

## Tim Diack – ST. JAMES

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Thanks, finally!

In 1981 I became a certified diver. I spent my summers going to my grandmothers cottage south of Kenora. Algae was clearly affected by phosphorus from the Rainy River. This particulate in suspension decreased vizabililty and made the viewing of fish far less enjoyable. About twenty years later my passion turned into a business as I started Underworld Scuba and Sport. We worked with the Ontario Government on algae studies, the Clear Water Bay Lake Trout Survey, and others. As a result we were able to prove that the decrease in trout was a direct result of phosphates used by cottages that discharged onto the gravel used for spawning.

I have advocated for lake protection my entire adult life and will endorse all timelines. I will also hold those who failed to do their duty accountable. So yes.

There is a Lake in Manitoba, Lougheed Lake, named after an uncle who died in WW2. My Great Grandfather was Dr.Morley Lougheed who was our first Public Health Officer. He was a micro biologist who got the city to make garbage can lids mandatory.

I stopped going to University and became a police officer.

Now my two cents...

Our sewage is tied into our rain run off. Our system fails every time there is a deluge. It may be beneficial to provide a calculation of rainfall and how to reduce its impact. If property owners were incentivized to utilize rain barrels to reduce the discharge I feel this would be something in the power of a municipal government. We still use drinking water on our lawns. I would also pursue rain water retention in new developments, commercial and residential. Local procurement, manufacture, design, benefits and an actual measurable positive impact on our environment would make this a viable proposal.

I hope my answer helps and I hope we stop taking such a cavalier approach to our water.

I have no connection to Underworld as my ex-wife owns it. It has the big octopus painted on the side, my kids work there, but I no longer have anything to do with the business I loved. I'm not bitter either...