



## **WE DID IT – CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

**We attended parades, festivals, Pow Wows and watched in awe as friends collect signatures.**

### **2251 signed letters!**

**On World Environment Day, June 5, 2023, the Saskatchewan Alliance for Water Sustainability held a press conference at the McKell Wascana Conservation Park – a 171 acre park space in the City of Regina, dedicated to conserving and restoring native prairie and wetland habitat. The purpose of the press conference was to bring an awareness to Saskatchewan residents of the need for a Wetland Policy in this province. We introduced our letter writing campaign, which was designed to connect with local people and give them the opportunity to have a say in how water is managed in this province. We have asked Erika Ritchie, member of the Legislative Assembly, to present these letters to Premier Scott Moe**

**Our goal was to obtain at least 2000 signed letters. In the short time of two months, through speaking with ordinary folks in Saskatchewan, our volunteers collected 2251 letters! Some of the comments we received are heart wrenching, and reveal a deep concern Saskatchewan residents have towards wetlands and the health of our water. For example:**

**“I grew up in Saskatchewan and wetlands are critical for everyone in the Province.”**

**“We are so lucky to have so many bodies of water in our beautiful province, we need to protect those waters for the present and our future. Please work with the people of Saskatchewan and hear our concerns. Thank you!!!”**

**“If we destroy the environment, we eventually destroy ourselves.”**

**These are only 3 out of 2251 messages that we will be bringing to Premier Scott Moe, when Erika Ritchie, NDP critic for Environment presents them to him this fall. We ask that Scott Moe read each of these letters and understand how important it is for this government to prioritize the upcoming new Ag Water Stewardship Policy as a Wetland Policy first. Why? Because this policy will affect every single person in Saskatchewan.**

**We are planning a follow-up press conference to share this good work. Stay tuned.**

**There is still time to send in a letter - simply click, sign and send. <http://eepurl.com/gc-asL>**

**Here are the articles from the June 5 media launch.**

**<https://www.ckom.com/2023/06/06/sask-group-looking-for-regulation-to-preserve-wetlands/>**

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/saskatchewan-landowners-fight-illegal-drainage-1.6865607>

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2222767683766>

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2023/06/06/news/wetlands-stream-bank-collapse-saskatchewan>

**Thank you to all those who shared their thoughts and concerns during our campaign. They are important.**

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<https://files.constantcontact.com/9668bc5f701/e6023782-4b53-4723-bb1c-a83fd0964b87.pdf>

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