care of the world's freshwater: Canadians present at 14th Living Lakes conference in China**

**News**  
**LWF**  
**December 4, 2014**  

Winnipeg – Members of Living Lakes Canada from Wildsight and the Lake Winnipeg Foundation (LWF) represented Canada at the 14th Living Lakes Conference in Nanchang, China last week. Kat Hartwig of Invermere, B.C. and Alex Salki of Winnipeg, Manitoba, were invited to present their work on sustainable management of lake communities, with a special focus on lake protection. The Canadian presentation focused on the significant water stewardship work being done by NGOs and water stewardship groups in the Columbia Basin and around Lake Winnipeg.

The conference hosted 350 delegates from 33 countries...

Read more about **Taking care of the world's freshwater: Canadians present at 14th Living Lakes conference in China**

**Celebrating Manitoba's wetlands**

**News**  
**Anonymous (not verified)**  
**November 25, 2014**  

A new publication is celebrating the multitude of benefits offered by Manitoba’s wetlands!

*Nature’s Wealth* is a joint release from LWF, Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

The four-page feature delves into the ecological and economic value of wetland areas – everything from water purification, flood protection, wildlife habitat, biofuels, recreational opportunities and even food!
It also highlights some of the conservation, policy and research initiatives currently underway across the province; readers get to meet research...

Read more about Celebrating Manitoba's wetlands

**LWF heads to China**

*News*

**LWF**

*November 13, 2014*

The Lake Winnipeg Foundation will bring local, science-based solutions to the 14th Living Lakes Conference in Nanchang, China, an event hosted by Global Nature Fund (GNF), a non-profit environmental foundation with headquarters in Germany.

From Nov. 18 to 24, representatives from some of the 104 members of GNF’s international network will be discussing lakes in densely populated areas and how best to balance people and nature. LWF is a founding member of Living Lakes Canada, one of six national Living Lakes networks working throughout the world to protect freshwater resources.

In 2013, GNF...

Read more about LWF heads to China

**Living Waters Rally 2014**

*News*

**LWF**

*October 17, 2014*

Oct. 17, 2014 – The Lake Winnipeg Foundation was pleased to be one of the 110 freshwater organizations and groups in attendance at **Living Waters Rally 2014**. This biennial gathering took place Oct: 3 - 6 in Ottawa/Gatineau and was organized by the **Canadian Freshwater Alliance**, of which LWF is a member.

Representatives from recreational, Indigenous, cottage association, faith, philanthropic, environmental, business, academic, and arts and culture groups spent the weekend discussing the future of Canada’s freshwaters. The following statement was released by the Canadian Freshwater Alliance upon...

Read more about Living Waters Rally 2014

**You’re invited to take our LWF member survey**

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**LWF**

*October 14, 2014*

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At LWF, the success of our work is dependent on the support of lake-lovers who share our vision of a clean, healthy Lake Winnipeg now and for future generations. We are committed to improving our communication with current members and growing our capacity as an organization.

To get to know you better, we have created a short online survey for our members, and for those who support us in other ways. By filling it in, you will be helping us shape our future efforts. Please note all information is kept confidential and will not be shared outside of LWF.

As a special thank-you, we're offering...

Read more about You're invited to take our LWF member survey

A wild and precious week

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” – Mary Oliver, American poet

The late-June sun was setting as we pushed away from the culverts off Highway 314 just northeast of Lac du Bonnet, the starting point of the Manigotagan Canoe Route. Three friends and I were about to begin a white-water adventure through the Manitoba wilderness, navigating rapids as we paddled our way towards Lake Winnipeg. We had five days to complete over 100 km.

The Manigotagan River winds its way through the boreal forest, which sustains all kinds of life. As we made our way along the...

