

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



About the BRWA

VISION: We exist to have a watershed that sustains all life by using sound knowledge, wisdom, and wise actions to preserve our watershed for future generations.

MISSION: We achieve our vision by providing relevant science, social science, policies, and education for a diverse community of people to create solutions to our watershed's challenges.

OUR WORK: Our work focuses on two major themes of engagement and sustainability. These themes inform three key areas: Watershed Management, Watershed Engagement, and Watershed Stewardship. Our fourth overarching strategic area is Alliance Management.

Our Watersheds

The Battle River and Sounding Creek are amazing prairie-fed watersheds. Home to over 120,000 people and spanning the boreal, prairie and parkland natural regions of Alberta and Saskatchewan, these watersheds are rich in history, culture and ecology.

Beginning at Battle Lake and meandering across Alberta and Saskatchewan for some 1,100 kilometres, the Battle River eventually joins the North Saskatchewan River near Battleford, SK. From there, its waters flow on to Lake Winnipeg and Hudson Bay. While Sounding Creek has no outlet beyond Manitou Lake in Saskatchewan, it is a key water source for the people and wildlife that call the Special Areas home.

We face many challenges in our watersheds, such as degraded water quality, limited water supply, and increasing land use pressures, but we are also a resilient community of people who are able to work together to find solutions to the challenges that face us. Great work is already being done to promote the long-term health of our watersheds. This Annual Report highlights the many projects and programs the BRWA has undertaken in the past year to continue this important work.



View along Ribstone Creek

Indigenous Peoples Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land is Treaty 6 territory.

The Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds have been the home, meeting ground, and travelling route for many Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial. We acknowledge the traditional territory and ongoing presence of Indigenous Peoples and Nations within these watersheds. Their experiences, teachings, knowledge, and wisdom inform and enrich our collective efforts to care for the land, water, people, and communities of this region.

Fulfilling the spirit and intent of Treaty 6 is an ongoing process, and the Battle River Watershed Alliance is committed to building strong and respectful relationships with the Indigenous Peoples of this land, with all living beings, and with the land and water upon which we all depend. We recognize the Indigenous Peoples of this place as the original watershed keepers.

Board Message from the Co-Chairs

Since 2020, the BRWA has changed (and been forced to adapt) in several ways. As co-chairs we wanted to say a few words about the changes and the ability of our staff and board to accept, embrace and celebrate those changes as well as the direction we have taken.

First, the board has changed and in 2020 and 2021 it met, like most other organizations, virtually which has required us to adapt to other ways of communicating ideas and priorities. As happens every year, many of our board members have moved on to different challenges, but we have many new members who have provided fresh ideas and helped us address concerns effectively.

We want to thank retiring board members who filled executive positions. Barb Bosh served for many years as board chair and participated in several of the BRWA's projects, particularly by leading tours in the *Finding Common Ground* series that highlighted ways we can all be involved in improving our watershed. Lorne Ferguson served

as treasurer as well as an enthusiastic member of the team on education and stewardship projects.

We also want to thank all our staff for their dedication and, in the last two years, their resilience in accepting the changes and carrying on the important work of the organization. As is always the case, many staff members are moving to new and different challenges.

David Samm has served the BRWA well for 15 years and

has now decided the time is right to move on to retirement. David's leadership and calm demeanour have led the BRWA through many changes and has now assisted us to move onto our next phase with a new Executive Director.

Nathalie Olson has led our education efforts for many years and has been a leader in introducing programs that allow all generations to significantly contribute to our work, including *X-Stream Science* and *Caring for Our Watersheds*.

Susanna Bruneau is still with the BRWA but is now working on secondment to the Alberta WPAC Collaborative on larger policy and program issues affecting all WPACs.

Sarah Skinner remains with the BRWA and has taken on a new role as our Watershed Program Manager working with our contract staff, Kandra and Carson.

~ Alan Corbett and Ryley Andersen



Screenshot of the BRWA's virtual 2021 AGM

BRWA Board Members

The BRWA is governed by a board of directors, up to 15 individuals committed to helping us realize our vision. The directors represent various stakeholders in the region, including individuals, academia, agriculture, business/industry, and environment. We are grateful for the work and support of this board, who helped guide us through a difficult year and adapted to online meetings.

