



Information Bulletin

An update on the remediation of Lake Wabamun

CN committed to Lake Wabamun remediation

Changes continue to take place in the look of the Lake Wabamun remediation. Major work-gang efforts have shifted from the north shore to the south shore, with the majority of the south shore clean up anticipated in the next two to three weeks. Be assured that ongoing monitoring and manual remediation of the water and shoreline will continue in all affected areas including the north shore until freeze up to address remaining clean up requirements as well as any minor re-oiling as a result of wind and wave action. In addition, landscaping and property remediation have become key priorities.

CN contractors are engaged at several locations, restoring residents' property to acceptable condition.

CN remains committed to the remediation of Lake Wabamun for now and the longer-term. CN will continue to monitor lake and well water over the winter months and is prepared to address any potential issues that arise.

Crews will return in the spring to resume intensive clean up efforts until such time as the shoreline clean up end points are met and approved by the agencies involved.

Property repair/remediation: contact procedure update

Individual requests for property remediation/repair or landscaping should be submitted to CN directly.

If you require property repair/remediation as a result of the derailment or subsequent clean up efforts, please report your request by calling the CN Information Line at **1-866-694-8579** or in person at the CN Information Centre in Wabamun between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

A *Concerned Citizen Work Order* will be completed and processed. Copies will be provided to Alberta Environment, ECRC and Belfor to start the necessary work.

This process will ensure that all property remediation requests are handled in the most efficient manner possible and that there is no duplication in reporting. It also clarifies the information provided in a letter distributed to many residences along the north shore last week. Once the work is completed, to ensure it meets your satisfaction, you will have the opportunity to approve and sign-off the remediation/repair.

Belfor is the contractor hired by CN to complete the remediation and repairs on behalf of CN. Be advised that CN remains completely involved in the remediation process.

Claims Office extended hours

In response to requests, the CN Wabamun Claims Office will extend its hours of operation on Sundays to 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. (previously 2 – 6 p.m.) The new hours will begin on Sunday, October 2, 2005.

Road repair

A temporary road repair has been completed on Lakeshore Drive in the Freeman area. More permanent repairs will follow in the next few weeks, once necessary work by heavy trucks is completed.

Electricity restored

Electricity has now been restored to the residences in Whitewood Sands.

Kapasiwin Shoreline Presentation: this Sunday

The shoreline presentation for Kapasiwin residents is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at lot #37. Dr. Ed Owens will provide details on the remediation to date as well as explanations of shoreline clean up end points. Time will be available for question and answer.

Fresh water update

CN is anticipating results from Capital Health on the latest round of well water tests in Whitewood Sands by the end of the week. A decision on any necessary longer-term water arrangements required for affected residents will be made and communicated directly to them at that time.

One call for all your inquiries

The CN Information Line operates daily between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. It's your one source of information on the remediation of Lake Wabamun. If you need questions answered or wish to report your concerns or required repairs, **call 1-866-694-8579**. The CN Information Centre in Wabamun is open daily during the same hours.

Video/DVD copies of presentations

Video and DVD copies of the recent shoreline presentations provided by oil spill clean up experts, Dr. Ed Owens and Dr. Jean-Marie Sempels, are still available for pick up at the CN Information Centre in Wabamun. To arrange to have one mailed to you, please call the CN Information Line at **1-866-694-8579**, stop by the CN Information Centre or email your mailing address to wabamuninfo@cn.ca.

Freeman area landscape remediation

Landscape remediation at the site of the grain spill in the Freeman area is on hold temporarily to ensure that the planned remediation creates a habitat as similar as possible to the original.

SCAT shoreline assessments

A small team, using the SCAT process, will start assessing the shorelines of Lake Wabamun in what will be the first phase of shoreline evaluations. Benchmarks were established for typical shorelines last week and will be used as reference points for future SCAT evaluations.

As the preliminary assessments are completed, details will be posted on the CN website at www.cn.ca so that you will be able to see the progress on your shoreline.

The formal SCAT evaluations will take place the last two weeks of October. SCAT teams consist of representatives from Alberta Environment; Environment Canada; Nichols Environmental, representing the Wabamun Lake Residents' Committee, as well as the other agencies involved in the remediation effort. Shorelines will be reevaluated in the spring.

Over 450 personnel are at work on the Lake Wabamun remediation daily.

If you would like more information on CN's remediation at Lake Wabamun, or if you would like to suggest an article for a future issue of this bulletin, please call 1-866-694-8579 or email wabamuninfo@cn.ca