

**Webb, Bruce (CON)**

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**From:** Kaye Little [nlittle@inetlink.ca]  
**Sent:** September-20-11 10:39 PM *BL*  
**To:** Webb, Bruce (CON)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Salt Lake Water Level Control

In regards to the proposed Salt Lake Water Level Control.....The "existing outlet" from south Salt Lake is a small culvert which proved totally incapable of handling the influx of water this year, resulting in historically high water levels in the lake and extensive bank erosion. South Salt Lake needs to be lowered to its traditional level. Any further drainage from North and Middle Salt Lakes through South Salt Lake would only aggravate the situation resulting in drastic bank erosion and property damage unless adequate means of drainage are installed at the south end of the lake.

We have been cottage owners at south Salt Lake for 50 years and never in that time has the water level been anywhere near the current levels. We have lost many feet of shoreline, trees have been destroyed and there is absolutely no beach at all. Salt Lake has long been a popular recreation spot. It's value as such has been greatly diminished in the last few years.

Norman and Kaye Little

## Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Manitoba Conservation has received a proposal pursuant to The Environment Act from the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

### **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHCLAIR – SALT LAKE WATER LEVEL CONTROL PROJECT** **(File: 5538.00)**

An Environment Act Proposal has been filed by the Rural Municipality of Strathclair for a project to regulate high water levels on North and Centre Salt Lakes. The project involves the construction of a gated culvert control structure in SW 27-16-22W and the construction of a channel upstream of the control structure into Center Salt Lake and downstream of the control structure through 22-16-22 W into the north end of South Salt Lake. Levels on North and South Centre Salt lakes would be lowered to an elevation of 566.0 metres, which is nearly 2 m lower than the present level of North Salt Lake. Water would be discharged from the existing outlet on South Salt Lake to the Oak River drainage system when the additional flows would not aggravate flooding on the downstream system, especially after spring runoff and in the fall of each year.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to make a representation either for or against the proposal should contact the Department, in writing or by email ([bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca](mailto:bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca)), not later than OCTOBER 17, 2011. Further information is available from the Public Registries located at 123 Main Street (Union Station) Main Floor, Winnipeg; Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald Street, Winnipeg; the Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg; the Western Manitoba Regional Library, 1-710 Rossar Ave., Brandon; R.M. of Strathclair Municipal Office, 127 Veterans Way, Strathclair or by contacting Bruce Webb, Environmental Engineer at 945-7021.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of the Environment Act.

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c/o Bruce Webb

Re: When It Rains

In regards to Rural Municipality of Strathclair  
East Lake water level control Project 0558.

In regards to lowering North and South Centre East  
Lakes The construction of a gated culvert and  
channel upstream of the control structure into  
Centre East to which both would flow into  
North end of South East Lake and into the Red  
River drainage system.

This could be a great idea Only if you  
start by making sure the water coming into  
South East was going out at the same amount  
as which it is flowing into the Lake. Due to  
the existing outlet for discharging the water  
it is very inadequate.

The culvert is too small as the 20" culvert and at  
its existing level does not flow at full capacity,  
causing the water to flood cabins on the south end  
end of South East Lake.

2010 the water came up due to releasing  
water from the north draining floodway dam.  
The water raised 5" deep and up 25' under  
our cottage. To stop flooding the municipality  
opened the road to release the water, which  
worked, we did not get water in the cottage.

The culvert was replaced with a 30" culvert  
instead of a 36" one to which the municipality had  
permission to put in. The culvert was replaced  
too high and then it was caught by someone  
and pulled even higher at the east end of culvert  
causing water levels to be so high before it  
starts flowing out of culvert that our cottage  
and others on the east side of South Salt got  
flooded in 2011. Pictures enclosed.

Now due to all the water and mud the  
cottage and contents were destroyed, we feel  
this is extremely unfair as this could have been  
avoided with the proper drainage system in  
place at the culvert on the South End of  
Salt Lake disposing of the water as fast as  
it was coming into the Lake at the north  
end of South Salt Lake.

If this proposal goes through as  
the Municipality has set it out, flooding  
of South Salt Lake will be an ongoing  
problem.

If you have an abundance of water  
flowing from the north to the south  
with out making sure it is being  
disposed of at the same rate, it is  
going to build up and cause flooding.  
So get the water flowing from South Salt  
or Oak River drainage system then open  
the North as you get cutbacks, channels,  
etc working, etc. NO ONE Gets Flooded

Thank you  
Writing a Reply.

Col. Pat Campbell

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