

# Lake Windermere Management Plan Report Card Overview November 2017

The *Lake Windermere Management Plan* (LWMP) is a plan that promotes the long-term, sustainable management of Lake Windermere.

The LWMP helps guide two local governments (the Regional District of East Kootenay and the District of Invermere) when developing regulatory management decisions that concern the lake, such as water surface zoning and development permit requirements.

The LWMP also helps guide the Lake Management Committee (a.k.a. the Lake Windermere Ambassadors' board of directors) when implementing the non-regulatory recommendations of the Plan, such as encouraging responsible boating, promoting invasive species education, and monitoring ecological water quality.



**Tip!** You can view the plan online at: <http://www.rdek.bc.ca/departments/planning/plans/lwmp>

## **Key Successes of the LWMP to date:**

- ▶ Implementation of water surface zoning
- ▶ Designation of Development Permit Areas (DPAs)
- ▶ Recognition of sensitive shoreline habitat areas
- ▶ Increased community engagement in local water management issues via public education and stewardship outreach programs
- ▶ Support for continued lake water quality monitoring for ecological and recreation purposes



## **Areas that need improvement:**

- ▶ Improved public shoreline access along the east side of the lake
- ▶ Sustainable management of in-water structures and enforcement of mooring buoy regulations
- ▶ Communication about responsible boating and slow/no-wake zones



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## Report Card

### Grading scheme



#### A: Good

At least two of the recommendations have been implemented, and none have not yet been implemented

#### B: Satisfactory

At least one of the recommendations has been implemented, and the rest are either underway or have not yet been implemented

#### C: Needs Improvement

None of the recommendations have been fully implemented yet to date

GRADE	SUBJECT
C	Lake Boating and Use Plan (+) <u>Successes</u> : Designated slow/no-wake zones at public beach swim areas to improve swim safety (-) <u>Needs improvement</u> : Safe boating education, clear signage, speed enforcement
B	Water Structures & Public Access Plan (+) <u>Successes</u> : Lake surface zoning, cap on number of fueling stations on the lakeshore (-) <u>Needs improvement</u> : Enforcement of regulations, improvement of public access points
B	Foreshore Management Plan (+) <u>Successes</u> : Established Development Permit Areas along the RDEK shoreline, Green Shores for Homes (-) <u>Needs improvement</u> : Message about mooring buoy regulations, foreshore structures, and public access
B	Winter Use Plan (+) <u>Successes</u> : Winter use partnerships and cooperative support of the Winter Whiteway (-) <u>Needs improvement</u> : Stewardship messaging, clear information about emergency response on the ice
A	Environmental Quality Plan (+) <u>Successes</u> : Supporting ecological water quality monitoring and education, invasive species studies (-) <u>Needs improvement</u> : Water quantity monitoring, allocation vs. usage studies
B	Upland Use and Management Plan (+) <u>Successes</u> : Community sewer engagement, development permit areas for sensitive areas (-) <u>Needs improvement</u> : Public access encroachment and right-of-way access



**Tip!** You can view the full Report Card (and other files) online at: <http://www.lakeambassadors.ca/documents>

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