Read more about A wild and precious week

Mayoral candidates commit to saving Lake Winnipeg

We’re pleased to report some encouraging news for the health of Lake Winnipeg from Sept. 30’s mayoral forum on environmental issues. One of the three pre-determined questions posed to the six mayoral candidates in attendance (Gord Steeves was absent) concerned wastewater treatment.
Excess amounts of phosphorus are causing harmful algae blooms on Lake Winnipeg. City of Winnipeg wastewater treatment plants represent the single largest point source contributor of phosphorus to Lake Winnipeg. Winnipeg's North End Water Pollution Control Centre treats more than two-thirds of the city's wastewater...

Read more about Mayoral candidates commit to saving Lake Winnipeg

Help us educate and inspire others!

News
LWF
September 29, 2014

A few seconds and a few mouse clicks, and a good idea could become a reality!

We've entered the Aviva Community Fund, a three-month competition in which community groups and organizations across the country vie for a share of $1 million in project funding from insurance provider Aviva Canada. Now, we need your help!

Here's how it works: There are five funding categories, two budget categories and three qualifying rounds. In each qualifying round, the 40 ideas which receive the most votes in each of the categories will move on to the semi-finals. Those 120 ideas will then be voted on again to...

Read more about Help us educate and inspire others!

#Lovetheboreal photo contest winners!

News
LWF
September 26, 2014

The results are in!

After a summer filled with great submissions and some very difficult deliberations by our judges at Photo Central, we're proud to announce the 12 winners of our #lovetheboreal photo contest!

Don't forget to check out all the amazing entries at lovethебoreal.ca. (We're partial to the beautiful lake shots...)

Thanks again to everyone who entered and shared the beauty of Manitoba’s boreal forest – and a big congratulations to the winners!

Category: Land and Waterscapes

First place: Alyssa Arnold
Second Place: Dave Cuppies

Third Place: Jean Orton

Category: Selfies

First place...

Read more about #Lovetheboreal photo contest winners!

LWF featured in national freshwater series

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LWF
September 22, 2014
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LWF’s work was recently featured in an article by DeSmog Canada as part of its “Ripple Effect” series, a collection of stories about efforts to protect Canada’s fresh water.

Along with Brokenhead Ojibway Nation and the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, LWF helped organize the gathering of First Nations mentioned in the article. We recognize that the unique and too often marginalized voices of Indigenous peoples are a vital part of any sustainable solutions for Lake Winnipeg, and we feel privileged to be able to help facilitate this process.

LWF communications director Marlo...

Read more about LWF featured in national freshwater series

**Project funding available: deadline Oct. 1**

News
LWF
September 18, 2014
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*Staff from the Seine Rat River Conservation District test water in Joubert Creek. LWF gave SRRCD a Spring 2014 grant for a new seasonal water-quality monitoring program. (Photo courtesy of Jodi Goerzen.)*

If you have a great idea for a project, we can help make it happen!

LWF’s Stewardship, Research and Education Grants Program supports projects working to improve water quality in Lake Winnipeg and its watershed – particularly those which address one or more of the eight key actions to reduce nutrient loading identified in our [Lake Winnipeg Health Plan](#).

Past projects have included educational...

Read more about Project funding available: deadline Oct. 1

**Turn $10 into $30 with a new crowdfunding campaign!**

News
LWF
September 3, 2014
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*“Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects.” – Dalai Lama*
The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is excited to announce our participation in Small Change Fund’s National Freshwater Fund campaign!

Small Change Fund is a Canadian organization that connects small grants to big change. Since December 2009, it has harnessed the collective power of small gifts from individual donors to raise over half a million dollars for grassroots initiatives and provide over 167 micro-grants from coast to coast.

Starting today...

Read more about Turn $10 into $30 with a new crowdfunding campaign!

Limited-edition Lake Winnipeg Watershed Plant Print Sale

News

LWF

August 22, 2014

Update: We are now sold out of the Fiddlehead Fern prints.

Update: LWF has a small number of matted prints in our office, ready for purchase. We’ve also been told that we can likely get orders matted in less than six weeks. Call or email us (or just drop in) to buy yours today!

