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## Lake Winnipeg Regulation (LWR)

### Manitoba Hydro Undertaking #1

Manitoba Hydro to produce reports of meetings between Manitoba Hydro and communities NOT visited by the CEC. Manitoba Hydro must review them and redact any names or other sensitive information and then provide them to the CEC.

### Response:

To implement the undertaking, each Community/ First Nation / Organization which engaged in an introductory meeting as part of Manitoba Hydro's Lake Winnipeg Engagement Program, but not visited by the CEC during their review of our LWR Final Licence request, was contacted to ask if they agreed to have their meeting report made available to the CEC. As listed on the attached spreadsheet, twelve Community Councils, First Nations, and the Manitoba Metis Foundation were contacted (initially by e-mail and then by phone if non-responsive) and six provided approval to provide their meeting report to the CEC (meeting reports attached).

## Lake Winnipeg Engagement Program

	<b>First Nation/ Community/ Organization included in Lake Winnipeg Engagement Program</b>	<b>First Nation/ Community/ Organization with Meeting Report</b>	<b>First Nation/ Community/ Organization with Meeting Report NOT visited by CEC</b>	<b>Approval provided to share Meeting Report by First Nation/ Community/ Organization</b>
1	Berens River First Nation			
2	Black River First Nation	X		
3	Bloodvein First Nation	X	X	X
4	Brokenhead Ojibway Nation	X		
5	Dauphin River First Nation	X	X	
6	Fisher River Cree Nation	X		
7	Misipawistik Cree Nation	X		
8	Hollow Water First Nation			
9	Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation	X	X	
10	Peguis First Nation	X		
11	Poplar River First Nation	X	X	
12	Sagkeeng First Nation	X		
13	Berens River Community Council	X	X	
14	Dauphin River Community Council	X	X	X
15	Fisher Bay Community Council			
16	Loon Straights Community Council			
17	Manigotagan Community Council	X		
18	Matheson Island Community Council	X	X	X
19	Princess Harbour			
20	Pine Dock Community Council	X		
21	Seymourville Community Council	X	X	X
22	Town of Grand Rapids	X	X	
23	Town of Powerview -Pine Falls	X	X	X
24	Village of Riverton	X	X	X
25	Manitoba Metis Federation	X	X	

## **Introductory Lake Winnipeg Meeting: BLOODVEIN FIRST NATION**

**Date:** June 25, 2013

**Time:** 10:30am to 11:40 am (plus lunch and tour)

**Location:** BFN Administration Office, Bloodvein

**Participants:**

- BFN: Chief Roland Hamilton; Counc. Oswald Turtle, Counc. Ellen Young; Counc. Lorraine Cook
- MH: Dale Hutchison

**1. Introductions**

- a. Following introductions Dale described the Hydraulic Operations Department; his role to provide communication between MH system operators and people living along waterways and other stakeholders; and how this meeting is not intended to be a consultation.

**2. Lake Winnipeg Program Description**

- a. Dale described MH's program to increase communication with all people/communities living on what we call the MH System waterways, and how currently we are focusing on meeting with all communities around Lake Wpg. We want people to better understand the MH system and how it influences their waterways while at the same time getting a better appreciation of people's history with the Lake and issues/concerns with our influence on waterways. Commented that this is an introductory meeting to learn if there is interest in having further discussions.

**3. BFN Comments on Lake Winnipeg and Manitoba Hydro**

- a. There are about 1000 people living in community with about 160 school-age children.
- b. How does BFN Use the Lake: There are about 10-15 commercial fishers; and many domestic fishers; often have fishing derby's (next one scheduled for Treaty Days event during week of July 6); also sport fishing; and lots of canoes come down river (and then catch ferry, or if weather bad may charter boat, to cross lake to Island View).
- c. Concerns/ Problems with Lake:
  - i. No issues with lake this year as water levels more normal; two years ago high lake levels caused flooding; have since built permanent dyking in some areas to prevent flooding in future.
  - ii. Algae was bad last year;
  - iii. Transport across lake can be a problem – there is a ferry to Island View; or people take boats (can take 15 minutes on a calm day or 45 minutes on a windy day to cross); during freeze-up/break-up need to charter a plane to "Biscuit

Point". The East Side Road is currently being built and is scheduled to be open at the end of 2014.

