

Red Deer River Watershed Society
Nomination Committee Report for 2019 AGM

This final report includes all those who filed nominations and submitted bios by May 30, 2019 . There are a total of 8 nominees. These nominations are for election for a two year term (2019- 2021).

Nominees seeking re-election (current board members), include:

Christine Moore
JoAnne Volk

Other Nominees seeking election :

Cheri Funke
Daniel Karran
Helge Nome
Delaney Schlemko
Cornelio van't Klooster
Murray Welch

Nominees by category:

(a) Environmental, being not-for profit environmental organizations and local stewardship groups that have a demonstrated interest in one or more aspects of watershed or water use management (1 to be elected; 2 nominated)

Helge Nome -Alberta Freshwater Alliance Society

Clean, fresh water is a precious resource that we tend to take for granted. Ever increasing industrial, agricultural and commercial use of water makes it imperative to protect that resource.

I am particularly interested in working to promote the mapping of Alberta's aquifers and ascertaining water quantity and quality in these aquifers. This in light of predictions of dry and hot weather conditions to become increasingly prevalent.

Delaney Schlemko

I would like to serve on the Board of Directors as I think this is a great opportunity for the RDRWA and the Nature Conservancy of Canada(NCC) to further their connection and conservation initiatives with the Central Alberta community. My experience includes a previous job where I worked closely with watershed alliances to help educate and encourage landowners to engage in lake- friendly practices. Lastly, I have developed a passion for and knowledge on freshwater ecosystems throughout my career. Therefore, I believe becoming a RDRWA Board Member is a perfect fit for myself as I represent NCC.

There will be a voting process for this category

(b) Agriculture, Business, Industry, being groups, associations, companies and corporations (2 to be elected; 2 nominated):

Cornelio van't Klooster

I have experience in several boards, currently I am a Alberta Milk delegate. I would like to sit on the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance board because I believe that a well -informed representative of the Dairy industry is important. The agriculture industry is heavily dependent on a good quality of water for production. Ensuring that our natural water sources remain healthy is essential to maintaining the sustainable growth of our industry. Thanks for the opportunity.

JoAnne Volk

I have been a Board Member with the RDRWA for 2 years, and for the past year have been the Treasurer. I have enjoyed all aspects of working with a diverse group of Stakeholders on promising best practices and watershed education. I would like to continue to serve on the Board as I am passionate about the work we do at RDRWA in support of Water For Life , ensuring healthy, secure, and sustainable water supply for communities, the environment and the economy.

I work in Calgary for Repsol Oil & Gas Canada Inc. as a Water Advisor. My work includes reducing our dependency on freshwater for hydrocarbon development activities in the Red Deer River basin. I have over 20 years of experience as a chemical and environmental engineer, having worked in the pulp industry, in drinking water and wastewater treatment, and in oil and gas production. I have previous board experience in airshed management and minor sports organizations, and previous experience in a pilot community monitoring program for water.

Both Cornelio and JoAnne are acclaimed in this category

(c) Municipal Government, (2 to be elected; 2 nominated):

Cheri Funke -Town of Sundre

I have sat on Municipal Council for 5 cumulative years for the Town of Sundre. We are the first community on the Red Deer River, therefore we are very familiar with the importance of source water and wastewater treatment.

I have had experience with many boards over the years. I have a clear understanding of governance with an interest in bylaws and policies. And I am currently working on the working group for the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) that is focused on the review of the Police Act.

Christine Moore

As a Red Deer County Councilor it is most important that I seek to be elected to the RDRWA Board of Directors. I am committed to promoting the best use and diligent stewardship of the water within the Red Deer River Watershed. In my role as a Municipal Councilor I would make it a priority to advocate

with all levels of government so that through education and awareness we can protect and manage our most precious currency -water.

Cheri Funke and Christine Moore stand acclaimed in this category

(d) Provincial and Federal departments and agencies, and Academia, including universities and colleges (1 to be elected; 1 nominated)

Dan Karran -Olds College

I have an extensive background in the water resources field, both professionally and at the academic level. I have a M. Sc in Integrated Water Resource Management and PHD in Ecohydrology (Geography). I have worked as a Water Resource Specialist for a stormwater engineering firm and have worked internationally , trying to improve social capacity to manage water resources collectively at the grass roots level in Vietnam. I am currently the Water Instructor at Olds College in the Land and Water Resources program. I want to serve on the RDRWA Board because I see it as a mutually beneficial relationship between the College and the RDRWA that will allow me to help in a field I am passionate about and strengthen my capacity to properly inform my students.

Dan Karran stands acclaimed in this category

(e) First Nations and/or Aboriginal (2 to be elected; 0 nominated)

We received no applications for this category

(f) Individual beings individuals having an interest in watershed or water use management, especially within the Red Deer River Watershed. (1 to be elected, 1 nominated)

Murray Welch

I have been on the Clear Water Landcare (CWLC) board for may years. I initiated the Celebrating Our Successes event hosting seven events to publicly celebrate landcare success stories, several by RDRWA. For that I was awarded an RDRWA Watershed Ambassador Award.

Through CWLC I promoted the public education and awareness initiatives that RDRWA has developed and have participated in several RDRWA events.

My mountain -view home looks out over the North Saskatchewan River valley but back onto the Medicine River watershed, and I am proud to be part of both watersheds. I recently created a photo collection of all 23 bridge crossings on the Medicine River for the Medicine River Watershed Society Plein Aire event.

I am a semi-retired Professional Engineer, having been a consulting mechanical engineer for over 30 years.

My other boards include West Central Stakeholders (synergy group), Frisco Community Club board, Clearwater County SDAB, and I recently joined the Clearwater Rural Crime Watch Association Board.

Murray Welch stands acclaimed in this category

This final report is respectfully submitted by the Recruitment and Nomination Committee on May 31, 2019.