LWF is thrilled to announce our newest fundraising endeavor, a limited-edition Lake Winnipeg watershed plant print sale!

These wood engraving prints are a piece of local art history that depict the unique ecological beauty in Manitoba’s backyard.

A joint fundraiser in support of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation and...

Read more about Limited-edition Lake Winnipeg Watershed Plant Print Sale

Join us at a special LWF members' meeting

News

LWF

August 14, 2014

Attention all LWF members: You’re invited to a special Lake Winnipeg Foundation members’ meeting.
The purpose of this special meeting is to ratify approval of motions made by the Board of Directors, in compliance with the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, as required by Corporations Canada.

In order to be in compliance with the act and maintain our charitable status, we need the support of two-thirds of members in attendance at this meeting. New members are welcome...

Read more about Join us at a special LWF members’ meeting

#LoveTheBoreal Photo Contest

At LWF, we love Lake Winnipeg – and we also love the boreal forest. (Did you know that approximately two-thirds of the water that ends up in Lake Winnipeg filters through the boreal forest? That's just one of the reasons why Conserving the Boreal Forest is Action 2 of our Lake Winnipeg Health Plan.)

If you love Manitoba's boreal forest, too, we've got some exciting news for you: LWF has partnered with six other organizations to bring you a fun photo contest with some amazing prizes!

The #lovetheboreal photo contest is open to amateur and professional photographers. There are four categories...

Read more about #LoveTheBoreal Photo Contest

LWF supports upcoming water walk

News

LWF

June 25, 2014
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June 24, 2014 – This summer, Anishinabe woman Katherine Morrisseau-Sinclair – accompanied by family, friends, and community members – is taking steps to heal Lake Winnipeg. Footsteps, water ceremonies, prayer, and song will accompany women and men on the three-week walk. Starting July 12, they will walk 1,032 km around the perimeter of the lake to raise awareness about its declining health and offer hope for its revival. The traditional water walk starts in Norway House and ends in Manigotagan.

“Katherine’s walk is bringing an important perspective to the protection of water,” says Marlo...

Read more about LWF supports upcoming water walk

Making our mark on water

News
LWF
June 18, 2014
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The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is excited to announce our sponsorship of the award-winning documentary film Watermark at this summer’s Gimli Film Festival.

The film is a diverse collection of images and stories from around the world that examine the deep relationships that humans have with water. The stories span from floating farms off China’s Fujian coast to the Colorado River’s desert delta to the Stikine River watershed in northern British Columbia.

“We hope Watermark will inspire people to think about their relationship to the water they interact with – especially Lake Winnipeg,” says Marlo...

Read more about Making our mark on water

Healthy farms, healthy lakes

News
LWF
June 17, 2014
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Government, industry and ENGOs come to the table to save Lake Winnipeg: (l to r) Gord Macintosh, Manitoba's minister of conservation and water stewardship, Doug Chorney, president of Keystone Agricultural Producers, and Alexis Kanu, executive director of the Lake Winnipeg Foundation

June 11, 2014 – The Lake Winnipeg Foundation is encouraged by today’s provincial announcement of a new surface water management strategy for Manitoba and proposed changes to drainage regulations to protect threatened seasonal wetlands.

In particular, LWF is pleased by the government’s commitment to the principle of...

Read more about Healthy farms, healthy lakes

Pelly’s Lake Project breaks ground!

News
LWF
May 30, 2014

Nestled in the rolling hills about four km east of Holland, Man., is the site for Pelly’s Lake Watershed Management Project.

“Not every project comes with a view like this,” said Justin Reid, Manager of the La Salle Redboine Conservation District (LSRBCD), at the site of the soon-to-be-built interpretive park.

The park overlooks 630 acres (about half the size of Assiniboine Park) of hay and pasture land that will be covered in water next spring. Pelly’s Lake will be approximately two metres deep in the middle and just over one meter deep around the marshy edges.

Over the next few weeks the...

Read more about Pelly’s Lake Project breaks ground!

More