

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH VIEW

## AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting held at the Onoway Civic Centre  
Due to COVID restrictions, the public may participate via teleconference,  
call the office to arrange for same.

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 commencing at 9:30 a.m.

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1. Call to Order
  
2. Agenda: a) September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda
  
3. Minutes: pl-5 a) August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Organizational Meeting Minutes  
pb-9 b) August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
  
4. Appointments: n/a
  
5. Bylaws: n/a
  
6. Business: p 10-13
  - a) Association of Summer Villages of Alberta – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 email on 2020 ASVA Annual General Meeting and Advocacy Panel Discussion on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via virtual (*authorize participation*)
  
  - b) Speed Bump installation – since the installation of speed bumps we have received numerous complaints and concerns, as well as some thanks. Discussion to take place as to what action should be taken now (adjust them, remove them, leave them) (*direction as given by Council at meeting time*)
  
  - c)
  
  - d)
  
  - e)



SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH VIEW  
ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020  
TOWN OF ONOWAY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
(Due to COVID restrictions, the public may participate via teleconference)

PRESENT:            Sandi Benford            -            Councillor  
                      Brian Johnson            -            Councillor  
                      Garth Ward                -            Councillor  
  
                      Wendy Wildman           -            Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
                      Heather Luhtala           -            Assistant CAO (Via Teleconference)

PUBLIC AT LARGE: 0

1.     **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman.

**Motion #126-20**

**MOVED** by Councillor Benford that the Agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

2.     **NOMINATIONS**

a) **Mayor:**

Chairman Wildman called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Councillor Johnson nominated Councillor Benford for Mayor.

Chairman Wildman called for nominations for the position of Mayor a second time - None

Chairman Wildman called for nominations for the position of Mayor a third time – None.

**Motion #127-20**

**MOVED** by Councillor Johnson that nominations for the position of Mayor cease.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Benford was declared Mayor, was administered the Oath of Office for the position of Mayor and assumed the Chair.

b) **Deputy Mayor:**

Mayor Benford called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Ward nominated Councillor Johnson for Deputy Mayor.

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Mayor Benford called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor a second time - None

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Motion #128-20

**MOVED** by Councillor Ward that nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor cease.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Johnson was declared Deputy Mayor and was administered the Oath of Office for the position of Deputy Mayor.

**3. APPOINTMENTS**

Motion #129-20

**MOVED** by Councillor Ward that the following committee appointments and confirmations be approved:

- a) Public Works Supervisor  
- Sandi Benford with Garth Ward as alternate.
- b) Member to Highway 43 East Waste Commission  
- Brian Johnson with Sandi Benford as alternate.
- c) Representative to Summer Villages of Lac Ste. Anne County East  
- Garth Ward with Sandi Benford as alternate.  
(all Council to attend, rep to vote)
- d) Member to Darwell Sewage Lagoon Committee/Regional Wastewater Line  
- Garth Ward with Brian Johnson as alternate.
- e) Lake Isle Aquatic Management Society  
- Sandi Benford with Garth Ward as alternate.
- f) Yellowhead Regional Library  
- Sandi Benford with Garth Ward as alternate.
- g) Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)  
- Sandi Benford with Brian Johnson as alternate.
- h) Regional Emergency Services  
- Sandi Benford with Brian Johnson as alternate.
- i) Flowering Rush ACP Project  
- Sandi Benford with Garth Ward as alternate.



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- j) Chief Administrative Officer
  - Wendy Wildman, Wildwillow Enterprises Inc.
- k) Auditor
  - Auditor Appointment – Seniuk & Company
- l) Solicitor
  - Patriot Law Group Onoway
- m) FOIP Coordinator
  - Wendy Wildman, Wildwillow Enterprises Inc.
- n) Community Peace Officer
  - Town of Mayerthorpe Community Peace Officer Services Agreement – (Dwight Dawn)
- o) Subdivision & Development Appeal Board – as per agreement with Milestone Municipal Services
- p) Municipal Planning Commission
  - All of Council
- q) Designated Officers:
  - Assessor, Dan Kanuka, Municipal Assessment Services Group (*Bylaw 249*)
  - Development Authority, Diane Burtnick, Development Officer (*Bylaw 190*)
  - Planning Authority, Administration for Subdivision Approval Process, Jane Dauphinee, Municipal Planning Services (*Bylaw 191*) / Subdivision Approving Authority – Council, Summer Village of South View (*Bylaw 191*)
  - Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Clerks, Emily House and Cathy McCartney (*Bylaw 212*)
  - Assessment Review Board Clerk, Mike Primeau, Lac Ste. Anne County (*Bylaw 210*)

**CARRIED**

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4. **FINANCIAL**

**Motion #130-20**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Johnson that the following financial information be confirmed:

- a) Signing Authority, all of the Council and the Chief Administrative Officer and the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
  - Two signatures are required
  - One signature to be any member of Council (Sandi Benford, Garth Ward, Brian Johnson)
  - One signature to be the Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman or the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Heather Luhtala
- b) Banking Authority – ATB Financial.
- c) Remuneration/Reimbursement – Policy C-COU-REM-1

**CARRIED**

5. **MEETING DATES**

- a. **Regular Meeting Day/Times**

**Motion #131-20**

**MOVED** by Councillor Ward that regular Council meetings be scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. unless changed by Council.

**CARRIED**

- b. **Regular Meeting Location**

**Motion #132-20**

**MOVED** Councillor Ward that the regular meetings of Council take place at the Town of Onoway Council Chambers located at 4812-51 Street, Onoway, AB.

**CARRIED**

- c. **Notification of Council & Council Committee Meetings**

**Motion #133-20**

**MOVED** by Councillor Ward that regular meetings information be posted on the Summer Village website in accordance with Policy C-COU-MTG-1 Notification of Council and Committee Meetings.

**CARRIED**

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6. **MUNICIPAL OFFICE LOCATION**

**Motion #134-20**

**MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Johnson that the named municipal office location be confirmed as 4808-51 Street, Onoway, Alberta.

**CARRIED**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Benford declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Mayor, Sandi Benford

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Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman

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AT THE ONOWAY CIVIC CENTRE

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PRESENT: Council: Mayor Sandi Benford  
Deputy Mayor Brian Johnson  
Councillor Garth Ward

Administration: Wendy Wildman, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Heather Luhtala, Assistant CAO

Appointments: None

Public at Large: 0

	MOTION #	
1.	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Mayor Benford called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.
2.	<b>AGENDA</b> 135-20	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Ward that the August 19, 2020 Agenda be approved as presented.  <b>CARRIED</b>
3.	<b>MINUTES</b> 136-20	<b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Johnson that the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.  <b>CARRIED</b>
4.	<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>	n/a
5.	<b>BYLAWS</b>	n/a
6.	<b>BUSINESS</b> 137-20	<b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Ward that the Summer Village proceed with the refurbishment of the two Summer Village Entrance Signs at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 labour plus supplies per sign (\$3,000.00 labour plus supplies total) from Top Hat Property Maintenance Services Ltd., costs to be covered from reserve funds if required AND THAT administration obtain quotes for the frame and base design in line with the rendering provided by Councillor Ward.  <b>CARRIED</b>

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138-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Ward that Council accept for information the July 30, 2020 letter from Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Blakeman as well as support the regional municipalities and Lac Ste. Anne County in lobbying the Province with respect to the Provincial Assessment Model review and the detrimental financial impacts this will have on Lac Ste. Anne County directly and on neighbouring municipalities indirectly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
139-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Benford that the Summer Village of South View provide a letter of support to the Lac Ste. Anne Foundation regarding their intent to submit an application to the Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Sustainable Affordable Housing fund for the purpose of obtaining a Planning Grant for a needs assessment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
140-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Johnson that Council and Administration be authorized to attend the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association 2020 Fall Virtual Convention scheduled for September 23 to 25, 2020 in Calgary, Alberta (registration fee is \$100.00).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
141-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Ward that Council approve the Municipal Stimulus Program memorandum of agreement between the Province of Alberta and the Summer Village of South View and authorize execution of the agreement (allocation to South View is \$12,964.00) AND THAT a project application be submitted for Hillside playground restoration and upgrades.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
142-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Ward that the Summer Village of South View provide a letter of support further to the July 7, 2020 letter from Cold Lake Mayor Craig Copeland requesting support from Alberta Municipalities to voice their concerns with the recent Order in Council with respect to the Criminal Code Amendment respecting a Gun Ban.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
143-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Councillor Ward that Council ratify the actions of Administration in providing a letter of 'no objection' to the placement of a seasonal dock as noted providing all provincial guidelines are followed and provincial approvals are in place:</p> <p>-Robert McLeod of 214 Oscar Wikstrom Drive to place a seasonal dock off Lot P, Block 1, Plan 2647KS</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

