

March 13th 2020



RE: Community Appreciation Forum (CAF) – postponed until further notice

Dear MRWCC Members and Community Supporters;

The Milk River Watershed Council Canada (MRWCC) has been monitoring the actions and recommendations by officials dealing with the new coronavirus spreading throughout the world. The MRWCC has decided to take precautions to limit the exposure of our most vulnerable members of the community. In light of the recent developments and new public health measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 recommend limiting attendance or cancelling community events across Alberta. Events with more than 50 attendees with international participants or involving critical infrastructure staff, seniors or other high-risk populations are also recommended to be cancelled.

The MRWCC will be postponing the Community Appreciation Forum scheduled March 19th until further notice. On behalf of the staff and council we would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the MRWCC. The forum has been our single biggest annual event and fundraiser supporting projects and programs with schools and landowners throughout the watershed. It is also an opportunity for us to share our success with community members and bring in quality and interesting presentations for our participants.

When safe to do so, we will reschedule this event and we hope that this threat is short lived and has a minimal impact on the watershed community and partner organizations. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank our event sponsors, trade show participants, and the many donors of silent auction and raffle items. Our office will be in touch with all of you in the coming days as we work to reschedule our event.

The MRWCC is a not for profit and charitable society mandated under the Provincial Water for Life Strategy to provide a forum where we engage communities, share information, discuss concerns, and implement stewardship initiatives in the Milk River watershed. As one of the 11 recognized Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils (WPACs) in the province of Alberta, we work closely with the ministries of Environment and Parks as well as Agriculture and Forestry to report on the health of our watersheds, lead collaborative planning, and facilitate education and stewardship activities. In our work, we seek consensus on land and water resource management strategies that support the achievement of shared environmental, social, and economic outcomes for the watershed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us: Mary Lupwayi 403-647-3808 mary@mrwcc.ca or Tim Romanow 403-647-4342 tim@mrwcc.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Romanow".

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