

WPAT SUMMARY March 16, 2007-Shoal Lake

Shell River Breakout Group

Group Members:

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Uses/Interests Represented by the Group

Each breakout group member offered various interests/uses within the Shell River Watershed at the March 16 WPAT meeting:

- Illegal drainage (its reasons, impacts and lack of enforcement)
- Municipal waste water treatment
- Community health concerns
- Cottage lot development along Lake of the Prairies and other surface waterbodies within the watershed
- Angling industry
- Recreation industry
- Reservoir management/regulation (specifically Shellmouth Dam)
- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Analysis of various water impacts (availability/quality)
- Declining rural population
- Information gaps in area hydrology
- Water quality and quantity (surface and groundwater)
- Water ownership/rights
- Community driven planning processes
- Wetland loss
- Lack of universal/uniform water regulations and requirements for both corporations and agriculture
- The negation of improvement/maintenance of and planning for water quality within the headwaters by activities occurring in downstream portions of watershed
- Education and awareness of the value of water and water cycle impacts
- Ensuring that consumer chain is addressed beyond our watershed

Vision

- Accountability for all watershed interests including agriculture, corporations and municipalities
- Enforcement of present legislation as a tool for water quality and quantity protection
- Comprehensive and effective legislation be a priority

Vision Statement

That holistic (watershed, development, etc.) plans be developed and implemented with/for each land use scheme with all partners (agriculture, industry, local government, etc.) having a voice in improving and maintaining surface and groundwater quality, quantity and availability.