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## JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- [Register for Watershed Wednesdays webinars](#)
- Salt Management Workshop Recap
- Regional Lakes Stewardship Project
- New Features on Art, Culture and History

## NSWA Projects and Events

The poster has a light blue background with a dark blue mountain range silhouette at the bottom. At the top left is the NSW logo (a stylized 'S' in blue and green) and the text 'NSWA NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE'. To the right of this is the text 'WATERSHED WEDNESDAY WEBINAR SERIES'. Below this is the main title 'INTERNATIONAL INSIGHTS INTO FRESHWATER CONSERVATION' in bold blue letters. Underneath is the subtitle 'A CONVERSATION WITH DEREK VOLLMER of Conservation International' in a smaller blue font. Two circular portrait photos are shown: one of a man with short brown hair and a light blue shirt, and another of a man with short grey hair and a blue shirt. At the bottom right, there is a white box with the text 'FEBRUARY 1ST' and an orange box below it with the text '12:00 - 1:00 MST'.

## Watershed Wednesday Webinars

Our noon hour online Watershed Wednesday webinars begin on February 1st.

Join NSWA's Executive Director Scott Millar and Dr. Derek Vollmer of [Conservation International](#) for a conversation about the Freshwater Health Index and collaborative governance.

Derek Vollmer is Senior Director for Freshwater Science at Conservation International, where he leads a team of hydrologists, ecologists and freshwater biologists in developing tools and providing technical support on water resources management around the world.

[Register Now!](#)



## Regional Lakes Stewardship Project

NSWA is looking for applicants for lakeshore restoration projects in the North Saskatchewan River watershed. Projects could include planting of native trees and shrubs. These sites will become educational demonstration sites for the community to learn about natural shorelines. Check out the application form for more details.

[Information and Application](#)

## Instagram Prize Winners

Snow = Water

A big thank you to Snow Valley for the two sets of ski passes for our Instagram prize giveaway. Congratulations to Sherman and Rayne - the winners of the ski passes. Follow NSWA on social media for more giveaways and fun facts about watersheds!





## World Water Day- March 22

Join the Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) of Alberta at our celebration of World Water Day. Save your spot on Eventbrite for this special webinar!

World Water Day

## Salt Management Workshop Recap

At NSWA's workshop on January 18th our municipal partners shared information on ice management on winter roads. As well, we heard from Alberta Environment about river salinity trends, and ALMS described testing for saline levels in lakes in our watershed. If you were not able to join us check out the presentations posted on the NSWA website and read over [our blog](#) summarizing the lessons learned!

Presentations from the workshop are now posted on the NSWA website.



Lessons Learned

Presentations



## Lakeland College Projects

In November 2022, the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance teamed up with **Lakeland College** for the *Riparian Web Portal 1-Month Challenge*. Students in the Environmental Sciences, Aquatic Habitat Restoration course were paired up with the conservation community to upload examples of on-the-ground projects to the [Riparian Web Portal](#).

Learn More

# Communications Survey

We would like your input to improve our communications work. Please fill out this quick 4 minute survey to help us out!

[Survey](#)



## Partner Projects



### Partnering to Better Understand Edmonton's Water Cycle

Dr. Brian Smerdon, a hydrogeologist, discusses how groundwater connects with the North Saskatchewan River in the Edmonton area, and poses interesting questions about the urban water cycle.

[Edmonton's Water Cycle](#)

## Celebrating our Watershed

ART, CULTURE AND HISTORY

### Frozen in Time

Historical moments in our watershed

Ice 'carving' was a bit different in Edmonton's past - ice was harvested from the river for ice boxes and preserving food. Learn more about the history of ice in our watershed.

[Read More](#)



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## Icy Fun in the Watershed

Follow us on social media for more frozen fun facts and information!

The **Ice on Whyte/Chiseled** festival runs from January 24 to 29 in Edmonton. Check out some amazing ice carvings and even try carving yourself!

**Flying Canoë Volant** is a fun winter festival that celebrates local history, music and winter activities. It gets its name from a French - Canadian folktale of a flying canoe. It will be held February 1–4 in the evenings in Mill Creek Ravine and La Cité francophone in Edmonton.

**Gaia** is a new exhibit at the **Muttart Conservatory** featuring artwork by Luke Jerram, an artist based in Bristol, England. The exhibit uses imagery from NASA of the earth's surface and shows our planet on a large scale. Gaia gives us a sense of the beauty of Earth and how all life is connected.

If you have events that NSWA could feature please email us at [water@nswa.ab.ca](mailto:water@nswa.ab.ca).

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