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7.	<b>FINANCIAL</b> 144-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Johnson that Council accept for information the Income and Expense Statement as of July 31, 2020 as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
8.	<b>COUNCIL REPORTS</b> 145-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Johnson that Council accept for information the Council reports as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
9.	<b>CAO REPORT</b>	
	146-20	<p>Councillor Ward excused himself from the meeting at 10:58 a.m. citing a pecuniary interest in the matter as his spouse is the owner of one of the lots within the proposed subdivision application for Lots 1-5, Block 1, Plan 2647KS.</p> <p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Johnson that the Summer Village of South retain Michelle Gallagher of Patriot Law and Jane Dauphinee of Municipal Planning Services to represent the Summer Village at the Municipal Government Board hearing on the appeal that was filed by Alberta Environment and Parks with respect to the proposed subdivision application for Lots 1-5, Block 1, Plan 2647KS and that Mayor Benford also be authorized to attend.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
	147-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Mayor Benford that administration invite a representative from Alberta Environment and Parks to an on-site meeting with Mayor Benford to view and discuss the proposed subdivision application for Lots 1-5, Block 1, Plan 2647KS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
		<p>Councillor Ward returned to the meeting at 11:04 a.m.</p>
	148-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Johnson that Council accept for information the Chief Administrative Officer report as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

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<b>10.</b>	<b>INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE</b> 149-20	<p><b>MOVED</b> by Deputy Mayor Johnson that the following information and correspondence be accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 letter on municipal funding support for our local libraries</li> <li>b) Government of Alberta – July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 email and attachments on their Police Funding Regulation and Police Funding Model update</li> <li>c) Government of Alberta Statement of Direct Deposit on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 in the amount of \$292.00 for August FCSS funding</li> <li>d) Community Peace Officer Report – for June 2020</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>CLOSED MEETING</b>	n/a
<b>12.</b>	<b>NEXT MEETINGS</b>	Regular Council meeting and Public Hearings for the Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Development Plan have been scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
<b>13.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Mayor, Sandi Benford

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Chief Administrative Officer, Wendy Wildman

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cao@onoway.ca

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**From:** administration@wildwillowenterprises.com  
**Sent:** September 1, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Liz Turnbull; Bernie Poulin; Graeme & Sherry Horne; Graeme Horne; Sandi Benford; Garth Ward; Brian Johnson; Russ Purdy; Brenda Shewaga; Don Bauer  
**Cc:** Wendy Wildman  
**Subject:** FWD: Re: 2020 Annual General Meeting

Councils, follow up email from the ASVA.

Heather Luhtala,  
Asst. CAO  
S.V. of South View ([Sign Up for South View Connect Today!](#))  
S.V. of Silver Sands ([Sign Up for Silver Sands Connect Today!](#))  
S.V. of Yellowstone ([Sign Up for Yellowstone Connect Today!](#))  
Phone: 587-873-5765  
Fax: 780-967-0431  
Website: [www.wildwillowenterprises.com](http://www.wildwillowenterprises.com)  
Email: administration@wildwillowenterprises.com

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: 2020 Annual General Meeting  
From: "ASVA Exec Director" <summervillages@gmail.com>  
Date: 9/1/20 1:54 pm  
To: "Deb Hamilton" <execdirector@asva.ca>  
Cc: "Brenda Shewaga" <brenda.yellowstone@gmail.com>, "Dennis Evans" <d.evans@xplornet.com>, "Duncan Binder" <12028dak@gmail.com>, "Gary Burns" <gmburns45@gmail.com>, "Marlene Walsh" <marlenehwah@gmail.com>, "MIKE PASHAK" <mike.pashak@shaw.ca>, "Morris Nesdole" <mnesdole@outlook.com>, "Pete Langelle" <plangell@telus.net>, "Peter Pellatt" <ppellatt@shaw.ca>, "R.W. (Rob) Dickie" <dickie@nicholsenvironmental.com>, "Teresa Beets" <tabeets@gmail.com>

Members,

As a follow up to this notice, I have had a question on fees. You will note that **there is no fee to participate in the 2020 AGM.**

Also, as indicated in the email sent to all members on August 5th, 2020, the Board had to make the difficult decision to cancel the conference this year. The pandemic and related gathering restrictions have limited our ability to host an actual conference. The outlook for this fall does not appear to be changing in this regard and that is why the AGM will be conducted in a virtual setting.

Regards,

**Deb Hamilton**

Executive Director  
Association of Summer Villages of Alberta  
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On Tue, 1 Sep 2020 at 13:32, ASVA Exec Director <[summervillages@gmail.com](mailto:summervillages@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon members. Attached please find the official poster notice for the 2020 ASVA Annual General Meeting. Please distribute to your members of council. As the poster indicates all that participate must have their own email address in order to cast a vote at the AGM. Additional emails will be sent shortly on the Notice of a Special Resolution to Replace the Bylaws as well as the preliminary AGM Agenda.

We look forward to your participation in our virtual AGM. Closer to the meeting date, additional information will be distributed on the specifics of the Zoom meeting and protocols.

If you have any questions, please never hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

**Deb Hamilton**

Executive Director

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

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**From:** administration@wildwillowenterprises.com  
**Sent:** September 1, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FWD: 2020 Annual General Meeting  
**Attachments:** ASVA AGM Poster Notice OCTOBER 15, 2020 (1).pdf

Councillors please see below and attached for information regarding the ASVA AGM.

Heather Luhtala,  
Asst. CAO  
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Regards,

**Deb Hamilton**

Executive Director

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

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# OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR COMM-Unity

ASVA Annual General Meeting  
&  
Advocacy Panel Discussion

To register, please email: [info@asva.ca](mailto:info@asva.ca)  
and provide the following information:

Name and Title (mayor/councillor/CAO, etc)  
Email address (for each participant)

NOTE: Every participant must register with their own email address in order to vote.

ALL THAT PARTICIPATE UNTIL THE END OF THE FULL EVENT  
WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GREAT PRIZE !

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020**  
**AT 4:00 PM**

Association of Summer Villages of Alberta

*Come* **ZOOM** *with us!*



<b>VENDOR</b>		<b>VENDOR ID</b>	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>	
SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH VIEW		0000090394	01-Sep-2020	
<b>DEPOSITED AT BANK:</b> [REDACTED]		<b>DEPOSIT NO</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>BRANCH:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>ACCOUNT:</b> [REDACTED]	0068805579	03-Sep-2020	\$292.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$292.00</b>
PAYMTE E D 00397 SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH VIEW PO BOX 8 ALBERTA BEACH AB CAN T0E 0A0				

<b>DEPOSIT NO: 0068805579</b>		<b>DEPOSIT DATE: 03-Sep-2020</b>		
<b>VOUCHER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION/REASON FOR PAYMENT</b>	<b>INVOICE/CREDIT NOTE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>
ET008806	FCSS SEPTEMBER PAYMENT Total Payment From COMM & SOC SERV HEAD QUARTERS For Inquiries Call 825/468-4314	095261319FCSS090120	\$292.00	\$292.00
<b>DEPOSIT TOTAL</b>			<b>\$292.00</b>	

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September 1, 2020

Mayor Sandra Benford  
S.V. of South View  
PO Box 8  
Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0

**RE: Municipal Contribution to NSWA**

Dear Mayor Benford,

I am pleased to provide a copy of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) 2019-20 Annual Report, which summarizes the projects and collaborative partnerships that NSWA has conducted in your watershed during the past year. This important work was accomplished thanks to the generous support of over 40 municipalities in our shared watershed. We would again appreciate positive consideration by your Council for a \$0.50 per capita contribution to NSWA for 2021.

In addition to financial contributions from individual municipalities, our non-profit alliance depends on an annual operating grant from the Government of Alberta and contributions from EPCOR. More information about the NSWA, our bylaws, finances and projects can be found online at [www.nswa.ab.ca](http://www.nswa.ab.ca).

**How your financial contribution benefits your community**

In 2005, Alberta Environment appointed NSWA as the Watershed Planning and Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan River (NSR) basin under *Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability*. NSWA has made significant progress under this mandate, and in 2012 released an Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) for the North Saskatchewan River basin. This major undertaking provides advice and direction to protect the long-term supply and quality of water resources for future generations. IWMP implementation is now underway through strategic watershed partnerships with local municipalities and stewardship groups.

NSWA partners with individual municipalities and three sub-watershed alliances to assess local watershed conditions and issues, coordinate inter-municipal projects, and develop harmonized land policies to support long-term sustainability of watershed resources. NSWA also provides technical expertise, grant application support, consultant coordination and facilitation services for meetings and workshops.

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NSWA, in collaboration with its regional partners, successfully applied for over \$3.0 million worth of provincial and federal grants to support municipalities and local stewardship groups. See the attached summary table and information sheet for how NSWA can help your municipality.

