



Citizens for **P**rotecting **O**ur **N**orthern **W**aterways Inc.

General Meeting
Wanless Community Hall
October 27, 2024

CPONW inc.
Annual General Meeting
October 27th, 2024
Wanless Community Hall 1:00 PM

- Welcoming Remarks

- Approval of Agenda

- Review and approval of draft minutes of October 15, 2023

- Discuss Action Items from 2023 AGM

- Business Report – Overview of Activities
 - Outreach
 - AIS Knowledge Survey Results
 - Government Liaison and Advocacy
 - Monitoring
 - Signs
 - Funding

- Financial Report
 - Review and accept as presented

- Appointment/Election of Directors and Regional Reps

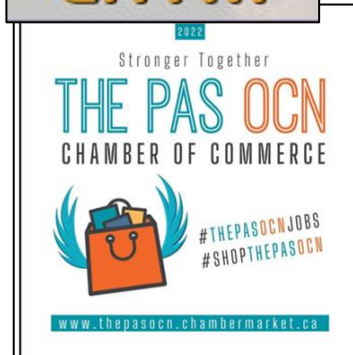
- New Business (open discussion)
 - Future Activities
 - 2025 Grant/Funding Opportunities
 - Other

- Adjournment

Business Report - Outreach

April – Sept.

- **Trade Shows** - Flin Flon (April 25-27), Snow Lake (April 30/May1), Thompson (May 3-5), The Pas (May 9-11)
- **Cranberry Portage Artisan Market**
- (May 25 & Sept 7th)
- **Other**
 - Flin Flon Trout Festival (info on website)
 - Jimmy Jackfish winter ice fishing derby and Cranberry Portage Trout Challenge
“Know Before You Go”
 - Website and Facebook Page maintenance



Public Survey

Zebra Mussel and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Public Survey – 2024
Citizens for Protecting Our Northern Waterways Inc.
Final Draft
October 2024



A total of **183 surveys** were completed at outreach events

Consisted of nine (9) multiple choice questions designed to determine:

- **type of water-based activities people are engaged in**
- **general knowledge of zebra mussels and other AIS**
- **knowledge of prevention methods including Clean-Drain-Dry (CDD)**
- **views about the most effective methods to further inform the public about zebra mussels and other AIS**

Flin Flon Trade Show	The Pas Trade Show	Snow Lake Trade Show	Cranberry Portage Market(s)	flinflononline
72 (40%)	75 (41%)	10 (5%)	20 (11%)	5 (3%)

Survey Highlights

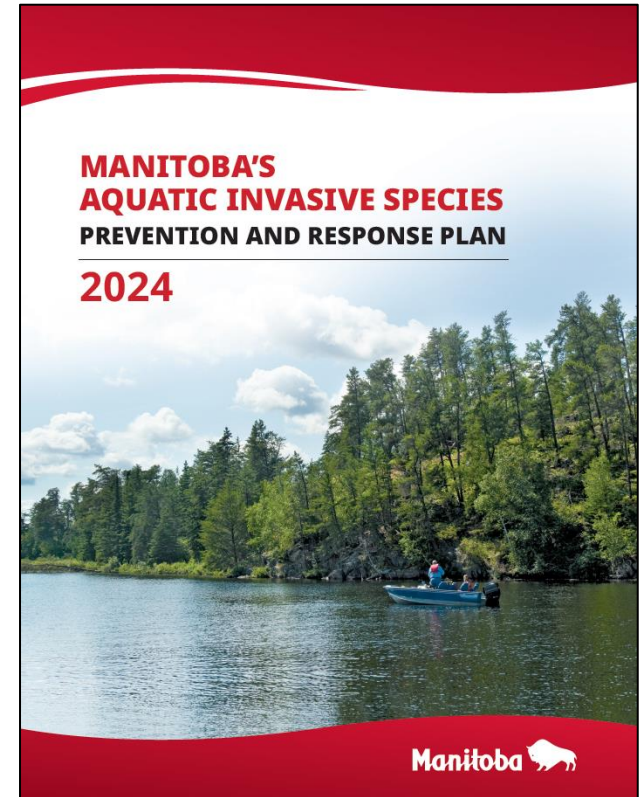
- Majority of respondents were anglers followed by beach goers
- 95% indicated they know about ZM's and other AIS & 79% say they are very concerned
- Results suggest high level of knowledge of AIS and CDD - **but** – the questions and answer options likely led participants to the correct answer thus falsely demonstrated this level of knowledge
- Surprising number of respondents were unaware to pull the plug when transporting a watercraft
- When asked about transporting a watercraft from infected to uninfected waters, 34% either didn't know the difference between CDD and CDD plus decontaminate or did not know at all.
- When asked about the most effective way to inform the public, the top 2 suggestions were:
 - more inspection stations, and
 - more information provided when purchasing fishing license.

