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Re: BLESS Position on an observation facility at Big Lake

Dear Dean,

In response to a City of St. Albert request for a formal BLESS position on an observation facility at Big Lake the Board and several interested members of BLESS met last night. The following position statement was motioned, discussed and passed unanimously by all voting members at the meeting.

The Big Lake Environment Support Society believes that some form of observation facility is needed at Big Lake in the area where the old one is. The popularity of the old platform is indicative that some type of observation facility should be put in place to form a focal point and destination for people wishing to enjoy the outdoors. It will also serve as a link between the Red Willow Park system and Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park. The exact form, construction method and shape of such a facility does not matter to BLESS as long as it satisfies the following criteria:

It is at the level of the Red Willow Park walking trail so that people remain elevated above the lake level.

It does not intrude into the lake.

It can accommodate a group of at least ten people.

It can accommodate the fixed binoculars from BLESS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Henry", is written over a large, stylized, looping flourish that extends from the left side of the signature towards the right.

Al Henry, President, BLESS