



North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

9504 – 49th Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6B 2M9

Phone: 780-442-6363 Fax: 780-495-0610

water@nswa.ab.ca

<http://www.nswa.ab.ca>

March 16, 2011

We are pleased to send you this update on the planning activities of the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) and to invite your continued participation in our watershed planning work.

As you are aware, the NSWA was appointed by Alberta Environment in 2005 to become the Watershed Planning and Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan River basin, under the terms and concepts embodied in *Water for Life: Alberta's Strategy for Sustainability*. The NSWA is mandated to serve as a multi-stakeholder watershed planning partnership and is incorporated as a non-profit society in Alberta.

The NSWA has now reached a major milestone in its planning process by releasing a document entitled: *"Discussion Paper for the Development of an Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) for the North Saskatchewan River Watershed in Alberta"*. It summarizes the planning process over the last five years, the current legislative and policy context, the results of technical studies and conditions across the watershed. The Paper presents draft recommendations in the form of five goals, 20 watershed management directions and 61 specific actions on a wide range of water, land and development issues. The recommendations incorporate stakeholder interests expressed to date and the document also presents an implementation strategy.

The NSWA has embarked on a comprehensive public consultation and stakeholder engagement program to seek input on these draft recommendations. To that end, the NSWA has produced an IWMP Workbook as a survey questionnaire. It forms the core of this consultation process and gives all parties an opportunity to share their views and help shape the final recommendations.

We are seeking your review of the draft recommendations and ask that you, as an organization or as an individual, complete and return the attached Workbook by April 29, 2011. It can be completed on-line at www.nswa.ab.ca or mailed back to us as hardcopy. Should any of you require a hard copy via regular mail, please contact Melissa Logan at 780-495-0641 or email melissa.logan@edmonton.ca.

To further assist in the review process, the NSWA is scheduling another round of watershed forums for mid-April, 2011.

We are pleased to invite you to you to attend the Downstream Watershed Forum which will be held at the St. Paul Legion, 4925 51 Avenue, St. Paul, on April 18, 2011 (12:00 to 4:00 pm).

This is an opportunity for stakeholders from different sectors to discuss the draft IWMP recommendations, and to identify priority actions for implementation. Our goal is to support an ongoing dialogue with community leaders from all sectors to develop sustainable water resources management and watershed stewardship practices in this river basin. We hope you will join us in these important discussions.

Lunch will be provided at this forum; please RSVP to Melissa Logan at melissa.logan@edmonton.ca by April 12, 2011. If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mr. David Trew, Executive Director (Phone: 780-496-3474 or email: david.trew@edmonton.ca) or Melissa Logan.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to seeing you on April 18th.

Dr. Les Gammie
President
North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Society



North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

www.nswa.ab.ca

NSWA WATERSHED REGIONAL FORUMS

DOWNSTREAM REGION

ST. PAUL LEGION

4925 – 51 AVE, ST. PAUL

MONDAY APRIL 18, 2011

AGENDA

Goals:

- Present detailed IWMP recommendations as contained in Discussion Paper and Workbook
- Encourage individuals and organizations to complete Workbook by April 29, 2011
- Receive feedback and direction from participants

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:00 pm	Arrive, sign up and lunch	
1:15	Introductions and welcome	Dr. Les Gammie
1:20	Overview of IWMP process to date	David Trew
1:45	Overview of Discussion Paper and Workbook recommendations	Tom Cottrell
2:15	Coffee Break	
2:30 pm	Question and answer period between NSWA expert panel and Forum participants regarding IWMP recommendations	
	Panel Members:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Les Gammie - Drinking Water Chemistry and Treatment• Gordon Thompson, P. Eng. - Wastewater Engineering• Tom Cottrell, M. Sc. - Resource Planning• Ed Hoyes, M. Eng., - Provincial and Federal Legislation• David Trew, P. Biol. - Limnology (Water quality)	
4:00 pm	Wrap up	

Thank you for your participation!