



IN STREAM NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022



NSWA's AGM on June 22, 2022

We hope that you can join us at our **in person AGM** on June 22 2022, which will be held at the Pioneer Cabin in Edmonton's River Valley. Join us to hear our project updates and to celebrate our successes in 2021-2022. We look forward to seeing you - we have missed you!

A light lunch will be served. Please register on Eventbrite so we have an idea of the number of people attending.

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WELCOME TO TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS!



NSWA is happy to welcome two new staff members, Kelsie (on the right) and Rosey! Both join us with a wide range of experience in watershed work and community engagement.

Kelsie has strong roots in environmental stewardship and aquatic ecology. She enjoys connecting with the community, learning new things and exploring the watershed. She looks forward to supporting the NSWA, subwatershed Alliances, the amazing lake groups and the biodiversity and people that call the North Saskatchewan watershed home..

Prior to joining the NSWA, Rosey worked for an Indigenous not for profit supporting community based environmental initiatives, source water protection planning, wastewater management, youth education and outreach activities, and more. She enjoys taking in the watershed's natural landscapes, whether by foot or by paddle, and forming connections to the land and the people that call the watershed home. She is excited to be a member of the NSWA team and is looking forward to supporting and learning more about all of the wonderful work taking place across the watershed!

We look forward to their input and enthusiasm as they work on many projects.

EVENTS THIS SUMMER?



Does your group or municipality have summer events that you would like NSWA to attend - either with a watershed display or to help out? If so please email us at water@nswa.ab.ca and let us know the date of your event, location and a few details and we will be in touch with you. We are looking forward to attending events in person this summer!

WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS



Our online Watershed Wednesdays Speaker Series is now over for the winter/spring. The presentations are now posted on our website under [Resources/Presentations](#) and the recordings of all of the sessions are on our [YouTube channel](#).

Keep an eye out for our future educational forums and online speaker series this fall.

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Are you a local landowner, concerned citizen or nature lover?

Check out the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance's monthly blog which features stories and projects relating to healthy water and landscapes.

APRIL'S BLOG:
A river runs through it - how a local college is engaging students to collect water quality data and memories



To learn more, go to:
<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>



Check out what students at **Lakeland College** have been up to this winter! This is a collaborative venture between the college, the NSW and the VRWA. There are other excellent blog articles about many projects in the Vermilion River watershed at vrwa.ca/blog



RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING

Healthy riparian areas are a key ingredient to a functioning watershed. How healthy are the riparian areas in your region? Where are they functioning? Where do they need restoration?

Over the last two years, we have used satellite imagery to collect Riparian Intactness Data for thousands of kilometers of rivers, creeks, and lakes in the Battle River and North Saskatchewan River watersheds, and beyond!

If you have not yet had a chance to attend one of our **Riparian Web Portal training sessions**, join us on:

Thursday May 5 and Friday May 6 from 10 a.m. to noon

In the Riparian 101 workshop, you will learn the **Why and How of the Riparian Intactness Assessment Project**, how it applies to your work, and how it can improve the health of our watersheds. This session is a prerequisite for the 102 workshop.

In the 102 workshop, you will gain login access to See and Understand the new Riparian Data and be trained on adding your projects to the site.

For more information and to register check this Eventbrite link:

[REGISTER](#)

WATCH SPRING RETURN!



The **WaterSHED Water Quality Monitoring program for the North Saskatchewan River** provides daily webcam updates at 16 monitoring stations on the River. You can watch the ice break up and the snow melting across the watershed from the mountains to the Saskatchewan border!.

NSWA partners with EPCOR, City of Edmonton and Alberta Environment and Parks on this extensive monitoring program. Check out the daily updates on the NSWA website (scroll to the bottom of the page).

[WaterSHED Monitoring](#)



The North Saskatchewan River is part of the Lake Winnipeg Basin and so we are sharing this information with you regarding the public consultation process underway on the **Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS)**. As you may be aware, efforts on Lake Winnipeg support the Clean Water and Sanitation Goal of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the FSDS aligns with this Agenda.

Public consultations on the draft strategy, which outlines goals, targets, milestones and implementation strategies to promote a clean environment and tackle the climate crisis, are open.

Have your say and help shape the path toward a cleaner, greener, and more resilient Canada. You have until **July 9, 2022** to provide your comments and feedback.

Your feedback matters – check it out: <https://www.placespeak.com/en/topic/6547-the-federal-sustainable-development-strategy-fsds/#/overview> or send written comments or videos by email to SDO-BDD@ec.gc.ca.

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

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

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** posted an article to their website: [Water Law in Alberta: A Comprehensive Guide](#).

The City of Edmonton is hosting a series of one hour lunchbox webinars on the topics of climate change, energy efficiency, climate resilience and more. Check out the [website](#) for more information!

A webinar hosted by **Putting Beavers to Work** has been posted on [YouTube](#). The virtual tour highlighted the use of tools such as pond levellers, culvert exclusion fences, and tree protection strategies for addressing some of the challenges beavers create on our landscape, while maintaining the many benefits their activities can provide. **Cows and Fish and the Alberta Conservation Association** were speakers.

A website with information on [Alberta's Native Trout](#) provides information and tools to help protect and support these important species.

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](#).

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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