



BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MATERIALS

June 18, 2026



Battle River Watershed Alliance
AGM & 20th Anniversary WOW Bus Tour
Mirror Lake Centre (upper level)
5415 49 Ave, Camrose, AB T4V 0N6
June 18, 2026

AGM & 20TH ANNIVERSARY WOW BUS TOUR - EVENT DETAILS

Doors open at 9:00 am, coffee and muffins served

9:30 am BUSINESS MEETING & DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

11:00 am OTIS AWARDS

Presentation: *Louis Bull Tribe Climate Risk & Resilience Assessment, Shaleigh Raine*

11:45 am LUNCH

Presentation: *Cargill Operations & Stewardship - Danilo Francoso*

12:45 pm WOW BUS TOUR

Presentation: *Invasive Species - Kallum McDonald & Northern Leopard Frogs - Sarah Skinner*

5:30 pm Bus returns to Mirror Lake Centre

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer
2. Business Meeting, Call to Order
3. Approve Agenda
 - i. [Motion to approve the 2026 AGM Agenda.](#)
4. Adopt 2025 AGM Minute
 - i. [Motion to approve the 2025 AGM Minutes.](#)
5. Annual Report
6. Executive Director Update
 - i. [Motion to approve the 2026-27 Workplan.](#)
7. Financial Update
 - a. Review Engagement Report Ending March 2026, Hall and Company: Sheila Logelin, Office Manager
 - i. [Motion to approve the Review Engagement Report.](#)
 - ii. [Motion to accept Hall and Company as Auditor for the review engagement ending March 2027.](#)
 - b. Budget 2026-27
 - i. [Motion to approve Budget 2026-27.](#)
8. Member Business
 - a. Membership fee at no cost (\$0)
 - i. [Motion to accept the membership fee at no cost \(\\$0\).](#)

b. Returning Directors: Eight Directors were elected at last year’s AGM for a two-year term ending June 2027. We are thankful for their contribution and look forward to working with them again this year.

- Clark Banack, Academia
- Alan Corbett, Individual
- Bruce Hinkley, Individual
- Dale Pederson, Municipal Government
- Ahsan Rajper, Agriculture
- Terry Vockeroth, Agriculture
- Marilyn Webber, Health and Wellness
- Murray Hampshire, Municipal Government*

c. Note: We would like to recognize the role of Melvin Thompson, Flagstaff County, elected to the Board in June 2025. Following the 2025 municipal elections, Murray Hampshire, Reeve, Flagstaff County received Council appointment to the BRWA Board.

c. Ex Officio

- Melissa Orr-Langner, GOA - Agriculture and Irrigation
- Catherine Peirce, BRWA Executive Director

d. Director Nomination and Election for the 2026-2028 Term

Name	Sector/Category	Current Term
Ryley Anderson	Business/Industry	Two-year term ending June 2026
Jamie Bruha	Provincial Government	Two-year term ending June 2026
Peter Pullishy	Individual	Two-year term ending June 2026
Greg Smith	Academia	Two-year term ending June 2026
Preston Weran	Municipal Government	Two-year term ending June 2026
Richard Waddell	Municipal Government	Interim appointment by the Board Two-year term ending June 2026
Leonard Standingontheroad, Montana First Nation	Indigenous	Interim appointment by the Board

- i. As of May 28th, additional nominations for open Board positions will be considered as nominations from the floor at the AGM.
- ii. Call for nomination x 3
- iii. Vote on nominations
- iv. [Motion to accept the elected Directors, 2026-2028 term](#)

9. Date for the 2027 AGM - Thursday, June 17, 2027

10. Business Meeting Adjournment & Door Prizes

Thank you for attending the AGM!
See you along the water’s edge

BRWA
Annual General Meeting
June 19, 2025
Minutes
Mirror Lake Centre – Camrose, AB

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Al Corbett called the business meeting to order at 10:06 am and welcomed members and guests to the BRWA AGM.

The day started at 9:40 am with a prayer and presentation from Elder Bernice Stoney from Samson Cree Nation.

Approx. 36 people attended the AGM

Current directors in attendance were:

Al Corbett, Individual
Arin MacFarlane Dyer, Government (for Jamie Bruha)
Melissa Orr-Langner, Ex-officio
Dale Pederson, Government
Peter Pullishy, Individual
Greg Smith, Individual
Terry Vockeroth, Agriculture
Preston Weran, Government
Marilyn Webber, Health & Wellness
Clark Banack, Academia
Bruce Hinkley, Individual

Al Corbett provided the Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement

Al Corbett introduced the board and staff and thanked everyone for attending.

Motion: MSC 1 - Approval of the BRWA 2025 AGM Agenda as presented: Motion by Al Corbett and seconded by Peter Pullishy to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: MSC 2 - Motion to Adopt BRWA 2024 AGM Minute as presented: Motion by Al Corbett and seconded by Marilyn Webber to accept the 2024 minutes as presented.

Motion: MSC 3 - Approval to adopt the Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report 2024-2025: Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Al Corbett to accept the 2024-2025 Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report from Hall & Company. Motion carried.