ACADEMIA

Greg King, University of Alberta - Augustana

AGRICULTURE

Khalil Ahmed, Battle River Research Group

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

Barb Bosh, Ashcor Technologies, ATCO

Dustin Owens, Heartland Generation

ENVIRONMENT

Lorne Ferguson, retired from Board, Watershed Ambassador

Ryley Andersen, BRWA Co-Chairperson

Diane Hanson, Alberta Rural Sustainable Alternatives Network

INDIVIDUAL

Midge Lambert, Watershed Ambassador

Peter Pullishy, Individual

Greg Smith, Individual, BRWA Treasurer

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Corinne Kelts, Special Areas (retired)

Alan Corbett, BRWA Co-Chairperson (Drainage Council)

Dale Pederson, Beaver County

Bill Lawson, M.D. of Wainwright

Preston Weran, Town of Blackfalds

EX-OFFICIO

Jamie Bruha, Alberta Environment and Parks

Melissa Orr-Langner, Alberta Agriculture

David Samm, General Manager of Battle River Watershed Alliance

Watershed Wit & Wisdom

Water, what is it worth to us? We drink it, wash in it, enjoy hearing it, paddle and fish on it, and like being around it! Over time I have come to realize I have taken its abundance and cleanliness for granted as we see less of it, experience eutrophic lakes, and sometimes have to ration it.

A year ago I joined the Battle River Watershed Alliance as one way to make a difference! This organization works with schools, landowners, community members, businesses, researchers, and decision makers to improve and preserve our watersheds. Our staff and board members are committed and fun to work with! Working together we can all make a difference!

~ Greg Smith, BRWA board member

What I love most about the BRWA is that it's local. Local people making decisions for our own regional context. In a time when social and environmental issues are so big and complex, it is refreshing and rejuvenating to work within the bioregion of our watershed.

When I started as the BRWA's Education and Outreach Coordinator in 2011, I was from "away". But during my 10 years on the team, I got to know the region's friendly towns, incredible people, beautiful creeks, and best restaurants. I feel very fortunate to have "localized" here and to be part of this organization. Our watershed certainly benefits from this awesome Alliance of locals.

~ Nathalie Olson, former Education and Outreach Coordinator

BRWA Staff: Changes, Old & New

FAREWELL FOR NOW

Saying farewell to employees is never easy and in 2021 the BRWA had to say “goodbye” to Nathalie Olson, our longtime Education and Outreach Coordinator. She accepted a position working with Alberta Environment and Parks and we know she will be an asset to them.

She will be missed at BRWA and remains a friend, so perhaps this is not goodbye, just farewell for now! We hope you will stop by the office. Over ten years, Nathalie was instrumental in designing and delivering many successful education and outreach programs. This included *Caring for Our Watersheds*, *X-Stream Science*, *Waste in our Watershed*, and several *Rolling Down the River* bike trips to explore the watershed. For the *Finding Common Ground* 1.0 and 2.0 Series, also designed by Nathalie, the BRWA won an Emerald Award in 2019. The Emerald Award is the highest environmental honour an organization can receive in Alberta. She was also very involved in our Watershed Festivals and the saskatoon pie events the BRWA hosted for many years. Nathalie, thank you for all you have done, and we hope the last ten years were enjoyable for you. All your hard work over the years helped make “the Battle” successful, and it has not gone unnoticed.



COLLABORATIONS & CHANGING ROLES

Since November 2021, Susanna Bruneau has been seconded to the Oldman Watershed Council, working to develop the WPAC Collaboration Initiative. She is working with all 11 WPACs to strengthen their ability to collaborate successfully by discussing expectations and creating some guiding principles and procedures. Together, they will develop a flexible and inclusive process that WPACs can use to guide collaborative decision-making and information sharing, based on integrated watershed management plans, state of the watershed reports, knowledge of the board members, and other knowledge keepers. The process will build WPAC capacity and our confidence in working collaboratively at the provincial scale.



Sarah Skinner remains with the BRWA and has taken on a new role as our Watershed Program Manager. She says of the change, "There is such a breadth and depth to the programs the BRWA offers, from education and outreach, to watershed management and planning, to on-the-ground stewardship actions. It's exciting to envision where we can take all of these important aspects of our work into the future, and then work together as a staff team to bring that vision to life. I appreciate all of the ways that I'm able to have a hand in the diverse projects that we have on-the-go at any given moment. This work brings me a lot of joy, whether it's bug-dipping with students at a local wetland, supporting a landowner to install a livestock watering system, paddling the Battle, or having conversations with partners about how we can care for this watershed together."



