

## 1.3 Million for Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Project

In the fall of 2007, after an extremely busy year on our lakes, the municipalities of Lac Ste. Anne County, Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin came to the realization that we were all having the same issues on Lac Ste. Anne. Our boat launches and day use areas were congested and deteriorating, and parking was a problem. So instead of doing it alone we developed the Ste. Anne Recreational Lake Use Committee. With Alberta Beach offering the administration support to our newly formed group we applied for a CFEP grant for a feasibility/concept study for redevelopment of the recreational areas on Lac Ste. Anne. With diminishing water levels, a growing population and increased pressure from the Capital Region, we decided to focus mostly on the east end of Lac Ste. Anne. In the beginning of 2008 we received the go ahead on our grant and hired the firm of Associated Engineering to do a concept of the enhancement of the boat launch, pier and swimming areas in Alberta Beach and the boat launch and swimming areas in Sunset Point and Val Quentin, with the realization that most of the residents who use Lac Ste. Anne choose these facilities for their recreation.

As soon as we had Associated Engineering working on this project we approached MLA George VanderBurg asking for some Provincial assistance, and on October 21 he came through. Mr. VanderBurg brought with him Culture and Community Spirit Minister Lindsay Blackett, and a cheque for 1.3 Million dollars, to the Alberta Beach Council Chambers.

This money will be put towards the refurbishment of the existing boat launch and day use areas, as well as refurbishment or replacement of the main pier – NOT REMOVAL as stated in the Alberta Government's News Release dated October 21, 2009. It is unknown at this time what restoration work/refurbishment may be involved.

Our mandate has been to improve the existing facilities and replace anything that needs to be removed because of issues such as environmental or sustainability. Associated Engineering should have our study done late in 2009 and we will host an open house in Alberta Beach (date to be determined) to receive input and comments from the public and let everyone look at the concepts that the group has come up with. I stress the word **CONCEPT**.

In finishing, I would like to thank the municipalities involved, for without a joint venture none of this funding would have been possible.

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