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Motion: MSC 4 - Approval to select Hall & Company for the 2025-2026 Independent Practitioner’s Review Engagement: Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Terry Vockeroth to select Hall & Company to complete the BRWA 2025-2026 Review Engagement. Motion carried.

Motion: MSC 5 - Approval to adopt the budget as presented: Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Peter Pullishy to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion, MSC 6 - Fees1-2025: Motion by Greg Smith and seconded by Marilyn Webber to keep the membership rate at \$0.00. Motion carried.

Nominated Directors for Term Ending in 2027

There are 7 Directors seeking to renew their position on the Board for another two year term, ending in 2027.

Name	Sector	Current Term
Clark Banack	Academia	Two-year term ending June 2027
Al Corbett	Individual	Two-year term ending June 2027
Bruce Hinkley	Individual	Two-year term ending June 2027
Dale Pederson	Municipal Government	Two-year term ending June 2027
Ahsan Rajper	Agriculture	Two-year term ending June 2027
Terry Vockeroth	Agriculture	Two-year term ending June 2027
Marilyn Webber	Health & Wellness	Two-year term ending June 2027

Motion MSC 7 - Motion Directors-2025: Three calls for nominations. Melvin Thompson (government category) was nominated from the floor by Dale Pederson. Nominations closed by Greg Smith and seconded by Preston Weran. Approval of the Board of Director as elected by the membership. All in favor.

MSC 8 - Approval to have the next AGM on Thursday, June 18, 2026: Motion by Al Corbett and seconded by Dale Pederson. Motion carried.

AGM ADJOURNED

Al Corbett adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am and thanked everyone for attending.

Otis Award Ceremony followed the AGM celebrating the winners for 2024-25

- Agriculture: Terry and Peggy Vockeroth
- Individual: Mayor Ian Rawlinson, Summer Village of Crystal Springs
- Organization/Business: Town of Viking
- Youth: Belle Dodds, Graduating Student, University of Alberta, Augustana Campus

Environmental Law Center - *Webinar Water Availability: A review and comment on Alberta’s proposed Water Act changes* (approximately 20 attended the webinar)

Battle River Watershed Alliance 2026-27 Work Plan

Programs	2026-27 Action	Strategic Plan Link	WPAC Mandate & Roles
Watershed Management - State of the Watershed Reporting, Monitoring, & Watershed Management Planning and Implementation			
<p>State of the Watershed / Health in the Watershed Atlas (Land and Water Committee)</p> <p>Funded by: Battle River Community Foundation, EPA, Government of Alberta, Alberta Community Partnership Grant, Camrose, Lacombe & Flagstaff County</p>	<p>Launch of a new interactive SOW Data Walk on the website</p>	<p>Develop and carry out a framework/method to holistically report on watershed health.</p> <p>The BRWA carries out its WMP process to develop background research, policy advice, and implementation guidelines in its WMP components.</p> <p>Engage watershed stakeholders in the research and draft recommendations of WMP components.</p>	<p>State of the Watershed Assessment & Reporting</p>
<p>Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP), Part 1: Shoreline and Riparian Condition Assessment Reports (Sounding Creek Watershed)</p> <p>Funded by: Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP), Government of Alberta</p>	<p>BRWA has received WRRP funding to complete a wall-to-wall land cover dataset, riparian pressure/prioritization datasets, and municipal summary reports for the Sounding Creek watershed.</p> <p>We have finalized the contract with Fiera Biological Consulting to complete this work, and the data sharing agreement (between the GOA and BRWA) and written undertaking (between GOA and Fiera) have now been signed. Once Fiera has received the required data from GOA. Completion is August 2028.</p>	<p>Develop and carry out a framework/method to holistically report on watershed health.</p> <p>Identify gaps in info/data, implementation, etc. and recommendations for how to fill them.</p> <p>Compile and share up-to-date information on watershed health with stakeholders.</p>	<p>State of the Watershed Assessment & Reporting</p>
<p>Watershed Stewardship & Sustainability Program, Part 4: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Action Plan for Source Water Protection</p> <p>Funded by: Cargill</p> <p>Grant dates: 2025-2027</p>	<p>The goal of this project is to help build capacity within BRWA and across the watershed to establish an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Action Plan, informed by local municipalities and Indigenous partners, to integrate traditional knowledge and western science in engagement and communication, monitoring, training, and education.</p> <p>Key Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AIS threat assessment briefing note for municipal and Indigenous governments and industry partners - AIS threat assessment meetings with local governments and partners - AIS Action Plan for Source Water Protection at water treatment plants in three municipalities and power generation operation <p>**Special thank you to the Camrose ManShed team who assembled 30 Mussel Monitoring Substrates for community science volunteers across the watershed.</p> <p>Timeline: Spring 2026 - Spring 2027</p>	<p>Share information, tools, and resources to support stakeholders to implement WMP recommendations</p> <p>Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation</p>	<p>State of the Watershed Assessment & Reporting, Planning & Implementation, Education & Literacy</p>
<p>Indigenous co-leadership in watershed management planning</p> <p>Funded by: Alberta Ecotrust Foundation</p> <p>Grant dates: 2026-2028</p>	<p>This project is advancing Indigenous co-leadership in watershed management planning through collaboration among Indigenous Nations, governments, agricultural producers and community partners.</p> <p>This project builds capacity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiate a sustainable model for Indigenous Co leadership of the Land and Water Committee, a sub committee of the Board, of the Battle River Watershed Alliance - Land and Water Committee to guide BRWA staff in the process of watershed management plan on biodiversity and land management with a focus on Indigenous 	<p>Partner with a wide range of organizations to meet goals of cultural, economic, ecological and social stewardship</p> <p>BRWA will work to address systemic racism and inequities and improve inclusivity</p>	<p>Planning & Implementation, Convenor & Collaborator, State of the Watershed Assessment & Reporting</p>

