Milk River Water Security Investigations Summary

The MRWCC is pleased to announce the completion of the summary report of Past Water Supply Investigations in the Milk River Basin. The summary looks at over 40 years of water management and storage investigations that have occurred in the Milk River basin, many of which have not publicly been available to watershed stakeholders and community members.

This summary document is intended to provide an objective review of past water supply investigations and supporting studies to establish a common understanding of the work completed among water managers and water users. The document may be used to guide future planning and decision-making to improve water security and drought resilience in the Milk River basin.

The Transboundary nature of the Milk River and interconnections to the St Mary’s River Drainage warrant continued dialogue and work towards improved water management on both sides of the border. A water supply project in the Milk River basin (AB) could mitigate the impacts of water shortages for existing water users, and potentially provide additional opportunities for the community and region. Past studies have investigated the feasibility of improving water supplies in the Milk River basin by way of onstream or offstream storage, or supplemental water supply from Ridge Reservoir to the Milk River. Most recently, the Joint Initiative Team completed a modelling exercise aimed at improving access to entitled shares of water for both Canada and the United States by way of administrative and structural measures. Canada uses an estimated 12% of its annual Milk River entitlement (about 47,000 dam3/year) flows to the U.S.A.

The Milk River Watershed Council Canada is committed to science based decision making that continues work in partnerships with government and non-government organizations, industry, and watershed residents to effectively manage watershed resources in alignment with the MRWCC Integrated Watershed Management Plan and South Saskatchewan Regional Plan priorities. We are mindful of the changing regulatory environment, aquatic and terrestrial species at risk concerns, and land use concerns expressed by stakeholders and our community. Now is the time for leadership to address water security challenges in the face of climate change to provide long term resilience.

Water shortages occur frequently and are expected to increase in response to changing climate. The most notable droughts were experienced in the 1940s, 1976, 1977, 2001, 2007 and 2017. The Milk River and its tributaries are a primary source of water for the Milk River community. The impact of drought is felt mostly by the towns, rural water co-ops, Milk River irrigators and other water users who rely on the river for their water supply.

The Milk River is sustained by foothills snowmelt in the headwaters, tributary inflows throughout the basin, and an inter-basin transfer of water from the St. Mary River to the South Fork of the Milk River via a diversion canal operated by the U.S.A. during the growing season. The diversion of water is made in accordance with the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty and 1921 International Joint Commission (IJC) Order. A Letter of Intent allows each country to access more than they are entitled to for some specific weeks of the year, which increases the total water each country can access during the whole year. The St. Mary River diversion canal infrastructure was completed in 1917 and is increasingly at risk of failing. Failing infrastructure, combined with changing climate, increases uncertainty in water supply for existing water users, and limits the potential for economic growth and investment in the basin. It also impacts riparian and aquatic ecosystems.

Past studies indicate that water storage could secure water supplies for existing water users in times of drought or during periods when the St. Mary diversion infrastructure is shut down. Water storage could also benefit new uses, including the irrigation of an additional 1,825 hectares to 13,500 hectares, depending on the future water supply option implemented. Based on a more recent study of the economic benefits of irrigation in Alberta, an increase in irrigable land could contribute as much as $74 million to the provincial GDP annually. For a full copy of the Storage Investigation Summary, please contact our office or download the digital version from our website www.mrwcc.ca.

Key Findings

- Offstream water storage options (located on tributaries to the Milk River) provided significantly less capacity compared to onstream options, and had greater water quality problems (e.g., local salinity issues). Offstream options required pipeline/canal infrastructure to capture mainstem river flows that increased project costs without adding benefits. Multiple reservoirs could increase storage capacity, but costs would increase to construct, operate and maintain multiple facilities.

- Route 4 was considered the most feasible of five proposed pipeline/canal water supply routes from Ridge Reservoir. However, compared to onstream storage, the volume of water that could be practically delivered via pipeline/canal from Ridge Reservoir was small and unable to provide the same benefits. Social barriers also limited the future potential of this option, including the inter-basin transfer of water from Ridge Reservoir to the Milk River, and availability of water and use of infrastructure that is currently designated for other water users in the St. Mary River basin.