NSWA is helping to address many local watershed management issues including:

- Riparian and wetland habitat conservation and restoration
- River and creek hydrology studies
- Natural areas and groundwater recharge areas protection
- Fisheries habitat and aquatic health assessments, including invasive species issues
- Long term impacts of land use changes on watershed health
- Best management practices and planning policies related to riparian, wetland and natural area protection, stormwater management and flood protection and water conservation.

NSWA is also involved in many major intergovernmental projects such as the North Saskatchewan Regional Land Use Framework, Edmonton Metro Region Growth Plan, Industrial Heartland Water Management Framework and EPCOR's Drinking Water Protection Plan. This involvement, plus its close working relationship with many Alberta government agencies, allows NSWA to connect municipalities such as yours with the best resources to address watershed issues.

NSWA would be pleased to discuss any watershed issues of concern to your municipality and to provide a briefing if requested by your Council or Administration. If an elected municipal representative would like to serve on the NSWA Board of Directors, there will be an opportunity at the 2021 NSWA Annual General Meeting for the election of new board directors.

Please feel free to contact NSWA's Executive Director, Ms. Leah Kongsrude at 587-525-6827 or [leah.kongsrude@nswa.ab.ca](mailto:leah.kongsrude@nswa.ab.ca) in this regard. Ms. Kongsrude has over 30 years of environmental experience, including ten years in municipal government, and appreciates the challenges and opportunities that municipalities face with local watershed management issues.

Thank you for your consideration. We have taken the liberty of enclosing an invoice.



Mr. Ken Crutchfield, President  
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Society

Cc: Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: NSWA Coordinated Sub-Watershed Project and Grant Summary  
How can NSWA help your Municipality with Watershed Issues?

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## NSWA Coordinated Sub-Watershed Project and Grant Summary

SUB-WATERSHED	MAJOR WATERBODIES	MUNICIPALITIES	PROJECTS
<b>HEADWATERS</b>	North Saskatchewan River Cline River Clearwater River Ram River Brazeau River Modeste Creek Strawberry Creek Wabamun Lake	Clearwater County Brazeau County Parkland County Leduc County Wetaskiwin County Town of Drayton Valley Town of Rocky Mountain House Town of Devon Town of Thorsby Village of Wabamun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$140,000 Alberta Water Resiliency and Restoration Program grant was used to map the health of riparian areas along the Modeste and Strawberry Creeks. This data will be used to conserve or restore high priority riparian areas that will provide greater flood/drought resistance, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. The GIS data will be made accessible through an online web portal with information friendly format for the public and a detailed technical format for municipal planners.</li> <li>• The Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan is being finalized with involvement of local municipalities and lake stewardship groups</li> </ul>
<b>STURGEON RIVER</b>	Sturgeon River Isle Lake Lac St. Anne Birch Lake Matchayaw Lake Sandy Lake Kilini Creek Riviere Qu'Barre Atim Creek Carrot Creek	Lac St. Anne County Parkland County Sturgeon County City of Edmonton City of St. Albert City of Spruce Grove Town of Stony Plain Town of Onoway Town of Morinville Town of Gibbons Summer Villages of Lac Ste. Anne County East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$512,000 from three provincial and federal grants was used to summarize information on:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ surface water and groundwater hydrology</li> <li>○ wetland and natural areas</li> <li>○ water quality</li> <li>○ fisheries habitat and aquatic life</li> <li>○ riparian intactness</li> <li>○ policy and planning tools for watershed protection</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This information was used to complete a Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan (2020) which provides guidance and actions to protect the watershed.</li> <li>• A \$200,000 Alberta Community Partnership Grant was received to implement priority action items from the Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan in 2020- 2023.</li> </ul>



<b>VERMILLION RIVER</b>	Vermilion River Waskwei Creek Cotton Creek Birch Creek Campbell Creek Deer Creek Stretton Creek	County of Vermillion River County of Minburn Beaver County County of Two Hills County of St. Paul Town of Vermillion Town of Vegreville Town of Two Hills Town of St. Paul Town of Elk Point Town of Bruderheim Village of Holden Village of Innisfree Village of Myrnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A four-year, \$1.4 million Water Resiliency and Restoration Program grant to promote riparian and wetland restoration projects in the watershed. To date over 100 ha of wetlands and riparian areas have been enhanced or restored through this project.</li> <li>• A shared \$75,000 Water Resiliency and Restoration Program grant with Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance was used to assess long term land use changes in the watershed and its effect on the hydrology of the basin. This study uses ALCES, a cumulative assessment simulation assessment tool, to show the impacts of land use decisions. This tool has also been used by the Edmonton Metro Regional Board to support its planning discussions and policy.</li> </ul>
<b>BEAVERHILL</b>	North Saskatchewan River Beaverhill Creek Astotin Creek Beaverhill Lake Cooking Lake Hastings Lake Antler Lake	Strathcona County Lamont County Beaver County City of Fort Saskatchewan Town of Bruderheim Town of Tofield Town of Ryley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Land Stewardship grant was used to complete a lake management plan for Antler Lake.</li> </ul>

# Connecting You to Watershed Resources

## How can NSWA help your municipality with watershed issues?



- Growing concerns from residents related to local water issues
- Complex environmental regulations or guidelines
- Development pressures on local lakes, rivers, or creeks
- Poor lake or river water quality
- Loss of wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas

### COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS



*We facilitate inter-municipal partnerships that address watershed issues*

- Three municipally-led subwatershed groups: Headwaters, Sturgeon and Vermilion
- 40+ municipal partners both rural and urban
- Work closely with federal and provincial governments on watershed related issues

### GRANT SUPPORT



*NSWA has coordinated over \$3 million in grant funds for municipalities*

- For every \$1 municipalities contribute, NSWA has been able to secure \$4.50 in grant funds
- Studies of water quality, riparian areas, and aquatic health issues
- Helping local landowners protect or restore wetland and riparian areas

### EXPERTISE & PROJECT MANAGEMENT



*NSWA staff have knowledge of municipal watershed issues*

- Completed over 50 technical studies and management plans
- Contribute to provincial policy development
- Guided by the North Saskatchewan River Watershed Integrated Watershed Management Plan (2012)

### EDUCATION & AWARENESS



*We provide resources to help residents and council understand watershed issues*

- Monthly newsletters highlighting watershed activities and resources
- Free Educational Forums held twice a year on key watershed topics
- Website with links to watershed information, presentations, and reports

## Local Solutions for Local Issues

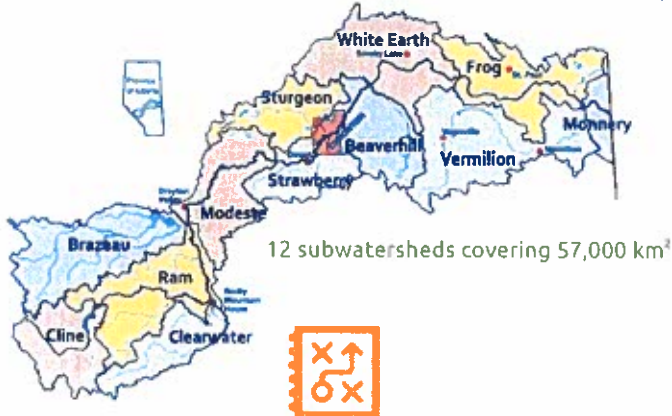
The **North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance** is a non-profit organization designated by the Province of Alberta as a Watershed and Planning Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan River watershed.

Learn more by visiting our website [nswa.ab.ca](http://nswa.ab.ca)





**NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER WATERSHED**



**WE PLAN**

**WE WORK WITH OTHERS TO FIND WAYS TO INTEGRATE LAND AND WATER PLANNING TO IMPROVE WATERSHED FUNCTION**



**WE ADVOCATE**

**WE ADVOCATE FOR THE PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY, WATER SUPPLIES AND ECOSYSTEM HEALTH THROUGH WATERSHED MANAGEMENT**



**WE SHARE**

**WE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WATERSHED AND CREATE FORUMS FOR SHARING THAT INFORMATION**

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHY AND RESILIENT WATERSHED**

**VISION**

*People working together for a healthy and functioning North Saskatchewan River watershed – today and tomorrow.*





The NSW Board consists of 18 representatives from municipal, provincial government, industry, agriculture, non-governmental organizations and members at large.