- d. What is MH's influence on the Lake:
  - i. People feel MH responsible for water levels on the lake; also hear this from other communities and people wonder why MH doesn't lower the lake level.

#### **4. MH Hydraulic System Overview / LWR**

- a. In order to provide a sense of the waterway information we want to explore through further discussions/engagement activities, Dale provided a description of the MH system, and the Lake Winnipeg Regulation Project.

#### **5. LWR Licensing**

- a. Dale described the provincial Water Power Act licencing process including terms *Interim Licence*, *Final Licence* and *Licence Renewal*. Also mentioned that the Province would be convening two separate consultations on LWR which they would be eligible for – Clean Environment Commission public hearings, and Section 35 Aboriginal Consultations.

#### **6. BFN Interest in Additional Communication / Follow Up**

- a. Dale said he would like Council to consider having further communications – possibly geared at Chief and Council, the general community, or their schools, such as an open house).
- b. BFN thinks the commercial fishers would be interested in more communication; as would the school kids and the rest of the community. The best time to have an event would be during the first week of September (once schools open and before commercial fishers are back on the lake). The event could be held in the Gym or Band Hall. They would be interested in reps attending from:
  - Hydraulic Operations (to present water information on Lake Winnipeg; and for Hydrometrics career information).
  - Customer Service (their CSO location is Arborg) – they commented that there have only been a few weather-related outages and service has been pretty good overall.
  - Recruitment and Diversity (they would like info on employment opportunities and on how to fill out applications)
- c. Follow up with Chief Hamilton to set up Open House.

#### **7. Tour**

- a. Chief Hamilton provided tour of community, permanent dyking set up to protect from Lake Winnipeg, and the East Side Road (including BFN Construction Company compound, catering facilities, etc.).

#### **8. Thank-you**

## **Introductory Lake Winnipeg Meeting: DAUPHIN RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Date:** June 20, 2013

**Time:** 2:20 to 4:15pm

**Location:** DRCC Community Hall

### **Participants:**

- DRCC: Mayor Helgi Einarsson, Councillor Dale Einarsson, Councillor Tim Adamson, CAO Bernice Einarsson, Community members - Einar Einarsson, William Pierce and John Einarsson
- MH: Dale Hutchison

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### **2. Lake Winnipeg Program Description**

- a. Dale described MH's program to increase communication with all people/communities living on what we call the MH System waterways, and how currently we are focusing on meeting with all communities around Lake Wpg. Want people to better understand the MH system and how it influences their waterways while at the same time getting a better appreciation of people's history with the Lake and issues/concerns with our influence on waterways. Commented that this is an introductory meeting to learn if there is interest in having further discussions.

### **3. DRCC Comments on Lake Winnipeg and Manitoba Hydro**

- a. Council said this was the first time someone from MH has said anything to them about the Lake and waterways. The last time they were approached by MH back in the 1990s, it was to discuss the BiPole project.
- b. The DRCC was formed in 1969 and originally was called the Dauphin River Community Committee. There are about 30 people in DRCC.
- c. The flooding in 2011 from the "Emergency Channel" to help drain Lake Manitoba caused significant damage to their community and to the Dauphin River First Nation. People are very mistrusting of government because of this. Many people think the Lake Manitoba channel work was done to get MH more water (they keep hearing in commercials that MH needs more electricity). [Dale commented that Lake Manitoba already drains into Lake Winnipeg and the channel works will speed this up which is not beneficial for MH as we are more likely to have to spill the water and not be able to use

it for electricity generation.] Council asked whether MH has plans to develop a generating station on the Dauphin River. [Dale said MH has absolutely no plans to develop the Dauphin River for hydro-electricity; to demonstrate this he showed Council a copy of a ‘Hydroelectric Power in Manitoba’ chart which showed the existing and potential developable hydroelectric sites in MB).