- Considering all onstream storage sites investigated, only the Milk River 2 (Forks) site had the storage capacity approaching the hydrologic optimum. The remaining onstream options were either limited in size by site topography and water supply, or were sized at less than their maximum capacity. The Milk River 2 (Forks) site was recommended as the most feasible onstream water storage option in all studies, except Klohn Crippen (2003) which did not identify preferred options. This site was considered optimal due to its comparatively large capacity, location upstream of the Town of Milk River (to maximize downstream benefits), and for its potential to provide continuous flow during winter or periods of drought to improve instream habitat for aquatic life. The recent modelling results by the Joint Initiative Team indicated that storage at the Milk River 2 (Forks) site could have mutual benefits for both countries (JIT 2015). Administrative options (i.e., Letter of Intent (LOI)) could be used to maximize mutual benefits of onstream water storage options.

The Water Supply and Management (WSM) Team, comprised of Alberta Environment and Parks, Milk River Irrigators, and Milk River Watershed Council Canada Board members evaluated the water supply options presented in past investigations (highlighted in the summary). The WSM Team identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the most feasible options: onstream storage at the Milk River 2 site, offstream storage at Lonely Valley B, and the alternative water supply from Ridge Reservoir (Route 4). The Team concluded that all of the options have strengths and weaknesses that require further analysis using updated information on a shorter list of the more feasible options.

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Watershed QUICK FACTS:

Do you know where our water comes from?
On average 80-90% of the river flow of the Milk River comes from a diversion off the St. Mary’s River for the St. Mary’s River diversion, mostly late summer natural flow of the Milk River east of the Town of Milk River would be non-existent.

Groundwater and Milk River flow
Did you know that studies have demonstrated the connectivity of the Milk River to both the Whiskey Valley Aquifer and the Milk River Aquifer. Over 350 farms, acreages, even parks are reliant on Water Co-ops that draw from the Milk River and adjacent aquifers for domestic drinking water. Thanks to leadership of the MRWCC and

Water storage options identified in reports

The Team noted that the option that provided the largest water storage capacity and greatest economic benefit for the Milk River basin was the combination of water storage at the Milk River 2 (Forks) site, the upgrades/restore of the St. Marys River diversion canal, and administrative tools to optimize operations (modified Letter of Intent). Increased access to secure water supplies would build community resiliency to predicted water shortages resulting from climate change, and address the increasing risk of infrastructural failure in Montana.

Recommendations Moving Forward
1) Municipal, provincial and federal decision makers and water users should explore opportunities for collaboration to undertake the necessary analysis for the most feasible options. Options to be explored should maximize benefits for both Canada and the U.S.A.
2) Funding to support the next phase of work should be sought from municipal, provincial and federal governments, and industry (e.g., agriculture, hydropower) when the options and scope of analysis have been determined.
3) Updated information and analysis should include:
   a) An assessment of watershed hydrology that considers climate change impacts on future runoff and natural water supply.
   b) An updated economic analysis to reflect current socio-economic conditions, and identify the potential benefits derived from irrigation expansion, industry development, hydropower generated power, and increased water-based tourism and recreation in southern Alberta.
   c) Examination of opportunities to:
      - Restore existing environmental impacts from current water management practices (e.g., winter water quality conditions, streambank and channel erosion; loss of riparian and fish habitat), and
      - Mitigate new environmental impacts that may result from a water storage project (e.g., potential to restore native grassland habitat to offset project impacts; mitigate potential impacts to fish species at risk and aquatic life).

Economics of a potential Milk River 2 site
Milk River 2 (Forks) site had the highest construction cost ($123 to $143 million; 2009 assessment) compared to other water storage options. The cost per unit storage of water was lowest at the Milk River 2 (Forks) site (high water level approximately 1051 feet per acre feet and topographic water levels approximately 905 feet per acre feet). Milk River 2 site was the only option with a positive cost benefit analysis to Albertans using standard metrics.

Economists generally use a cost-benefit analysis approach to rank natural resource projects when a number of options are presented. However, the cost-benefit analysis is just one consideration used to inform decisions together with other social, environmental and regulatory indicators. While the hard costs of water supply options (e.g., construction, stimulation) may be readily estimated using standard rates, not all social value indicators (benefits) can be easily determined.

An onstream water supply project at the Milk River 2 (Forks) site is expected to have a 600 year life span (Klohn Crippen). According to a recent study, a multi-use water supply can increase productivity in the basin and contribute as much as $74 million to the provincial multiplier of $2.54. Substantial employment by about 39 jobs.

