



**SPRING EDITION**

**DRAFT LAND USE PLANS WILL IMPROVE WATERSHED HEALTH**

**April 23, 2018**



The 2 draft Government of Alberta plans are a turning point, a real watershed moment if you will, to halt declining environmental health of the headwaters, and even restore it through reclamation.

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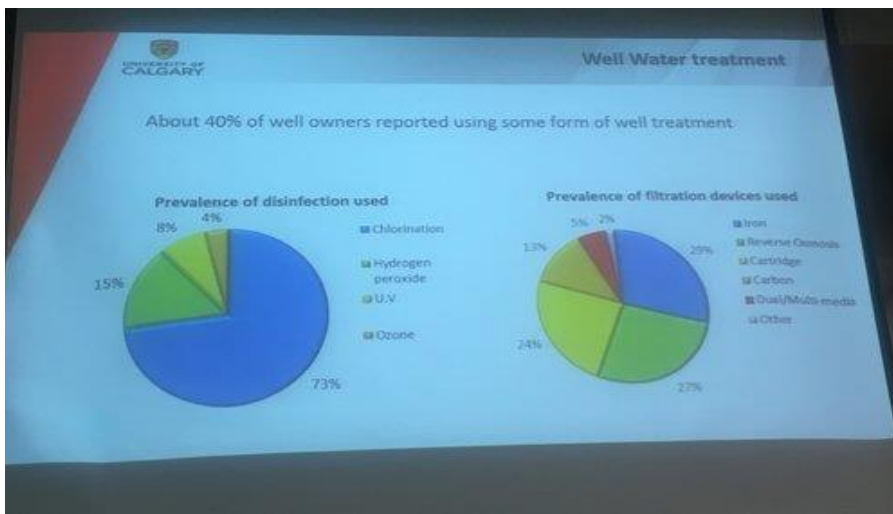
**WELL WATER PERCEIVED AS SAFE**  
**April 13, 2018**

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Overall, the study found that most well owners feel they are not susceptible to well contamination issues because they have not had any health concerns that they linked to their well water quality. Perceived susceptibility is critical, because it helps indicate how motivated people would be to test and/or treat their well.

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**[To check out our previous Blog articles, click here!](#)**

## OWC NEWS & EVENTS!

**Help Us Reach Our Membership Goal!**

[www.oldmanwatershed.ca/membership](http://www.oldmanwatershed.ca/membership)

**OUR GOAL IS:  
400  
MEMBERS**

**WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO OUR GOAL!** Only 6 more days to renew your FREE OWC membership! Membership renewals are due April 30th!

Your support helps us secure future financial support for our work on improving watershed management and health! It just takes a few minutes of your day!

**RENEW HERE:**

[www.oldmanwatershed.ca/membership](http://www.oldmanwatershed.ca/membership)

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR AGM!**

**THE OLDMAN WATERSHED COUNCIL INVITES YOU...**

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

**MISSION: POSSIBLE**  
EDUCATION • ACTION • STEWARDSHIP

MAY 29  
ENMAX CENTRE  
LETHBRIDGE, AB

## **AGENDA**

12:30pm Registration Opens

1:00pm Welcome and Introductions by Doug Kaupp, Chair:

- Meeting called to order and declaration of quorum
- Approval of agenda
- Acceptance of minutes from June 15, 2017 AGM

1:10pm Greetings from the Government of Alberta by Lisa Lambert, Lethbridge West Constituency and Sherry Hunt, Lethbridge East Constituency

1:20pm Watershed Scavenger Hunt by Sofie Forsstrom, Education Program Manager

1:30pm Welcome 2018-2019 Board of Directors

1:45pm Audited Financial Statements by Mercer Wilde Group

2:00pm Highlights of our 2017-18 Accomplishments:

- Headwaters Action Plan by Shannon Frank, Executive Director
- Engaging Recreationists by Sofie Forsstrom, Education Program Manager
- Watershed Legacy Program by Taren Hager, WLP Manager
- Southern Alberta Water Charter by Shannon Frank
- Youth Engagement by Sofie Forsstrom and Taren Hager

3:00pm Break (refreshments provided)

3:15pm Donor and Volunteer Appreciation

3:45pm Water Quality Results from 2014-17 by Natalie Kromrey, Water Quality Specialist, Alberta Environment and Parks

4:15pm Watershed Scavenger Hunt Winners Announced

4:30pm Motion to adjourn

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**  
**PLEASE REGISTER HERE!**

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**NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!!** LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED  
WITH THE OWC? WHY NOT JOIN OUR BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS?  
GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN FOR THE 2 SEATS UP FOR  
ELECTION!

AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS  
AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS!