- d. Fish tagged in Dauphin River have shown up in Norway House which shows how everything is connected – so a project in one area can affect another area far away. Grand Rapids is only 90 miles away and both Dauphin River and Grand Rapids are “pickerel pockets”.
- e. There is a commercial and sports fishery. There are 65 licenced commercial fishers who fish 3 seasons (spring/fall/winter). They have a Fish Receiving Station that employs 5 people and have a contract with FFMC. However they haven’t been able to fish since 2010 because road closed due to flood damage and can’t get fish out. Also there hasn’t been a pickerel/pike/whitefish spawn in the past 3 years (North-South consultants are looking into this). There are three lodges for sport fishing.
- f. They have close ties with the Dauphin River First Nation and do a lot together. The FN is still evacuated due to the 2011 flood on the Dauphin River.
- g. Concerns/ Problems with Lake:
  - i. They’ve never had problems with green algae in the lake but in the past 4 years there has been thick green algae.
  - ii. The Community is located about 1.5 miles upriver from the Lake; sometimes the river surges 4-5 ft high in the community depending on the wind.
- h. What is MH’s influence on the Lake:
  - i. Water levels are more constant since LWR;
  - ii. The Lake is used as a reservoir and the levels fluctuate which causes shoreline erosion.

#### **4. MH Hydraulic System Overview / LWR**

- a. In order to provide a sense of the waterway information we want to explore through further discussions/engagement activities, Dale provided a description of the MH system, and the Lake Winnipeg Regulation Project.

#### **5. LWR Licensing**

- a. Dale described the provincial Water Power Act licensing process including terms *Interim Licence*, *Final Licence* and *Licence Renewal*. Also mentioned that the Province would be convening two separate consultations on LWR which they would be eligible for – Clean Environment Commission public hearings, and Section 35 Aboriginal Consultations.

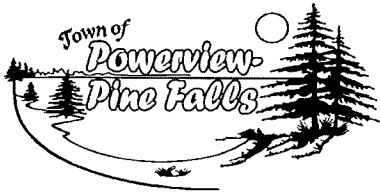
#### **6. DRCC Interest in Additional Communication / Follow Up**

- a. Dale said he would like Council to consider having further communications – possibly geared at Mayor and Council, the general community, or their schools, such as an open

house). Council said it would be good to focus on the commercial fishers since they use the lake the most; and to do it in conjunction with the First Nation. They were interested in having an open house event in January or February once fishing slows down (also the FN may be better prepared to attend event by then as they are currently busy with flood evacuation issues) and to follow up with Counc. Ms. Dale Einarsson [REDACTED] to set up this up. They would like reps from the following MH areas included in the event:

- Hydraulic Operations (to present water information on Lake Winnipeg; and for Hydrometrics career information).
  - Customer Service.
  - Recruitment and Diversity (they would like info on all the different types of jobs available at MH (not just Linemen); also info on jobs where don't need calculus/physics; and info on the "Southern Aboriginal Pre-Placement Program")
- b. Affordable Energy (they want to know what opportunities there are to increase energy efficiency in the Community/cost savings)

## **7. Thank-you**



## RESOLUTION FORM

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Resolution No. 73/15  
March 25, 2015

Move by Councillor Don MacLellan

Seconded by Councillor Lorie Finkbeiner

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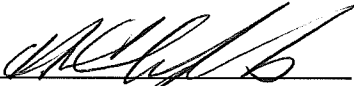
- WHEREAS in order for MB Hydro to acquire a Final License for the Lake Winnipeg Regulation Project, the Clean Environment Commission is requesting a copy of the meeting report between Council and Dale Hutchison that took place on June 4, 2013;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the availability of the meeting report between the Town and MB Hydro, from June 4, 2013 to the Clean Environment Commission along with our notification of dissatisfaction with MB Hydro recent decision regarding Hydro shoreline erosion responsibilities as outlined in their final license.

**CARRIED.**

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**Mayor Bev Dubé**

**Certified to be a true copy of  
Resolution # 73/15**

  
**Heather Chevrefils  
Administrative Assistant  
Town of Powerview-Pine Falls**



## **Introductory Lake Winnipeg Meeting: MATHESON ISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Date:** June 3, 2013

**Time:** 1:15 – 3:00pm

**Location:** Community Hall, Matheson Island

### **Participants:**

- MI: Deputy Mayor Kevin Mowat; Counc. Debra Ladoucer; Counc. Joy Collins; CAO Mona Ledouceur; CAO Asst. Joanne Flett
- MH: Dale Hutchison

### **1. Introductions**

- a. Following introductions Dale described the Hydraulic Operations Department; his role to provide communication between MH system operators and people living along waterways and other stakeholders; and how this meeting is not intended to be a consultation.
- b. There are approximately 110 people living in the community and they have long-standing ties to the lake and are heavily involved in commercial fishing. They also have close ties with Pine Dock Community Council (pop'n 50) located 15 km south of them.

