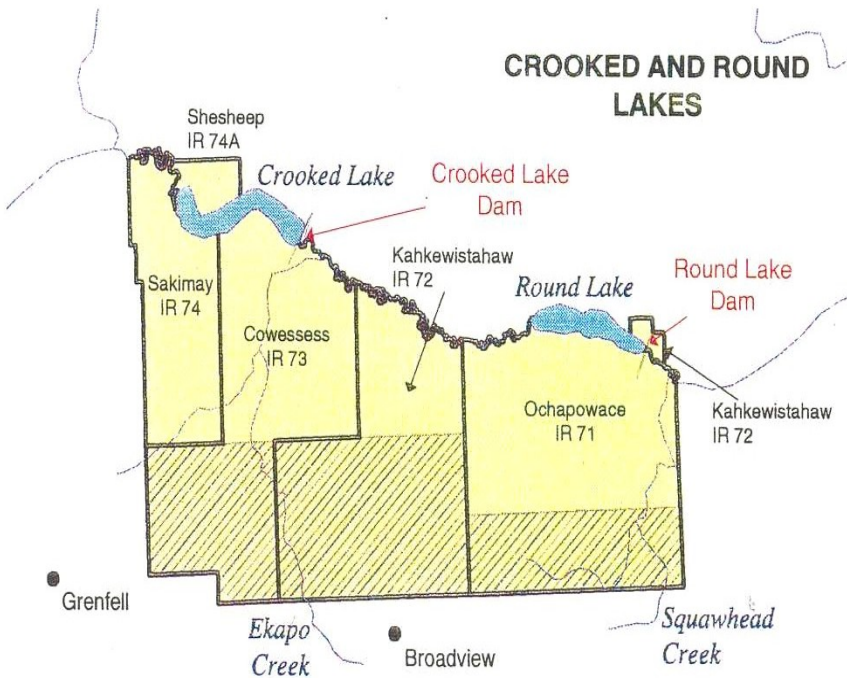


FRIENDS OF THE QU'APPELLE

Who are the Friends of the Qu'Appelle (FOTQ)?

Friends of the Qu'Appelle is an organization of cottage owners, businesses and users of Crooked and Round lakes in the Qu'Appelle valley river system. It also includes Rural Municipalities, Villages and Hamlets nearby who are also adversely affected by this dispute.

FOTQ consists of approximately 1500 cottage owners and businesses on the two lakes.



What is this issue about?

The Federal Government and First Nations along the river are disputing compensation for land flooded when the dams were constructed many years ago. FOTQ members and the general public are caught in the middle of this dispute.

First Nations denied access to the dams and water levels in the lakes dropped significantly.

The main issue for those affected is the impact of low water levels on the environment, water quality and the entire habitat of the valley.

While the dispute continues over compensation, the entire valley ecosystem is being damaged. Fish populations are dropping, nesting grounds for migratory birds are being lost, and bedding for crayfish and other freshwater species is gone. Our homes and investments are depreciating and our businesses are going bankrupt. The original intent for the dams was to increase water supply for agriculture and this too, is now jeopardized.

How will FOTQ help to resolve this issue?

A unified and collective effort will give cottage owners a voice. We can then more effectively communicate with those in negotiations and can help to resolve this issue.

Many individuals have been working independently on this issue. Lots of letters were written and plenty of phone calls were made. These efforts had good intentions, but were uncoordinated and inconsistent.

How can Governments or First Nations communicate with hundreds of individuals on this issue?

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www.fotq.ca

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How can I get involved or stay informed?

- ✓ We want to maintain a coordinated strategy towards resolution of this issue. But we also need your help.
- ✓ You may have innovative ideas that can be used to help move the issue forward.
- ✓ You may have contacts that can be used to get information or put messages forward.
- ✓ You may have energy and enthusiasm needed to maintain the momentum we have generated on this issue.
- ✓ You may want to volunteer to serve on the Friends of the Qu'Appelle Board of Directors.

The bottom line is that the more people we have involved in this, the better.

**The best way for people to get involved in this issue is to visit our website at www.fotq.ca or please call
Randy Durovick
Chair, FOTQ Board of Directors
(306) 543-5451**

*Thanks for your interest in the future of the
Qu'Appelle Valley River System!*