HELLO AND WELCOME

While saying goodbye is difficult, saying "Hello" to new staff is exciting! This year, the BRWA added two people to our team.

Kandra Forbes started as our Education Lead and immediately used her past experience working for watershed groups in Saskatchewan and Milk River to coordinate the Caring for Our Watersheds Contest. Her past experience from southern Alberta was very important as the BRWA became the provincial coordinator for the contest this year. Kandra is also a very skillful photographer and she is looking forward to navigating the drone to capture aerial shots of the watershed. Originally from Moose Jaw, SK, she received her bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Geography from the University of Regina and has been hooked on working for watersheds since. First in Biggar, SK, then Milk River, AB, then Gravelbourg, SK, and now here! *Kandra says her highlight so far has been "running the Caring for Our Watersheds Contest because it is so rewarding to see what students come up with!"*



The BRWA also welcomed back Carson Hvenegaard to the staff team. Carson grew up in Camrose, exploring Stoney Creek and the rest of the watershed by foot, bike, ski, and canoe. He has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences from Augustana, and during that degree worked for the BRWA as a summer student in 2018. This experience, along with working for Alberta Parks as an interpreter and being part of the Camrose Green Action Committee and Augustana Earthwise Club, inspired him to pursue a master's degree in Sustainability Studies at Trent University. He studied how and why local environmental non-governmental organizations and municipal governments collaborate on environmental initiatives, and is excited to apply that work to engaging with the BRWA's municipal partners. Carson enjoys spending time with his wife and family, exploring nature, cooking and eating good food, and playing board games. *Carson says the highlight of working with the BRWA has been organizing and delivering municipal presentations across the watershed. "I've had*

to learn and be reminded about all that the BRWA does in order to share it with the councils, so it's been a great way to get involved in all aspects of the Alliance. It has also let me enjoy travelling around the watershed and spend time chatting with my coworkers and friends on the drives!"

HOLDING DOWN THE FORT

Sheila Logelin continues to keep things running smoothly at the BRWA as the Office Manager.

Some highlights for Sheila this past year were:

- *Completing the Employee Handbook*
- *Reviewing the staff benefits program and adding Short Term Disability to the plan so all permanent staff are part of the benefit plan*
- *Developing COVID protocols to help keep staff safe during the pandemic*
- *Working on the Occupational Health and Safety Manual for the BRWA*



Community Engagement

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

The BRWA's social media accounts include YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Social media accounts across all four platforms show increased BRWA "hits". Over the last four years the total "hits" has doubled. This trend demonstrates the importance of social media.



Figure 1 & 2: Change in number of social media hits from 2019 to 2022.

RIPARIAN VIDEO SERIES

This year, the BRWA, NSW, and other partners created a new Riparian Video Series. This series of 5 short videos highlights what riparian areas are, why they matter, and the many individuals and organizations who are helping to protect these vital areas.

On April 7th, 2022, we hosted an event called "Stories from the Water's Edge" at the Bailey Theatre in Camrose. Throughout the evening, we showcased stories of stewardship, presented the 2021 OTIS Awards, and premiered the first 4 riparian videos.

The event was livestreamed, and you can watch the recording on the BRWA's YouTube channel now! You can also check out the Riparian Video Series there.

www.youtube.com/battleriverwatershed



Paddle the Battle Guides

The BRWA has developed 16 paddling guides for different reaches along the Battle River and for several lakes in the Battle River watershed. These guides have been created to help novice and expert paddlers alike enjoy the beauty and benefits of our watershed's water bodies. With a gentle flow rate and meandering route, the Battle River makes for a local and safe paddle. There are also many lakes, allowing you the opportunity to determine exactly how long you would like to be out on the water. Plan your next paddling trip with ease! The *Paddle the Battle* guides include distances, the best put-in and take-out locations, wildlife sightings, local attractions, and must-know tips for kayaking and canoeing at sites across the Battle River region.

