

Calling Lakes Ecomuseum February 2018

During the last week of January the Quill Lakes Watershed Association (QLWA) announced it was withdrawing its application to proceed with its Common Ground Drainage Plan.

The decision was made just hours after CBC news broke the story that private exchanges between the QLWA and Saskatchewan's Ministry of Environment were occurring by email.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/emails-show-very-cozy-relationship-between-sask-gov-t-and-quill-lakes-1.4496750>

The Calling Lakes Ecomuseum (CLEM) has partnered with Saskatchewan Alliance for Water Sustainability (SAWS). SAWS which is made up of a group of concerned individuals from Last Mountain Lake to Round Lake.

SAWS acquired by a Freedom of Information to request all document pertaining to the Common Ground project.

SAWS and CLEM realizes there is much at stake. We are supportive of agriculture and sympathetic to farmers who experience flooding. The solution requires an independent Environmental Impact Assessment prior to any moving of the water from the Quill Lake Basin into the Qu'Appelle.

Our goal is to find solutions that benefit the greater good, while honoring our First Nations treaties, which includes a duty to consult.

Like our friends at Pasqua First Nation, we are convinced this project will be re-submitted at a later date with a new name. We are hopeful the QLWA agrees to a court order that will end this project once and for all.

In the next few weeks SAWS will be asking those who love the Qu'Appelle Valley to donate to the "Save Last Mountain/Qu'Appelle Lakes Inc". We have come to realize that we need to hire the best and the brightest to save our lakes - and this will cost a great deal. We are going to use the money for hosting a Roundtable discussion and social media. For more information please visit <http://www.lmlsg.ca/>

SAVE the Date – our next Calling Lake Ecomuseum meeting will be Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 6 pm to 8pm. We meet at the Fort Qu'Appelle Tourist Office – across the street from the DQ.

We love our lakes. If you have two hours a month you can share - we would love to have you join us.

Sincerely,

Aura Lee MacPherson

Chair of CLEM