**MISSION**

*To protect and improve water quality, water quantity (instream flow) and the health of our watershed by: seeking, developing and sharing knowledge; facilitating partnerships and collaborative planning; and working in an adaptive management process.*



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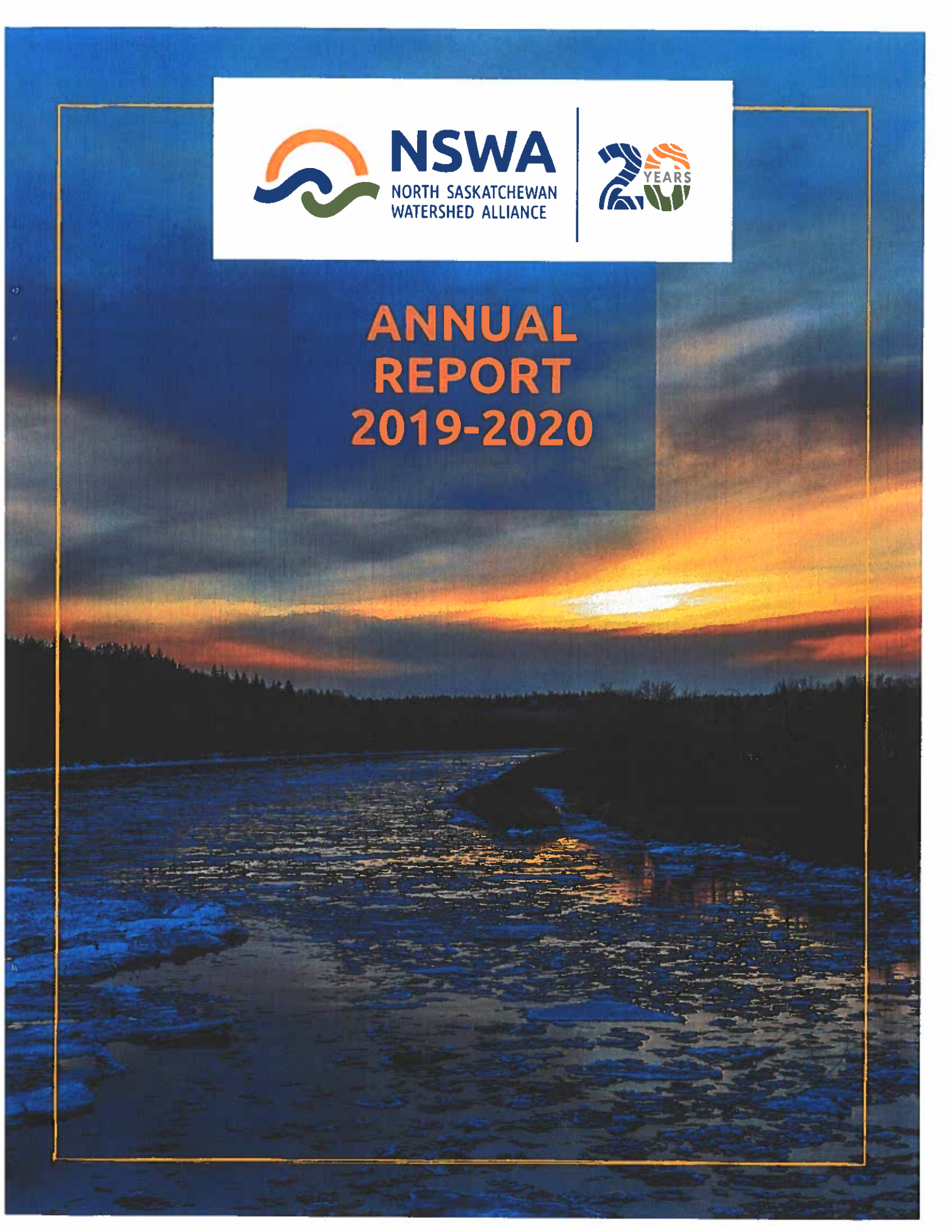




**NSWA**  
NORTH SASKATCHEWAN  
WATERSHED ALLIANCE



**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2019-2020**



# OUR APPRECIATION

We are grateful to the many supporters of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA). We would not be able to facilitate partnerships, complete studies or share knowledge in our watershed without the time and resources provided by our contributors.

We acknowledge the **Government of Alberta** for providing a multi-year operational grant and important contributions from **EPCOR** and many **municipalities** in our watershed. Our partners contributed \$715,000 of financial support and over \$600,000 of in-kind support to NSWA in 2019-2020.



Counties	Cities and Towns	Villages and Summer Villages
<p>Beaver County Brazeau County Clearwater County Lac Ste. Anne County Lamont County Leduc County Parkland County St. Paul County Smoky Lake County Strathcona County Sturgeon County Thorhild County County of Minburn County of Two Hills County of Vermilion River</p>	<p><b>Cities:</b> Edmonton Fort Saskatchewan St. Albert</p> <p><b>Towns:</b> Bruderheim Devon Drayton Valley Gibbons Onoway Rocky Mountain House St. Paul Smoky Lake Vegreville Vermilion</p>	<p><b>Villages:</b> Holden Innisfree Spring Lake</p> <p><b>Summer Villages:</b> Betula Beach Horseshoe Kapasiwin Lakeview Ross Haven Seba Beach South View Sunset Point West Cove Yellowstone</p>

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NSWA is celebrating *20 years of watershed leadership* this year and we are marking the occasion with many special initiatives.

- We shared over 700 copies of our special edition 2020 anniversary calendar which included stunning photographs of our 12 subwatersheds. There was such a high demand for them that we had to reprint them twice!
- A "Do you Remember?" section in our monthly newsletter that showcases important people and events in NSWA's 20 year history.
- Both NSWA Educational Forums this year will focus on "20 Years of Partnerships" and the successes of working collaboratively on watershed issues.

Our longstanding work will also be recognized at the 2020 Alberta Emerald Awards with NSWA being a finalist in the Non-Profit category for *20 Years of Watershed Management Excellence*.

A special thank you to the many staff members, board directors and supporters over the last 20 years who have made NSWA the great organization it is today.

*Leah Kongsrude, Executive Director*



## NSWA STAFF



### NSWA AGM June 2019

Back row, left to right: *Rachel Bootsma, Mary Ellen Shain, David Trew, Gord Thompson, Ellen Cust*

Front row, left to right: *Leah Kongsrude, Addison Brown, Billie Miltholland, Elisa Brose, Mara Erickson, Michelle Gordy*

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The NSWA is a multi-stakeholder watershed partnership incorporated as a non-profit society in 2000 and designated as a Water Planning and Advisory Council by the Government of Alberta in 2005.

The work of NSWA is guided by an **18 member multi-stakeholder Board** that provides strategic direction and advice to the organization to achieve its vision and mission. We appreciate our Board members ongoing dedication and support.

## BOARD MEMBERS

NSWA AGM June 2019

Back row, left to right: *Al Corbett, John McNab, Bill Fox, Jason Wilkins, Tony LeMay, Bob Winship, John Thompson*

Front row, left to right: *Ken Crutchfield, Leah Hamonic, Bart Guyon, Jim Duncan, Laurie Danielson, Steve Craik, Jamie Bruha, Jacquie Hansen*

