

***Celebrating 20 Years of Watershed Management***  
***IN STREAM Newsletter***  
**JULY 2020**

**HATS OFF to AGRICULTURE!**

NSWA wants to say thank you to everyone who works in agriculture - from government to local farmers. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to provide food for our families. You care about our watershed and you work to preserve it in many ways.  
Hats off to all of you!



***WHERE IN THE WATERSHED IS THIS?***

This photo shows one of hundreds of canola fields in bloom in this subwatershed . Send your guesses to [water@nswa.ab.ca](mailto:water@nswa.ab.ca) - the first person to correctly answer will win a copy of ***Living in the Shed***. (Hint: You see many beautiful canola fields in this area of the watershed, downstream of last month's Ram River location). Congratulations to Peter for winning a copy of *Living in the Shed* .

Want some **#RoamClose2Home** ideas? Follow us on social media to see features on unique places for day trips and staycations in our watershed. Our book, *Living in the Shed*, can be

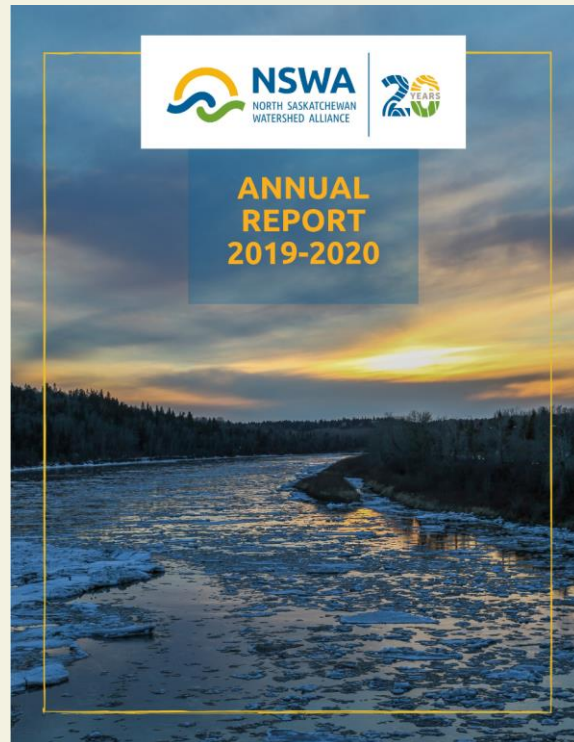
used as a tour guide to the watershed. You can order a copy at our [SHOP](#).

Send us some watershed stay-cation photos ([water@nswa.ab.ca](mailto:water@nswa.ab.ca)) so we can share them on our social media pages. Each month we will choose a photo to win a copy of *Living in the Shed!* Also watch for NSWA 20th Anniversary giveaways over the next few months. We hope you enjoy your summer wherever you may roam!

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## NSWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 24, 2020



NSWA held our first virtual AGM for our **20th Anniversary** and over 50 people were in attendance. If you were not able to join us, our 2019-2020 Annual Report and Financial Statement are posted on our website. We are still planning a **NSWA 20th Anniversary Reunion** celebration for a later date.

[2019-2020 AGM Reports](#)

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## 20 YEARS OF MEMORIES ~ DO YOU REMEMBER?

**Candace Vanin** has been a NSWA supporter since the beginning of the organization, and served on the NSWA Board for many years. She contributed her expertise to the *Integrated Watershed Management Plan* and many other projects. Candace was also very involved with the formation of the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance.

Candace continues with her work as a Land Use Specialist at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Thanks, Candace, for your contributions to the NSWA!

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## VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE ECO-BUFFERS



The VRWA posted a new blog on their website "[\*How Ecobuffers can reduce our Impact on the River\*](#)". Check out past articles on the health of the Vermilion River, Stories of Stewardship and more. On June 26th, the VRWA held its Annual General Meeting. Their Annual Report and Financial Statement are both posted on the VRWA website for your information.

[VRWA Ecobuffers](#)

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## WELCOME RACHEL AND JILLIAN



We are happy to have **Rachel and Jillian** with NSWA for July and August to do a variety of work including helping ALMS (Alberta Lake Management Society) conduct some lake sampling (photo taken at Hasse Lake), riparian GIS work and assisting on communications work. If you have any projects that they could help with over the next few months (invasive weed pulls, riparian tree planting, etc.) let us know. Most summer events have been put on hold, but we are always willing to help in any way we can.

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### ALUS TWO HILLS PROJECT

The **County of Two Hills** has both the North Saskatchewan and Vermilion Rivers running through it. Agriculture is one of the major activities in the County. The ALUS Two Hills project will involve work with farmers and ranchers to help establish projects. Participants receive annual, per-acre payments for the management and maintenance of these projects on their land.

Through their ALUS projects, participants will help to produce cleaner water, cleaner air and more biodiversity, including pollinator habitat, for the benefit of everyone in the community.

ALUS does great work in many communities in the North Sask River watershed.

Hats off to **ALUS!**

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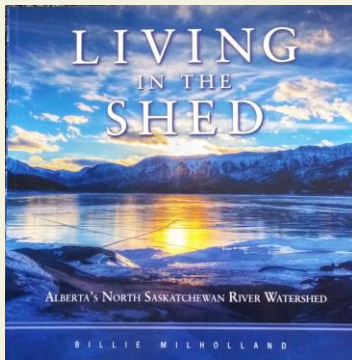
### OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The **Miistakis Institute's** [Map of Beaver Co-existence Tools](#) is a knowledge sharing platform that allows exploration of beaver co-existence tools in Alberta.

The **Alberta Government** publishes a [Agri-News bulletin](#) with developments across the province - the July 13th edition featured several projects in our watershed.

The **Alberta Land Use Knowledge Network** is hosting a Riparian Management Course online. Register on their [website](#).

Check out the new **NSWA DISCOVER** section on our website with watershed resources and activities for adults and children. There are many activities to encourage watershed learning over the summer.



### 2020 ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

*Living in the Shed* is priced at \$20 per copy for our 20th Anniversary. Purchase your copies today at our [SHOP](#). **Some deliveries may be delayed at this time.**

NSWA is a registered charity - for information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) page.



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