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The Vermilion River Watershed Alliance

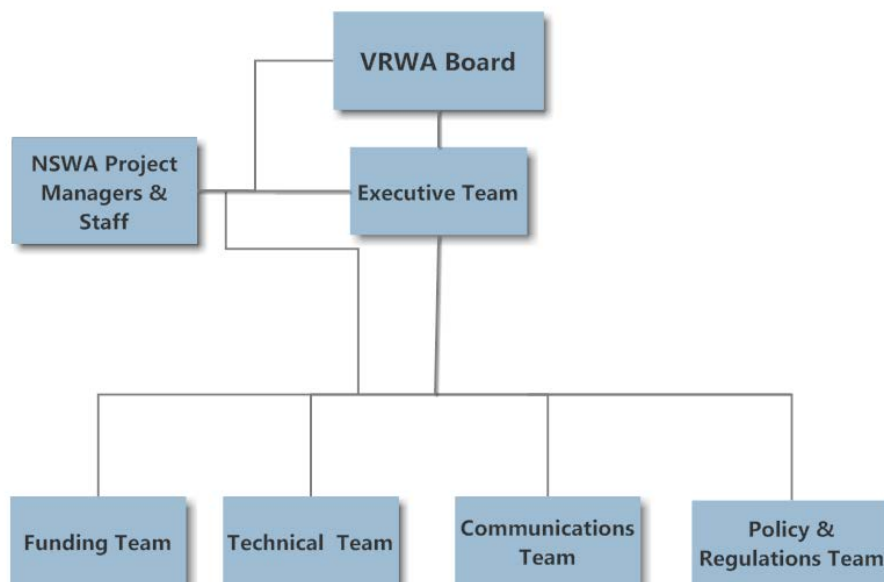
The Vermilion River Watershed Alliance is a volunteer-based not-for-profit organization composed of local key watershed stakeholders. The group started as a Steering Committee in 2009 to develop the *Vermilion River Watershed Management Plan* (VRWM Plan) which was released in December 2012 <http://www.nswa.ab.ca/content/vermilion-river-watershed-management-plan-december-2012> . On April 30, 2014, members of the Steering Committee re-grouped and recruited additional members to form the Vermilion River Watershed Management Project (VRWM Project) Implementation Team. The VRWM Project is a four year initiative, 2014-2018, to start on-the-ground implementation of the recommendations in the VRWM Plan.

The Implementation Team became a registered not-for-profit society, the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance (VRWA) on July 16, 2015. The Implementation Team is currently the first Board of Directors of the VRWA until its first Annual General Meeting.

The **Vision**: The Vermilion River watershed is a healthy and sustainable watershed.

The **Mission**: To successfully implement the 2012 Vermilion River Watershed Management Plan

The Vermilion River watershed is a subwatershed of the North Saskatchewan River watershed. Maintaining the concept of the watershed as the unit of management for human activities that affect the environment (air, land, water, and wildlife), the VRWA maintains a strong partnership with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA).



Organizational structure of the the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance

The Board of Directors of the VRWA has representatives from the following groups of stakeholders:

Municipalities – urban & rural
Government of Alberta (Environment & Parks (AEP), Alberta Transportation, and Agriculture & Forestry (AAF)
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)/NSWA Board
Academia - Lakeland College
Conservation Groups – North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) Partnership; Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC); Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Program, County of Vermilion River
Holden Drainage District (HDD)
Industry – Agriculture, Energy, Utilities or Extraction
Member-at-large/Aboriginal

Members of Implementation Team and Task Teams 2015-2016 are:

Pat Gordeyko, Two Hills County (Chairperson)
Ed Parke, County of Vermilion River (Vice-chairperson)
Candace Vanin, AAFC/NSWA Board (Executive & Technical)
Michael Barr, NAWMP (Executive & Funding)
Dave Musell, AEP (Executive & Communications)
Aimee Boese, Beaver County (Communications)
Bill Babiuk, Town of Two Hills
Bryon Wolters, DUC (Technical) or Milana Simikian
Chris Elder, ALUS (Technical)
Dale Collison, Beaver County
David Berry, Town of Vegreville (Technical)
Dwight Dach, County of St. Paul
Gary Walsh, AEP (Communications) or Ksenija Vujnovic, AEP
Jim Charpentier, HDD
Len Kryzanowski, AAF
Mel Mathison, Lakeland College (Technical & Funding)
Owen Nelsen, Counties of Minburn and Vermilion River (Technical)
Richard Yaceyko, Town of Vermilion
Roger Konieczny, County of Minburn
Stacey Hryciuk, County of Vermilion River (Communications)