Missing: *Aleta Corbett, Jatinder Tiwana*



## NSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020

### Agriculture

Bill Fox, *Alberta Beef Producers*

### Forestry

Bob Winship, *Weyerhaeuser*

### Industry

Dr. Laurie Danielson, *NCIA*

### Member-at Large

John Thompson

### Federal Government

*vacant*

### Municipal

Al Corbett, *Alberta Drainage Council*

Jim Duncan, *Clearwater County*

Bart Guyon, *Brazeau County*

Jacquie Hansen, *City of St. Albert*

John McNab, *Parkland County*

### NGO

Ken Crutchfield, *Alberta Chapter Wildlife Society*

Leah Hamonic, *Antler Lake Stewardship Committee*

### Provincial Government

Jamie Bruha, *Alberta Environment and Parks*

Tony LeMay, *Alberta Energy Regulator*

### Utility

Dr. Stephen Craik, *EPCOR*

Aleta Corbett, *TransAlta*

### Advisory

Jatinder Tiwana, *City of Edmonton*

**Board Directors volunteered over 900 hours for an in-kind contribution of over \$110,000 in 2019-2020**

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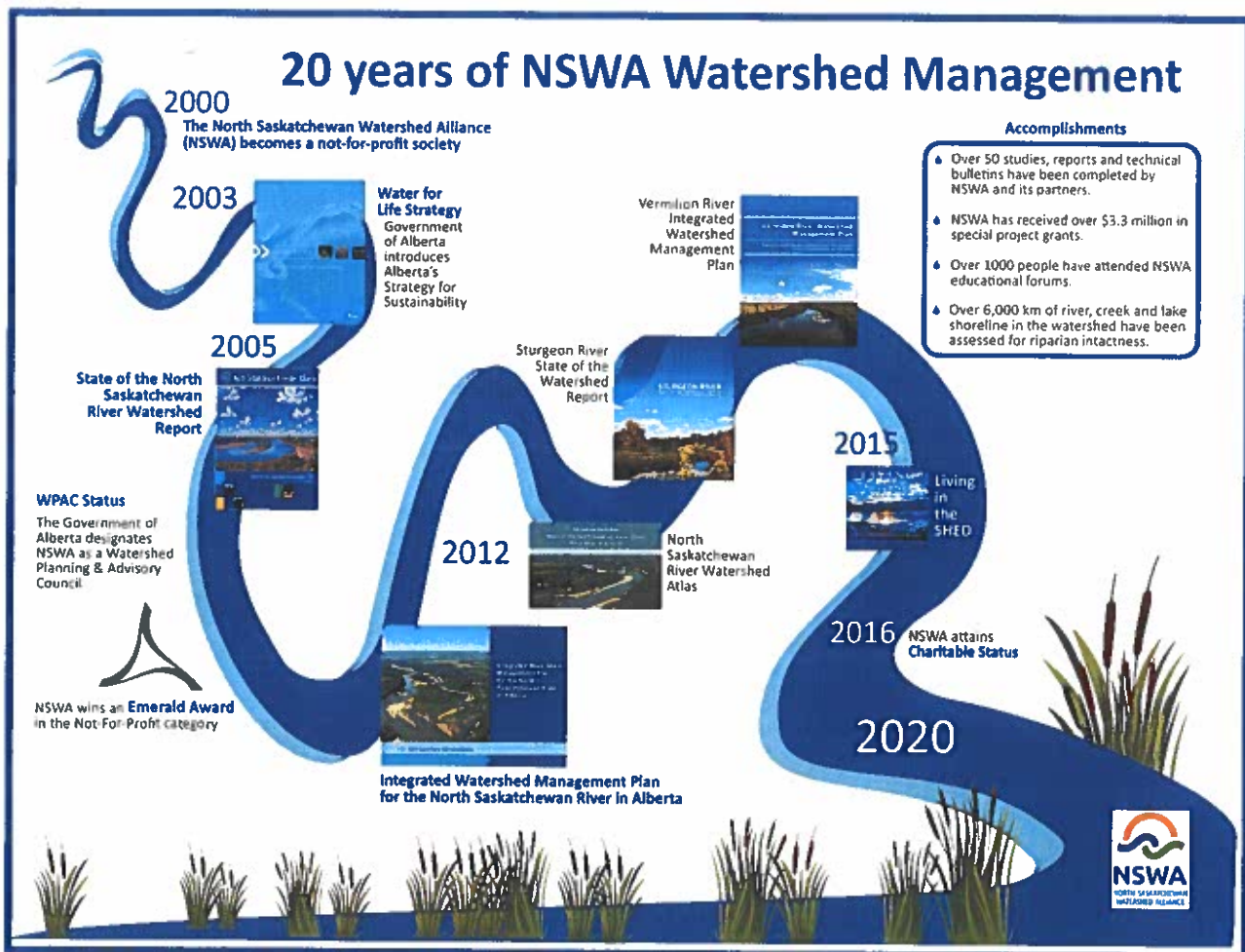
# A BRIEF HISTORY OF NSWA 2000 TO 2020

In the late 1990's, **EPCOR, TransAlta, Trout Unlimited, Agriculture and Agrifood Canada** and the **City of Edmonton** were all working on initiatives related to the health of the North Saskatchewan River. In 1997 they amalgamated to form the *North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance*. In 2000 NSWA became a registered non-profit society.

The NSWA became the designated Watershed Planning and Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan River (NSR) in 2005, two years after the Alberta [Water for Life Strategy](#) was adopted by the province.

The NSWA produced the [State of the Watershed](#) report in 2005 and the [Integrated Watershed Management Plan](#) in 2012. In total, NSWA has completed over 50 studies and published the *North Saskatchewan River Watershed Atlas* and the book *Living in the Shed*.

NSWA has provided a forum for sharing knowledge and collaborating on issues affecting the North Saskatchewan River watershed in Alberta for 20 years.



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# NSWA STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2021

The NSWA Board has a 3-Year Strategic Plan that has **four goals to achieve the vision and mission** of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance. The goals also align with the mandate of Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils set out by Alberta Environment and Parks.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

**Goal 1:** *The NSWA supports Collaborative Watershed Planning*

**Goal 2:** *The NSWA provides Leadership in Watershed Management*

**Goal 3:** *The NSWA promotes Watershed Knowledge Sharing*

**Goal 4:** *The NSWA remains a Functional and Sustainable Organization*

The four goals are further defined by key objectives and actions which direct the work of the NSWA organization.

The Strategic Plan is reviewed annually by the NSWA Board to adjust for new opportunities and challenges and to assess the progress of the Plan.

In 2020, the Board approved three key short term strategic directions:

- **Concentrate Outreach and Collaboration on Key Watershed Stakeholders**
- **Focus Efforts and Resources on Subwatershed groups**
- **Identify ways to Measure the Success of the NSWA**



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Collaborative partnerships are the core to successful watershed planning for the NSWA. Our strong relationships with **government agencies, municipalities, industry, non-governmental organizations and watershed stewardship groups** provide us with the ability to align our work with our key stakeholder's watershed issues and projects.

## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

HEADWATERS ALLIANCE	STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE	VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE	LAKE PARTNERSHIPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brazeau County</li> <li>• Clearwater County</li> <li>• Leduc County</li> <li>• Parkland County</li> <li>• Wetaskiwin County</li> <li>• Town of Devon</li> <li>• Town of Drayton Valley</li> <li>• Town of Rocky Mountain House</li> <li>• EPCOR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lac Ste Anne County</li> <li>• Parkland County</li> <li>• Sturgeon County</li> <li>• City of Edmonton</li> <li>• City of St. Albert</li> <li>• City of Spruce Grove</li> <li>• Town of Gibbons</li> <li>• Town of Morinville</li> <li>• Town of Onoway</li> <li>• Town of Stony Plain</li> <li>• Village of Alberta Beach</li> <li>• Summer Villages of Lac Ste Anne &amp; County East</li> <li>• Alexander First Nation</li> <li>• Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation</li> <li>• Metis Nation of Alberta</li> <li>• Big Lake Environmental Support Society</li> <li>• Alberta Conservation Association</li> <li>• Wagner Natural Area Society</li> <li>• Alberta Environment and Parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beaver County</li> <li>• Lamont County</li> <li>• County of Minburn</li> <li>• County of Two Hills</li> <li>• County of Vermilion River</li> <li>• Town of Two Hills</li> <li>• Town of Vegreville</li> <li>• Town of Vermilion</li> <li>• Village of Holden</li> <li>• Village of Marwayne</li> <li>• Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</li> <li>• Alberta Environment and Parks</li> <li>• Alberta Drainage Council</li> <li>• Alternative Land Use Services Canada</li> <li>• Ducks Unlimited Canada</li> <li>• Holden Drainage District</li> <li>• Lakeland College</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkland County</li> <li>• Strathcona County</li> <li>• Antler Lake Stewardship Committee</li> <li>• Hubbles Lake Stewardship Society</li> <li>• Jackfish Lake Management Association</li> <li>• Lake Isle Lac Ste Anne Stewardship Association</li> <li>• Mayatan Lake Management Association</li> <li>• Wabamun Watershed Management Council</li> <li>• Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Organization</li> <li>• Lakes of Parkland County Group</li> <li>• Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS)</li> <li>• Alberta Environment and Parks</li> </ul>

### SUBWATERSHED ALLIANCES:

33 Municipalities  
 11 Non-governmental Groups  
 5 Government Agencies

PROVIDED  
 OVER 1000  
 IN-KIND  
 HOURS

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## RIPARIAN HEALTH ACTION PLAN

The Riparian Health Action Plan (RHAP) has three phases:

- **Create an inventory** using satellite imagery that assesses the overall condition of riparian areas.
- **Collaborate with local municipalities and landowners** to develop riparian bylaws and guidelines that complement provincial regulations.
- **Support programs** that enable and assist landowners to retain, restore and replant riparian vegetation on their own land.

The NSWA received a \$130,000 Watershed Restoration and Resiliency grant to address Phase 2 of RHAP.

## RIPARIAN WEB-PORTAL

This project, initiated by the Headwaters Alliance in 2017, is creating a **website** where riparian assessment data, as well as information on riparian restoration projects and programs is available to the public.

## MODESTE NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Led by **ALUS Canada**, this project was developed with the Headwaters Alliance, Parkland County, Innotech Alberta and the University of Guelph.

It will evaluate the **financial benefits** of conserving and enhancing natural infrastructure on agricultural lands.

Over 6,000 kilometers of river, creek and lake shorelines have been assessed for riparian intactness - More to come!



2019-2020 Headwaters Committee

In August 2019, the **Headwaters Alliance** hosted a **River Tour** where participants learned about the history and ongoing management of watershed health in Alberta.

Four historic voyager canoes were filled with a spectrum of people from the province and municipalities, including many elected officials.



In August 2019 over 30 people participated in the Headwaters canoe trip

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The NSWA has been working with 12 municipalities in the Sturgeon River subwatershed to develop the **Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan** that will address local watershed issues with local solutions.

The **SRWA** includes a Steering Committee of elected officials and a Technical Advisory Committee of municipal staff, non-governmental organizations and technical experts.