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Flood and Drought Resilience Modelling - In development Funding: TBD	Roadmap for Sustainable Water Management in the Battle River Watershed - TBD A comprehensive, actionable plan developed collaboratively to: -Identify risks and opportunities -Prioritize adaptations and mitigations -Provide a clear sequence of actions -Guide planning and investment decisions	Develop and carry out a framework/method to holistically report on watershed health. Identify gaps in info/data, implementation, etc. and recommendations for how to fill them. Compile and share up-to-date information on watershed health with stakeholders.	State of the Watershed Assessment & Reporting
Watershed Engagement - Youth Education Programs & Community Engagement			
Habitat Tour (Grade 6) Funded by: TBD	Bookings to October 2026. Accepting bookings for fall 2026	Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation	Education & Literacy
Caring for our Watersheds Alberta (Grade 7-12) BRWA Coordinator for Alberta-wide Contest Funded by: Nutrien Inc. (2006-2026)	In 2026, BRWA Celebrates 20 years of the Caring for Our Watersheds Program . It also marks the last final competition which was held May 22, 2026 at the Reynolds Museum as Nutrien steps away from funding the CFW Canada and International contests. Our 2026 year, was a tremendous success: 194 Proposals 388 Students 18 Teachers 12 Schools (2 in our watershed) In the BRWA's June Newsletter, we put out a call for new funders and will continue to explore opportunities to continue the program.	Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation.	Education & Literacy
X-Stream Science (Grade 7-12) Funded by: Enbridge, Camrose Energy	Several XSS booked for Spring 2026. Accepting booking for fall 2026	Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation	Education & Literacy
Weather Watchers field trip (Grade 5) Funded by: Cargill, Camrose Energy	Several Weather Watchers booked for Spring 2026. Accepting booking for fall 2026	Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation	Education & Literacy
Waste in our Watershed Camrose & Wetaskiwin (Grade 4) Funded by: Cargill/CAF America, Camrose Energy Past funding: Battle River Community Foundation, Camrose Energy	WOW Camrose makes up the majority of the Spring field trips with a few scheduled in Wetaskiwin in June (mostly due to the fall teacher's strike). Accepting booking for fall/winter	Build partnerships with organizations from all sectors to reach new audiences and provide a diversity of perspectives. Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation	Education & Literacy
Waste in our Watershed Expansion (Grade 4) Funded by: Cargill, Camrose Energy	We are expanding the WOW program with a Train the Trainer model in other communities in our watershed.	Build partnerships with organizations from all sectors to reach new audiences and provide a diversity of perspectives. Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation	Education & Literacy

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<p>20th Anniversary Planning Committee</p> <p>Funding by: Cargill and GOA</p>	<p>Bridges over the Watershed photo Essay and mapping, media blitz, playing card giveaways, anniversary celebrations at AGM and December event.</p>	<p>BRWA operates transparently reporting activities to the public and our funders</p> <p>Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation</p>	<p>Convenor & Collaborator</p>
<p>BRWA Spring and Summer Outreach</p> <p>Funded by: Canada Summer Jobs, Municipal Invest 50 Contributions</p>	<p>BRWA will coordinate or partner with communities groups to share watershed stewardship information at 10+ events between March and August 2026. See the BRWA Events Page for a full listing</p>	<p>Build partnerships with organizations from all sectors to reach new audiences and provide a diversity of perspectives.</p> <p>Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation</p>	<p>Convenor & Collaborator, Planning & Implementation</p>
<p>BRWA 20th Anniversary Speaker Series</p> <p>Funding Pending</p>	<p>Four-part watershed speaker series to spark community conversations on water considerations, land use, and stewardship in the face of environmental challenges including AI data centers, invasive species, and biodiversity loss.</p>	<p>BRWA will provide information, advice, and collaborative approaches to assist stakeholders in addressing local and regional priorities</p> <p>Provide hands-on learning and engagement opportunities through workshops, field days, municipal forums, etc.</p> <p>Present environmental challenges in balance with their solutions</p> <p>Present relevant and accessible watershed-related information in a clear and engaging way, using the best available science and social science from trustworthy and balanced sources, responsive to our demographic and target audiences.</p>	<p>Education & Literacy, Planning & Implementation, State of the Watershed Assessment & Reporting</p>
<p>Nature Science and Sport Skills Summer Camp (modeled after Magpie Nature Camp)</p> <p>Funded by: GOA & Municipal Invest 50 Contributions</p>	<p>BRWA/Augustana to host 2nd annual Nature Science & Sports Skills Summer Camp August 10-14, 2026. BRWA offering two bursaries for low income families</p>	<p>Offer watershed-wide engagement activities for children age 9-12</p>	<p>Education & Literacy</p>
<p>Discover Your Wetlands Field Trips (general - previously a program for grade 5)</p> <p>Funded by: Municipal Invest 50 Contributions, Camrose Energy</p>	<p>Available on request from schools and community groups. This has been delivered to two schools in the spring and will also be part of the Terrace Ridge Watershed Days</p>	<p>Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation</p>	<p>Education & Literacy</p>