### **2. Lake Winnipeg Program Description**

- a. Dale described MH's program to increase communication with all people/communities living on what we call the MH System waterways, and how currently we are focusing on meeting with all communities around Lake Wpg. We want people to better understand the MH system and how it influences their waterways while at the same time getting a better appreciation of people's history with the Lake and issues/concerns with our influence on waterways. Commented that this is an introductory meeting to learn if there is interest in having further discussions.

### **3. MI Comments on Lake Winnipeg and Manitoba Hydro**

- a. Deputy Mayor commented that he understands MH keeps the lake lower than it would have been. He knows that people made a lot of fuss when the "weather bomb" happened in 2010 but he has been around since 1963 and there were even higher levels back then. There is a resident who talks about wearing his waders in his kitchen during the 1960s/70s because water level was so high. "Why does government let cottagers build on shorelines! (as there's always been erosion)"
- b. Elders noticed a decrease in northern pike since regulation – with MH regulating the lake the water level is lower so there are less northern pike (pike spawn well in shorelines when water levels are high; regulation has reduced high levels so there are

fewer northern pike). Pike are a non-quota fish (i.e. they don't count as part of catch so they're a bonus for fishers).

- c. Muskrats used to be abundant but regulation has reduced their numbers (they build their nests higher up so with decreased water levels through regulation, they're left high and dry).
- d. Recreation: some say beach appears to be getting smaller; higher waters kept beach clean (by sweeping away debris, leaving beach clean once waters came down).
- e. Trying out floating docks to replace static ones – with static docks if water level is low it's hard unloading fish.
- f. Water rises at MI when wind blows from the north.
- g. Erosion – clay erodes quickly if it's left to dry out for 10 yrs or so and then get high waters. It's not so much an issue at MI as there's limestone on shores.
- h. MH power issues – Deputy Mayor asked when does MH add new substations as they've had problems with low voltage following new cottage development and increased peat farming operations.

#### **4. MH Hydraulic System Overview / LWR**

- a. In order to provide a sense of the waterway information we want to explore through further discussions/engagement activities, Dale provided a description of the MH system, and the Lake Winnipeg Regulation Project.
- b. MI had many questions on wind power (MI has a lot of wind).

#### **5. LWR Licensing**

- a. Dale described the provincial Water Power Act licensing process including terms *Interim Licence*, *Final Licence* and *Licence Renewal*. Also mentioned that the Province would be convening two separate consultations on LWR which they would be eligible for – Clean Environment Commission public hearings, and Section 35 Aboriginal Consultations.

#### **6. MI Interest in Additional Communication**

- a. Dale said he would like Council to consider having further communications – possibly geared at Mayor and Council, the general community, or their schools, such as an open house). Other areas from MH that MI was interested in could also be involved.
- b. MI invited us to hold an open house (possibly including Pine Dock as well) during the summer while their children are home from school and fishing season is closed. The intention is for a fun and educational event where they can learn more about Manitoba Hydro in general and our influence on their lake, and for us to learn more about their community. They would like reps from the following MH areas:
  - Hydraulic Operations (to present water information on Lake Winnipeg; and for Hydrometrics career information).
  - Customer Service (they have questions on electrical service; low-voltage issues; and on line clearing).

- Recruitment and Diversity (they would like info on employment opportunities and on how to fill out applications)
  - Affordable Energy (they want to know what opportunities there are to increase energy efficiency in the Community/cost savings)
- c. MI said to follow up with Mona or her Asst. Joanne on additional communications/arrangements for open house.

## **7. Thank-you**

## **Introductory Lake Winnipeg Meeting: TOWN OF POWERVIEW-PINE FALLS**

**Date:** June 4, 2013

**Time:** 1:30 – 2:00pm

**Location:** Powerview-Pine Falls Municipal Office

### **Participants:**

- P-PF: Mayor Gord Watson; Counc. Henri Dube; Counc. Trish McLarnon; Counc. Don MacLellan; Adm. Marlene Watson
- MH: Dale Hutchison

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### **2. Lake Winnipeg Program Description**

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### **3. P-PF Comments on Winnipeg River, Lake Winnipeg and Manitoba Hydro**

- a. Mayor commented that erosion is an issue on the Winnipeg River, with critical properties sliding into the river. [Dale commented that MH has a program for shoreline protection on areas impacted by MH on the Winnipeg River, and committed to having these reps contact him to describe the program and whether it applies to their municipal area].
- b. Council asked if there were structural integrity issues with Pine Falls Generating Station. Also commented that when the GS is at full volume, it makes nearby homes rumble (also questioned whether this rumbling would affect riverbank stability). [Dale commented that we have a Dam Safety process which considers all aspects of dam safety including structural integrity of the GS. Dale committed to having MH's Dam Safety representatives contact Council to discuss their concerns.]

