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Time to Renew your membership in the NSWA or time to sign up!

If you would like to vote at the NSWA's Annual General Meeting on June 22, and be able to be nominated as a Director on the NSWA Board, it is important that you register, or renew your registration, as a member **before March 31**.

Membership is open to individuals and organizations who support our [Vision and Mission](#).

(If you are on our mailing list you will continue to receive our newsletters and notices - you do not need to sign up again for newsletters).

Thank you for your support of the NSWA.

[Renew your Membership](#)



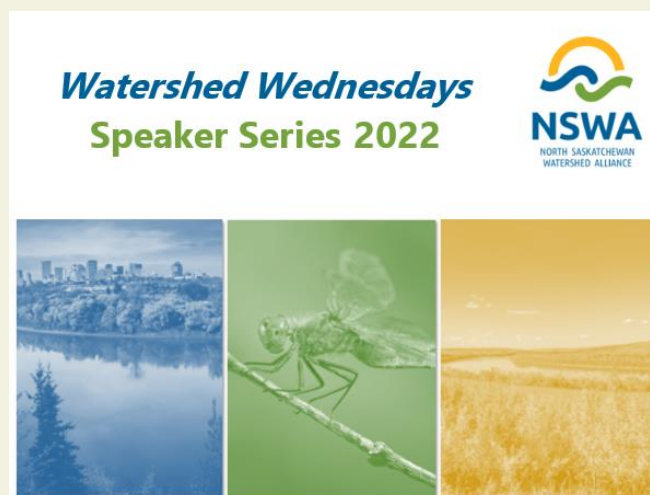
NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Our Executive Director, Leah Kongsrude, will be retiring in June. We will miss her excellent leadership and wish her well in this new phase of her life.

The NSWA is seeking a new Executive Director - for more information about this position, and how to apply, please see the job posting on our website. Deadline for applications is **April 15, 2022**.

[EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSTING](#)

WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS - April 13



The last of our online **Watershed Wednesdays Speaker Series** for this winter/spring will be held on **April 13th from noon to 1 p.m.** on Zoom. The presentations for February and March are posted on the NSWA website under [Resources/Presentations](#).

April 13th - Updates on Aquatic Invasive Species

Nicole Kimmel (Alberta Environment) and **Bernie Poulin (Summer Village of Silver Sands -Lac Ste Anne)** will give updates on invasive species in the province and on flowering rush.

Register for this online webinar on Eventbrite:

[REGISTRATION](#)

JOIN THE NSWA TEAM THIS SUMMER!



**Apply to join the NSWA team this summer!
NSWA is looking for two enthusiastic people to join our team
as Watershed Outreach Assistants**

The positions require excellent communications skills, experience with educational outreach and knowledge of watershed science.

Please share this opportunity with young people in your network who may be interested. For more information about the positions and how to apply please go to our website.

[APPLY NOW](#)

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



The work of the **Vermilion River Watershed Alliance** is featured in a new **Emerald Award documentary** film. The VRWA, along with many partners and landowners, received a 2021 Emerald Award in the Shared Footprints Category for the restoration and enhancement projects in the Vermilion River subwatershed. Take a look at this documentary film and others in a recently released video series by the Emerald Award Foundation.

[Documentary Series](#)

COAL POLICY UPDATES



Government announces expanded coal restrictions, releases final Coal Policy Committee reports & recommendations

On March 4, 2022, the Government of Alberta announced restrictions on coal development in the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies. The restrictions on new development will be in place until directions on coal activities are incorporated into updated regional land-use plans. The Government also released the final reports of the Coal Policy Committee. Concerns with the environmental impacts of coal mining ranked among the most important issues to Albertans.

