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## VISION

A HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE LAKE WINNIPEG THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF ALL.

TO ACT AS AN ADVOCATE INFORMING STAKEHOLDERS AND COORDINATING EFFORTS TO SAVE, PROTECT AND MAINTAIN POSITIVE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES FOR LAKE WINNIPEG.

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## NEWPCC UPDATE

On October 9, 2020 the North End Water Pollution Control Center Project Steering Committee, released their updated plan. The Project Steering Committee consists of representatives from the city and the province. [NEWPCC Waste and Water Update 2020 09 30](#) A Project Advisory Committee, representatives consisting of external stakeholders as well as the city and province representatives, provide feedback to the Project Steering Committee.

On the same day, a joint response by the Lake Winnipeg Foundation, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Collective was released. [LWF IISD LWIC Joint Response](#)

These stakeholders who are represented on the Project Advisory Committee request a **CALL TO ACTION**.

**“In 2019, both governments committed to accelerate phosphorus reduction at the NEWPCC. We’re concerned that the upgrade plan released today still makes no firm commitments to reduce phosphorus before 2032.**

As members of the NEWPCC Project Advisory Committee, we have identified two urgent opportunities to tackle the treatment plant’s steadily increasing phosphorus loads and protect Lake Winnipeg well before long-term upgrades are slated to be complete:

- By April 2022, implement the recommended interim phosphorus solution to reduce phosphorus loads as much as possible within the constraints of the plant’s existing infrastructure;
- By January 2021, commit to designing NEWPCC’s new biosolids facility to address existing constraints and optimize the interim solution, ensuring that compliance with the 1 mg/L phosphorus limit is achieved no later than 2028 when biosolids construction is complete.

We are reminding the governments of the critical importance of phosphorus reduction at the NEWPCC, and of their promises to accelerate action to address the plant’s #1 environmental impact: algal blooms on Lake Winnipeg.

We remain committed to our roles as advisors throughout this process. This role includes maintaining transparency and accountability, and communicating outcomes to the public.” [Lake Winnipeg Foundation Article](#) (above quote from provided link)

Please visit the LWF website and this article where you will find a guide for Concerned Citizen Action, that includes templates that can be used for sharing concerns with elected officials. [Lake Winnipeg Foundation](#)

### Manitoba Eco-Network

Please consider joining the Manitoba Eco-Network.

The Manitoba Eco-Network (MbEN) promotes positive, environmental action by connecting people and groups to facilitate environmental awareness and expand community connections. MbEN is currently doing an annual call for members, and both individuals and groups are encouraged to join! More information can be found at <https://mbeconetwork.org/get-involved/become-a-member-2/> or by emailing [info@mbeconetwork.org](mailto:info@mbeconetwork.org)