Visit our website for more information:

www.battleriverwatershed.ca/get-involved/paddle/

Right: "Peaceful Valley" paddling route near the Battle River's headwaters at Battle Lake



Ancient buffalo skull found

A buffalo skull was found along the Battle River while on a canoe trip last spring. Chris Jass, curator with the Royal Alberta Museum, told us:

"Based on the photos, I think it's an older buffalo horn. Based on the horn cores and other records from the Battle River drainage, I would estimate maybe the mid-Holocene epoch, about 5,000 years [old] or younger. It's a nice find!"

Left (top to bottom): Video footage from the Riparian Video Series; People gathered at the Bailey Theatre for the "Stories from the Water's Edge" event

Watershed Management Planning

2021-2022 was a year for celebrating riparian areas and working to support their health in a myriad of ways! We worked with landowners to implement projects on the ground, shared new data on riparian intactness, and put our heads together with partners about how we can all help conserve and restore these important areas.

RIPARIAN INTACTNESS PROJECT

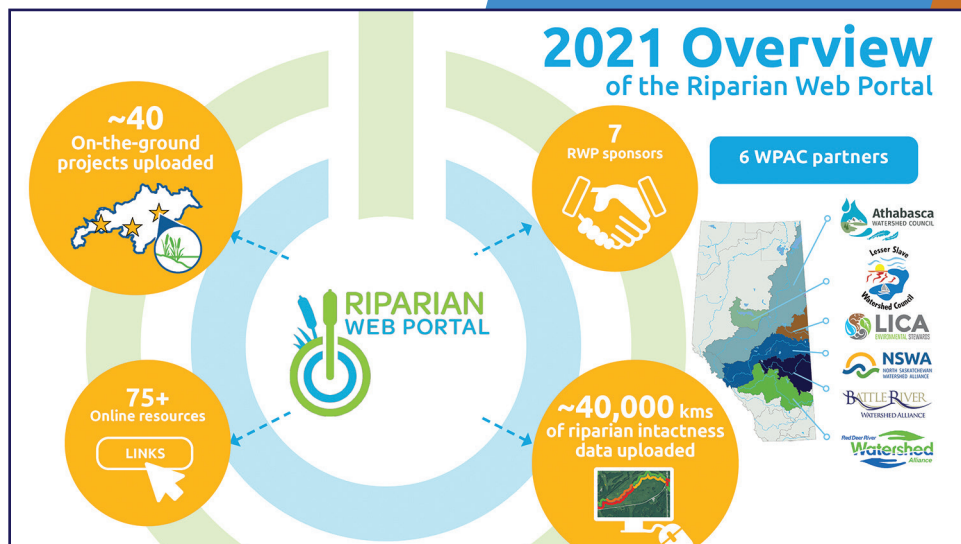
The Riparian Intactness Project is a collaborative effort between six Alberta Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils, the Government of Alberta, and various non-governmental organization partners. The Riparian Web Portal was launched in 2021, and provides a hub for the following:

- Over 40,000 kilometres of riparian intactness data
- Riparian resources for individuals (including kids), landowners, and municipal leaders
- A space for individuals and organizations to showcase their on-the-ground projects
- Data summaries for water bodies, municipalities, and subwatersheds

Other key aspects of the project have included:

- Creating a series of riparian videos that premiered at the Bailey Theatre on April 7th, 2022
- Training planners and program managers to use the Riparian Web Portal through virtual workshops
- Sharing riparian summary reports with municipal leaders to build a shared understanding of riparian intactness, land use pressures, and priority areas for conservation and restoration within each municipality

Learn more at www.riparian.info!

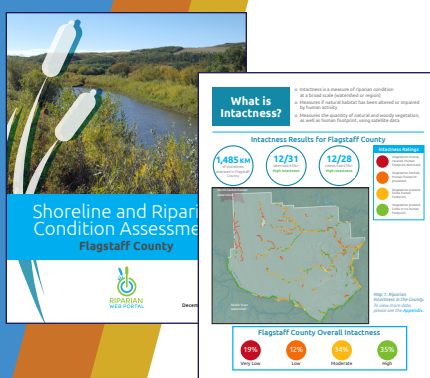
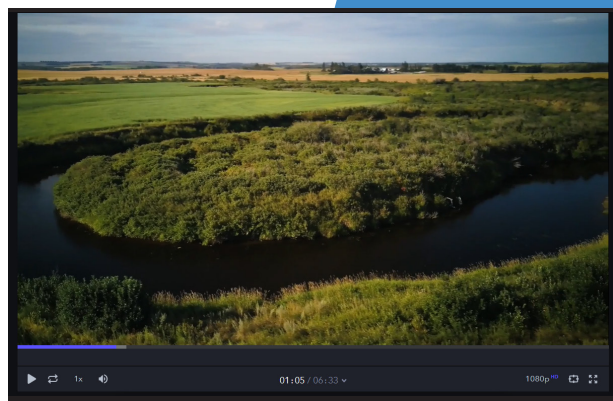


RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL TRAINING

Planners and Project Managers in government, agriculture, & ENGO: Get the background and skills you need to use the data and contribute your riparian projects to this exciting new resource.

101: Dive into the Riparian Data: Our Intactness Project	102: Where Data Meets Action: Riparian Web Portal
Thurs. March 3rd, 1:30pm	Friday March 4th, 1:30pm

All Workshops are offered at no cost, via Zoom. Attendees must complete the 101 workshop before 102. Register at battleriverwatershed.eventbrite.com



From top left: An infographic highlighting key components of the Riparian Web Portal; Riparian training poster; Municipal summary reports; Video footage from the riparian videos.

BUFFALO TRAIL RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROGRAM

The BRWA continues to provide financial and technical support for landowners who are implementing projects that work to conserve or restore riparian areas in the watershed. Through the Buffalo Trail program, we have now worked with 8 landowners to install 6 livestock watering systems and over 20 kilometres of riparian fencing. Over the coming year, we will be partnering with several more landowners on similar projects. We are grateful for each and every one of these stewards who help support the overall health of land and water in this region!



Cows and Fish assessment along Ribstone Creek

We also continued our partnership with Cows & Fish to complete 8 more riparian health assessments with participating landowners. A total of 21 assessments have now been completed through the Buffalo Trail program, involving sites on 5 wetlands, 8 creeks, and 5 sites on the Battle River. These assessments give us a baseline of riparian health in an area and enable us to track changes over time.



NIPY COMMITTEE PARTNERSHIP

The BRWA continues to be involved in Samson Cree Nation's Nipiy (water) Committee, and we are grateful for the relationships we have formed and ongoing opportunities to work together through this partnership.

In 2021, we began the process of identifying project sites within Samson Cree Nation where riparian planting projects could be completed. Over the coming year, we will be working with the Agroforestry and Woodlot Extension Society to implement these projects, with the goal being to plant a diversity of native shrub and tree species in riparian areas along wetlands and the Battle River near Maskwacis. In conjunction with this, we hope to host a planting workshop to involve the community in these projects.



Top: Nipiy Committee members Chad Simon, Louise Omeasoo, and Sarah Skinner along the Battle River near Maskwacis; Bottom: Nipiy Committee meeting at Samson Cree Nation

Youth Education

CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS



2021 Caring for Our Watersheds Central Alberta Finalists



The *Caring for Our Watersheds* program asks students to submit a proposal that answers the question, “What can you do to improve your watershed?” Students must research their local watershed, identify an environmental concern, and draft a written proposal containing one realistic solution. Community judges select the top entries to compete at a final, verbal competition for cash prizes. The program is funded by Nutrien Inc., and includes watershed presentations and support from community mentors.

Caring for Our Watersheds is more than just a classroom assignment. The program teaches students real life skills including researching, planning, budgeting, and written and verbal communication. Most importantly, the program teaches students that they can make a difference. Young minds often hold the key to amazing innovations that can protect and improve our watersheds.

In Fall 2021, the BRWA became the provincial coordinator for the program.

CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Nutrien also offers students the opportunity to have their idea become a reality, as the company provides financial support to implement proposals.

Right: A teacher, student, and principal stand with the student's project.



MAGPIE NATURE CAMP

Magpie Nature Camp helps kids find joy in the great outdoors, teaching activities that empower them to connect to nature and find value in stewardship. Campers learn about wilderness safety and awareness, edible and medicinal plants, fish and wildlife, and survival skills like shelter building, fire starting, and bow and arrow making. They deepen their connection to nature, build confidence and resilience outdoors, learn ancient skills, and have fun!

