



## SUMMER VILLAGE OF ITASKA BEACH

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Dear Residents,

As you are probably aware, an application for a confined feeding operation (feedlot) of over 4000 head of cattle in the Pigeon Lake watershed is being considered by the Natural Resource Conservation Board (NRCB). This feedlot would be located directly across the lake from us west of Sunset Harbour Creek and Tide Creek. The risk of adverse impacts to the lake of a proposed feedlot in this location is high including impacts on human health, lake health, property values and area economics. Detailed information on the proposal can be found by clicking on the highlighted links below.

Thanks to all who wrote statements of concern to the NRCB in an attempt to stop this development. Council submitted a Statement of Concern and the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association submitted a [Statement of Concern](#) and [CFO Adverse Effects Background Report](#). The timing of the results of the application is uncertain but it seems likely that we may need to go further to either appeal the NRCB decision if the project is approved, or to make the case against the proposal again if the proponent chooses to appeal, if the project is not approved. The process for a legal appeal is challenging and the timelines may be tight.

We are very pleased to see that the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association has taken a lead role in the opposition to this development. They have already committed hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to align people, seek professional and legal advice, reach out to a variety of stakeholders and inform both residents and the province of the dangers of this proposal.

### **Council fully supports the PLWA in their community call to action of lake residents.**

Residents are asked to help the PLWA [Defend Pigeon Lake and its Watershed](#) by:

- Making a tax-deductible donation to PLWA <https://www.plwa.ca/donate>
- Volunteering with PLWA to prepare for the NRCB Review
- Writing letters to the [Minister of Agriculture](#) and [Minister of the Environment](#) to protect Pigeon Lake and its watershed, and to contact [Fish and Wildlife Alberta](#) to request the protection of the spawning grounds at Tide Creek and Sunset Harbor Creek.

It is estimated that \$40-50,000 is needed from lake residents to help PLWA *Defend Pigeon Lake and Watershed*. The funding will cover legal representation at hearings and updated research into the potential environmental impacts of the feedlot on the health of the lake. The Summer Village has donated \$5000 to the campaign.



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Should you wish for more information you can contact anyone on council or the PLWA itself for more information.

**It is up to ALL of us to stand together to defend our lake and we strongly encourage everyone to donate what you can to help with this cause.**

Yours truly,

David Alton, Mayor

Anne Agnew, Councillor

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