#### **4. LWR Licensing**

- a. Dale described the provincial Water Power Act licensing process including terms *Interim Licence*, *Final Licence* and *Licence Renewal*. Also mentioned that the Province would be convening two separate consultations on LWR which they would be eligible for – Clean Environment Commission public hearings, and Section 35 Aboriginal Consultations. There are also several other licensing processes on-going for many of the Generating Stations on the Winnipeg River.

#### **5. P-PF Interest in Additional Communication**

- a. Dale mentioned that as part of “Electricity Month”, Pine Falls GS was holding an Open House at the GS on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and if Council were available to attend it would be a good way to learn more about the Pine Falls GS and the people working there. Council was not aware of event but Mayor was interested in attending, so Dale said he would have the GS reps contact Council to provide details.
- b. Dale said he would like Council to consider having further communications on Lake Winnipeg– possibly geared at Mayor and Council, the general community, or their schools, such as an open house. And he will follow up to gauge their interest later on this summer.
- c. To follow up Dale will:
  - i. Ask MH’s Dam Safety representatives contact Council to discuss their concerns.
  - ii. Have Winnipeg River Shoreline Protection Program reps contact Council.
  - iii. Have Pine Falls GS reps contact Council to provide details on June 22<sup>nd</sup> Open House.
  - iv. Contact Council later this summer to gauge their interest in further Lake Winnipeg/ Winnipeg River communications.

#### **6. Thank-you**

## **Introductory Lake Winnipeg Meeting: VILLAGE OF RIVERTON**

**Date:** October 28, 2013

**Time:** 4:35 pm to 6:10 pm

**Location:** Village of Riverton Administration Office at 56 Laura Ave.

### **Participants:**

- Village of Riverton (VoR): Mayor Colin Bjarnason; Deputy Mayor Warren Ostertag; Councillor Kris Collins; Councillor Daniel Gudbjartson
- Manitoba Hydro (MH): Dale Hutchison (Hydraulic Operations Coordinator)

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### **2. Lake Winnipeg Program Description**

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### **3. VoR Comments on Lake Winnipeg and Manitoba Hydro**

- a. The community started about 1874 with primarily Icelandic settlers. It used to be a freighting centre for fuel and supplies to communities on the lake – "cat trains" (sleighs pulled by caterpillars) were used to transport goods across the frozen lake. The mouth of the Icelandic River used to be dredged to allow ship traffic access to the dock at Riverton. Riverton Boatworks, taken over later by Zag Fab, built boats for the whitefish fishery. The Namao research vessel was built in Riverton and the GoldField used the river – in fact its last voyage was on the Icelandic River. There are about 600 people living in the Village.
- b. How does VoR use the Lake: commercial fishing, boating, and hunting.