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Paddle the Battle Funded by: Municipal Invest 50 Contributions	Guides are promoted on the BRWA's website as a way for residents to get involved and learn about the river. BRWA staff will continue to determine additional reaches the BRWA would like to complete and begin looking into potential paddles for spring/summer 2026.	Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation	Education & Literacy
BRWA Communications & Social Media Engagement Newsletter (Monthly) Blog (started Oct 5, 2023) Facebook Instagram @battleriverwatershed Youtube	- Catherine will update BRWA social media channels on a regular basis. 1. Newsletter (2022) 2. Facebook (1,372 Viewer) 3. Instagram (1.1K Viewers) 4. YouTube (2310) 5. LinkedIn (228)	Deliver up-to-date information about our watersheds' health and engagement opportunities to community members and encourage them to approach us to find more Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation	Education & Literacy

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External Partner Committees	<p>ALUS Wetaskiwin-Leduc PAC: There are several new projects this year. There is some capacity for more. Planning some special events as part of their 10 seasons celebrations. Received ACA Grant.</p> <p>Camrose Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (formerly Camrose Green Action Committee): The BRWA was asked to sit on the Camrose Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee. Susanna, as the rep for BRWA, is sitting of this committee, and will be Chairperson for one year. The committee is in the process of deciding the projects they will focus on for the next year or so. Members are currently involved on the committee discussing the new Camrose Community Gardens, as well as providing input to City Council regarding managing free-roam cats.</p> <p>Pigeon Lake Watershed Management Plan (PLWMP) Steering Committee: The PLWMP committee hosted a Leaders Session on May 3, 2025. BRWA served as the facilitator.</p> <p>Peaceful Valley Advisory Committee: The committee is looking into developing facilities (parking area, washrooms, walking trails, lodge) at "The Meadows" location at the Peaceful Valley site along the Battle River. GOA has initiated work with the committee to develop a Facility Master Plan, which included developing a conceptual map of where the various facilities could be located. Engagement sessions between the GOA, consultant, and advisory committee took place in summer 2025.</p> <p>Battle Lake Watershed Synergy Group (BLWSG): BRWA has confirmed that ALMS is able to include Battle Lake in their 2026 LakeWatch monitoring program. BRWA and ALMS attended the February BLWSG meeting to discuss options for additional (oil and gas specific) water quality parameters to be monitored at Battle Lake in 2026, and are now working with them confirm the details for the 2026 monitoring plan.</p> <p>Nipiy Committee: Samson Cree Nation has reactivated this committee and integrated its work into a new Nipiy department (looking at the areas of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater management). In March, BRWA presented our watershed map and model for grade 5 students at Ermineskin Elementary School as part of a youth education initiative of the Nipiy department.</p> <p>Beaver Hills Biosphere (BHB): Surface Water Community of Practice (CoP) & Indigenous community COP & Land Connectivity - Susanna attended at two-day (November 17-18) workshop dealing with land connectivity in and around the BHB, looking forward to next steps and a plan to address connectivity within the biosphere.</p> <p>Citizen Science Alberta CoP: Steering Committee</p> <p>North Miquelon Lake Stewardship Group: Advisory role; planning underway for the 2026 Great Divide planting event (2nd annual)</p> <p>Camrose Bird Friendly City Committee (Camrose BFC Committee): Congratulations to this committee for achieving a major milestone: Camrose has earned bird friendly status. In January 2026, BRWA <i>stepped back from this committee for now due to lack of capacity. We are being kept in the loop and will support the committee as we can through promotion of events, including participating in the Purple Martin Festival Annual and promoting the work of the Committee.</i> They are having a campaign to select a city bird. The CSL students and Dr. Glen Hvenegaard released an article in the January 27, 2026 Camrose Booster pertaining to the impacts of roaming cats, and have created a website (to be hosted eventually on the City of Camrose site). They applied for an additional grant to implement waterfowl nesting platforms and more education opportunities.</p>	<p>Invest in relationships with potential stewardship partners and support them with relevant skill/tools to take action.</p>	<p>Convener & Collaborator</p>
Watershed Stewardship			

