



Dear Members of the Armstrong Wetland Association,

We hope that you and your loved ones are doing well during these uncertain times.

Who Are We?

The Armstrong Wetland Association (AWA) membership currently consists of 77 Armstrong/Spallumcheen residents. The AWA Board members are:

Jill de la Salle - President
Claire Peyton - Vice President
Marge Sidney - Treasurer.
Ruth McDougall - Secretary
Michele Hill - Director
Dorianne Kohl - Director
Barbara Craven - Director

What's Happening?

We have been working towards conserving two wetland areas in Armstrong.

We have reached out to the landowner of one of these properties, and, although we have not received a response, we will continue to make efforts towards communication.

We are researching the possibility of purchasing these properties while also looking into alternative options such as organizing a covenant with the landowners. In the case of a covenant, the landowner would retain the deed to the property but environmental restrictions would be in place.

We applied to the Okanagan Basin Water Board WCQI program with a letter of support from the City of Armstrong Mayor and Council. This grant is typically oversubscribed and we were not one of the successful applications, however we were encouraged to reapply.

Furthermore, we have submitted a list of wetland properties to the City planner with the request that these properties be designated "environmentally sensitive development areas" in the new OCP, which is currently in revision.

Thank You

We would like to thank the Tapestry Choir, who generously donated the proceeds of their 2019 Christmas concert to our association. Thank you also to those who purchased 2020 calendars featuring photos by Fiona Greene.

We have used these initiatives to raise public awareness and to fund our website:

<http://www.armstrong-wetlands-group/>

Please visit our website to participate in our forum and to see detailed maps of each wetland area in Armstrong.

Also, follow us on Facebook to see more wetland photos and facts:

<https://www.facebook.com/Armstrong-Wetland-Association-106306867643682>

Moving Forward

Now perhaps more than ever, people are realizing the importance of having natural spaces close to home. We encourage you to go for a walk along the trails in the beautiful wetlands of Armstrong. Send us a photo of what you see. What do you imagine is possible?

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers who have expertise in the following areas:

- Wetland conservation
- Graphic design
- Copy editing
- Fundraising
- Photography
- Community consultation
- Communications
- Real estate

Thank you for your dedication to this cause. Stay safe and keep hopeful!

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