



Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

It has been a very interesting year to say the least. We have collected a series of articles/ webinars for you to pour over as we cocoon during this holiday season - thanks to Covid.

1. The Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards have completed a five part series called 'We have a nutrient Problem - Part 5 Reducing the Source'. To read click here <https://www.lqws.ca/> This is a great collection of articles that outline why our lakes are green, where the nutrients are coming from, and what we can do to help our water.

2. We worked with the United Nations Regional Center of Expertise (RCE Saskatchewan) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UY-toPGjcro> and Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy to host a webinar called 'Advancing Water resiliency: Nature's contribution to People and Agriculture'. This virtual conference had over 320 people registrar. 'Messy' farming and working together were key messages.

<https://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/news-events/archived-events.php#LecturePresentations>

3. The Citizen Environmental Alliance with SAWS support held a series of 5 webinars on Farmland Drainage. These webinars have created a conversation surrounding the amount of drainage and the effects of farmland drainage on Saskatchewan's environment. Please Like CEA's channel and share.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZuJ3Hc6lPU0gO57zpZMXNQ/featured>

What to look forward to in 2021:

Part 2 of the Citizen's Environmental Alliance's Farmland Drainage and Environment Conference Jan 11 to 15, 2021. All times are 10:30 AM CST.

Monday, January 11th Quantifying Carbon Sequestration in Wetlands and the Impact from Farmland Drainage - Murray Hidlebaugh.

Tuesday, January 12th The Indigenous Views of Farmland Drainage Impacts - Heather Bear, Fourth Vice-Chief, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations.

Wednesday January 13th Bush, Sloughs, and Grass: Making Room for Wildness - Trevor Herriot, Public Pastures – Public Interest.

Thursday, January 14th Wetland Drainage and its impacts on biodiversity in the prairie and parkland region of Canada - Dr. Kiel Drake, Prairies Director, Birds Canada.

Friday, January 15th What Makes An Environmental Effect Cumulative? - Dr. Jill A.E. Blakley, Associate Professor, University of Saskatchewan.

To register for the free webinar <https://www.sierraclub.ca/en/farmland-drainage-conference>

It has been a busy year and we have a kindness to ask you. Please email Premier Scott Moe at premier@gov.sk.ca and ask: "Will this government create a public forum to educate communities and industries on the importance of wetlands, and their role in preventing downstream flooding, downstream pollution and the sequestration of carbon?"

Saskatchewan needs a wetland conservation policy.

Keep safe everyone. Continue the Conversation. We are on a good path.



CLEM is working with the Last Mountain Lake Stewardship Group to ensure the health of our lakes in southern Saskatchewan.

For more information, visit www.lmlsg.ca/SAWS or our Facebook page **Calling for a Sustainable Quill Lake Solution.**

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