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Outstanding in Stewardship Awards (OTIS Awards) Annual	2025 OTIS Awards have been chosen. Awards will be given out at the AGM on June 18, 2026. Nominations for 2026 open July 1st.	Recognize and celebrate stewardship successes	Planning & Implementation
Battle River and Sounding Creek Stewardship Community of Practice	<p>The BRSC Stewardship Community of Practice (CoP) is a group of 18 organizations that work in the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds, committed to working to advance stewardship actions through the creation and exchange of knowledge and experience. Each year BRWA organizes 1-2 Stewardship COP gatherings.</p> <p>For our spring gathering, we will do an in-person bioblitz June 6 with the Wainwright Wildlife Society and MD of Wainwright at Mistahiya.</p>	<p>Invest in relationships with potential stewardship partners and support them with relevant skills/tools to take action.</p> <p>Facilitate opportunities that connect people to their place</p> <p>Connect with and support diverse audiences to build skills, capacity and leadership for sustainability.</p> <p>Partner with a wide range of organizations to meet goals of cultural, economic, ecological and social stewardship.</p>	Planning & Implementation
Watershed Stewardship & Sustainability Program, Part 1: Riparian Restoration Demonstration Site - Stoney Creek Funded by: Cargill Grant dates: 2025-2027	<p>The goal of this project is to restore and enhance the ecosystem function of the riparian area along a section of Stoney Creek in Camrose as a low cost and natural means to build resilience against the pressures from human activity that can negatively impact water quality and quantity. It will also ensure ongoing stewardship by building capacity within the community through watershed literacy informed and guided by data assessments of the condition of the lands. This project offers opportunities for Cargill employees to volunteer at several stewardship events.</p> <p>292 trees were planted on September 13. BWRA staff, AWES staff, 4 members of the Camrose Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee helped plant the trees, plus two general members of the public.</p> <p>Outcomes: - Riparian health inventory (Cows and Fish) - Invasive weed pulls - Planned for May 2026 - Plant native plants - A sign will be designed and installed to share stewardship information in a highly visible area near the riparian restoration site. Currently working to design sign.</p> <p>Riparian Health Inventory for that site, including upstream, completed by Cows and Fish August 26. Report from Cows and Fish is available.</p>	<p>Invest in relationships with potential stewardship partners and support them with relevant skills/tools to take action.</p> <p>Facilitate opportunities that connect people to their place</p> <p>Connect with and support diverse audiences to build skills, capacity and leadership for sustainability.</p> <p>Partner with a wide range of organizations to meet goals of cultural, economic, ecological and social stewardship.</p>	Planning & Implementation
Watershed Stewardship & Sustainability Program, Part 4: Community Science Program Funded by: Cargill Grant dates: 2025-2027	<p>The goal of this project is to establish a Community Science Program to engage local residents in monitoring and stewarding the Battle River and Sounding Creek Watersheds. There will be specific emphasis on aquatic invasive species prevention to protect the aquatic ecosystem and drinking water supply.</p> <p>Key Deliverables: - New Community Science Hub on the BRWA Website - now live! - ALMS LakeWatch water quality monitoring - Battle Lake will be sampled in 2026, Coal Lake and Driedmeat Lake were sampled this winter by BRWA through the ALMS Winter LakeKeepers program - Launch of Mussel Monitoring, LakeObserver and RiverObserver Programs - completed - Volunteer engagement using external data collection apps such as eBird and iNaturalist - informational posters and brochures created</p>	<p>Share information, tools, and resources to support stakeholders to implement WMP recommendations</p> <p>Offer watershed-wide engagement activities appropriate for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, either through personal or professional participation</p>	Planning & Implementation

