

## Vincent Lake Working Model Historical Information Collection

A shoreline education and conservation initiative delivered by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Alberta Environment, Natural Resources Service and the Alberta Conservation Association.

***"We don't make much forward progress if we don't understand the past."***

Examples of some of the questions we like to find answers for.

- Are there any books or collections of newspaper clippings or printed family histories or other written records involving the history of the Vincent Lake area?
- Do you have, or do you know others who have, photos of the lake in the 1960's, 1950's, or earlier? Can we borrow them, copy them, use them in this project?
- Did you grow up at the lake? What are your earliest recollections of the lake?
- What parts of the lake do you know best?
- What parts of the lake were you generally familiar with in your earlier years?
- What kinds of things did you do at the lake? fishing? hunting? canoeing? sailboating? skating? raising livestock? growing crops? gardening?
- Do you recall any major changes between what the lake looked like "then" and "now"? Changes through the years?
- Do you remember especially high water years? Low water years?
- Do you recall times when many of the sloughs in the broad watershed around the lake were brimming full? Did you know of any connections, creeks, between these and the lake?
- Do you have recollections of the creek outlet of Vincent Lake? How strongly it flowed? What era?

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- Were parts of the lakebed farmed? Hayed? Grazed? Which areas?
- Which areas historically had livestock grazing along the lake? What eras?
- Was there a community hall at the lake? A hospital?
- Can you tell us any stories about the old County park? West Cove? Mallaig Beach Park?
- Please tell us what you recollect about the water in Vincent Lake? Drinkable? Quality? Algae? Changes? Early years versus recent years?
- Do you recall the type and quality of fishing in earlier times? Any old fish or fishing photos? Any good fishing stories?
- Any good boating stories?
- When placed against the perspective of the past, what expected future and what preferred future do you see for the lake?

**Thank you!**