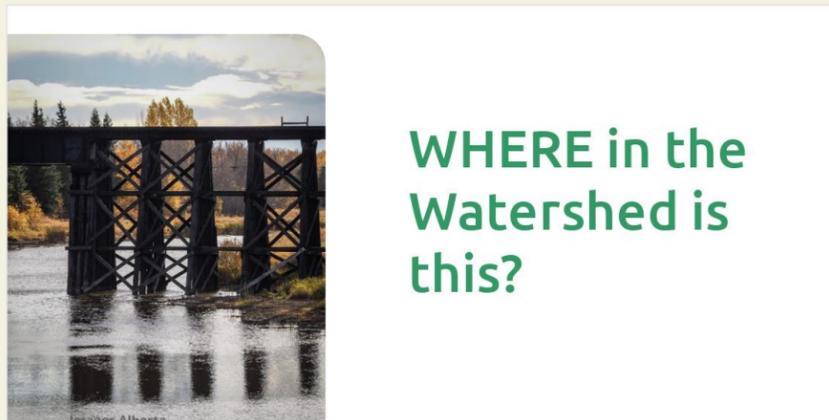


Celebrating 20 Years of Watershed Management

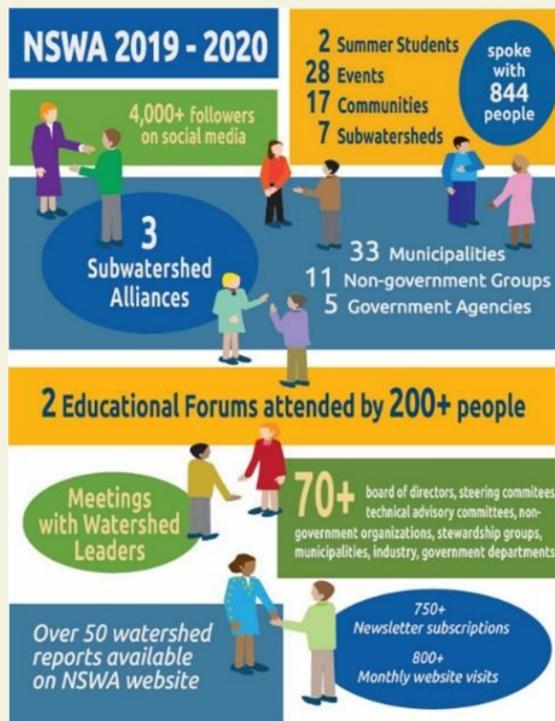
IN STREAM Newsletter

OCTOBER 2020



One bridge in the watershed...but where? The first person to correctly identify where in the watershed this photo was taken will win a copy of *Living in the Shed* - send your guesses to water@nswa.ab.ca

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!



Fill out our short **NSWA Communications Survey** about ways we share information with you and how we can improve. Thanks for taking the time to help us out!

SURVEY



Knowledge in Know-vementer

Speaker Series

We hope you will join us for our lunch-time speaker series to be held **Tuesdays in November**.

To align with NSWA's 20th anniversary this year, the theme of the series is **20 Years of Partnership Progress**. These will be online sessions from 12:00 noon to 12:50 p.m. every Tuesday in November. A variety of watershed topics from our many partner organizations will be featured including:

November 3 - EPCOR (Stephanie Neufeld) and **Alberta Environment and Parks** (Cristina Buendia Fores) will discuss results from the WaterSHED Monitoring program for the North Saskatchewan River.

November 10 - Watershed Stewardship Groups from Wizard Lake (Blake Bartlett and Dorte Koster) and Mayatan Lake (Walter Neilson) will be featured to discuss opportunities and challenges for lake watershed planning.

November 17 - The Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program (presented by Chris Elder) and the **LaFarge Biodiversity program** (presented by Bill Gowdy) are two examples of on- the -ground stewardship activities in the NSR watershed. Join us to learn more about progress and successes.

November 24 - Cows and Fish (Norine Ambrose) will discuss aspects of Living with Beavers. NSWA will also give updates on their work throughout the watershed.

BYOB (bottle of water of course!). For more information and to register check out the Eventbrite link.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



This fall Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI) is asking people to upload sightings of wild hare to help track seasonal colour change. For hares, the ability to change colour is an important adaptation to protect themselves from predators. They sync their colour with the changing seasons, but a changing climate can sometimes result in them wearing the wrong coat! This can leave them vulnerable to predators, and scientists are interested in the hare's ability to adjust their colour-changing habits with our changing seasons.

To participate:

1. Visit the NatureLynx website to set up your account or download the NatureLynx app
2. Search for and join the '*Hare Hunt*' mission
3. Upload and tag your Alberta hare sightings

[Hare Hunt](#)

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE - Watershed Resiliency



The VRWA posted a new blog on their website "***Watershed Resilience - What Strategies Work Best***".

The VRWA partnered with ALCES Consulting to determine which conservation or restoration strategies would have the greatest positive impact on the Vermilion River's watershed resiliency.

Check out the blog!

[VRWA Watershed Resiliency](#)



20 YEARS OF MEMORIES

~ DO YOU REMEMBER?

Locke Girvan was invited to participate in the NSWA as a Municipal Representative for Strathcona County in 2002 and served on the NSWA Board until 2005. He was involved with the *State of the Watershed Report*, the designation of NSWA as a Watershed Planning and Advisory Council (WPAC), and the Terms of Reference for the *Integrated Watershed Management Plan*.

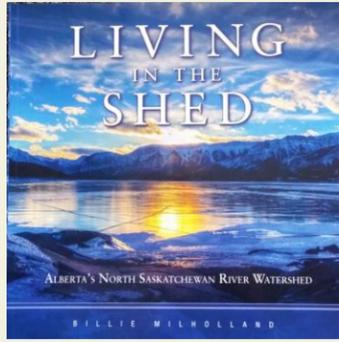
After retirement, he spent seven years in BC, but it never really felt like home so 3 years ago he settled back in the Beaverhills. Here he gardens and enjoys kayaking. He says he "*started exploring opportunities within the 'Shed' that don't take hours to drive to. There are some real gems!*"

OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

The Miistakis Institute's [Working with Nature](#) website is an online toolkit for municipalities that helps catalogue natural infrastructure and then develop a plan to use it to mitigate flood and drought risk.

The Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) will be holding its AGM on November 25. For more information go to the [ALMS website](#).

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



2020 ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Living in the Shed is priced at \$20 per copy for our 20th Anniversary. Purchase your copies today at our [SHOP](#).

NSWA is a registered charity. **For every donation over \$50 we will send you a NSWA 2021 Calendar as our way to say thanks!** For information on supporting our watershed projects go to our [DONATE](#) webpage.



Did you know - NSWA was a finalist for the 2020 Emerald Awards for 20 Years of Watershed Management Excellence.



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