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<p>Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP), Part 1: Riparian Restoration Demonstration Site - Montana First Nation</p> <p>Grant dates: 2025-2027</p> <p>Funded by: GOA</p>	<p>This project will focus on a riparian demonstration site at Montana First Nation (MFN). Approximately 1 acre will be designated for planting native trees and willow harvesting/staking. A working group will be established to guide project planning and outreach. In addition to restoration measures, community volunteers will have an opportunity to participate in training workshops and collaborate on the design of stewardship signage for the demonstration site. Funding will be provided to contribute to the role of a local Indigenous community liaison, as well as for Indigenous ceremony, protocol and honorariums for knowledge keepers and Elders.</p> <p>A location along the Battle River has been selected for the demonstration site, and we have confirmed that Cows and Fish will complete a riparian health inventory at the site in summer 2026. BRWA and MFN met in early April to set tentative dates for the spring project kickoff and willow harvesting/staking events. We are also in the process of finalizing the MOU to transfer project coordination funding to MFN.</p>	<p>Engage watershed stakeholders in the research and draft recommendations of WMP components.</p> <p>Share information, tools, and resources to support stakeholders to implement WMP recommendations.</p> <p>Provide hands-on learning and engagement opportunities through workshops, field days, municipal forums, etc.</p>	<p>Planning & Implementation</p>
<p>Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP), Part 2: Riparian Restoration Demonstration Site - Pipestone Creek</p> <p>Grant dates: 2025-2027</p> <p>Funded by: GOA</p>	<p>The initial site considered for riparian planting was rejected by the landowner and we are now in discussion with the school and other local residents about alternative locations to do the riparian planting.</p> <p>There will also be an associated school-wide art project at Pipestone School. Design for the mosaic installation is being considered. Different topics related to riparian will be discussed with the different grades in classroom presentations. Dates for these presentations has not been set.</p> <p>Tree planting end of November 2027.</p>	<p>Invest in relationships with potential stewardship partners and support them with relevant skills/tools to take action.</p> <p>Facilitate opportunities that connect people to their place</p> <p>Connect with and support diverse audiences to build skills, capacity and leadership for sustainability.</p> <p>Partner with a wide range of organizations to meet goals of cultural, economic, ecological and social stewardship.</p>	<p>Planning & Implementation</p>
<p>Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP), Part 3: RiparianCARE Support Program for Agricultural Producers</p> <p>Grant dates: 2025-2027</p> <p>Funded by: GOA, BRWA & Land-holder</p>	<p>Implement the RiparianCARE Support Program for Agricultural Producers by offering beneficial management practices information and a cost-sharing micro grant of up to 50% for project supplies, equipment or materials needed to protect and improve the health of riparian areas. In addition to working with producers directly, BRWA spoke at at wetlands forum in Holden hosted by the Battle River Research Group in October to an audience of 20.</p> <p>A landowner has submitted an application, estimated project contribution is \$15k</p>	<p>Engage watershed stakeholders in the research and draft recommendations of WMP components.</p> <p>Share information, tools, and resources to support stakeholders to implement WMP recommendations.</p> <p>Provide hands-on learning and engagement opportunities through workshops, field days, municipal forums, etc.</p>	<p>Planning & Implementation</p>
<p>Important Bird Area Caretaking</p>	<p>BRWA is the caretaker for 3 Alberta IBAs: Wavy Lake, Bearhills Lake, and Killarney, Dillberry, and Leane Lakes. The main duty is to monitor for trigger species, as well as suggest management practices.</p> <p>Spring BioBlitz in the Wainwright area (Wainwright Wildlife Society trails along the Battle River near Riverdale/Mistahiya) - June 6, 2026</p>	<p>Invest in relationships with potential stewardship partners and support them with relevant skills/tools to take action.</p>	<p>Planning & Implementation</p>

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Regenerative Agriculture Lab	<p>The Regenerative Agriculture Lab (RAL) is an initiative of Rural Routes to Climate Solutions, and the BRWA is participating as an active member. RAL seeks to respond to the convening question of “How might we grow Alberta’s regenerative agriculture system in a way that preserves its integrity, while maximizing the positive social, environmental, and economic impacts for communities?”</p> <p>Sarah is involved in the associated “Amplify” working group, which has the primary goal of supporting the development of an online Regenerative Agriculture Resource Hub to share resources, an interactive map of relevant organizations/producers/experts, and a calendar of upcoming events related to regenerative agriculture practices and practitioners. A consultant has now been selected to lead the development of the web platform, and the group anticipates that the first iteration of the Hub will be launched in summer 2026.</p> <p>The RAL group met online on March 5 to discuss progress and next steps on the goals and objectives of each working group.</p>	<p>Build partnerships with organizations from all sectors to reach new audiences and provide a diversity of perspectives.</p> <p>Provide hands-on learning and engagement opportunities through workshops, field days, municipal forums, etc.</p> <p>Invest in relationships with potential stewardship partners and support them with relevant skills/tools to take action.</p>	<p>Planning & Implementation, Education & Literacy, Convenor & Collaborator</p>
Engagement with GoA			
Flood Study	<p>Public Engagement Launch for the Lacombe, Millet, and Ponoka Flood Studies, June 3, 2026 Survey Shared in Newsletter, Webinar hosted after AGM July 8 Deadline</p> <p>Lacombe Flood Study – https://www.alberta.ca/lacombe-flood-study-engagement Millet Flood Study – https://www.alberta.ca/millet-flood-study-engagement Ponoka Flood Study – https://www.alberta.ca/ponoka-flood-study-engagement</p>	<p>Develop and carry out a framework/method to holistically report on watershed health.</p> <p>Identify gaps in info/data, implementation, etc. and recommendations for how to fill them.</p> <p>Compile and share up-to-date information on watershed health with stakeholders.</p>	<p>State of the Watershed Assessment & Reporting</p>

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Financial Statements

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Battle River Watershed Alliance Society

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Battle River Watershed Alliance Society (the Society) that comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2026, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Battle River Watershed Alliance Society as at March 31, 2026, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with ASNPO.