In 2021, the BRWA hosted four week-long, half-day camps in August. Camp Leader was biologist Stephen Olson.



Dr. Greg King with Magpie Nature Campers



FUTURE FARMERS FOR FRESHWATER

Future Farmers for Freshwater is a new BRWA program geared towards helping 4-H members learn more about agricultural best management practices for growing food and keeping our water clean. Not only are 4-H club members engaged through virtual or in-person presentations and activities, they also take part in a hands-on community service stewardship project such as a tree planting.

As the future farmers and stewards of our watersheds, we want to help 4-H youth get involved in protecting their watershed while having successful farming businesses and enjoying the benefits of a rural life in our region.

Left: 4-H members plant trees as part of the Future Farmers for Freshwater initiative

OTIS AWARD WINNERS (2021)

The OTIS Award is a way to recognize individuals, farms & businesses, organizations, and youth in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds who are **Outstanding In Stewardship**. Stewardship is taking action to care for our watershed, including the land, air, water, and biodiversity. It also supports healthy communities, including our culture and economy, now and into the future.



Individual: Lorne Ferguson

Before moving to Camrose, Lorne was a long-standing member of the Friends of Little Beaver Lake Association when he lived at the lake. Since moving to Camrose, he has been an active member of the Camrose and District Fish and Game Association and was also treasurer and board member with the Battle River Watershed Alliance for many years. His work with both organizations was instrumental in the creation of the outdoor learning centre established at the Camrose and District Fish and Game Association site at Pleasure Island. Lorne also contributed to the work of the BRWA's Magpie Nature Camp. Lorne has volunteered a lot of time to these endeavours, and has always supported the volunteers and staff.

Organization: Wainwright Wildlife Society

They began in 1987, a group of volunteers from Wainwright and surrounding communities. Their mandate is to help everyone understand that wildlife and wild places are of great benefit and should be a part of everyone's value system. The Society established and maintains 14 kilometres of recreation trails northeast of Wainwright along the Battle River called the Mistahiya Trail system. These trails for hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and biking help immerse users in the importance of wild places.



Business: Dan and Harriet Liddle

Dan and Harriet run their farm with stewardship top of mind. They are Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) participants, and Dan is part of ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc's Partnership Advisory Committee. Their stewardship ranges from protecting wetlands to planting native grasses for future education opportunities, to constructing a dugout for cattle watering that provides wildlife habitat.



Youth: Round Hill Renaissance Agriculture Foundation

This group took a parcel of undevelopable land, and turned it into a food forest. The space features a huge community garden and a shelterbelt with over 300 trees, including fruit trees and shrubs. The space is being developed with permaculture principles to use natural water capture and multi-layer growing that features all edible plants. The space also celebrates and features indigenous traditions of edible plants for food and healing, and honours the land and what it can provide for the community.

Our Partners

The BRWA is a local alliance — a web of people, organizations, governments, and businesses who work together to maintain and improve the health of our watersheds.

We acknowledge the following groups for their financial support this year:

- Youth Education Partners
- Community Outreach Partners
- Watershed Management Partners
- Invest 50 Partners

2021-2022 FUNDING PARTNERS

Alberta Government: Environment and Parks

Federal Government: Environment and Climate Change Canada and Federal Employment Programs

Battle River Community Foundation

Cargill and CAF America

Camrose Energy

Capital Power

City of Camrose

ECHO Network

Enbridge Pipelines

Heartland Generation

Nutrien Inc.

