

Fairness for Clear Lake

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Fairness for Clear Lake Welcomes Leadership Change at Riding Mountain National Park

CLEAR LAKE, MB – August 26, 2025 – Fairness for Clear Lake (FFCL) welcomes the announcement of a change in leadership at the Superintendent level at Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP). FFCL sees this as a much-needed opportunity to reset the relationship between Parks Canada and surrounding communities.

Fairness for Clear Lake brings together community members, local organizations, and businesses united by a shared commitment to the long-term health and prosperity of RMNP. Despite repeated efforts by local associations to engage Parks Canada in constructive dialogue, meaningful engagement has been lacking. FFCL was established in response — to provide a stronger, collective voice and to advocate for inclusive, transparent decision-making. The absence of effective collaboration has underscored the urgent need for renewed leadership and a more responsive approach from RMNP.

“Our goals remain the same,” said Trevor Boquist, spokesperson for FFCL. *“We are steadfastly focused on:*

- Reversing the May 16, 2025 motorized boat ban decision, made without meaningful consultation.*
- Restoring transparency and trust in long-term planning and decision-making at RMNP.*
- Balancing protection of the natural environment with economic and community vitality.*
- Rebuilding trust through authentic engagement around a new Management Plan for RMNP that includes all stakeholders.”*

FFCL remains committed to working collaboratively with Parks Canada leadership at all levels to shape long-term solutions that support Parks Canada’s legislated mandate to ‘present and protect’ the environment, support local livelihoods, and ensure the park continues to thrive for generations to come.

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About Fairness for Clear Lake: *Fairness for Clear Lake is a coalition of community members, organizations, and businesses advocating for transparency, accountability, and balanced decision-making in the stewardship of Riding Mountain National Park. In July, more than 700 community members attended a public town hall meeting in support of FFCL’s efforts. The meeting was also attended by Andrew Campbell, Senior Vice-President, Operations for Parks Canada. For more information, visit www.fairnessforclearlake.ca.*

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