



2018 OBWB ANNUAL MEETING *“Preparing for the Future”*

DATE: Friday, August 10, 2018
TIME: 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon
LOCATION: The Innovation Centre, 460 Doyle Avenue, Kelowna

8:30	Registration and light refreshments	
9:00	Welcome remarks	Tracy Gray, Chair
9:10	Introduction to Keynote Speaker	Anna Warwick Sears, Ph.D., Executive Director
9:15	Keynote: “Our future includes flooding: climate change and the opportunity to improve flood management”	Tamsin Lyle, Principal, Ebbwater Consulting
10:00	“Flood construction levels and freeboard on Okanagan Lake”	Brian Symonds, former Director of Water Stewardship, Province of B.C.
10:20	Coffee break	
10:50	Announcement of Make Water Work 2018 Champion Community	Corinne Jackson, Communications Director
11:00	Presentation of Annual Report “Preparing for the Future” and Q & A	Anna Warwick Sears, Ph.D., Executive Director
11:55	Closing remarks	Tracy Gray, Chair
12:00	Adjourn	

Keynote speaker: Tamsin is a well-known thought leader on flood management in Canada. She comes to this position having invested her entire academic and professional careers in the exploration of various aspects of flood management. She has genuine enthusiasm for the subject, which is evident in her many publications (peer-reviewed and for public communication) and presentations. She is particularly interested in exploring the nexus of science, engineering, policy and planning – disciplines that often work apart or in series in flood projects when best practice suggest they should work together.

She is a sought-after speaker and commentator on flood management in Canada, regularly accepting invitations to speak at Canadian and International conferences. She also regularly comments to the media in print, on radio and on television.

Over her 20-year career, she has worked on numerous high-profile flood and risk projects across Canada both as an engineer and as a policy analyst and planner. She is well regarded for her numerical modelling skills, which have been applied to the major Canadian river systems of the Red River in Manitoba, and the Fraser River in BC, as well as to smaller river systems in Canada and abroad. She is also well known for her integrated and collaborative approach to mitigating flood risk; and is the author of the award winning Integrated Flood Management Plan for the Cowichan Valley. She is a recognised champion of risk-based planning for natural hazards in Canada and has written several peer-reviewed, other scholarly and public articles on flood risk assessment methods.