



## CLEAN WATER IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE

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Water is one of our most precious resources.  
Did you know that Canada has 20% of the world's fresh water?  
That makes all of us important stewards of global water resources.

At NSWA, we strive to improve our knowledge and understanding of the water resources in the North Saskatchewan River watershed. We work with many partners on watershed management plans, compiling land cover and water data and developing watershed health strategies.

This month we begin our **Watershed Wednesdays** webinars (last Wednesday of the months of February, March and April), and have social media posts for **#WatershedWednesdays**.

Register for these workshops and follow us on social media to keep up to date on watershed information. As well, share this information with others, so they too can learn more about our watershed.

We look forward to your input and comments as we work together  
to keep our watershed healthy.

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## REGISTER FOR WATERSHED WEDNESDAYS WEBINARS



Join NSWA for a new **Watershed Wednesdays Speaker Series** to be held on the fourth Wednesday of each of the following months:

- February 24
- March 24
- April 28

Each lunchtime webinar (12-1pm) will showcase speakers working on watershed planning projects in the watershed.

On February 24th, NSWA will highlight the **Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan**. The **Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance** completed over eight technical studies in the last five years to inform the Watershed Management Plan.

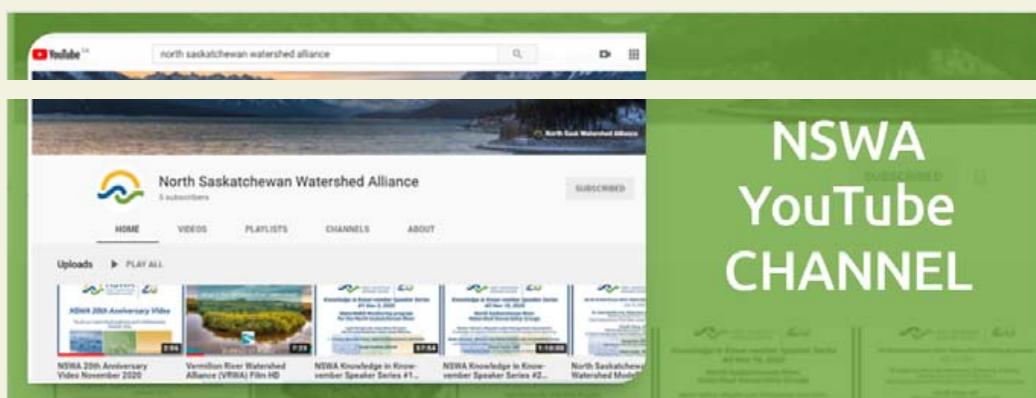
The March 24th webinar will feature the **Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan**.

Learn more about the Plan, as well as information on other lake watershed work. Watch our social media and website for more information.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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## NSWA has a YouTube CHANNEL!



Discover our 20th Anniversary video, the *Knowledge in Know-ember* speaker presentations, an introduction to the restoration work in the Vermilion River watershed and more! Subscribe to our channel to receive notices of new recordings.

[NSWA on YouTube](#)

## VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

**Are you a local landowner, concerned citizen or nature lover?**

Check out the Vermilion River Watershed Alliance's monthly blog which features stories and projects relating to healthy water and landscapes.



**FEBRUARY'S BLOG:**  
*Partner Series: Get to Know Cows & Fish's Riparian Specialist, Tonya Lwiwski*

To learn more, go to:  
<https://vrwa.ca/blog/>



Both the NSWA and VRWA appreciate the work of our many partner organizations

This month the VRWA blog features the work of Tonya Lwiwski, a Riparian Specialist from **Cows and Fish**

The full article can be viewed on the **VRWA website**.

## GET TO KNOW THE NSWA BOARD



**John Thompson** is our featured Board member this month. He has served on the NSWA Board since 2013.

**Work:** John is semi-retired, having spent 45 years working as an environmental economist, but still takes on projects of interest, including quantifying the benefits of natural capital (including wetlands) and reviewing the socio-economic effects of existing and proposed coal mines.

**Favorite NSWA memory:** Headwaters Voyager Canoe Tour in 2016 (see photo) with municipal and other government leaders, to learn more about issues affecting the North Saskatchewan River.



### **Favorite place in the watershed**

Anywhere on the river! John remembers his father taking him on an overnight trip from Devon in the late 1950s. "We knew we were getting close to Edmonton when we saw a big white house in the middle of the forest overlooking the river - the community of Riverbend now surrounds that house."

**Interesting Hobby:** Building and restoring old canoes for the past 40 years. He is referred to as the "Canoe Doctor".

**Quote:** " It's amazing to be part of a Board whose members have such a passion for the river and its watershed and who are working to educate watershed residents about its importance and the need to take actions to maintain or improve the quality of water features in the 'shed."

## OTHER WATERSHED RESOURCES

Looking for information on the Alberta Coal Policy? The **Oldman Watershed Council** has an informative set of blog posts on the topic. The most recent post is: [Coal Announcement – Your Questions Answered](#)

Several **Working Well** workshops are scheduled over the next few months. For more information check out the [Working Well](#) website.

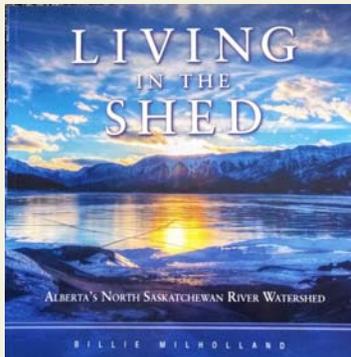
**Cows and Fish** will be hosting a **Speaker Series** exploring riparian stewardship and regulations. More information and registration is on [Eventbrite](#).

**Alberta Water Council** has released its [Guide to Building Resiliency to Multi-Year Drought in Alberta](#) and other related information.

**Ducks Unlimited** has several webinars coming up in the [Wetland Knowledge Exchange](#) series. In February, the presentation will be on Conservation Begins at Home: Understanding personal, commercial and conservation values of landowner stewardship on the family farm.

The **Land Stewardship Center** has opportunities for acreage owners to apply to fund eligible cost-shared stewardship initiatives on their properties. For more information check their [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.



### SUPPORT THE WORK OF NSWA

*Living in the Shed* is a great gift for all of the nature lovers on your list. Priced at \$20 per copy they can be ordered at our [SHOP](#).

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



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