



SPRING EDITION

WELL WATER: RISKY OR SAFE?

April 6, 2018



University of Calgary PhD student, Abraham Munene, was interested in finding out what makes people think their water is safe or risky. In 2017 he set out to survey and interview well owners across Alberta to understand these perceptions, as part of his PhD research.

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PROTECTING WHAT WE LOVE

March 29, 2018

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The eastern slopes should be a place for OHV users, campers, anglers, hunters, hikers and everyone in between. But in order for that to happen, activities need to be supported accordingly. Under the current framework that simply isn't possible. The draft plans released March 27, 2018 offer a path forward.

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OWC NEWS & EVENTS!

A graphic for a membership drive. It features a thermometer on the left with a red liquid level reaching the 50% mark. The thermometer's bulb contains the Oldman Watershed Council logo. To the right is a large green star with the text '400 MEMBERS' in white. The background is light green with a repeating pattern of small fish icons. At the top, a dark blue banner contains the text 'Help Us Reach Our Membership Goal!' and the Oldman Watershed Council logo. Below the banner is the URL 'www.oldmanwatershed.ca/membership'.

Help Us Reach Our Membership Goal!


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400
MEMBERS

Help us reach our ANNUAL Membership Drive Goal of 400 members by April 30th!! WE ARE HALF WAY THERE!

Our membership is FREE to all! Individuals, organizations, businesses, societies, groups, etc. 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!

Register at: www.oldmanwatershed.ca/membership

Thanks a bunch!!

URGENT! Volunteers STILL 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, 403-382-8974) or Brad Peters with ALMS (programs@alms.ca, 780-415-9785)



Well Water: Risky or Safe? - FRIDAY!

When: April 13, 2018

Where: Oldman Watershed Council Office @ 319 - 6th Street S

Time: 11am-12pm

Over 400, 000 rural Albertans rely on well water for everyday use and are responsible for their own testing, treatment and well maintenance.

Perceptions of water quality influence the adoption of important well water management practices that ensure safe water.

University of Calgary PhD student, Abraham Munene, will share the results of his recent study about perceptions of well water quality in Alberta, which included surveying and interviewing well owners.

The study identified what factors are pertinent in the perception of well water quality among rural Albertans and what risk factors individuals associate with well water contamination.

SAVE THE DATE!

registration opens soon

save the date

Oldman Watershed Council's

Annual General Meeting

May 29, 2018



OTHER WATERSHED NEWS & EVENTS

April 11 - River Valley Conservation hosted by Environment Lethbridge, presented by the Helen Schuler Nature Centre. Workshop will be held at Theoretically Brewing, [1263B-2 Ave S](#).

April 11 - Ecosystem Management Presentations, Part 2. Hosted by the LethbridgeNaturalists at the Helen Schuler Nature Centre.

April 12 - Can Floods and Forest Fires be more Accurately Predicted Using 3d Technology with Dr. Chris Hopkinson and Dr. Laura Chasmer. Hosted by the Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs at the Royal Canadian Legion.

April 12 - SER WC Webinar: Discussing Climate Change with Agriculture and Natural Resources Audiences: Professional Perspectives

April 14 - Blackfoot Legends and Napi Stories. Hosted by the Galt Museum.

April 15 - 21, National Volunteer Week, Thank your Volunteers!

April 16 - 6th Annual Colour Fun Run 2:00 pm at University of Lethbridge

April 19th - Screening the newly released documentary, Living the Change by Happen Films. Hosted by

Lethbridge Sustainable Living Association, Environment Lethbridge and Theoretically Brewing.

April 21 - Earth Day. Hosted by the Galt Museum.

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April 21 - Reuse Rendezvous. Free-cycle your gently used items and search for new treasures to call your own. Hosted by Environment Lethbridge.

April 21 - Pruning Workshop. Hosted by Ladybug Arborists and Campus Roots Community Garden.

April 22 - May 31. Coulee Clean-up. Get a group together and help keep garbage out of the River Valley. Hosted by the Helen Schuler Nature Centre.

April 23 - Stumps, Sawdust and Sediment: A legacy of logging in the headwaters with Lorne Fitch. Hosted by the Lethbridge Horticultural Society at the Lethbridge Public Library.

April 24-25 - UFA AGGIE DAYS. The agriculture trade show is interactive and educational for young people to learn and experience all aspects of agriculture.

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.

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JULY 24th-25th, 2018

15th Annual!

Southern Alberta Grazing School for Women

Stavelly, AB

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Verified Sustainable Beef Program

Grazing Research

Utilizing Electric Fencing

Range Health

Plant ID

Grazing Principles and Practices

Riparian Health



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for Women"



Give your input to the National Climate Change Adaptation Assessment

Preparations for the Prairies chapter of the next National Climate Change Adaptation Assessment are now underway. A new, more user-driven approach is being taken to inform development of the assessment. Therefore, researchers **are interested in understanding the key questions that stakeholders across the Prairies would like to see answered.**

Please **fill out this survey by April 18** and send it to Anne Rooban, Project Officer, at arooban@iisd.ca.

Writing of the chapter will be led by Dr. Dave Sauchyn, University of Regina, who has done extensive research in the Oldman watershed related to climate change impacts and adaptation.

The previous National Climate Change Adaptation Assessment was published in 2008. The initiative is aimed at helping decision-makers in the Prairie provinces target local climate change issues and help integrate climate change adaptation considerations into decision making in policy, planning and operations. It is a federal-provincial cost-shared program between Natural Resources Canada and the Governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The International Institute for Sustainable Development ([IISD](http://www.iisd.org)) acts as the secretariat.

For more information about this survey please visit the PRAC website at: <http://prairiesrac.com/national-assessment>

CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP - NOW 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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