For every dollar invested by the GOA in irrigation-related activities, about $1.00 in added revenue to Alberta and Canada was generated annually.

Irrigation crop and livestock product sales amounted to about $2,400/ha compared to about $329/ha for dry-land production.

For every $1.00 of irrigation sales, the total [Alberta] GDP increased by $2.54 and labour income increased by $1.64. Every million in irrigation sales increased total employment by about 39 jobs.

Thus, a 12,141 ha irrigation project in the Milk River basin could generate about $30 million in irrigation product sales, and contribute as much as $74 million to the provincial GDP, annually (determined by applying the GDP provincial multiplier of $2.54). Substantial employment opportunities could also be generated.

The income generated for non-irrigation related activities were also identified:
   - Hydropower generation: One plant operating during the summer months when sufficient water was available in the St. Marys River Irrigation District’s main canal generated about 11.6 MW of power and $2 million, annually.
   - Tourism and recreation: water-based recreation (Milk River Instream Flow Mitigation Study (Town of Milk River) 2011).

Water quality of the Milk River is affected by the St Marys River
The MRWCC has been monitoring water quality along the Milk River and many important tributaries for over 13 years. This data has helped form some of the most complete long term trend data sets found in any of the provinces major watersheds. Trends have shown us there are distinct differences in water quality between the Milk River natural flow which is high in salts and influenced by springs/groundwater flows; and St Marys River which is often higher in quality and glacial fed. The Milk River is distinctly two different rivers between the diversion and non-diversion periods.

Water and agriculture
There are over 93,000 acres of irrigation reliant on the Milk River throughout the Milk River basin, and on average 8600 acres in Alberta. The Milk River is likely just as valuable to the ranching community with thousands of head of livestock reliant on the Milk River for water sources, rich riparian plains for grazing and refuge.

Figure 1. Sequence of past water supply discussions and investigations for the Milk River basin (1976-2019).
As we enter the final year of the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program, we would like to remind watershed residents and agricultural producers who are interested in applying for funding to implement stewardship projects, to please do so promptly. All projects to be completed by March 2020. Remember that funding is on first come first serve basis.

Project Types:

◆ Wetland enhancements:
  - Watering systems / Alternative water developments - $10,000/one individual operation (maximum grant)
  - Riparian Corridor / Exclusion fencing - $5,000/site (maximum grant)
  - Riparian plantings - $2,000/site (maximum grant)

◆ Wintering site management projects:
  - Portable windbreaks / calf shelters/winter watering system - $4,000/site (maximum grant)

Please note that this is a cost-share funding opportunity. The MRWCC will be responsible for material procurement and landowner will be responsible for construction and all in-kind costs.

Please visit our website at www.mrwcc.ca for a complete funding guideline and application form or simply call Tim at 403-647-4342 if you have questions.

We wish to thank the Government of Alberta for the funding and all residents and producers who have bought into this program which improves riparian health of the watershed.

Last chance to apply for project funding!
Don’t miss this chance! Apply soon!

The Milk River Watershed Alliance (MRWA), in Montana, in partnership with Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Conservation districts/Counties of the Highline, Blackfeet Nation, and the Milk River Watershed Council Canada have completed a video to showcase the St Mary Diversion headworks and challenges facing water security for communities on both sides of the border.

“We believe that the most powerful way to explain the importance and complexity of the St. Mary’s diversion system, which can provide up to 90% of the flow for the Milk River, is through a short film” says the MRWA. By showing the location, extent of the project, beneficiaries, and consequences of failing to act, we can instill a sense of urgency to rally support to move the project forward.

Please watch or share the video, and start a conversation; the MRWCC is working with our partners to facilitate long term solutions to water security that strike a balance on environmental, social, and economic challenges.

As residents, recreationalists, and water users you need to let your elected officials from Municipal, Provincial, and Federal governments know that political will and leadership are required to ensure security.

The Film can be found either through the link on our website www.mrwcc.ca main page or directly from YouTube: https://youtu.be/Vq2zp3r14U (search: Milk River Watershed).
Interested in the plants? We will get you connected!