NOMINATION FORM & JOB DESCRIPTION

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION FORMS TO TAREN BY  
APRIL 30th! ([taren@oldmanwatershed.ca](mailto:taren@oldmanwatershed.ca))

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**STILL LOOKING! Volunteers Needed!**  
**Read All a-Boat It!**

Do you own a boat near a lake in the Oldman watershed? Do you consider yourself a lake steward? The Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) has an exciting opportunity to help pilot the Lakekeepers Project - **a new citizen science monitoring project!** Stewards will be trained to sample lake water quality three times over the course of the summer.

To learn more, contact OWC Education Program Manager, Sofie Forsstrom ([sofie@oldmanwatershed.ca](mailto:sofie@oldmanwatershed.ca), 403-382-8974) or Brad Peters with ALMS ([programs@alms.ca](mailto:programs@alms.ca), 780-415-9785)



**OTHER WATERSHED NEWS & EVENTS**

**April 27 - Extreme by Nature - Water World with OWC and HSNC. Discover the importance of water and help clean-up part of the shoreline along the Oldman river. Ages 11-15, FREE but registration required!**

**April 27 - Shoreline Clean-Up 2018** hosted by the HSNC.  
2018 Public Drop-In Shoreline Clean-Up Calendar:

--> April 27 - Indian Battle Park, 1:30-3pm  
(meet at Helen Schuler Nature Centre)

--> June 2 - Indian Battle Park, 1-3pm  
(meet at Helen Schuler Nature Centre)

--> July 7 - Nature Reserve Park, 1-3pm  
(meet at Helen Schuler Nature Centre)

--> August 11 - Botterill Bottom Park, 1-3pm  
(meet at boat launch in Botterill Bottom Park)

**April 27 - Coulee Clean-Up 2018** hosted by the HSNC.  
2018 Public Drop-In Coulee Clean-Up Calendar:

---> Friday April 27, 4-6pm,  
at Galt – meet at Galt Museum parking lot hosted by [Jo Jo Garden Design and Consulting](#)

---> Saturday April 28, 1-3pm,  
at St. Pats – meet at Dave Elton Park parking lot hosted by [Sen Buchanan Neighbourhood Association](#)

---> Wednesday May 2, 7-8pm,  
at 10 ST W (road to Popson/Cottonwood) – meet at 10 ST W & University Drive W hosted by [Friends of the Helen Schuler Nature Center Society](#)

---> Thursday May 24, 7-9pm,  
at Cottonwood Park – meet at parking lot hosted by [Lethbridge Naturalists' Society](#)

OR

Create a group of your own friends/family/team/organization for your own clean-up event to pick your own date/time and select your clean-up location!

**May 1 - May Green Drinks** Lethbridge hosted by Environment Lethbridge and Lethbridge Green Drinks

**May 2 - Seed to Supper: A Beginner's Guide to Low Cost Vegetable Gardening. Hosted by the Interfaith Food Bank Society.**

**May 4 - Coulee Plant Communities.** Jane's Walk with the Helen Schuler Nature Centre.

**May 4** - Lethbridge Sustainable Living Association will be hosting a **spring clean up** with our Friends at [Ecole La Verendrye](#) at their Edible Forest Learning Garden space. They are looking for volunteers!

**May 5 - Board Leadership Lethbridge** training seminar at Lethbridge College.

**May 5 - Livingstone Landowners Guild** hosts it's Annual General Meeting.

**June 2 - 24th Annual Ed Gregor Memorial Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Day** hosted by [Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society](#)

**June 5-7 - 5th Annual KEPA Summit** hosted by the Kainai Ecosystem Protection Association (KEPA).

**June 9 - Nature Play Day** hosted by the HSNC.

**June 13 - Take me to the River**, weed pull and learning about aquatic invertebrates in the Crowsnest Pass hosted by the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

**June 15-20 - Waterton Wildflower Festival** hosted by Waterton Community Centre.

**July 7 - SAVE THE DATE, 16th Annual Blueweed Blitz** hosted by the Pincher Creek Watershed Group.

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE GRAZING SCHOOL!  
CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER!**

**August 11 - Applefest! 2018** hosted by Applefest Lethbridge.

**September 18-20 - SAVE THE DATE! 9th Annual Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent and Roundtable Tribal Summit** in Standoff and Fort Macleod. More details coming soon!

**\*\*\*WANT YOUR EVENT LISTED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER?? WE ARE CREATING A FULL SCHEDULE OF WATERSHED EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**

**PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO  
TAREN@OLDMANWATERSHED.CA\*\*\***

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## CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP - ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Calling all ag producers & watershed stewardship groups! The Canadian Ag Partnership funding is NOW open!! Plenty of opportunities to get your stewardship projects funded! Don't miss out, this funding will go quickly!!

<https://cap.alberta.ca/CAP/Programs>

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