## STURGEON RIVER PROJECTS

Several key studies on the Sturgeon River Watershed were completed in 2019-2020:

- *Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan* (March 2020)
- *Sturgeon River Watershed Recommendations for Planning Alignment* (February 2020)
- *Strategic Priorities to Improve Sturgeon River Watershed Resiliency* (July 2019)

**The SRWA received a \$200,000 Alberta Community Partnership Grant for implementation of the Watershed Management Plan.**



## WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The SRWA completed a draft of a watershed management plan for the Sturgeon River watershed in January 2020. The watershed management plan includes **six outcomes**:

- **Policies and Plans** are well-informed and align to support a healthy watershed.
- All residents have access to **safe, secure drinking water** supplies, whether they are on public or private systems or draw from surface or groundwater.
- **Aquatic Ecosystems**, including our rivers, lakes, wetlands and other water bodies, are healthy.
- The importance of water quantity is recognized and **reliable, quality water supplies** are available for people, livestock and a sustainable economy.
- **Wise land use** ensures the cumulative effects of growth and development are mitigated, the land is resilient to climate change and individuals and communities are well prepared for flood and drought events.
- **Residents and stakeholders** support the Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan and are willing to participate in local and regional initiatives to improve watershed health.

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# VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

## ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

In 2019-20, **VRWA** activities focused on celebrating Vermilion River Watershed stewardship successes.

- **Two Hills Trade Show** -The VRWA had a booth at this well-attended trade show in the watershed where county restoration projects were highlighted.
- **Lamont County "Living with Water" Beaver Workshop**- Co-hosted by Lamont County, Cows & Fish, and the VRWA, this event emphasized the importance of beavers to watershed integrity and resilience, and shared information on (non-lethal) methods of beaver management.
- **Lamont County Open House** -NSWA shared information with Lamont County residents about the restoration and enhancement work in their watershed.
- **River Revival Planting Event** -NSWA and VRWA in partnership with the Agroforestry Woodlot Extension Society (AWES), the Town of Vegreville, and the Vegreville Regional Museum to host a public "River Revival" event on the museum grounds. The goals of the event were three-fold:
  - To educate about riparian areas and "eco-buffers"
  - To plant over 300 in native plants
  - To celebrate VRWA successes with a BBQ
- **Ryley Sports Days**-Increased the profile of both watershed alliances, and informed attendees about the restoration and enhancement work done in their watershed.



River Revival - Vegreville - June 2019

*Michelle Gordy* has taken on the role of Watershed Planning Coordinator for the VRWA.

*Mara Erickson* is now with Environment and Climate Change Canada. We wish her the very best in her new position.

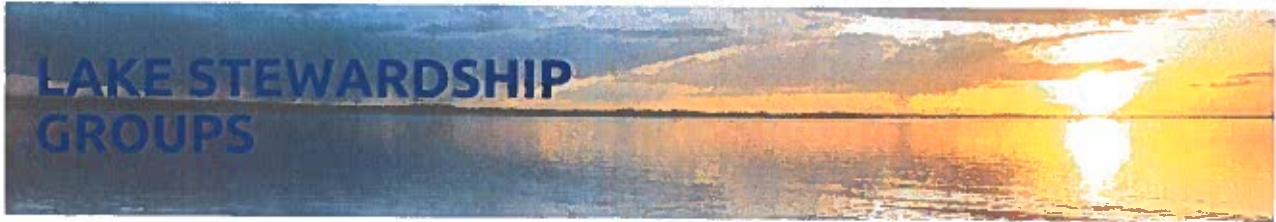
## RESTORATION PROJECTS

The NSWA and VRWA have been working with landowners in the Vermilion watershed since 2016 to restore and enhance wetlands and riparian areas.

In 2019-2020, **five projects enhanced 3.79 kilometers of riparian areas** along the Vermilion River, creeks and tributaries and **2.90 hectares of wetland areas**.



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The important partnerships the NSWA has with Watershed Stewardship Groups under the Water for Life Strategy is reflected in our work with many lake groups.

### FUTURE OF LAKE MANAGEMENT

The NSWA has over 680 named lakes in our watershed and many are under increased development and recreation pressures. The NSWA is reviewing **who, what, where and how** lake management has evolved in our watershed .

We are working with the Alberta Environment and Parks, Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) and other groups to identify opportunities for alignment and collaboration on lake management issues.

A good example of collaboration is the development of the **Lakes of Parkland County** group (*Hubbles, Isle, Jackfish, Lac Ste Anne, Mayatan, Wabamun and Wizard Lakes*). These Watershed Stewardship Groups are discussing the benefits of working together to share knowledge and resources.

### LAKE STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES

NSWA works with Alberta Environment and Parks, ALMS and the Land Stewardship Centre to share lake stewardship information and support.

NSWA staff attended the **2019 ALMS Workshop** at Lake Chestermere to share our lake knowledge, learn more about lake issues across Alberta and enjoy a kayak outing with fellow attendees.

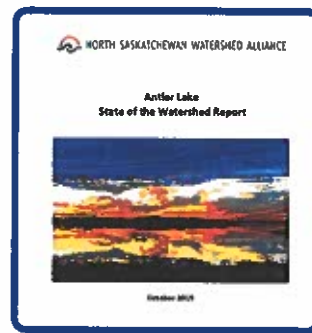


Paddlers on Lake Chestermere

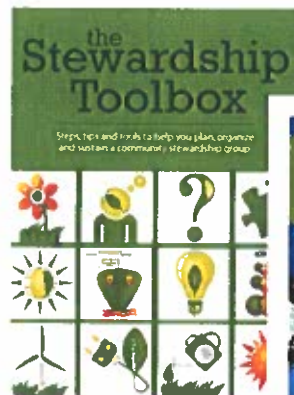
### LAKE MANAGEMENT STUDIES

NSWA has been facilitating the development of the Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan with a Steering Committee consisting of:

- Local Lake Stewardship groups
- Municipalities
- NSWA
- Alberta Environment and Parks



The NSWA completed the **State of the Watershed Report for Antler Lake**. The NSWA will sharing the report with the Antler Lake Stewardship Committee and Strathcona County to highlight the findings of the report.



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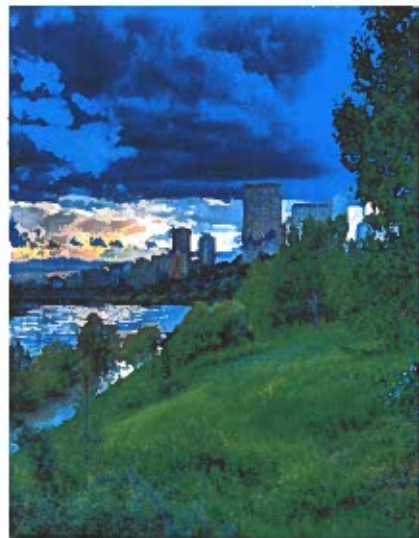
The NSWA reviews and prioritizes watershed management projects to maximize partnership opportunities and use of resources. In addition to the three subwatershed Alliances, this includes providing advice on Government of Alberta policy, framework and guidelines projects.

## North Saskatchewan River WaterSHED Monitoring Program

The [WaterSHED Monitoring Program](#) is a unique partnership between:

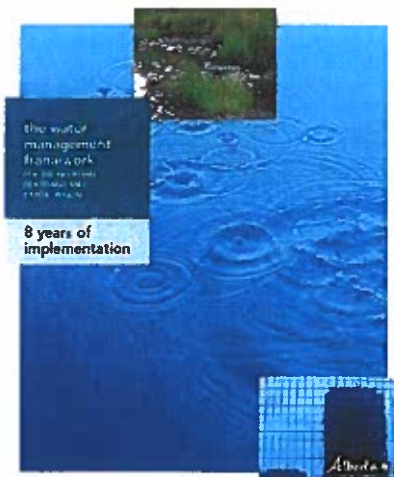
- Alberta Environment and Parks
- EPCOR
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
- City of Edmonton

By combining and coordinating resources this collaborative partnership has created the North Saskatchewan River's most **comprehensive river monitoring program**.



**19 new or upgraded water quality monitoring stations from the headwaters of the North Saskatchewan River to the Saskatchewan Border.**

## Industrial Heartland /Capital Region Water Quality Management Framework



NSWA participates in Alberta Environment and Parks Implementation Advisory Committee for the [Water Quality Management Framework](#) for the Industrial Heartland and Capital Region.

The Water Management Framework for the Industrial Heartland and Capital Region presents a **collaborative, cumulative effects management approach** to protect the reach of the North Saskatchewan River, from Devon to Pakan, which is directly impacted by municipal and industrial effluent discharge.

The Framework has been under development since 2007 and the will be added into the new provincial North Saskatchewan Regional Plan.

