

This is a summary of what was done at the public meeting – and conclusions

1. MD of Bonnyville #87 in conjunction with Scott Cyr MLA have requested a meeting with the Minister of Environment to discuss the possibility of removal or lowering the weir on the Moose river to ameliorate the high water levels in Moose lake.
2. Moose Lake high water levels are not considered an emergency:

*To ensure transparent administration, disaster recovery programs (DRPs) are only established under the criteria set out in the Alberta Disaster Recovery Regulation and the underlying Disaster Assistance Guidelines. As per section 2.2.2 of the Disaster Assistance Guidelines, to qualify for an emergency or disaster an event must satisfy two criteria:*

1. *The cause of the disaster was extraordinary; and*
2. *The disaster has caused widespread damage to property.*

*In addition, DRP assistance is limited to losses and damages that are uninsurable, and are not recoverable through another mechanism (e.g. through a legal suit).*

*An assessment of the damage was completed by a third party hydrologist who confirmed the magnitude of the Moose Lake flooding event is not considered extraordinary. In addition, it has been identified that there has been little to no uninsurable damage of residential property. Therefore, the event would not meet the criteria required to establish a DRP.*

3. Sand bags are available at the beach office – 780-826-2925 - Using native beach sand to fill the bags is preferable since that will not have to be removed from the beach afterwards. Environment regulations state that any foreign sand must be removed after use.
4. Any Bed & shore retaining walls require a permit from Alberta Environment and must be obtained from the Provincial government.
5. Water levels have been higher, (graph attached) , as recently as 1997 levels were within 1 foot of current levels. The primary effect on water levels in Moose Lake is evaporation with normal precipitation and ground water levels contributing a lesser amount. The unusual precipitation events of this year exacerbated the effects of a wet fall in 2016.
6. Water level graph from Alberta Environment –