You may have noticed how nice the plants look in front of the Town of Milk River office building. The xeriscaping is complete. Both the north and the south section of the front of the Town Office look great. The North side is flourishing! Xeriscaping is landscaping and gardening that reduces or eliminates the need for supplemental water. With the water security issues that face our region, it is beneficial to look at what we can do to be pro-active in our landscaping. Some of the flowers have grown from one to twenty since being planted last year. The south side was planted this year in very, very hard soil (as some of you witnessed) but nonetheless the plants are doing well and we were able to recycle some of the rocks from the Civic Center. If you are interested in which plants were used for either side check out the plant list by the Town Office. Feel free to pop into our office if you have any more questions!

Here are some of the plants from the North Side:

- **Blazing Star** (Liatris spicata): This native prairie plant makes a wonderful addition to any garden. It is drought tolerant and thrives on neglect. The hairy flowers on the cone-shaped stalks are unusual because they open from the top down on the flower stalk. They are also favorites of bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

- **Blanket Flower** (Gaillardia "dwarf goblin"): Full sun and very well-drained soil are musts for blanket flowers to thrive. They prefer loose, sandy soil that isn’t overly fertile with a pH near neutral or slightly alkaline. Established plants are quite drought tolerant. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard.

- **Blue Gramma Grass** (Bouteloua gracilis): Blue grama is short growing, long-lived, warm-season, native perennial grass that grows throughout the Great Plains. It’s readily established from native grass seed and is now used in low maintenance lawns. It uses one-third of the water of a traditional Kentucky bluegrass lawn and is very drought tolerant.

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**The Milk River Historical Society held the Oral History workshop at the Heritage Hall in Milk River**

**Article by Dale Leffingwell**  
President, Milk River Historical Society

The Milk River Historical Society has provided the Land of the Milk with an important venue where stories and artifacts are preserved for our community and help future generations to appreciate the efforts of our pioneers. Volunteer members of our society work tirelessly on fundraising, artifact acquisitions, displays and recently an important step in oral history and tradition education.

On Saturday October 5th we hosted a Beginners Oral History workshop at the Heritage Hall in Milk River made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation Henry S Varley Fund for Rural Life. Thanks to collaboration of the University of Lethbridge and the Galt Museum there were speakers from the University of Lethbridge Dr. Carol Williams (Professor, History & WGST U of L), Dr. Carly Adams (Associate Professor, Kinesiology, U of L) and Diane McKenzie (MA Candidate History U of L). Aimee Benoit (Curator ant the Galt Museum) and Kimberley Lyall (Motivational Speaker and Consultant). With several U of L student participants as well as local attendees the workshop was a success. We will be hosting a follow-up workshop to the Oral History in early spring.

The Milk River Historical Society has recently moved into a much larger building and is looking forward to being able to accumulate more artifacts and stories from the families of early pioneers that helped establish Milk River and surrounding area.
CANOE tour report

Our canoe tour this year took us from the site of the Forks, where the South and the North Fork of the Milk River meet. This is a point that few get to see but obviously is very important for the Milk River. We were able to paddle the area that is considered the best spot for a potential dam. The river was moving faster than we anticipated so we were able to cover a lot of distance! The weather was great and only one canoe went for a swim. We had our lunch in the Twin River area and ended just west of the Town of Milk River. Participants were fascinated by some of the amazing history surrounding the barn. It was a great way to end an awesome day on the river.
2019 Youth Range Days report

This year was the 12th annual Southern Alberta Youth Range Days (YRDs). YRDs is a program for youth to learn and be inspired to promote stewardship of southern Alberta’s native working agricultural range-lands. YRDs program is a celebration of our western heritage, connecting the next generation to the people, knowledge, and skills that will help them better understand our connection to the land, water, and biodiversity. Youth Range Days locations rotate across southern Alberta, allowing the camp to be situated in different eco-regions of the prairies, offering a slightly different agenda each year. In addition to the core program, additional agenda items focus on local topics or guest speakers selected to highlight current events or people/areas of interest in that location.

YRDs is about making lasting memories of summer days spent in nature, building new skills. This year’s Youth Range Days took place at Grinnel Hall near Airdrie. The registration was full by mid-May! We are so glad that this program continues to be popular. We had an insanely hot weather one day and the next day was our long day where we took the participants out to the Writing on Stone Pasture for their plant ID quiz. We then continued onto an area where the participants got to learn about fossils, yucca, and experience a taste of the Milk River Canyon. We returned to the hall to give the participants time to work on their Ranch Plans and to learn about soils. For an afternoon cool-off we set up a slip and slide out of silage plastic! The kids had a blast. We were able to host some of the sponsors for dinner and were impressed that a handful of participants volunteered to talk about their experience coming to YRDs.