News Release: [Getting it right on coal in Alberta \(Government of Alberta\)](#)

Final Report : [Recommendations for the Management of Coal Resources in Alberta](#)

Engagement Reports: [Engaging Albertans about Coal \(Coal Policy Committee\)](#)



The **Battle River Watershed Alliance (BRWA)** is hosting an event to celebrate stewardship and riparian areas! NSWA and BRWA partnered on the **Riparian Intactness Assessment project** and a series of short films were created that showcase the important functions of riparian areas, share exciting new methods for monitoring them, and celebrate work that local landowners are doing to protect them. We are proud to present these videos for the very first time at this event! This special event will be held in Camrose on April 7th - for more information and to register check the Eventbrite link!

[JOIN US!](#)

MEET OUR NSWA BOARD MEMBERS



Our featured NSWA Board member for March is **Rhonda King**.

Her position with **ALUS Canada** is currently transitioning from Western Development Lead to Director of Budgets. This new position involves the financial coordination of community, government, and corporate partnerships. Her experience is in municipal finance and management and the construction and operation of a regional water system

What is one of your favorite spots in the watershed and why?

"My favorite spot on the North Saskatchewan is near the Lea Park Bridge on highway 897. There is a lovely campground (Lea Park), golf course and easy access to walk down and fish. It is a favorite spot for many in the area and is beautiful year-round."

Any interesting hobbies that you would like to share?

"In the summertime I love to kayak. I spend many hours in my kayak enjoying nature and being on the water. Kayaking gives one a different perspective and appreciation for the biodiversity in our watersheds."

About NSWA:

"The NSWA Board has an amazing diverse group of people who are dedicated to developing short- and long-term strategies that will enhance and improve the health of the watershed for future generations. I am thrilled to be part of this organization that focuses on practical ways to engage and improve the environment."

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The **Wetland Knowledge Exchange** lists a variety of events/webinars about wetlands - check out the events [here](#).

AWES (Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society) is hosting several webinars and events including Agroforestry & Erosion Control and a Ecobuffer & Shelterbelt Workshop- for more information check their [website](#).

Effective end of day March 30, 2022, **Alberta Environment and Parks** (AEP) is transitioning its **Temporary Diversion License** application process from WATERS to the new Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS), a full lifecycle regulatory system that aligns with AEP's efforts to transform the regulatory process. More information can be found [here](#).

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) places great value on all water resources and continues to find ways to develop reliable quality water supplies for a sustainable economy. To help achieve this, AEP is gathering feedback from stakeholders on proposed amendments to the Water (Ministerial) Regulation to exempt low-risk stormwater use from requiring a Water Act licence. Additional information can be found [here](#) [Stormwater management engagement](#).

The **Environmental Law Centre** wants to let you know we just posted a new article to our website: [Water Law in Alberta: A Comprehensive Guide](#).

Nature Alberta is hosting a series of webinars, Nature Network Speaker Series, on a variety of topics from birds to bison - check out their [information](#).

Sign up now for the **Alberta Foothills Cumulative Effects Screening Tool Training Session**. The tool works to integrate a variety of environmental, community and health data to represent the cumulative effects of multiple land-uses focusing on Alberta's foothills.. Register for [March 29](#) or [March 31](#).

Aquality announces registration for "[Alberta Wetlands: From Classification to Policy](#)" is open for an upcoming online 2 day course on April 12th – April 13th 2022. Check the link for information and registration.

Check out a [podcast](#) "What about Water" from University of Saskatchewan scientist Jay Famiglietti (and head of Water Security Institute) who delves into some interesting topics.

The **Land Stewardship Center** has launched a new [website](#)! Resources, stewardship stories and more! Also check out their upcoming Green Acreages workshops.

People from local government, researchers, policy makers and educators rely on [Municipal Natural Assets Initiative](#) to keep up-to-date on the latest in measuring, managing and valuing of natural assets. Subscribe to their newsletter for more information.

Check out the [NSWA DISCOVERS](#) section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning for your family.



SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

The NSWA accepts donations through the **ATB Cares** program which matches 15% of every dollar donated to Alberta-based charities through their [ATB Cares Web Portal](#). It is easy to use and automatically issues a charitable tax receipt for donations \$10 and over.

For more information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



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