Hall & Company LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

Wainwright, Alberta

BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE SOCIETY**Statement of Financial Position****March 31, 2026**

	2026	2025
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents <i>(Note 4)</i>	\$ 430,608	\$ 114,898
Short term investments <i>(Note 5)</i>	366,795	465,951
Accounts receivable	50,000	57,130
Interest receivable	3,081	4,668
Goods and services tax recoverable	6,147	4,118
Prepaid expenses	3,539	2,928
	<u>860,170</u>	649,693
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS <i>(Note 6)</i>	12,421	5,729
CAPITAL ASSETS <i>(Note 7)</i>	33,062	42,613
	<u>\$ 905,653</u>	<u>\$ 698,035</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,692	\$ 4,498
Wages payable	19,361	17,701
Deferred contributions <i>(Note 8)</i>	276,626	98,453
	<u>300,679</u>	120,652
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	411,912	374,771
Internally restricted reserve fund <i>(Note 9)</i>	160,000	160,000
Equity in capital assets	33,062	42,613
	<u>604,974</u>	577,383
	<u>\$ 905,653</u>	<u>\$ 698,035</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD_____
*Director*_____
Director

BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE SOCIETY**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures****Year Ended March 31, 2026**

	2026	2025
REVENUES		
Corporate funding	\$ 137,946	\$ 110,700
Donations and sponsorships	32,644	2,059
Fee for service	-	114,646
Grants - Federal	9,448	9,431
Grants - Municipal	31,586	33,693
Grants - Other	5,120	7,850
Grants - Provincial	361,820	479,017
	<u>578,564</u>	<u>757,396</u>
EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	22,506	28,004
Amortization of capital assets	13,163	17,972
Memberships	795	503
Employee benefits	26,263	23,753
Insurance	2,967	4,443
Interest and bank charges	171	889
Office	25,313	23,401
Meetings expense	11,714	16,417
Training	2,503	3,349
Project supplies	4,957	98,569
Professional fees	13,285	87,972
Rental	26,800	29,469
Salaries and wages	407,964	397,772
Telephone	1,879	2,463
Travel	12,281	14,072
Vehicle	2,783	3,246
	<u>575,344</u>	<u>752,294</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	3,220	5,102
OTHER INCOME		
Interest income	24,371	20,852
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 27,591	\$ 25,954

BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE SOCIETY**Statement of Changes in Net Assets****Year Ended March 31, 2026**

	Unrestricted net assets	Internally restricted reserve fund	Equity in capital assets	2026	2025
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 374,771	\$ 160,000	\$ 42,612	\$ 577,383	\$ 521,427
Excess of revenues over expenses	40,754	-	(13,163)	27,591	25,954
Invested in capital assets	(3,613)	-	3,613	-	-
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 411,912	\$ 160,000	\$ 33,062	\$ 604,974	\$ 547,381

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BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE SOCIETY**Statement of Cash Flows****Year Ended March 31, 2026**

	2026	2025
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 27,591	\$ 25,954
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	13,163	17,972
Interest income reinvested	(23,769)	(10,890)
	<u>16,985</u>	<u>33,036</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	7,130	(49,480)
Interest receivable	1,587	2,400
Goods and services tax recoverable	(2,029)	1,113
Prepaid expenses	(611)	843
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	195	(2,555)
Wages payable	1,660	(2,752)
Deferred contributions	178,173	(170,452)
	<u>186,105</u>	<u>(220,883)</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>203,090</u>	<u>(187,847)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	(3,613)	-
Purchase of short term investments	(316,800)	-
Withdrawal of short term investments	433,033	-
	<u>112,620</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flow from investing activities	<u>112,620</u>	<u>-</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	315,710	(187,847)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>114,898</u>	<u>302,745</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 430,608	\$ 114,898
CASH FLOWS SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION		
Interest received	\$ 25,958	\$ 23,252
Interest paid	\$ 171	\$ 889

BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE SOCIETY

Notes to Financial Statements

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1. PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

Battle River Watershed Alliance Society (the "Society") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Companies Act of Alberta. Management has determined that they are exempt from payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The principal purpose of the Society is to guide, support, and deliver actions to sustain or improve the health of the Battle River watershed through knowledgeable community participation and an adaptive approach.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are investments in term deposits that have maturities at the date of purchase of less than ninety days.

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated amortization and are amortized over their estimated useful lives at the following rates and methods:

Equipment	20%	declining balance method
Motor vehicles	30%	declining balance method
Computer equipment	30%	declining balance method
Computer software	5 years	straight-line method

The Society regularly reviews its capital assets to eliminate obsolete items. Government grants are treated as a reduction of capital assets cost.

Revenue recognition

The Society follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Donations and sponsorships, grants and corporate funding are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Fees for service revenue is recognized when the service is provided.

Interest income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Leases

Leases are classified as either capital or operating leases. At the time the Society enters into a capital lease, an asset is recorded with its related long-term obligation to reflect the acquisition and financing. Rental payments under operating leases are expensed as incurred.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The Society's significant estimate pertains to providing for amortization of capital assets.