Key Recommendations

- More information on the beach experience, including how to CDD - and - the need to decontaminate beach toys and associated equipment.
- Explicit messaging on what constitutes CDD and the requirement to “pull the plug” when transporting watercraft.
- Provide information on AIS and prevention directly to people who purchase on-line angling license.
- AIS handouts to people who stop at government inspection stations.
- Use of **easily accessed** videos via social media and various websites (what constitutes CDD, when to decontaminate)
- Need more inspection stations (emphasis on filling gap in Grand Rapids and Wabowden). Explore alternate approaches to fill these gaps including contract services

Government Liaison/Advocacy

- Relationship with provincial AIS Unit staffers remains positive
- Excellent support from Joey Tonin re lake monitoring
- **AIS Advisory Forum** – 2 meetings. Provided input into AIS Prevention & Resonse Plan released in July, 2024.
- CPONW previous recommendations emphasised including:
 - Increased public awareness and outreach
 - Expanded watercraft inspection and decontamination capacity, including contract services.
 - Expansion of hours of operation at inspection stations
- Next meeting TBD

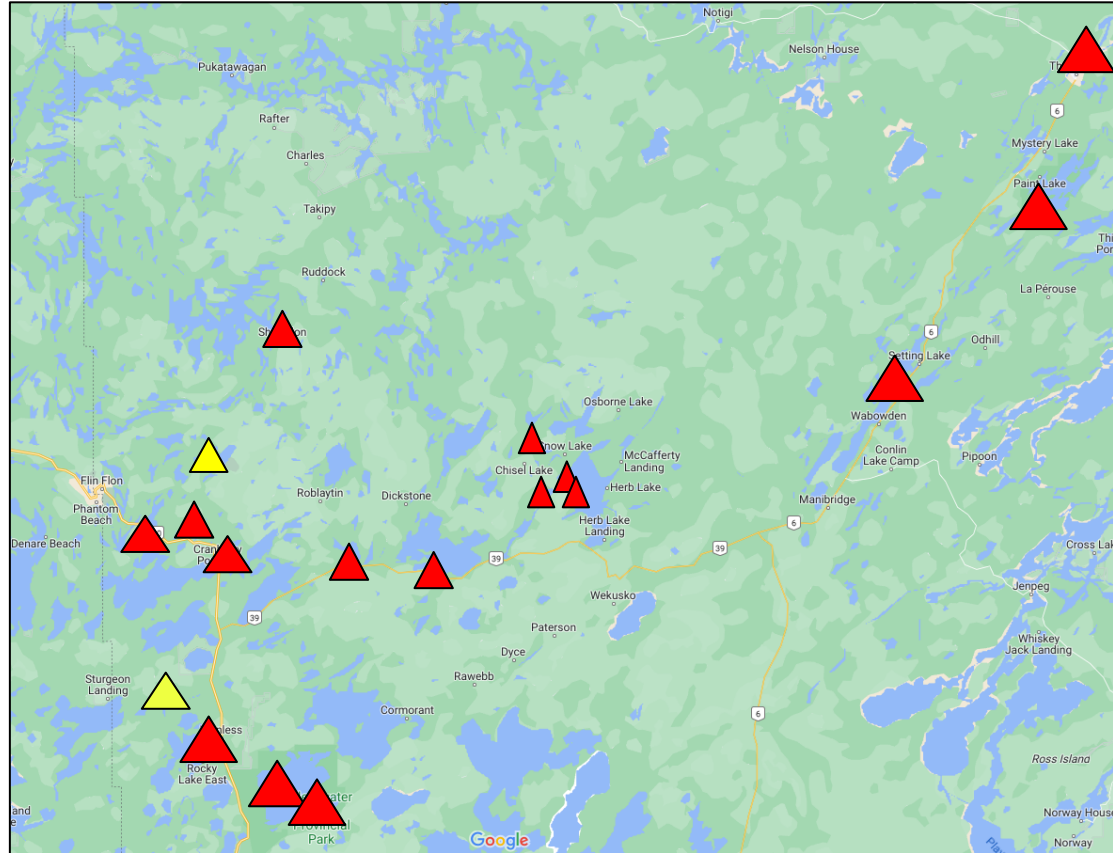


Monitoring

CPONW Monitoring (Substrate Samplers)

2024 (sites increased from 12 to 18)

- Burntwood River, Paint Lk, Setting Lake, Snow Lk, Wekusko Lk (2), Tramping Lk Reed Lk, Iskwasm Landing, Kississing Lk, Naosap Lk, Bakers Narrows, Neso Lk, 1st Cranberry Lk, Barbe Lk, Rocky Lake, Clearwater (2)
- Two samplers were removed by unknown people (Naosap and Barbe)
- To date the following have been assessed: Burntwood River, Paint Lk, Setting Lake, Reed Lk, Iskwasm Landing, Kississing Lk and Rocky Lake. **Good News – none showed any evidence of ZM!**

