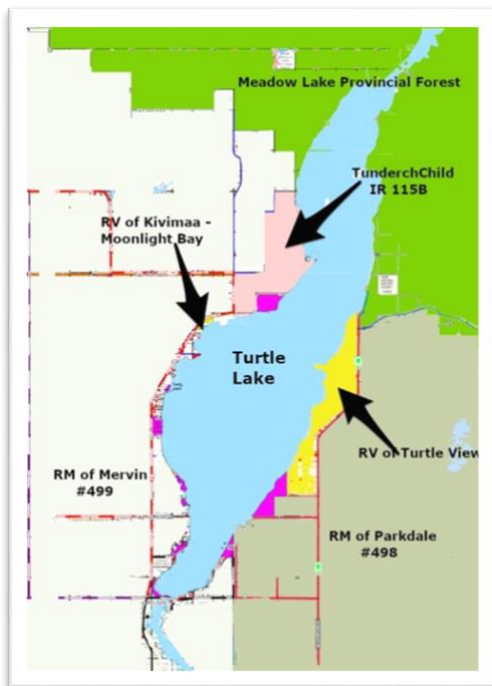


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Lake People are waiting for the summer of 2022 to reveal itself. The memory of summer of 2021, not easily forgotten, gives rise to many questions about the coming season. What will be the water levels? Will the algae blooms return? How will the fishing be? What about wildfires? How busy will the lake be this summer? Many questions with few answers. Time will tell!

The news that we do know!

- The TLWI, thanks to Louis Bossaer and SaskPower, has again **secured a supply of seedling trees and saplings** to be used for shoreline stabilization and restoration. For details, please check out the TLWI Facebook and Twitter Accounts or contact Lloy Willy at 306-317-2031



- The RV of Turtle View has approved **proposed municipal boundary changes** with the RM of Parkdale. This will result in a significant enlargement of the RV of Turtle View. The RM of Parkdale lakeshore will be reduced to the shoreline between Sunset View Beach and Evergreen Acres on the East side of the lake. The number of municipal governments bordering the lake remains at four, the RV of Kivimaa-Moonlight Bay, the RV of Turtle View, the RM of Parkdale, and the RM of Mervin.
- The 2021 Municipal Reassessment revealed that the total assessed value of properties around Turtle Lake to be approximately **500 million or ½ Billion dollars**. Property values are tied directly to the ecological health of the Turtle Lake and its watershed. ***“So goes the lake - So goes the property values!”***
- The RM of Mervin has initiated the application process to seek Provincial government grants to assist in funding for a **2023 Turtle Lake and Area environmental and economic infrastructure study** to guide present and future development in the Turtle Lake area. The expected cost for the study would be in at least \$100,000, hopefully split 75/25 between the province and local participating municipal governments.
- There are four known similar studies produced in 1984, 1993, 2004 and 2016. **The 1984 study can be found www.tlwi.ca under the History section.** No copy of the 1993 study has yet to be found. Hopefully all studies can be posted to the TLWI website.
- Corporal Bezaire of St Walburg, reports that the local RCMP detachments will be fully staffed this summer. This should allow the **RCMP to have more of a presence on and around the local lakes** as they will have three officers certified for boat patrol and two officers certified for ATV patrols.

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The Turtle Lake Watershed Inc. usually holds **three regular Board meetings in May, June and August plus an AGM in July every year. All TLWI meetings are open to the public.** The dates of all meetings will be posted on our tlwi.ca website and our Facebook and Twitter sites.

The future of Turtle Lake will be determined by the actions or inactions of the people who know and love the lake. If you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to the attention them to those Government Regulatory Agencies responsible.

For Concerns or Questions about issues around the lake.

Municipal Governments- their websites will direct you their Councillors and Administrators

- RV of Turtle View. www.rvofturtleview.ca
- RV of Kivimaa Moonlight Bay www.rvkmb.ca
- RM of Mervin. www.rmofmervin.ca
- RM of Parkdale www.rmofparkdale498.ca
- Conservation Officers – Meadow Lake- 306-236-7557
- WaterSecurity – North Battleford – 306-445-7450
- Community Planning and Development – 306-933-6937
- Public Health – 306-655-4620
- RCMP Turtleford – 306-845-4520

The Turtle Lake Watershed will continue to monitor, document, and advocate for a healthy Turtle Lake now and in the future. **If you have suggestions, questions, concerns or require assistance please contact us at turtlelakewatershed@gmail.com or 306-845-7361.**

Our social media contacts are

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Twitter: @turtlelake

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Items of Interest pertaining to prairie freshwater lakes

- **Researchers study waves created by recreational boats. Findings suggest that wake-surf boats should be operated at greater distances from shoreline compared to typical recreational boats**
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/02/220201115250.htm>
- **Research predicts Northern Sask. will warm two to three times faster than southern Sask. in next decade.** The Morning Edition – CBC Regina - April 6, 2022:
<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-66/clip/15905067>
- **The Great Fire of 1919** that burned through the forest north of Turtle Lake.
https://foresthistor.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2015_GreatFireof1919.pdf