



Battle River in 2009 near Kelsey

Where Did the River Go?

A Low Flow Advisory

On June 24th 2015, a low flow advisory was issued for the Battle River Watershed resulting from a decrease in water flow levels to about 30 per cent of normal. When this happens, water withdrawals from new license holders may be limited to ensure senior license holders receive their water needs first. Municipalities who rely on the Battle River for their water supply as well as some industry stakeholders are a few of the senior water license holders. Low flow advisories also mean increased stress to fish, plants, and wildlife by decreasing the amount of available water.

For more information and the full story [click here](#).

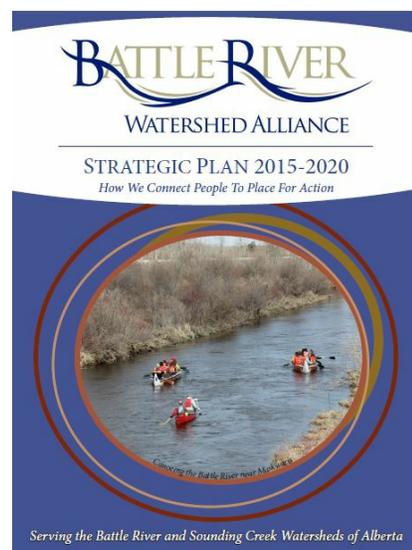
How We Connect People to Place for Action

BRWA's Strategic Plan for 2015-2020

This Strategic Plan outlines the key goals, outcomes and actions that will guide the BRWA's work over the next 5 years. It will serve as an umbrella document to be utilized by BRWA staff and committees as they develop their annual work plans. We believe our work in these areas will make a difference to the health and sustainability of our watersheds.

The four overarching goals of our work are:

- The BRWA leads watershed management planning in our watersheds.
- The BRWA ensures community members are knowledgeable and engaged with their watersheds.
- The BRWA supports the growth of a watershed stewardship ethic.
- The BRWA is a learning organization dedicated to achieving excellence.



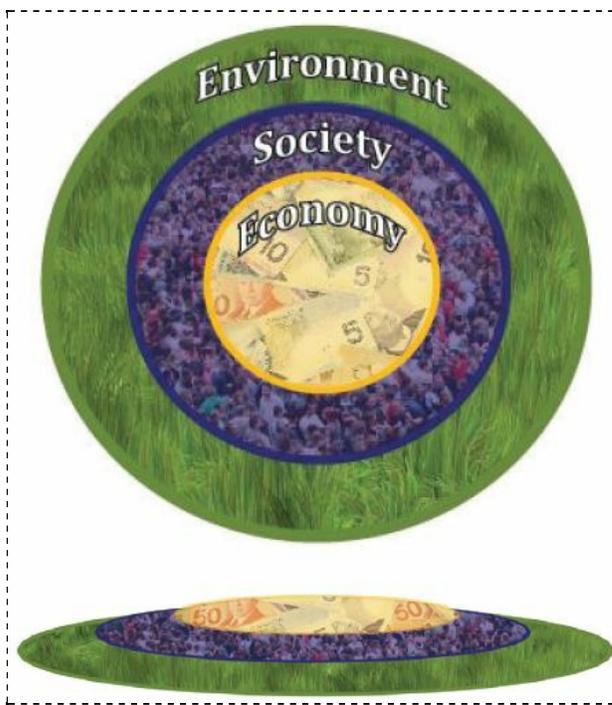
[Click here to view or download the document.](#)

Camrose Source Water Protection Initiative:

A Partnership between the City and County of Camrose, and the BRWA.

This spring, the BRWA began working in partnership with the City of Camrose and Camrose County to develop a Source Water Protection Plan for the Camrose region. A Stakeholder Advisory Committee has been created to support the planning process. Maps have been developed to gain a better understanding of current land uses in the region, and the committee is currently conducting a Source Water Risk Assessment to identify potential risks to water quality associated with those land uses. Management actions will then be developed to help address source water risks and improve water quality in the Battle River and its tributary streams. To learn more about this initiative, visit battleriverwatershed.ca/CSWPI.

Sustainability's New Look



The BRWA has adopted this new diagram for our watershed sustainability planning.

The Building Blocks of our watershed may be summarized in three key spheres: our environment, our society and our economy.

This diagram represents our belief that our communities and economy exist within the natural bounds of our environment.

Our communities are enriched through the many benefits we receive from the land, air, water and biodiversity of our watershed.

Our local economy is built and sustained through the use of our watershed's natural and social capital.

We look forward to our continued work with all watershed stakeholders to strive towards a balanced and sustainable economy, society and environment.

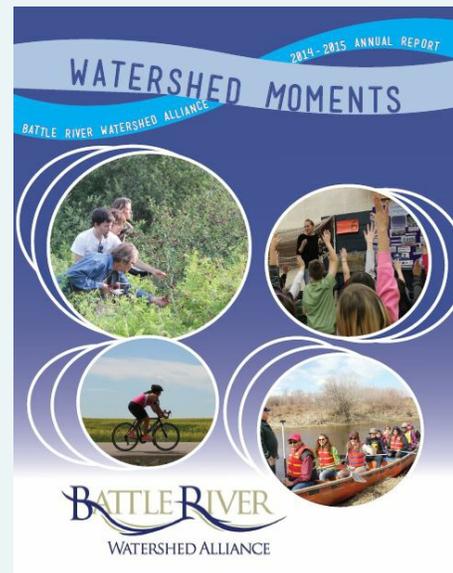
Watershed Moments

Our 2014-2015 Annual Report is now available online!

This report includes highlights from our last year in the areas of stewardship, education and outreach, watershed management planning and alliance management. You can see on the map where we have been in our variety of programs and have a sneak peak to what is ahead.

[Click here to view or download the report.](#)

Hard copies can be obtained by contacting the BRWA office.



Our Biggest Thanks

To our Board of Directors

The BRWA would like to thank our past, current and new board members who work so hard to help us improve and grow as an organization.

2015 Board members include: (represent new board members)**

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John Pattison- University of Alberta
Les Parsons- University of Alberta

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John Pearson- Landowner
Wayne Richardson- Landowner

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Environmental NGO

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Little Beaver Lake Society
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Alternatives Network

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Corinne Kelts-Special Areas 4 **
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Provincial/Federal Government

Shane Mascarin- Department of National
Defense
Jamie Bruha (Ex officio)- Alberta Environment
and Parks

Thank you to Jordon Christianson (Special Areas) and Melissa Orr-Langner (Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development) who served on the board for the last 2 years.

Upcoming Events

[The Alberta Saskatoon Pie Baking Competition](#). Saturday July 25th, 2015. Pie bakers and pie eaters are welcome!

[Battle River Watershed Festival](#). Saturday August 22nd, 2015. Miquelon Lake Provincial Park.

The BRWA needs volunteers to help at these and other events. If you are interested, please contact Nathalie at 780-672-0276.

See all of these and more upcoming events on our [Events Webpage](#).

You are receiving this email as a member of the Battle River Watershed Alliance.
We hope you enjoy our seasonal newsletters and occasional event invitation.

We welcome inquires. Please contact us anytime at:
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