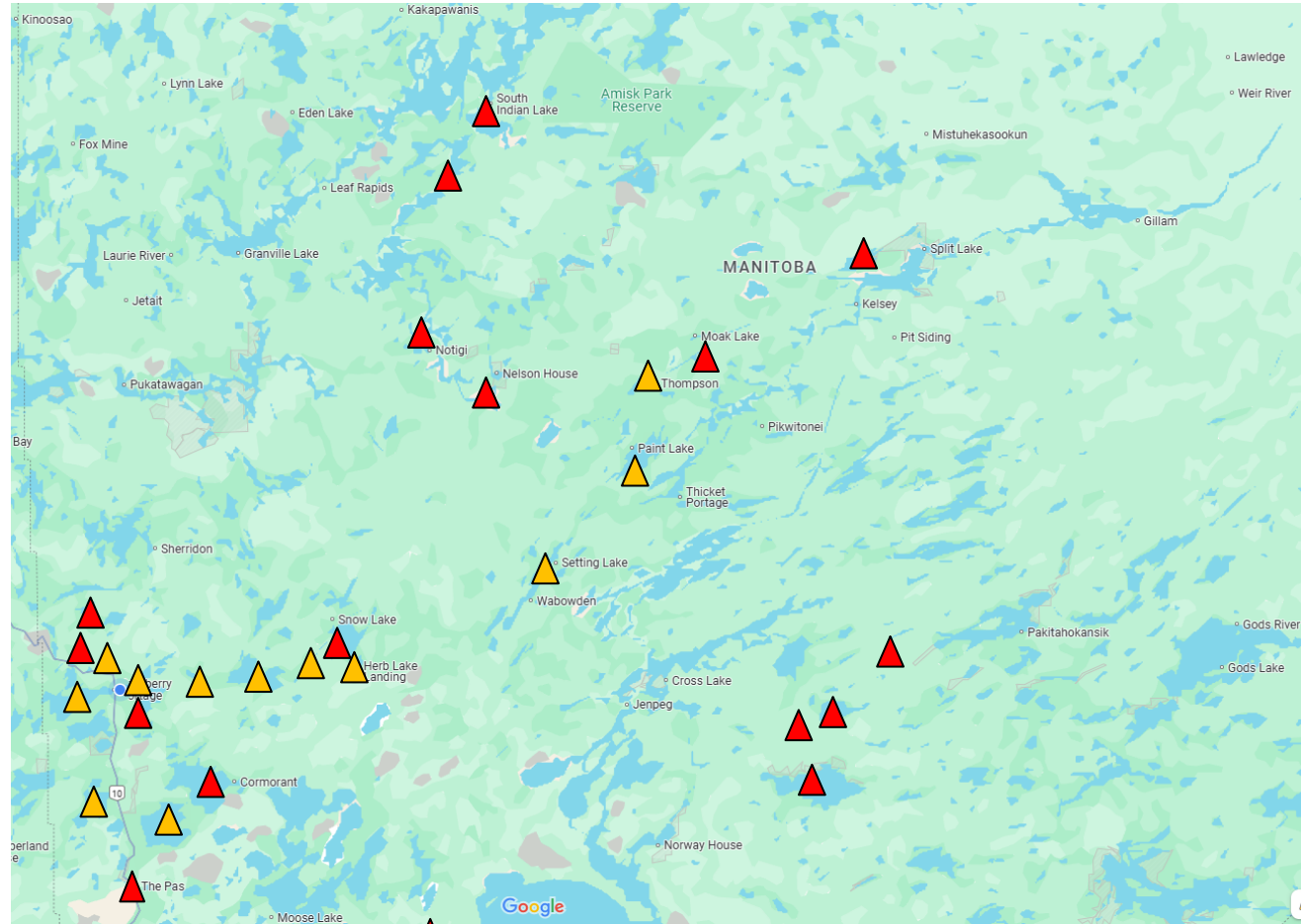



Monitoring

MB AIS Team (summer)

- Veliger Sampling
- 33 lakes/waterways
- 1-4 sites per waterway
- 1 or 2 sampling events

 Sites sampled by both CPONW and AIS Team



 Cedar Lk
