



2022 OTIS Award Winners

The OTIS Award is a way to recognize the efforts of individuals, agricultural initiatives, businesses and organizations, and youth in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds who are Outstanding In Stewardship by taking action to care for our environment. The award is named after the main character in the book "Otis and Friends: Environmental Adventures" written by high school students from Ponoka for the Caring for our Watersheds Contest. The book is about Otis and his friends helping to create a better watershed.

The OTIS Award winners for 2022 are:

<u>Agriculture</u> - Michael and Clara Hampson <u>Individual</u> - Robert Gibbs <u>Organization/Business</u> - Ecoplast Solutions Inc. <u>Youth</u> - Altario School with their student led growcer project

If you know anyone who is an outstanding steward, <u>nominations for 2023</u> are now open.

Annual Report

The 2022-2023 report is now available. Check out what we

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have accomplished over the past year. It features engagement through our community events and education programs, updates on our riparian restoration initiatives, and partnerships across the watershed.

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Workshops & Events - Join Us

July 7th, Paddle at Tide Creek, Pigeon Lake

Time: 9:30am - 1pm

Meet at Gilwood dock. Bring your own boat, gear and lunch.

Details



July 15th, Summer Field Tour: Range Management in Aspen Parkland

Time: 8am - 5pm

Location: Stettler area

Hosted by Society for Range Management.

<u>Register</u>



August 19th, BRWA Watershed Festival, Big Knife Provincial Park

Time: 10:30am - 3pm

Join us for a family-friendly day of activities and learning about the watershed.

Details



In the Classroom



Discover Your Wetlands

With the end of the school year, we wrapped up our grade 5 program for the spring. Through activities, games and bug dipping, students learn about their watershed and wetlands. The purpose of this program is for students to know what makes a healthy watershed and the importance of protecting it.

Learn more about the program.

Water Matters

Request for Proposals

BRWA is seeking consultants to help us implement projects that will align watershed management goals & local service delivery regulations, policies, and programs. If you know of a consultant in the following areas, please share the RFPs (accessible via the attached PDFs, or with login access to the MERX website).

- Solicitation Number: LW-PC-01-23 Professional Planning Services (MERX; PDF)
- Solicitation Number: LW-EPFCS-02-23 Engagement and Facilitation Services (MERX; PDF)

In Other News

- <u>Canada's climate adaptation plan seeks to protect citizens from extreme heat, flooding and fires</u>
- County of Stettler declares agricultural disaster
- Recent rain may not be enough to halt the shrinking of Canada's cattle herd
- Rain helps but much of the prairies remain dry

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