



Communiqué – Summer 2008

Welcome to the fourth instalment of the biannual communiqué from the Alberta Low Impact Development Partnership Society. We hope that you have enjoyed the summer and are ready for all the activities that come with the changing seasons. Since our last communiqué, we have been busy adding to our team, continuing to evolve as an organization, and building relationships in LID. Please read on to find out more about what's new with us, and how you can continue to support the Partnership.

New Coordinator Joins ALIDP

We are pleased to welcome Kim Kiel to her new role as the part-time Coordinator of the ALIDP. Many of you will get to know Kim as she settles into working on our website, coordinating and planning activities, and executing other tasks for the Partnership. Kim brings many years of leadership and outreach experience from her role as Director of Education for the Calgary/Banff chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. Some of you may also remember her from the Water for Life team and her work with the Oldman Watershed Council in 2004/5. She will soon be settled into an office in Calgary's Water Centre, but until then she can be reached at alidpcoordinator@gmail.com.

Fall LID Workshop: November 27, 2008 at the Cochrane RancheHouse

Mark your calendars! Our annual fall workshop is scheduled for November 27, 2008. Our dedicated volunteer committee is planning a terrific and practical program to help implement LID tools and strategies on the ground, by examining the experiences of the Nose Creek Watershed Water Management Plan. This ground breaking document calls for extensive source controls to provide long-term protection to Nose Creek and its tributaries (<http://www.nosecreekpartnership.com/ncwmp.html>). This intensive, hands-on workshop will examine and work through common and perceived challenges in LID design, policy implementation, and public perception of LID. Workshop participants will contribute to the development of an "LID ToolBox" that will be distributed to participants after the event. The workshop committee is finalizing the plans, and will send out the details in mid-September.

We are an Incorporated Society

We have just received notification that the ALIDP is now an incorporated society. Attaining this status will allow us to operate as an independent organization, and conduct business as needed. We extend an enormous "Thank you!" to Mike Murray, Mark Bennett and the rest of the Bow River Basin Council for helping manage our business affairs as we continue to evolve as a non-profit society.

Membership

By now, many of you will have been contacted by our ALIDP Director, Vanessa Higgins, to become a member of the ALIDP. Membership in the Partnership offers many privileges and

benefits, such as cost-effective access to tools and strategies to implement LID (see information about the Water Balance Model, below) and a discount to attend our fall workshop. It also provides a forum for members to share experiences and ideas. Membership dues support our commitment to protect and maintain the integrity of the natural environment while promoting the growth, prosperity and quality of life of Alberta's communities. For more information about becoming a member and supporting the Partnership, please contact Kim Kiel at alidpcoordinator@gmail.com. Our next AGM will be held in May 2009.

Interprovincial Partnership Signed

The ALIDP has finally signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the British Columbia Inter-Governmental Partnership (BCIGP); we hope that it may be expanded with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) in the near future. Those who attended the 2004 LID conference in Okotoks may remember that the presentations by the BCIGP at the time were the impetus for the formation of the ALIDP. The Inter-Provincial Partnership will promote Canada-wide use of the national Water Balance Model as a tool to facilitate "green" development practices. This innovative partnership allows ALIDP members access to the *Water Balance Model powered by QUALHYMO*, a runoff-based tool for source control evaluation and stream health assessment. For more information or to use the tools, visit www.waterbalance.ca.

News from the Board

Change is a constant in society. As far as the Board of Directors is concerned, please note that our Secretary, Bert van Duin has moved on to become Manager of Water Resources at Wardrop Engineering. He can now be reached at bert.vanduin@wardrop.com. In addition, we send our *Best Wishes* to Vanessa Higgins, our Board Member from Strathcona County, who is getting married in early October. Bert and Vanessa are heavily involved with the ALIDP; you will see them in action at our fall workshop.

Your Expertise is Needed

We continue to be convinced through the input and support that we have received so far from stakeholders that many of the ALIDP actions and activities can be accomplished with your help. In fact, all of the ALIDP's accomplishments to date have been achieved by our tremendous volunteers. From the Board of Directors to the Conference Planning Team, we rely on the volunteerism and expertise of our stakeholders and members to get our job done. If you or someone you know is able to help achieve our mission, we are seeking volunteers on the following committees: 1) Non-urban areas; 2) Landscape; 3) LID Criteria Framework; and 4) conference/workshop planning.

To find out more, or to join us in promoting low impact development, please contact Kim Kiel (alidpcoordinator@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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