

Council Memorandum

Date:	March 9, 2021
To:	Committee of the Whole
From:	Councillor Ashmore and Councillor Richardson
Re:	Pigeon Lake Management Plan Support

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Ashmore and Councillor Richardson, **Regarding Pigeon Lake Management Plan Support**, be received;

That Council give support for a multilateral agreement between all parties; and

That this recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Rationale

During the past two years, a multitude of groups including First Nations, Save Pigeon Lake, residential owners and businesses have been working tirelessly to come to an agreement on Wild Rice through the formulation of a Lake Management Plan.

The Save Pigeon Lake group believes that through respect for each other, a plan can be developed that will meet the needs of the Curve Lake First Nations as well as waterfront property owners.

Presently, a plan is underway involving all stakeholders surrounding Pigeon Lake which will ensure the First Nations have sufficient rice stands to meet their needs for a food resource as well as ceremonial, spiritual and medicinal purposes. Once established, the proposed plan would then be reviewed by Parks Canada. The hope is that Parks



Canada will formulate a proposal, take it to Curve Lake First Nations, and an agreement will be reached by the 2021 harvesting season. As a further note, the Municipality of Selwyn has also passed resolutions of support.