



TOWN OF SYLVAN LAKE

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March 7, 2008

Marina Bay Home Owners Association
100 Marina Bay Court
Sylvan Lake, AB T4S 1E9

Attention: GB Lindsay, President, Marina Bay Home Owners Association

RE: Marina Bay Water Quality Concern

The Town of Sylvan Lake appreciated the effort put forward by your association in the assembly of information and presentation at Council on November 26th to outline concerns for water quality as it relates to the Marina Bay development.

Administration has had considerable discussions with Alberta Environment and is being provided assistance in this matter as it relates to your concerns. A "Request for Decision" was recently brought before Council seeking approval to proceed with a "Water Quality" study for what is known as the Golf Course Creek. AENV has committed to funding and assistance in this initiative as required. The Town is presently working on the Terms of Reference for the project with assistance of AENV anticipating that Request for Proposal packages will be sent out this month. The scope of work will extend from the marina basin itself, through the golf course and the drainage area within urban development (approx. 370 ha.) and the immediate rural area.

It should be noted that the Town's development agreement / design standards documents were revised in 2005 to include erosion and sediment control measures similar to the standards employed by the City of Red Deer. Those new requirements had been included in the development agreements of more recent phases in Lakeway Landing.

The study will also review files retained by the Town and AENV as it relates to the development of the Marina. On this note I am seeking your assistance in providing a report on a study of the proposed marina undertaken by Pisces Consulting for the developer of Marina Bay. Files in the possession of the Town include discussion relating to the study but the document in its entirety is not in the file. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

The SLMC at its recent meeting showed much interest in participating in similar studies on some of the other creeks within the lake basin. The Town of Sylvan Lake will continue to participate in the monitoring and testing within the creek with the assistance of the neighboring municipalities, Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society and AENV.

Once proposals are received for the "Golf Course Creek Water Quality Study" a recommendation for award will be brought back for Council. The study will then commence and upon completion a presentation will be provided to Council in a public meeting. The MBHA will be notified and provided with a copy of the study. Following this process that I would anticipate consideration will be given by Council as to what action, if any is required.

Please contact me at 403-887-1185 ext 240 or by email at mthompson@sylvanlake.ca should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,
TOWN OF SYLVAN LAKE

Per  Myron Thompson, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer