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Join us
March 22nd, 2024



World Water Day

3rd Annual Webinar



Join us to celebrate World Water Day on March 22nd. Deputy Minister Sherri Wilson will open the event, followed by an expert panel who will share diverse perspectives on water governance, sustainability and opportunities for peace. You will also meet H2 and O, adorable water droplets, who take us on an animated adventure to discover the magic of watersheds. This event is brought to you by Alberta's Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils.

[Webinar March 22, 2024 12 - 1:30pm](#)



Health in the Watershed Summit

BRWA hosted a Health in the Watershed Summit in Heisler, AB on February 29th to highlight information from the BRWA's latest state of the watershed report, the Health in the Watershed Atlas.

The day opened with a prayer from Elder Bernice Stoney, a member of Samson Cree Nation at Pigeon Lake. There was then a series of presentations and discussions about health in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds and how we can all take action to support the wellbeing of people, communities, and ecosystems across the region.

A diverse group of watershed partners attended the Summit, including representatives from the Maskwacis Cree Nations, municipal governments, Government of Alberta, watershed stewardship groups, academia, and industry. Thanks to everyone who attended!

[BRWA State of the Watershed Reports](#)

Workshops & Events



3rd Annual Agriculture Industry Forum, March 14th

Hosted by Battle River Alliance for Economic Development

Location: Castor Community Hall

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

BRWA will be presenting on the importance of riparian areas in times of drought, and how to restore and maintain healthy riparian areas.

[Find out more and Register](#)

For other stewardship events, see below.

Water Matters



Aquatic Invasive Species

The spread of aquatic invasive species is moving towards our watershed and it is important to prevent introductions to keep our waterbodies safe.

[Read the Blog](#)

Drought Update

Drought conditions are expected to continue into 2024. Wildfires are also expected to be significant this year. We need to plan for the worst and hope for the best. Peak periods of precipitation in Alberta come in April and June. At a recent Government of Alberta town hall, we learned that the government has created a Drought Secretariat and initiated many measures to address drought, including funding for agriculture supports and wildfire mitigation resources.

BRWA staff has engaged with over 150 municipal leaders to discuss drought planning and we continue to offer water flow and drought planning information and tools to stakeholders in the watershed.

Landowners, please consult municipal plans and programs in your area for drought mitigation measures and consider how you can conserve water.

Alberta Water Council Drought Simulation Report

[Press Release](#) | [Factsheet](#) | [Report](#)

In the Classroom

Are you in Grades 7 to 12?

Compete to win \$1,000 cash!

Submit a proposal that answers the question:

“What can you do to improve your watershed?”

- Research your local watershed and come up with a solution to an environmental concern
- Finalists present their idea to win cash rewards
- Nearly \$20,000 will be awarded to students and schools who participate
- Funding is also available to help implement student ideas

Alberta contest deadlines:

March 12, 2024 Contest Entry Deadline

May 10, 2024 Final Competition



Solutions are judged on innovation, impact potential, comprehensive scope, communication, budget, realistic solution, visuals, and connection to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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Lesser Slave Lake Watershed Council

Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance
Milk River Watershed Council
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
Oldman Watershed Council
Red Deer River Watershed Alliance
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The Alliance



February 15, 2024, Stoney Creek Centre, Camrose, AB - BRWA Directors gathered for a Board Retreat. Left to Right: Terry Vockeroth, County of Paintearth; Ryley Andersen, MD of Wainwright; Al Corbett, Camrose; Melissa Orr-Langner, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation; Marilyn Weber, Castor; Jamie Bruha, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas; Peter Pullishy, Wetaskiwin; Khalil Ahmed, Battle River Research Group; Greg Smith, Vermilion; Dale Pederson, Beaver County

Others not in the image: Preston Weran, Town of Blackfalds; Dustin Owens, Heartland Generation

In Other News

- [Alberta Budget 2024: \\$2 billion set aside for potential disasters amid flood, drought and wildfire threats](#)
- [Expansion of 2023 Livestock Drought Recovery Support](#)
- [First Nations who've gone years without clean drinking water hope compensation signals a 'new dawn'](#)
- [Priority? License transfers? Here's how Alberta's water system works](#)
- [River basins and RCMP activity on Stettler council agenda](#)
- [Beavers can mitigate drought threat: analyst](#)

*Many of the articles we feature have been shared through the [Alberta Water Portal Society](#). If you are interested in water-related issues in Alberta, we encourage you to subscribe.

Partner Events

- [MD of Wainwright Resiliency Through Drought Workshop on March 12, 2024 9:30am - 3pm](#)
- [All About Trees Workshop on March 20, 2024 5:30 - 8:30pm](#)
- [Lacombe County Spring Tune Up Event on March 21, 2024 10am - 3pm](#)
- [Red Deer River Naturalists Monthly Meeting Speaker Series on March 21, 2024 7 - 9pm at the Kerry Wood Nature Centre](#)
- [Shelterbelt Workshop on March 28, 2024 at Youngstown School Greenhouse](#)
- [Working Well Workshops in March at various locations](#)

Riparian Restoration and Conservation Funding Available!

Contact BRWA about funding for riparian projects, including riparian fencing, installation of livestock watering systems, native vegetation planting, and more.

[Program Guidelines](#) | [Application Form](#)



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