The final day was spent at the King’s property learning about riparian areas and finishing up Ranch Plans and workbooks. After all this hard work, we as organizers always feel rewarded by seeing how much the participant’s sponge up. Our awards this year went to two kids who are so local they really didn’t need to camp at the hall. Our Top Hand award goes to the participant who doesn’t only do really well in their work book and ranch plan but also shows leadership and respect. This year we were happy to award Marly King who has been coming for years and has put in so much hard work. Our Green Hand award winner is chosen based off the work done by a first year attendee. This year we were happy to award Brantley Gaehring.

We couldn’t pull this event off without our dedicated organizing committee and our sponsors. Without this support it would be impossible to provide this opportunity for the youth of Southern Alberta.

2019 MRWCC Summer Student
ROBIN STELTEN

Working for the Milk River Watershed Council Canada this summer has allowed me to share the knowledge I gained! On top of all of this I was able to further engage with the material I learned through developing programs which I shared with visitors at Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park. Thus, this job has allowed me to better educate myself, along with others who are interested in learning more about the Milk River Watershed. Although the job was short term, it has been an incredible opportunity for me to understand what working in the field of Environmental Science is all about. Not only has this job made me realize my desire to treat our planet better but also to reach out and educate as many other people as I can. This job has allowed me to see the importance of continuing to learn about the environment, ways to lessen human impact, and how to share that with the public.

This is the first summer I was able to put my college education to the test and I am so lucky that I got to do it in the town I grew up in. The knowledge I have gained in the past couple months is not only fascinating to myself, but invaluable as well. Working with the Milk River Watershed has allowed me to see local farmers implement new management practices on their farms with the help of the Milk River Watershed Council. Even though I have studied environmental science for the past couple of years, this experience has had a huge impact on my education. I learned real ways that farmers and ranchers are changing their ways to help the environment and that is so inspiring to see and be a part of. Educating people is something I would love to continue to do, especially when it comes to the environment.

Promoting Educational Programs

The new school year is well under way! Kandra continues doing school activities and will hopefully be getting out and presenting on “Wonderful Wetlands” as that is the theme for this year’s poster contest. Just a reminder that curriculum related programming is offered year round. Kandra is always excited to get out of the office and into the classroom. Until the weather gets warm again this means doing in class presentations on the watershed, habitats, species at risk, Caring for Our Watershed and point and non-point pollution (ask Kandra about the fun hands on activities for this one). Once spring hits it is the perfect time to do a wetland or river study field trip. Please contact Kandra if you are interested in any of these programs or presentations.

FALL HIKE tour report

Our Hike Tours are designed to get people out in some of the beautiful and often little known corners of our watershed. This year our friends at Writing on Stone Provincial Park suggested we take the opportunity to check out one of their little known areas, Haffner Coulee. Despite the horrible misleading weather forecast, we had a wonderful hike with great weather! It was a bit chilly compared to the days beforehand but still quite manageable with layers. Participants were in awe of the landscape and the almost frequent pop up of deer. We were fortunate to have a variety of knowledge shared with us from park staff, Aaron Domes and Megan Berry as well as MRWCC board members Ron McNeil and William King. It seemed like there was something exciting to discover around every corner. We had our lunch under some interesting rock art and continued our way down the coulee where we saw more interesting rock formations and found ourselves a very cold rattlesnake. It just wanted to hunker down and stay warm on the sandstone and had no interest in bothering us. We continued on our way along the Milk River and over to Poverty Rock. This was a great treat for those who have never paddled the Milk River to access it. Thank you to everyone who came out and spent this day exploring with us.
POSTER CONTEST

This year’s theme is “Wonderful Wetlands.” Though wetlands may not be as common in our dry region, the few we have are very important. Kandra will be doing school presentations to introduce the topic and do a fun activity with the students. Students who place will receive their prize at our Community Appreciation Forum in March.