## North Saskatchewan Expanded Riparian Assessment Project

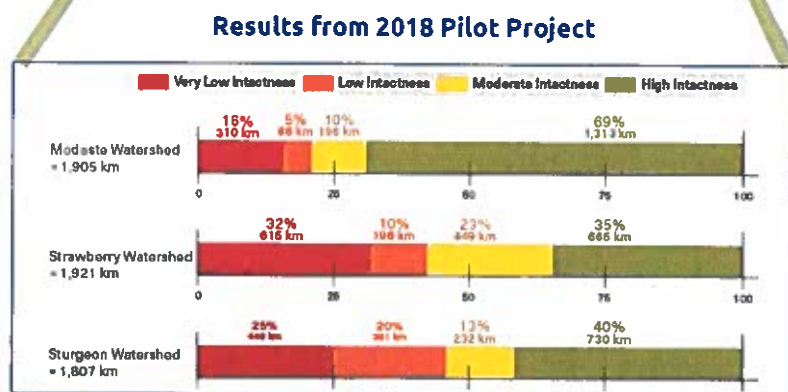
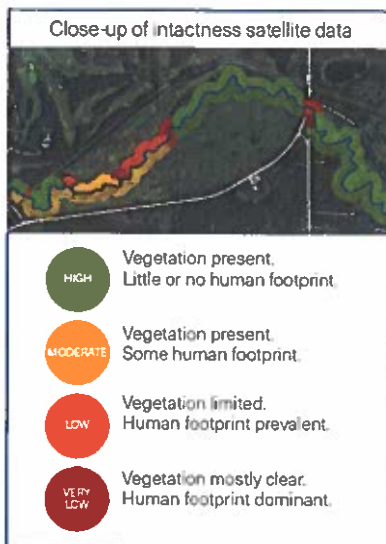
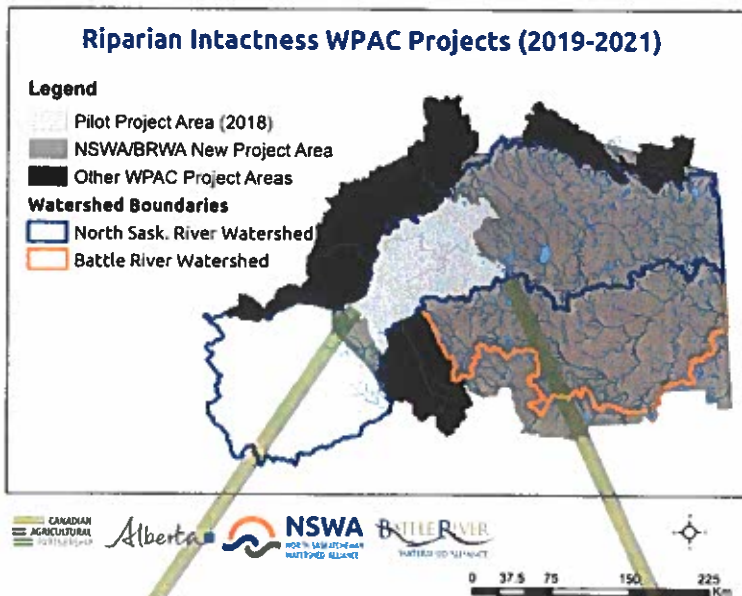
In 2018, a **new riparian assessment method** piloted in the Modeste subwatershed provided a detailed review of over 1800 kilometers of shorelines. This assessment provides a high level overview of the intactness and pressure on riparian systems for large areas. This method was also used in the Strawberry and Sturgeon subwatersheds in 2019 and a total **over 6000 kilometers** was assessed.

The NSWA received a \$500,000 grant from the Canadian Agricultural Partnership program to expand the riparian assessment of the watershed into an **additional five subwatersheds**:

- *Beaverhill*
- *White Earth*
- *Vermilion*
- *Frog*
- *Monnery*

NSWA is partnering with the **Battle River Watershed Alliance** to maximize use of resources and expertise. Once the assessment is complete the project will also include stakeholder workshops on how to use this new information.

Three adjacent Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils are also proposing to use the new method including the Athabasca, Beaver and Red Deer councils.



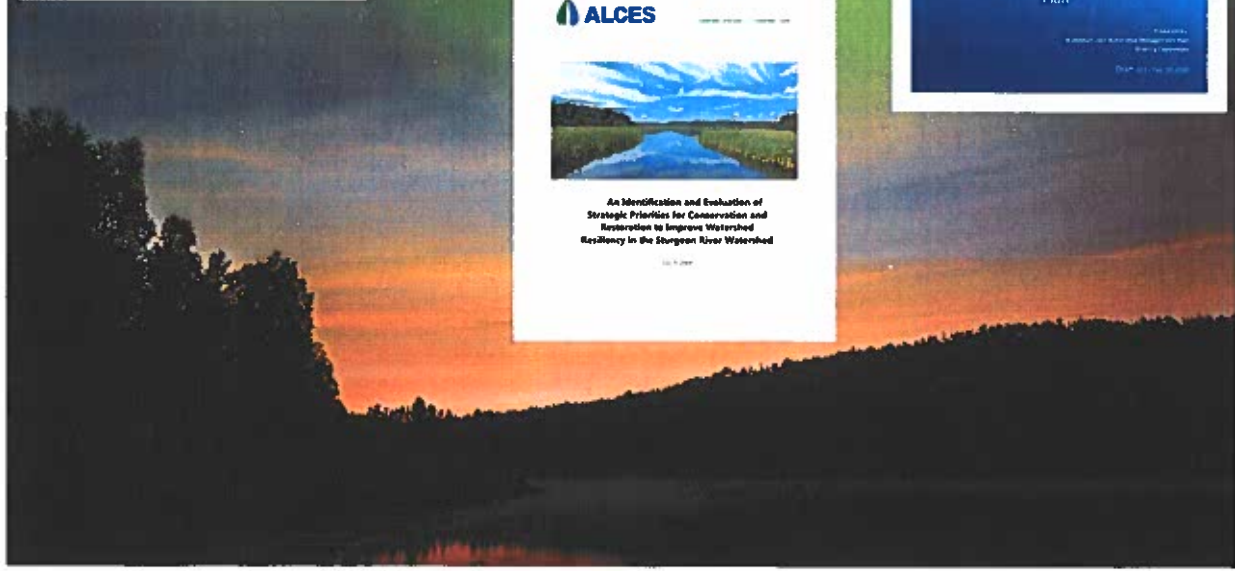
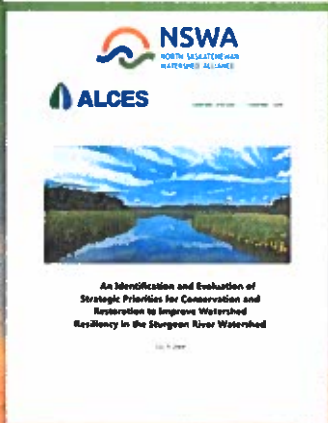
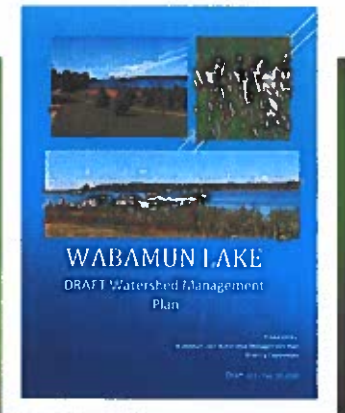
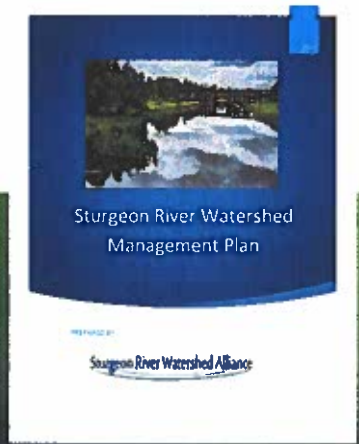




The NSWA has completed over **50 studies**, reports and technical bulletins on the North Saskatchewan watershed. **Six new reports** were completed in 2019-2020 and you can find all our reports on the NSWA website. There is now a dedicated **RESOURCES** web page that includes search functions by type of report, topic and subwatershed.

- *Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan (March 2020)*
- *Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan (January 2020)*
- *Recommendations for Planning Alignment (February 2020)*
- *Antler Lake State of the Watershed Report (October 2019)*
- *Strategic Priorities to Improve Sturgeon River Watershed Resiliency (July 2019)*
- *Strategic Priorities to Improve Vermilion River Watershed Resiliency (July 2019)*

**Over 50 watershed reports are available on the NSWA website**



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The NSWA is a key resource for watershed information on the North Saskatchewan River watershed and focuses its communications efforts on strategic issues with its key stakeholders. We align and compliment the communications efforts of Alberta Environment and Parks, Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils and other watershed organizations to reinforce watershed knowledge and stewardship messages.

