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## ***IN STREAM* NEWSLETTER**

### **MAY 2022**

#### **WELCOME to NSWA's NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



#### **NSWA is excited to welcome Scott Millar as our new Executive Director!**

Scott comes to the NSWA with diverse experience gained through environmental consulting across western and northern Canada, serving as provincial aquatic habitat biologist for the Government of Alberta, leading major regulatory projects for the Alberta Energy Regulator, and most recently his own collaboration and engagement focused practice.

Scott and his family live east of Wetaskiwin where he spends most of his leisure time with his wife supporting his daughter at her competitive horse shows or for her Highland dance training and competitions. Scott's wife runs her own small business accounting company with clients in

Edmonton and Wetaskiwin. He can sometimes be seen out for a run on the rural roads around home or down on Edmonton's river valley trails.

*"I am really looking forward to being part of the NSWA organization" Scott says, "The NSWA is one of the most respected WPACs in the province, and I think that's because of the professionalism and passion of the Alliance staff."*

Scott will be joining the NSWA in June. **You will be able to meet him at NSWA's Annual General Meeting on June 22**, so join us then to welcome him. Please register on the Eventbrite link in the section below.

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## JOIN NSWA AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2022



We hope that you can join us at our **in person Annual General Meeting on June 22 2022** at the Pioneer Cabin in Edmonton's River Valley (9 am to 1 pm). Join us in welcoming our new Executive Director, and saying farewell to Leah Kongsrude and wishing her our best. You will also hear our project updates and help NSWA celebrate our successes in 2021-2022. We look forward to seeing you - we have missed you!

A light lunch will be served. Please register on Eventbrite so we have an idea of the number of people attending.

**REGISTER on EVENTBRITE**

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## Welcome Jill and Kaila



NSWA is happy to welcome two new staff members - Kaila (left) and Jill. They will be involved in our summer outreach events throughout the watershed - from school activities, watershed stewardship groups, municipal programs and more! We also look forward to their support of NSWA online communications and technical projects.

Does your group or municipality have summer events that you would like NSWA to attend - either with a watershed display or to help out? If so please email us at [water@nswa.ab.ca](mailto:water@nswa.ab.ca) and let us know the date of your event, location and a few details and we will be in touch with you. We are looking forward to attending events in person this summer



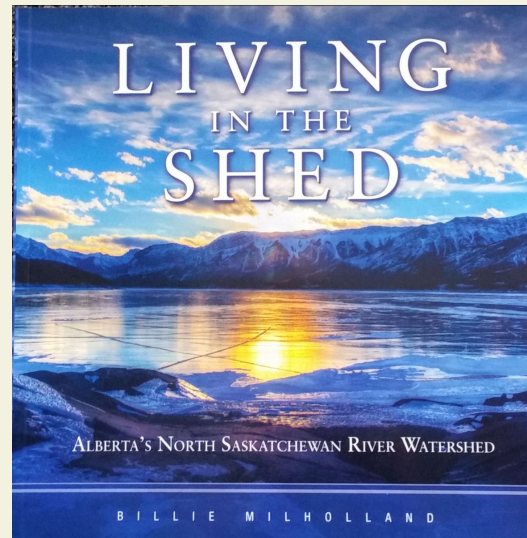
The Riparian Web Portal has been nominated for two awards! It is shortlisted for an [Emerald Award](#) in the Water category. As well, the Web Portal has been nominated for a 2022 [Water's Next](#) award in the Education and Outreach category. NSWA is honored to be recognized by these two environmental organizations.

To see what the Riparian Web Portal is all about check out the link:

[RIPARIAN WEB PORTAL](#)

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### ***LIVING IN THE SHED HAS GONE DIGITAL!***



NSWA's book *Living in the Shed* has now gone digital! You can access the book at the through the University of Alberta's internet archive web portal.

We greatly appreciate all of the work of the **University of Alberta Library and Archives staff** to enable this book to be made available to a worldwide audience!

If you would like a hard copy of the book we still have some available for purchase at our office for \$20 each (cash only please). Email us at [water@nswa.ab.ca](mailto:water@nswa.ab.ca) to arrange a time to pick up a copy.

The book has information on the North Saskatchewan River - historical facts, science and natural features information, and amazing photography contributed by Images Alberta Camera Club members

[Living in the Shed](#)

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### **WORLD WATER DAY EVENT NOW ON YOUTUBE**

Visit or revisit the **World Water Day event hosted by the WPACs of Alberta** on March 22, 2022.

This year, the theme was Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible. We featured three inspirational speakers:

- Api'soomaahka (Running Coyote), an educator, artist and activist from Kainai Nation
- Dr. Rita Wong, Associate Professor in Critical and Cultural Studies at Emily Carr University



- Dr. Brian Smerdon, Research Associate and Instructor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta.