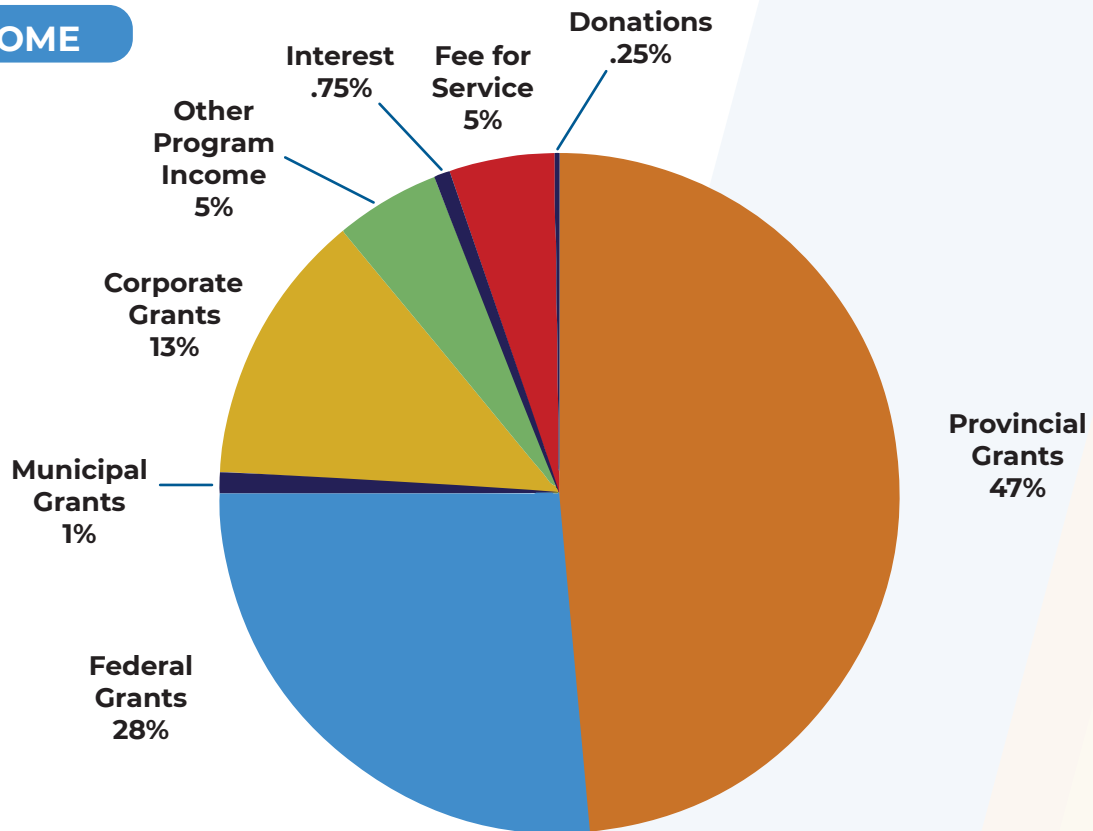
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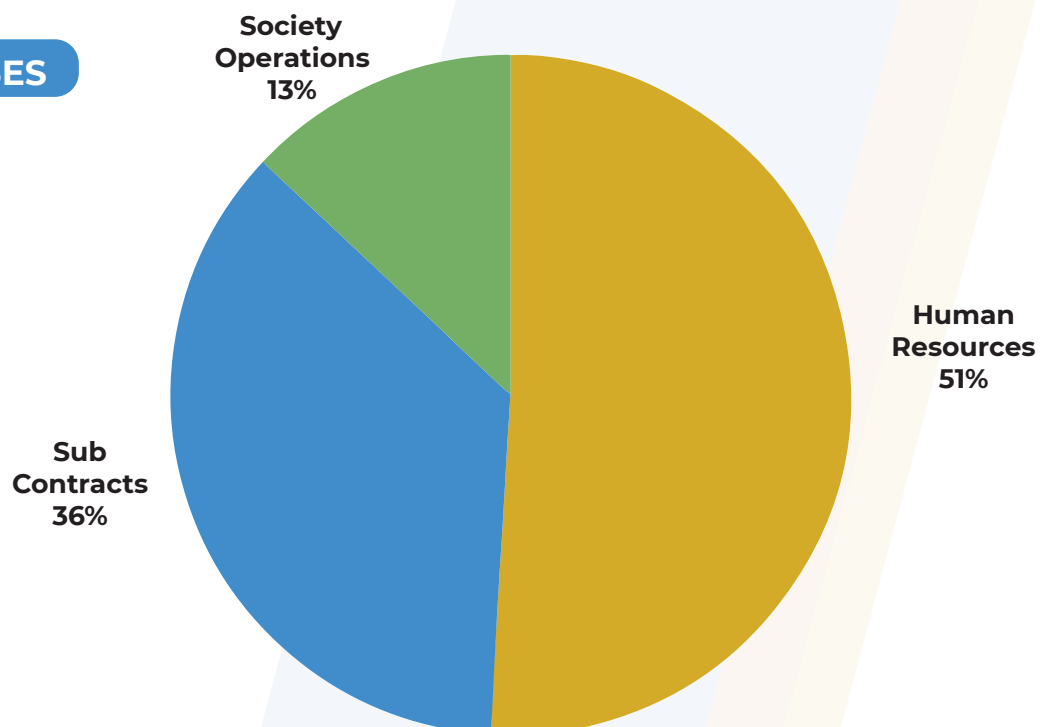
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2021-2022 Financial Report

