



PROJECT OUTLINE

DE-ICING Operations (2020) *Updated 07172020*

Project Definition

A workgroup was formed to review de-icing best management practices (BMPs) in an effort to provide safety before general freeze up of the Lake, during ice in, and after general thaw in the spring. De-icing regulations are in place to protect the Lake, its winter users, and property (dock damage). Because of the impact to a variety of stakeholders, it is important to have efficient and effective processes and procedures. Workgroups do not have the authority to make changes, but instead gather and review information and report back to the Board.

Project Objectives

- To consider best management practices to maximize efficiency of implementation of de-icing permittees.
- To review feedback and obtain additional feedback from stakeholders regarding permitted de-icing operations.
- To enhance communication efforts with the stakeholders and public regarding de-icing operations.
- To give the staff and Board a detailed summary regarding the workgroup findings and any actions for Board consideration.

Project Background

During the generally accepted freeze and then thaw, Lake Minnetonka remains open for public access and use. To ensure the safety of the Lake's winter users, as well as to protect property, best management practices for de-icing require review, including clarification of de-icing areas. Another area for consideration is what, if any, additional requirements or actions should be implemented where repetitive noncompliance is found.

Workgroup & Members

The High Water Declaration Workgroup was created in February 2020 with the following members.

- Rich Anderson, LMCD
- Gary Hughes, LMCD
- Bill Cook, LMCD
- Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director

Deliverables

Provide a detailed summary for Board consideration regarding suggested BMP's, regulations, processes, procedures, etc.

Key Stakeholders and Communications Audiences

- Current de-icing permittees
- Licensees such as marina owners and operators
- Municipalities and other government agencies
- Property owners adjacent to deicing operations
- General public users of Lake Minnetonka
- Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol

Project Development Steps and Time Frame

The following is a tentative process and timeline for this workgroup project. It is subject to change depending on needs.

1. Gather Existing Information
 - Tour existing de-icing operations - January 2020: **Completed**
 - Seek comments from current de-icing licensees and other stakeholders- **July 22, 2020**
 - LMCD staff discussion with HCSO Water Patrol Lieutenant: **July 2020**
2. Review Information and Discuss
 - Hold initial meeting - Presented to the board on **February 26, 2020**
 - i. Present to LMCD board on February 26, 2020 Board Director and staff observations, and other information
 - ii. Summarized information as attached regarding the Code Clarifications and Application form
 - iii. Identified key areas of need for policy change based on gathered information
 - iv. Identify key areas of need for procedural change based on gathered information
3. Board Review and Potential Adoption of Recommendations As Applicable: **June 2020, August 12, 2020**