Each person provided their unique perspective on a theme that affects us all. Thank you to the many elected officials and over 180 participants who joined us for the live event!

Interested in groundwater? The **Alberta Geological Survey** has a new online [Storymap on Hydrogeological Regions of Alberta.](#)

WORLD WATER DAY on YouTube



### THANK YOU!!

A big 'Thank you' to **LaFarge Canada** for their recent generous contribution to NSWA. The funds will be used to support our in person events such as our Educational Forums and upcoming Annual General Meeting.

NSWA appreciates the many LaFarge biodiversity and sustainability projects in our watershed, including the Kestrel and Saw-whet Owl projects at the Berrymoor Pit adjacent to the North Saskatchewan River. LaFarge also recently supported research on the link between gravel pit reclamation success and snail diversity in end pit lakes. For more information check the [Lafarge website.](#)



Congratulations to the [Northeast Capital Industrial Association \(NCIA\)](#) on their 40th Anniversary! The NCIA has been an important voice on the NSWA Board since 2009. NCIA has 23 member companies that work collaboratively towards sustainable industrial growth and innovative ideas and partnerships in the areas of water, air, groundwater and safety in the Industrial Heartland.

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### WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS



Our online Watershed Wednesdays Speaker Series is now over for the winter/spring. The presentations are available on our website under [Resources/Presentations](#) and the recordings of all of the sessions are on our [YouTube channel](#).

Keep an eye out for our future educational forums and online speaker series this fall.

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### VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 16, 2022 | 2:30 - 3:00 PM  
Vegreville Regional Museum  
(14413 AB-16A)

Register > <https://bit.ly/3wKKrBG>

vrwa.ca 

The **VRWA will be holding their Annual General Meeting** on June 16, 2022 at the Vegreville Regional Museum. We hope you can join us! Check the Eventbrite link for more information and to register for the AGM.

For other information on projects in the Vermilion River subwatershed go to [vrwa.ca/blog](https://vrwa.ca/blog).

**REGISTER for VRWA's AGM**



## SHORELINE RESTORATION INFO NIGHT

For Wabamun Lake residents

June 14 | 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Wabamun Office | 5217 52 St  
*In-person & online options available*

Call 780-968-8888 x 8467 or email [sustainability@parklandcounty.com](mailto:sustainability@parklandcounty.com) to register.



**Parkland County** will be hosting a **Shoreline Restoration Webinar for Wabamun Lake** residents on Tuesday June 14, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the webinar is to provide awareness regarding techniques that can be used to help treat eroding banks and unstable slopes along shorelines and adjacent areas. NSWA staff will demonstrate how to use the Riparian Web Portal to access Riparian Intactness information for Wabamun Lake and other waterbodies.

There will be an in person option and you are able to join in online.  
To register for the webinar, please contact Agricultural Services at:  
Phone: 780-968-8888 Extension 8467  
Email: [sustainability@parklandcounty.com](mailto:sustainability@parklandcounty.com)

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### OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

**Job Opportunities:** the [Alberta Water Council](#) is hiring for a Project Manager. As well, the [Red Deer River Watershed Alliance](#) is seeking an Executive Director.

**Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP)** places great value on all water resources and continues to find ways to develop reliable quality water supplies for a sustainable economy. To help achieve this, AEP is gathering feedback from stakeholders on proposed amendments to the Water (Ministerial) Regulation to exempt low-risk stormwater use from requiring a Water Act license. Additional information can be found here: [Stormwater Management Engagement](#).

The **Environmental Law Centre** posted articles to their website: [Water Law in Alberta: A Comprehensive Guide](#) and another on [A Focus on Forest Management Agreements](#).

A webinar hosted by **Putting Beavers to Work** has been posted in case you missed it. A recording is posted on [YouTube](#). The virtual tour highlighted the use of tools such as pond levelers, culvert exclusion fences, and tree protection strategies for addressing some of the challenges beavers create on our landscape, while maintaining the many benefits their activities can provide. **Cows and Fish** and the **Alberta Conservation Association** were speakers.

A website with information on [Alberta's Native Trout](#) provides information and tools to help protect and support these important species.

**Nature Alberta** is hosting a series of events on a variety of topics from bird counts to tree planting. Check out their website for more [information](#).

Check out the [NSWA DISCOVERS](#) section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning for your family.



### SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

The NSWA accepts donations through the **ATB Cares** program which matches 15% of every dollar donated to Alberta-based charities through their [ATB Cares Web Portal](#). It is easy to use and automatically issues a charitable tax receipt for donations \$10 and over.

For more information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



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