

Drought and Watershed Workshop

February 29 in Forestburg



Your Land, Your Water, Your Voice

How do we keep our communities and economy strong in times of drought?

How do we maintain and improve the Battle River and its many tributaries?

How do we protect the beauty and health of the place we live?

Come to the workshop and discuss these and other topics at the Battle River Watershed Alliance's **Drought and Watershed Management** workshop, to be held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 (10:00am-3:00pm) in Forestburg (at the Forestburg Community Centre).

This workshop will provide an opportunity for watershed residents, stakeholders and municipalities to:

- * Hear back on what you and your neighbours told us about the land and water during the BRWA's November 2011 community workshops.
- * Tell us what the most pressing issues are in your region;
- * Learn more about the BRWA's work over the last year related to drought in our watersheds.
- * Hear from an expert in climate change research, David Sauchyn.

Plan to attend! This workshop is free, but pre-registration is appreciated.



Dave Sauchyn is Research Professor at the Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative (PARC) at the University of Regina. His main research interests are the climate and hydrology of the past millennium in Canada's western interior and how knowledge of the past can inform scenarios of future climate and water supplies. Dave has been an invited expert witness on climate change in the Canadian Senate and House of Commons, and at forums hosted by provincial premiers and environment ministers. Dave is currently co-directing a five-year study of vulnerability to climate extremes in Chile, Argentina, Colombia, Brazil and the Canadian prairies. He is senior editor and co-author of the book *The New Normal: The Canadian Plains in a Changing Climate* published in fall, 2010.

Meeting Agenda

9:30 Coffee and muffins

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10:00 Welcome & Opening Remarks

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BRWA Program Update

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Community Workshop Update

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FREE LUNCH

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Climate Change with Dr David Sauchyn

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