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Signs

PTH 6 Highway Sign (south of Ponton)

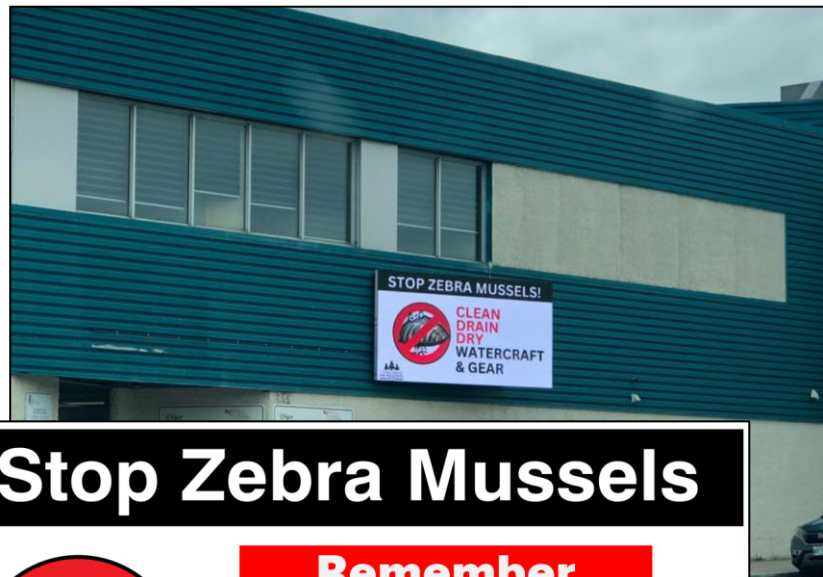
- Approvals secured early June
- Sign put up on June 19th by Tony and buddies from Snow Lake



