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NORTH SASKATCHEWAN
WATERSHED ALLIANCE



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For me, a foundational part of the holiday season is gathering with friends and colleagues to celebrate, share, and be grateful. It's what I look forward to most, especially because we design our get togethers in places with fantastic food. I am always amazed that we can connect with friends and the conversation just picks up wherever we left off the last time we were together. And at Christmas time, I'm gifted the opportunity to get together with friends and colleagues and former co-workers from years and even decades ago.

This year, I am so grateful to be part of a new community; one that spans the North Saskatchewan watershed. This watershed includes so many dedicated and passionate people

who are working to make this basin a better place for everyone. The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance serves our collective watershed community through the incredible efforts of the Alliance's staff and Board members, all of whom I now have the privilege of knowing and sharing time with this Christmas season.

On behalf of everyone at the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, we wish you a peaceful, restful, and renewing holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, as well as all continue to work together for a healthy North Saskatchewan watershed.

Scott Millar
Executive Director

COMING IN 2023

Watch for an updated newsletter in January 2023 with new features like:

- Good news stories from our watershed partners
- Features on Artists and Photographers in our watershed
- Watershed historical moments

...and more! If you have suggestions for topics or features please email us at water@nswa.ab.ca !

NSWA OFFICE CLOSURE

The NSWA offices will be closed for the holidays from December 23 to January 3, 2022. We look forward to making connections with our community in 2023.

WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS



Over 150 people attended our Fall 2022 Biodiversity webinar series.

If you missed any of the webinars this fall, check out the recordings featuring speakers on Bats and Bugs (invertebrates) and fish populations, aquatic monitoring and more. These are now available on the [NSWA YouTube channel](#) and posted as pdfs on our website under [Resources](#).

The Watershed Wednesday webinars will start up again in February 2023 and will be held on the first Wednesday of each month over the noon hour.

Follow us on social media for updates on speakers and topics. Share the information with friends and colleagues. We enjoy our ever expanding community of watershed learners

ROAD SALT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



Join NSWA as we gather technicians, decision-makers and researchers to discuss road salt management in the North Saskatchewan River watershed. We will announce speakers as confirmed on Eventbrite. This in-person workshop will be held at the Morinville Community Cultural Center. More details will be added to the Eventbrite page, so please register to get notifications. We look forward to meeting with you!

[REGISTER](#)

Kids on Aquatic Invasive Species

We recently received an email from a volunteer coordinator at the [Lakeville Nature Conservancy](#) who described how a group of elementary students she was teaching came across the [Riparian Web Portal webpage](#) for recreational users. The kids wanted us to know that the page was a great resource and they also wanted to share some of the information they found on invasive species.

They provided us with a link to "[Clean Your Boat: Learn about Invasive Species](#)" provided by a Seattle-based company that sells yachts. We don't have many yachts here in the North Saskatchewan watershed, but we do have a lot of recreational boat users on our rivers and lakes, and this is a primary way in which many invasive species are spread. The message from both the kids and the company is important. Invasive species are a big problem in any watershed or aquatic environment as we need to always be on the lookout for these nasty invaders.

A big shout-out to the young watershed stewards and their teachers and coordinators for continuing to learn about our natural environment and who took the extra step to share a little of what they discovered.

HERITAGE RIVER DESIGNATION ENGAGEMENT



The North Saskatchewan River was recently nominated for Canadian Heritage River (#canadianheritageriver) status thanks to the incredible efforts of Smoky Lake County (@smokylakecounty).

As part of the designation process, an online feedback tool presented by O2 Planning and Design (@o2planningdesign) provides a way for you to can share your perspectives on the designation and what it means to you! Through the tool, you can explore the watershed, learn about its history, and provide your thoughts about how you think it should be managed in the future.

HERITAGE RIVER SURVEY



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.

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