



Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society

Membership Renewal Notice 2013

To All SLWSS Supporters:

Thank you for your past support in helping us advocate for a sustainable, healthy lake and watershed. Our strength is in numbers. We rely on a growing and committed membership to remain strong and effective. Our membership year begins each April. Your annual \$20 provides 'active' status, a vote at our 2013 Annual General Meeting on September 14, and confirms that you value our community-based watershed protection initiative and projects.

The SLWSS has been active again this year.

- We represent you as a non-voting member of the Sylvan Lake Management Committee and provide leadership and technical expertise for the Alberta Environment-led Cumulative Effects Management System project.
- We recruit property owners for the Living by Water project and present participants with our distinctive SLWSS fencepost sign for watershed conservation and water quality awareness. Two videos posted on our website recommend our best stewardship practices.
- Our "No Blue/Green Algae" decal reminds residents and visitors that the quality of water in Sylvan Lake depends on controlling plant nutrients that enter the lake in runoff from the surrounding land. We emphasize the need to retain agricultural and urban stormwater sediment and other contaminants on land and not in the tributaries that empty into the lake.
- Overall, our SLWSS efforts have been recognized and rewarded by others as Past President Kim Schmitt and President Graeme Strathdee were inducted as Watershed Ambassadors by the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance. The president also accepted a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal that honored the stewardship service of the SLWSS to the watershed community.
- Our Quiet Enjoyment Initiative subcommittee is working on a bylaw and sign to increase respect for the watershed environment.

We value your continuing commitment to watershed stewardship and protection of Sylvan Lake as a unique Alberta recreational resource. Let us know your preferred level of involvement with the Society by checking the type of membership engagement you desire:

- **Supportive:** You give us moral support and provide the membership numbers we require to be effective.
- **Participating:** You want to contribute a few hours to SLWSS projects, and can help out at public outreach events like the Town of Sylvan Lake's 100th Anniversary EcoLoco environmental fair in September.
- **Leadership:** You are directly involved with Society affairs as committee members, directors, or in executive roles.

We take this opportunity to again ask for your support by renewing your active membership in the Society. You are part of each success we achieve. Please keep your name on the list of "Those who Care" and stay informed about watershed news at our websites:

<http://slwss.org>

<http://sylvanlakewatershed.wordpress.com/>

If you have already renewed for 2013, please pass this on to friends or family. Thanks again.

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Please complete this 2013 membership renewal form and return it to us with your cheque:

Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society, Box 9012, Sylvan Lake, Alberta T4S 1S6

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Town: _____ Telephone: _____ (home) _____ (wk)

E-Mail: _____ Active Membership annual dues: \$20.00 New _____ Renewal _____

I would like to make a donation to SLWSS \$_____

Please check at which level you would like to participate: Supportive _____ Participating _____ Leadership _____

Caring about the Sylvan Lake Watershed