INCOME



EXPENSES



DAVID SAMM: GOODBYE BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

After 15 years of working with the BRWA as General Manager, I am leaving to pursue a new opportunity called retirement. I am very grateful for all we have done and the projects the staff have completed for the watershed. In 15 short years, the BRWA has expanded its capacity and continues to fulfill its mission. I am very proud to have worked with many people at the BRWA, especially Carol Wildcat, who taught me that “Water is Spirit, Water is Life.”

From the beginning of my tenure in April 2007, I have been blessed to work with a committed board of directors who come together and hold the vision for what could be accomplished in the Battle River and Sounding Creek basins. I am very proud of the relationship the BRWA has built with funders, stakeholders, and interested people across the watershed.

I truly believe our work has encouraged people to think, and act, about their role in providing a safe water supply. I know the board and staff will continue to inspire residents of the watershed to care for the watershed as if their lives and livelihood depended on it – for in fact, it does.

I am grateful for the BRWA Board’s leadership. A special thank you to all past and current board members and the chairs: Jeremy Enarson, Hugh Sanders, Barb Bosh, Alan Corbett, and Ryley Andersen. Under their leadership, the BRWA has flourished and continues to be a credible watershed organization.

FAREWELL, BRWA STAFF

It was great to work with each of you and to help you discover what you bring to the team. Like any team, we didn’t win all our games and we learned from our mistakes to be better next time. I am sad knowing I will not have a seat at the staff table to dream and plan future events or projects. However, I am grateful you work so hard for the watershed. I could not have worked with better people over the last 15 years. Stay the course Sheila, Sarah, Susanna, Kandra, and Carson. Know you are making a difference. A special “shout out” to Nathalie Stanley Olson, who left the BRWA in November 2021 after working with the BRWA team for over ten years. My cup is full and you continue to fill it each and every day. I don’t want to have to say goodbye, but I know it is time to go. I will not soon forget working with this inspiring, dedicated staff. I hope you are as proud of the work you have accomplished as I am of you. There is still much work to do and I trust this team will keep the vision of a healthy watershed in front of all people in the watershed.

I sincerely wish the BRWA all the best in the future. And using the words of my favourite children’s author, Dr. Seuss, “And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed.)”



David's contribution to watershed management and the BRWA

Regarding the early years of the Iron Creek watershed group, when numbers and enthusiasm were waning: "I mentioned this to David and he said, 'Do you need some help?' When I asked what kind of help, David replied, 'I could facilitate – with your members and executive – some thoughts about how you can get back in the groove, revitalize things.' So, we hired him and he walked us through a process and it definitely helped us survive because we were getting quite discouraged... He had the nuts and bolts and showed us how they could be put together to make not only our group more effective but also to contribute to the BRWA.

The thing about David is he's very steady and diplomatic... He became a mentor – a lot of us thought we knew a lot about the watershed, but he knew a lot about the management."

*~ Don Ruzicka, former chair & board member of the
Iron Creek Watershed Improvement Society*

As the BRWA is a multistakeholder group with different sectors being represented, there can be us vs them, urban vs rural, which can create factions. David was a well-known individual in the agricultural sector, which I think really helped build bridges between people that wouldn't necessarily see eye to eye on everything. [People from the ag world] knew who he was, they understood where he was coming from. He could speak their language and make those connections. That really helped in the early stages of the BRWA, so we weren't having to "battle".

When I started on the board, I was relatively young in my career. I looked up to him in terms of how he would engage with other people. He is very approachable and really modelled to me (as a young employee for the City) a lot of attributes that I really admired. A great guy, very personable. [His successor] has big shoes to fill.

*~ Jeremy Enarson, first chair of the BRWA
& City of Camrose Manager of Engineering Services*



Battle River west of Brownfield

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