### NSWA WEBSITE



*The NSWA website averages 800 visits per month*

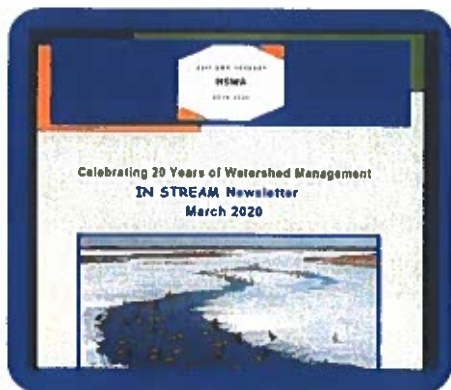
### 20TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

NSWA published a special anniversary calendar for 2020 with **watershed photos and information**, and distributed it to members and new MLAs in the watershed.



### MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletters keep over **750 subscribers** informed of watershed news and upcoming events.



### SOCIAL MEDIA

**Twitter: 2536 followers**  
**Facebook: 830 followers**  
**Linked In: 504 connections**  
**Instagram: 202 followers**



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# NSWA 2019 - 2020

4,000+ followers on social media

- 2 Summer Students
- 28 Events
- 17 Communities
- 7 Subwatersheds

spoke with 844 people

3 Subwatershed Alliances

- 33 Municipalities
- 11 Non-government Groups
- 5 Government Agencies

2 Educational Forums attended by 200+ people

Meetings with Watershed Leaders

70+ board of directors, steering committees, technical advisory committees, non-government organizations, stewardship groups, municipalities, industry, government departments

Over 50 watershed reports available on NSW website

750+ Newsletter subscriptions

800+ Monthly website visits



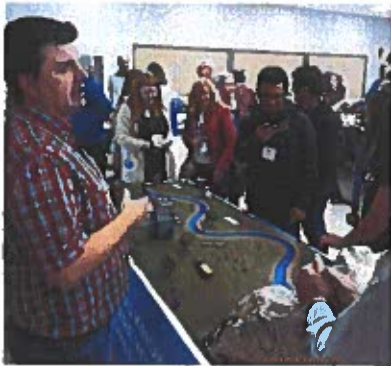
Over 1100 people have attended NSWA Forums since 2013

### EDUCATIONAL FORUMS

In 2019-2020 NSWA held two educational forums:

- *Drinking Water Protection - Successes and Challenges (October 2019)*
- *20 Years of Progress in Watershed Management - Celebrating Partnerships (February 2020)*

NSWA continues to receive very positive feedback on our forums and will continue to use input from attendees to select watershed topics. All forum presentations are posted on the NSWA website.



EPCOR Watershed Model



NAIT students and instructors attend October 2019 Forum

### WATERSHED EVENTS

In 2019, NSWA designed a **tent for outreach events** which features a map of the watershed, diagrams explaining 'what is a watershed', and subwatershed information.

With the help of two summer students, Rachel and Addison, NSWA attended over **26 events**, and visited over **17 communities** in 2019-2020 including :

- *EPCOR's Riverfest - Edmonton*
  - *Clean and Green Riverfest - St. Albert*
  - *Canada Day -Fort Saskatchewan*
  - *River Revival Tree Planting - Vegreville*
  - *Rodeo Promenade - Tofield*
  - *Pioneer Days - Gibbons*
- and many more events!

EPCOR's Riverfest -NSWA Outreach Tent



River Revival Tree Planting- Vegreville



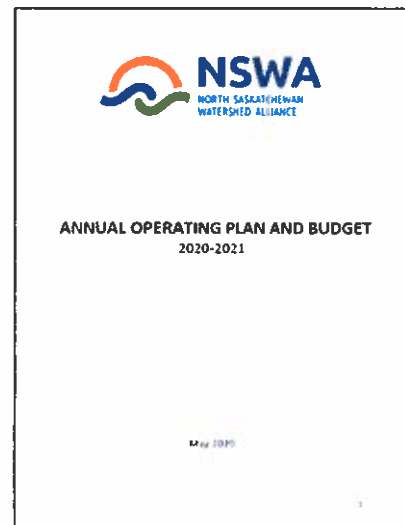
The NSWA is a registered non-profit society guided by an 18-member multi-stakeholder board and currently has **five full time staff**. We rely on funding from Alberta Environment and Parks, EPCOR and municipal contributions to fund our core operations. Watershed management specific project work is funded through separate federal and provincial grants, and municipal and watershed stewardship group contributions.

## BOARD GOVERNANCE

The Board continued to work on key strategic directions of the organization through the work of five standing committees:

- *Executive*
- *Communications and Engagement*
- *Finance*
- *Governance*
- *Strategic Planning and Priorities*

A major accomplishment for the Board was the in depth review and rewrite of the **NSWA Bylaws** which were last updated in 2009. This included an in depth review of the sectors represented on the board.

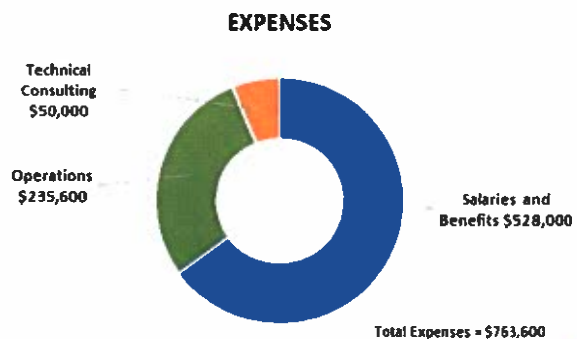
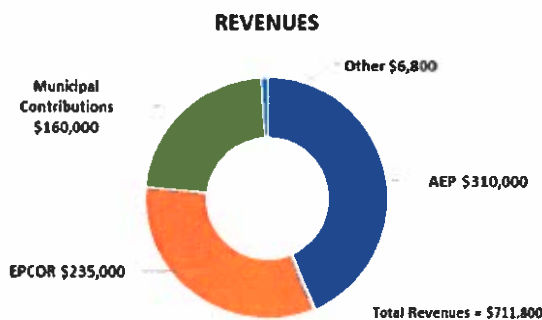


## OPERATIONAL FUNDING

The NSWA receives **core funding** from:

- An operating grant from the Government of Alberta
- A contribution from EPCOR Water Services Canada
- Municipal contributions equivalent to \$0.50 per capita

*For every \$1.00 NSWA receives in operational funding we have generated over \$3.00 in grant funding.*



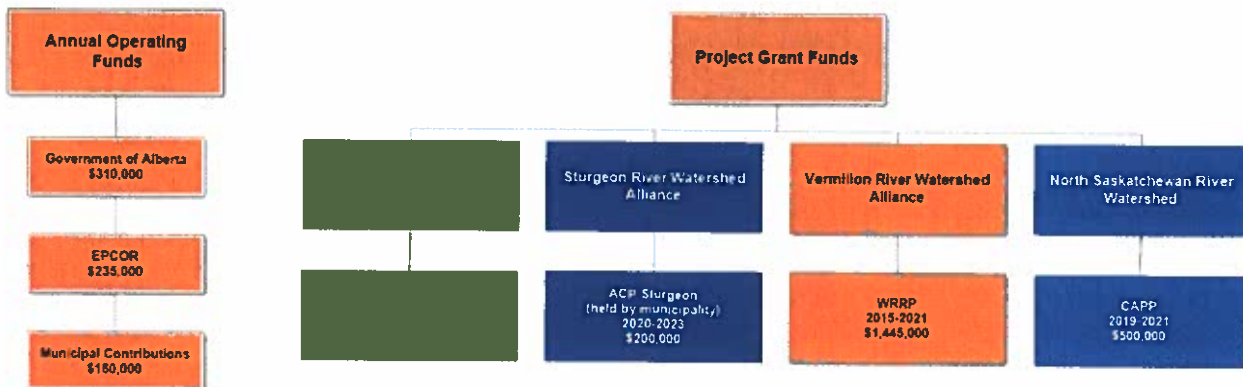
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## FUNDING SOURCES

The NSWA applies for grants from **Federal and Provincial government programs** for watershed project specific work such as technical studies and on-the-ground restoration projects. Over **\$3.0 million** worth of grants have been awarded to the NSWA in the last five years.

You can find a full copy of the NSWA 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statement on our website [www.nswa.ab.ca](http://www.nswa.ab.ca)



WRRP - Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program  
 ACP- Alberta Community Partnership  
 CAPP - Canadian Agricultural Partnership Program  
 RHAP - Riparian Health Action Plan



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## OUR VISION

*People working together for a healthy and functioning North Saskatchewan River watershed – today and tomorrow.*

## OUR MISSION

*To protect and improve water quality, water quantity (instream flow) and the health of our watershed by:*

- *Seeking, developing and sharing knowledge;*
- *Facilitating partnerships and collaborative planning; and,*
- *Working in an adaptive management process.*



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