- c. Concerns/ Problems with Lake:
  - i. High waters in the fall when wind-storms hit causes a surge of 2-3 ft to the river level – it’s like the river has a tide!
  - ii. Spring melt can cause Icelandic River to flood and if get north wind on Lake, the water can’t drain out of the river into the Lake so it causes flooding. Dykes were built on both sides of the river at Riverton in about 1972 to keep Lake Winnipeg from flooding the community. Dykes were built to elevation 724 ft. Back in the 1970s, the marsh between Riverton and Lake Winnipeg (about 5 km away) was filled up on both sides of the road (Hwy 329 that goes from Riverton to Lake). During the fall 2010 storm, the lake flooded up to the top of the road, however with dykes now there’s no comparison with flooding problems that used to occur in the 1970s.
  - iii. There is more drainage into the Icelandic River these days – farmers want to get water off the land and into the lake earlier in the season – this increases flooding on the Icelandic River. VoR has talked with R.M. of Bifrost about diverting drained water away from Riverton but it would need provincial funding and would cost a lot.
- d. What is MH’s influence on the Lake:
  - i. Lake levels – MH controls the lake level for the dams up north; the water level doesn’t get as high as it did during the late 1960s; there used to be a big swing in water levels before LWR – e.g. to get to an area near Hecla Island sometimes horses could walk, while other times they had to swim across. This year’s lake level was good for the Icelandic River this summer (elevation was approx 714.7 ft asl).
  - ii. Lakeshore erosion – the reduced range of water level fluctuations since LWR was put in place causes more erosion at the average water level – i.e. water erodes at this level more than it would if there were still large fluctuations.
- e. Other Comments:
  - i. Council says that high electricity rates are causing communities to shut down recreation facilities (arenas etc.) and feels that MH should work with them to ensure there are recreational opportunities available.
  - ii. MH used to put lights on both corners of Hwy 8 and 329 and now they only put lights on one side – why?
  - iii. Council had questions on northern Aboriginal compensation – they had toured Wuskwatim and met Chief Jerry Primrose and had also spoken with Town of Grand Rapids which is looking at compensation for impacts

from the Grand Rapids Project. Dale commented that flood control benefits on Lake Winnipeg from LWR causes adverse effects for communities downstream on the Nelson River; and the Grand Rapids Project caused significant flooding; so we enter into compensation agreements with communities to address these adverse effects.

**4. MH Hydraulic System Overview / LWR**

- a. In order to provide a sense of the waterway information we want to explore through further discussions/engagement activities, Dale provided a description of the MH system, and the Lake Winnipeg Regulation Project using three stand-up banners. He provided 5 copies of the video documentary *Lake Winnipeg Regulation: A Closer Look*.

**5. VoR Interest in Additional Communication / Follow Up**

- a. Dale said he would like Council to consider having further communications – possibly geared at Council, the general community, or their schools. Council says High School kids would likely be interested and suggested Dale contact the Evergreen School Board Superintendent Paul Cuthbert to see if this could be arranged (Board handles education for Riverton, Arborg etc.).
- b. Ask Customer Service Operations about questions on recreation facilities and lighting on both sides of Hwys 8 and 329.

**6. Thank-you**



## **Introductory Lake Winnipeg Meeting: SEYMOURVILLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Date:** June 26, 2013

**Time:** 10:05 am to 11:20am

**Location:** SCC Office, Seymourville

### **Participants:**

- SCC: Mayor Bernell Helgason, Counc. Gabriel Boulette, Counc. Ted Seymour, Keith Seymour (CAO)
- MH: Dale Hutchison

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### **3. SCC Comments on Lake Winnipeg and Manitoba Hydro**

- a. Council stated there are about 140 residents of SCC, including about 70 school-age children. Community residents and recreational users primarily use the lake but many also use the Wanipigow River for boating and angling.
- b. Fishing - There are about 40 commercial fishers within the three surrounding communities. Most fishing is done in the open water period but there is also some winter commercial fishing.
- c. Recreation – There are about five cottage, RV, and tenting developments in the area (including Mantago Bay, Blueberry Point etc.). A couple thousand people come through the area in the summer for cottaging, tenting and to use the community's boat launch.

People also come from Bissett for angling. Hollow Water First Nation holds a week-long festival at the end of July on Black Island (Treaty Days celebration).

- d. Concerns/ Problems with Lake:
  - i. Algae is a concern and was bad last year. A Councillor's child became sick last year after getting a mouthful of water.
  - ii. There are concerns with sewage coming out of Winnipeg.
- e. What is MH's influence on the Lake:
  - i. MH controls the level of the lake (at one time they couldn't before dams were constructed);
  - ii. In the 1950s the lake level was a lot lower than now - more reefs were visible then than are visible today.


#### **4. MH Hydraulic System Overview / LWR**

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#### **6. SCC Interest in Additional Communication / Follow Up**

- a. Dale said he would like Council to consider having further communications – possibly geared at Chief and Council, the general community, or their schools, such as an open house).
- b. SCC stated they were not that interested in MH system information but would be interested in:
  - 1 Job opportunities with transmission line going from Pine Falls to Seymourville;
  - 2 Affordable Energy (they want to know what opportunities there are to increase energy efficiency in the Community/cost savings)
- c. SCC asked to have reps for (1, 2) contact their CAO Keith Seymour at  


#### **7. Thank-you**