Contributed services

The operations of the organization depend on both the contribution of time by volunteers and donated materials from various sources. The fair value of donated materials and services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Cash in bank accounts	\$ 65,958	\$ 114,898
Vision Credit Union 30 day term deposit maturing April 27, 2026 and bearing interest at 1.75% per annum	160,690	-
Vision Credit Union 30 day term deposit maturing April 5, 2026 and bearing interest at 1.75% per annum	111,509	-
Vision Credit Union 30 day term deposit maturing April 9, 2026 and bearing interest at 1.75% per annum	92,451	-
	<u>\$ 430,608</u>	<u>\$ 114,898</u>

5. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
	\$ -	\$ -
Vision Credit Union term deposit maturing November 12, 2026 and bearing interest at 2.00% per annum	366,795	-
Vision Credit Union term deposit maturing May 16, 2025 and bearing interest at 2.50% per annum	-	257,390
Vision Credit Union term deposit maturing April 8, 2025 and bearing interest at 2.00% per annum	-	107,079
Vision Credit Union term deposit maturing July 4, 2025 and bearing interest at 2.25% per annum	-	101,482
	<u>\$ 366,795</u>	<u>\$ 465,951</u>

BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE SOCIETY**Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended March 31, 2026****6. LONG TERM INVESTMENTS**

Long term investments consist of Vision Credit Union common shares.

7. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2026 Net book value	2025 Net book value
Equipment	\$ 16,639	\$ 15,336	\$ 1,303	\$ 1,629
Motor vehicles	55,499	32,384	23,115	33,022
Computer equipment	64,899	56,255	8,644	7,962
Computer software	17,133	17,133	-	-
	<u>\$ 154,170</u>	<u>\$ 121,108</u>	<u>\$ 33,062</u>	<u>\$ 42,613</u>

8. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions represent externally restricted contributions and grants that were unspent at year end.

	2026	2025
<u>Alberta Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program</u>		
Beginning balance	\$ -	\$ -
Grants received in the year	242,800	-
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(41,819)	-
	<u>200,981</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>CAF America & Cargill Cares</u>		
Beginning balance	24,369	48,747
Industry funding received in the year	68,305	-
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(60,645)	(24,378)
	<u>32,029</u>	<u>24,369</u>
<u>Caring For Our Watersheds</u>		
Beginning balance	-	-
Grants received in the year	45,000	-
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(31,253)	-
	<u>13,747</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Water Smart (North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance)</u>		
Beginning balance	25,000	-
Donations received in the year	-	25,000
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(16,830)	-
	<u>8,170</u>	<u>25,000</u>

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BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE SOCIETY**Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended March 31, 2026**8. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS *(continued)*Extreme Science Project (Enbridge)

Beginning balance	14,877	-
Industry funding received in the year	7,500	20,000
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(14,877)	(5,123)
	<u>7,500</u>	<u>14,877</u>

Battle River Community Foundation - ACP Grant Support

Beginning balance	5,120	5,350
Grants received in the year	5,575	5,120
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(5,120)	(5,350)
	<u>5,575</u>	<u>5,120</u>

Battle Lake Preservation Society

Beginning balance	10,522	-
Donations received in the year	-	10,522
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(4,999)	-
	<u>5,523</u>	<u>10,522</u>

Camrose Energy

Beginning balance	10,316	3,000
Grants received in the year	-	9,000
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(7,215)	(1,684)
	<u>3,101</u>	<u>10,316</u>

Heartland - Education Program Habitat Tour

Beginning balance	5,549	10,000
Industry funding received in the year	-	-
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(5,549)	(4,451)
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,549</u>

Vern Malone Fund

Beginning balance	2,700	-
Donations received in the year	-	2,700
Amount recognized as revenue in the year	(2,700)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,700</u>

\$	276,626	\$	98,453
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9. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED RESERVES

The Society has established reserve funds for operations and capital in the event that subsequent years funding may be reduced.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Capital reserve	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Operations Continuity Reserve	<u>130,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>
	<u>\$ 160,000</u>	<u>\$ 160,000</u>

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Society's risk exposure and concentration as of March 31, 2026.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Society is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from its customers and other related sources, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and wages payable.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Society manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities by investing in fixed rate term deposits.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant other price risks arising from these financial instruments.

11. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

During the year, the Society received 75% (2025 - 62%) of its total funding through grants from the Alberta Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas. The future ability of the Society to fulfil its purpose is dependant upon the continued funding from these two sources.

12. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The Society entered into a two year lease agreement in April 2026 relating to its premises. The minimum annual payments are as follows, with the option for the lessor to increase the rate by 5% in January 2027 and January 2028:

Contractual obligation repayment schedule:

2027	\$ 26,575
2028	<u>26,575</u>
	<u>\$ 53,150</u>

BRWA Budget 2026-27	
Revenue	2025/26
Donations and sponsorships	\$13,771
Grants: Federal	\$9,428
Grants: Provincial	\$520,980
Grants: Municipal	\$30,000
Grants: Other	\$5,575
Corporate Funding	\$99,253
Other Income	\$10,000
Total	\$689,007
Expenses	
Wages, MERX, Benefits, Wellness, Pension Bonus	\$410,232
Other Expense By Funder and Program	\$313,882
Total	\$724,114
Surplus/Deficit	-\$35,107