Milk River Watershed Council Canada
15th Annual General Meeting
May 14, 2020 • Milk River Town Office Council Chambers

Please Save the Date!
The meeting will start at 10:00 am
Call for Nominations!
The following Board of Directors seats are open for nominations:
- Non-Government Organization - x2 (Environmental and General)
- Agriculture - Farmer • Agriculture – Rancher • Water Users
- Municipal District/County x2 • Provincial Government x2
(One must be Alberta Environment and Parks)
Health • First Nations (Currently vacant)
For membership information, please visit our website at: www.mrwcc.ca
Nominations will be taken from the floor on May 14, 2020 or received in advance by contacting Tim:
Phone: 403-647-4342 • Email: tim@mrwcc.ca
Members are entitled to vote at the AGM.
For more information contact: mary@mrwcc.ca or 403-647-3808

What is the Heritage Tree Program?
• The Heritage Tree Program identifies and records the location of heritage trees as well as details such as age, size, appearance and most importantly their cultural and historical significance. The stories and photos of recognized trees will then be featured on the MRWCC website.
• In addition, the identification of these trees enables the MRWCC and community-minded organizations to locate potential native seed/cuttings sources. Collecting these seeds will ensure the successional planting of legacy trees for future generations to enjoy.
• Identified trees will also be provided with a wildlife/livestock proof fence and recognition plaque.
• Planting new protected legacy trees will also be encouraged under the Heritage Tree Program.

What is a Heritage Tree?
• Notable because of its size, form, shape, beauty, age, rarity, significance, or other distinctive features;
• A living relic that displays evidence of significance;
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Objectives of the Heritage Tree Program
• The Heritage Tree Program allows residents of the Milk River watershed to celebrate the pioneering spirit of the community by identifying and nominating trees of local significance within the watershed.
• Trees also play an important role in providing habitat for many wildlife species, and stabilize fragile prairie soils in erosion prone areas.
• Native trees along riparian areas of the Milk River are rare and require additional protection and care for propagation.

For more information contact: mary@mrwcc.ca or 403-647-3808
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Nomination Deadline is February 7, 2020
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Milk River Watershed Council Canada
2020 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Nomination submissions should include this application form and written information about the nominee’s environmental work/projects for consideration. For detailed information, check out the Environmental Awards webpage at www.mrwcc.ca

Forward nomination form and written submission by mail or email at:

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or

Email: mary@mrwcc.ca

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY February 7, 2020

I would like to Nominate:

(Include Print)

Please mark an (x) for the chosen category

Individual

Family

Commercial Business

Environmental Group

Contact:

Mailing Address:

Phone (H):

Phone (C):

Email:

Please provide the following information. (Please print)

Nominator Name:

Nominator’s Contact:

Phone (H):

Phone (C):

Email:

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Nominations will be assessed by a review committee chosen by the MRWCC Board of Directors.

To be eligible for an award, an individual, family, business, or environmental group must have been instrumental in demonstrating responsible environmental management practices by promoting public awareness, understanding and active concern for the enhancement and protection of the environment.

In addition, the review committee will also consider the nominees’:

• long-term service and commitment;
• voluntary contributions; and,
• innovative approach.

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT

Describe in 400 words or less why your nominee deserves to win the MRWCC Environmental Stewardship Award. Ensure that your summary outlines how the nominee’s efforts and achievements fulfill the award criteria as defined in this brochure. You are encouraged to include letters of endorsement and other supporting materials.

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Nominations are in the following categories:

Individual • Family • Commercial Business • Environmental Group

Nominate anyone in the above categories that has demonstrated outstanding environmental and conservation efforts to sustain, protect, and enhance the environment within the Milk River Watershed. Self-nominations are welcome.

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NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY February 7, 2020

I would like to Nominate:

(Include Print)

Please mark an (x) for the chosen category

Individual

Family

Commercial Business

Environmental Group

Contact:

Mailing Address:

Phone (H):

Phone (C):

Email:

Please provide the following information. (Please print)

Nominator Name:

Nominator’s Contact:

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SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Nominations will be assessed by a review committee chosen by the MRWCC Board of Directors.

To be eligible for an award, an individual, family, business, or environmental group must have been instrumental in demonstrating responsible environmental management practices by promoting public awareness, understanding and active concern for the enhancement and protection of the environment.

In addition, the review committee will also consider the nominees’:

• long-term service and commitment;
• voluntary contributions; and;
• innovative approach.

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT

Describe in 400 words or less why your nominee deserves to win the MRWCC Environmental Stewardship Award. Ensure that your summary outlines how the nominee’s efforts and achievements fulfill the award criteria as defined in this brochure. You are encouraged to include letters of endorsement and other supporting materials.