

Environment Committee Report –July 13th 2020

Regular monitoring is continuing on all lakes with the exception of Big Whiteshell where the new gauge is not yet installed. Most lakes are close to the summer target or within the summer range.

The federal government real time monitoring station on the Whiteshell River, downstream of the Jessica Lake dam, shows the flow rates as of July 9th decreased to 115 Cubic feet per second compared to 138 cubic feet per second on June 5th. Last year at this time the discharge rate was 11 cubic feet per second. Heavy rains have kept the Whiteshell River flowing and evaporation due high temperatures have helped to keep the lake levels near normal.

LAKE	DATE OF LAST MEASURE	LEVEL IN FEET	COMMENTS
Betula	July 9 th	988.10	Summer target 988.20
Big Whiteshell	No data		Average summer level 1018.25 (2019)
Brereton	July 9 th	1036.05	Summer target 1037.00
Caddy	July 9 th	1045.40	Summer target 1046.00
Falcon	July 9 th	1066.20	Summer range 1065.50 – 1066.25
Jessica	July 9 th	1017.60	Summer target 1017.50
Nutimik	July 9 th	900.75	Average summer level 900.36 (2019)
Star	July 9 th	1115.20	Summer target 1115.00
West Hawk	July 9 th	1091.45	Summer range 1091.00 – 1092.25
White	July 9 th	1003.30	Summer target 1003.40
Lac du Bonnet	July 9 th	836.18	Average summer level 836.01 (2019)

Our spring meeting with Manitoba Infrastructure and Parks, to discuss lake levels and related issues, was held via video conference on June 4th. The meeting was well attended and discussion on all topics brought out points from all three parties. Following the meeting, your committee forwarded a number of recommendations regarding lake levels to Manitoba Infrastructure. They have agreed to review our suggestions and will respond in the near future.