Signs

Digital Billboard (Flin Flon)

- Supported by Northern Neighbors Grant
- Ran July (4 slides) and August (2 slides)



Stop Zebra Mussels



Remember

PULL YOUR PLUG
DRAIN LIVEWELLS
LOWER MOTOR TO DRAIN WATER



Come Clean - Leave Clean

Signs

Clean – Drain – Dry Means

- Supported by RM Kelsey
- Placed at boat launch sites - Rocky Lake (2 signs) Cranberry Portage(2 signs)



Stop Zebra Mussels



**CLEAN
DRAIN
DRY
WATERCRAFT
& GEAR**

Protect Our Lakes

Clean Means: watercraft and water-related equipment are free of zebra mussels, other Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), vegetation, and mud.
Drain Means: no residual water in the watercraft, including live well and engine, lower boat motor to drain water from the lower unit, remove all drain plugs when transporting your craft to comply with Provincial AIS regulations.
Dry Means: watercraft, ropes, lifejackets, other gear are dry prior to going in another waterbody.



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Funding

- Northern Neighbors Grant (\$2075)
- Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund – final payment (\$951.02)
- R.M. of Kelsey - Grant (\$2500)
- Kelsey Watershed District (\$1000)



* We were unsuccessful in securing grant money from the Federal AIS Prevention Fund (Funding Request \$109,170 over 3 years)

**CPONW 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
REVIEW COVERS PERIOD October 7, 2022 – October 6, 2023**

Opening Balance as of October 6, 2023, statement \$11,100.03

Income Sources

Donations: \$143.96 return of portions of paid reimbursements to CPONW Executive
\$1000 Kelsey Watershed District

Total \$1143.96

Contributions: \$447.50 CPONW portion of 50/50 draw

Total \$447.50

Grant funding Sources

- \$2075.00 Northern Neighbours Grant
- \$2500.00 Rural Municipality of Kelsey
- \$951.02 Habitat Heritage (final payment for 2022-2023 grant)

Total \$ 5526.02

Total Income \$7117.49

EXPENDITURES: over the period October 6, 2023, to October 7, 2024, statements

Capital purchases (e.g. tables, flags, canopies, chairs. Volunteer vests & cresting, etc.)

TOTAL \$ 0

Signs (highway & boat launch)

TOTAL \$3,736.61

Event Expenses: (Incorporation fee, registration fees; special events' permits; Website/Domain fees; COVID supplies/coffee supplies for meetings etc.)

TOTAL \$1,549.17

Travel Expenses Reimbursement (meetings, outreach events; Zebra Mussel monitoring etc.)

TOTAL \$1,554.13

Other (printing, bumper stickers; Boat towels & other swag to hand out etc.)

TOTAL \$996.24

Bank Charges

TOTAL \$72.75

Balance as of October 7, 2024 statement \$10,525.61

**Compiled & filed as part of the permanent financial records of CPONW by
Richard G. Gibbons CPONW Treasurer – October 27, 2024**

Election/Appointment of Executive and Regional Representatives

Executive

- President - Chris Smith
- Vice President - Craig Asselstine
(term completed)
- Secretary – Marilyn Meyer
- Treasurer - Richard Gibbons
(term completed)
- Ex-Officio – Wayde Roberts

Regional Representatives

- Thompson - Don Macdonald
- Snow Lake/Wekusko - Tony Brew
- Sherridon – Debi Hatch
- Rocky – Don Gamache
- Clearwater - Jim Lorden
- The Pas – Randy Koshel
- OCN - Diane Ballantyne
- Chemawawin - Vacant

New Business

- Future Activities (discussion)
- Grant Opportunities (discussion)
 - The Pas Tri-Community Foundation
 - Re Uz It Flin Flon
 - Northern Neighbours
 - Other
- Other

