

Red Deer River Watershed Society
Nomination Committee Report for 2020 AGM

This final report includes all those who filed nominations and submitted bios by June 26, 2020. There are a total of 9 nominees. These nominations are for election for a two year term (2020- 2022).

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

Al Campbell
Kent Dyck
Mike Iwanyshyn
Bob Mills
Adam Minke
Dianne Wyntjes

Other Nominees seeking election :

Lee Fryberger
Ashley Patterson
Alia Snively

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 (2 to be elected; 2 nominated)

Tjarda Barratt – Alberta Wilderness Association

Lifelong (+70 Y) observation of nature, especially water flow and circulation. Lifelong observation of people, and those making decisions as it pertains to our natural heritage.

Fifteen years membership of RDRWA and member off education committee (now Outreach), experienced its ups and downs. I learnt so much from the RDRWA workshops and meetings with so many skilled people.

Extensively travelled, lived in four countries (but nothing beats living in the Red Deer River valley in Red Deer County!) , where I observed how culture, lifestyle, politics and climate can have such a profound effect on the environment and how people and countries deal with fresh water matters differently.

I like the alliance format of our organization as it represents the reality that people have opinions and make decisions based on their education, source of income, particular interests and global view. I fully

believe that the problems and challenges of the world, or the watershed for that matter, can be resolved with diplomacy.

My work experience is in business, financial, trade, including for 15 years partner/ manager in a business in Vancouver designing and manufacturing products to measure and manage dissolved gases in water, e.g. for fish culture and industrial water treatment. Now retired.

Alia Snively -Nature Conservancy of Canada

I was a board member for the RDRWA from 2015-2019. This past year I have been off on maternity leave but I am now headed back to work and I am eager to return to the board. I work for the Nature Conservancy of Canada so watershed health and issues are integral to what we do. Being on the board has been a great learning experience for me and as a new mom I feel that ensuring the health of our watershed for future generations is even more important to me.

Tjarda and Alia are acclaimed in this category

(b)Agriculture, Business, Industry, being groups, associations, companies and corporations (2 to be elected; 1 nominated):

Kent Dyck -NOVA Chemicals

I have sat on the RDRWA Board for the last four years and am excited for the potential to serve for another two years. I work as an Environmental Specialist at NOVA Chemicals, working with the RDRWA has been a natural fit. At NOVA Chemicals, Responsible Care ® forms the basis for sustainable, safe reliable operations. As part of our sustainability policy, NOVA aims to conserve and protect Natural Resources and continuously improve our Environmental performance.

Kent Dyck is acclaimed in this category

(c) Municipal Government, (2 to be elected; 3 nominated):

Al Campbell -Town of Stettler

I was born and raised in the Swift Current Creek Watershed in Saskatchewan and have been a resident of Stettler for over 52 years and a Town Councillor for 25. Four years ago my mayor asked me to attend a RDRWA board meeting. I was duly elected as a board member and have sat on the Recruitment committee and now on the Governance committee.

One of my interest is in establishing better riparian areas for clean water. Another couple of interests are mining gravel and fracking done in a manner to benefit the construction industry, agriculture and petroleum based business.

I would appreciate your support to continue as a board member representing municipalities on the RDRWA for the 2020-2022 term. Thank you very much.

Lee Fryberger- Special Areas Board

I am a resident of the Red Deer River Valley , residing on my family ranch in Dinosaur Provincial Park, along the banks of the river in Special Areas. My wife and I have managed the ranch since 1992 when my father retired, and have two university age girls. The oldest daughter is a 4th year Archeology student at University of Lethbridge, and the youngest is a second year science student at the University of Victoria.

I have been active in my community, as a 4-H Club Leader for 6 years as well as Chair of the Newell District Beef Committee for three years. As a director of Berry Creek Agricultural Society, for 9 of the past 12 years, I have been a part of many community events and in the construction of community infrastructure.

My keen interest in motorcycles has allowed me to travel to many parts of the globe, seeing and experiencing many aspects of the world and its different cultures. Once again, giving back to my community, my experience and skills have led me to a position as the co-manager for Team Canada at the FIM (Federation of International Motorcyclists) International Six days Enduro (ISDE). The ISDE is the Olympics of motorcycling, where countries from around the world send teams to compete for six days, in a IOC (International Olympic Committee) recognizing endurance event. The event is typically attended by over 30 countries and 600 female and male competitors. I also represent Canada as an Enduro delegate to the FIM.

Recently, I became an Advisory Councillor with the Special Areas Board and have been a member of the Cessford Fire Department since 2015 with training in first aid and Fire Fighting 300.

Growing up in the valley presented a unique experience considering the vast paleontological resources in Dinosaur Park. I spent a number of summers of my youth as a volunteer at a number of quarries excavating various dinosaurs.

As a rancher, preservation and grass management is key to the future success of being a rancher. These principles have allowed me and my family to grow the size of our cow herd while still maintaining a balance of grass growth and preserving grass for future years in the varying drought climate of the Special Areas.

My father was a keen historian, born on the south side of the Red Deer River in the Eastern Irrigation District community of gem. My father always put value in the history and tradition of the area he grew up and where he chose to raised his family. While not as keen of historian, I carry my father's values, of where we came from, means just as much as where we need to go.

I look forward to the opportunity to share my experiences and vision of the future, with the RDRWA.

Dianne Wyntjes -City of Red Deer

I'm serving my third term as Red Deer City Councillor and have been active on the RDRWA Board from 2011-2017, including RDRWA committee work and the release of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan- Blueprint. I've been serving on the RDRWA since March 2020 and the Red Deer Municipal Users Group (2011-2017).

If elected, I look forward to ongoing conversations and stakeholder relationship building with municipalities, the agriculture sector, industry initiatives such as forestry, tourism, energy, business and citizens, as we engage and act for water quality and quantity and key decisions for Red Deer River stewardship and watershed management.

There will a voting process in this category

(d) Provincial and Federal departments and agencies, and Academia, including universities and colleges (2 to be elected; 2 nominated)

Bob Mills -Academia

- Educator -Biology- University of Saskatchewan
- Businessman
- MP -Red Deer 1993-2008
- Chair Environment Committee -Ottawa
- Globe International -Environmental Award
- RDRWA Board 2 years
- SEEDS -Board member -many years
- Red Deer Parks Board -10 years
- Kerry Woods Development Board
- Red Deer Trail Systems Board

Mike Iwanshyn – Natural Resources Conservation Board

Watersheds are an important part of the landscape and health of Alberta. They should be managed to ensure ecological integrity and economic sustainability, as a benefit to those that rely on them. I am the Senior Environmental Specialist with the NRCB, with a Ph. D. in Environmental Engineering. I have experience in research, management, and policy regarding water quality and water management, including surface water, groundwater, and surface water- groundwater interactions. I have served on the RDRWA BOARD OF Directors for the past six years, including representing the Board on Project Blue Thumb and various committees. The Red Deer River Watershed is a valuable resource and as a member of the RDRWA Board of Directors I hope to help to continue guiding a collaborative partnership that promotes a healthy watershed.

Bob Mills and Mike Iwanyshyn are acclaimed in this category

(e)First Nations and/or Aboriginal (2 to be elected; 1 nominated)

Ashley Patterson

As an indigenous business owner centered on appropriate wastewater handling practices and environmental safety for the past 10+ years, I have learned that there is much work to be done to protect groundwater and waterways. It would be a privilege to be given the opportunity to give an Indigenous perspective on the board of the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance.

My experience as a program coordinator at Red Deer Native Friendship Society has given me the experience in the community to know what the concerns and troubles are for the urban Indigenous population of Red Deer and surrounding areas. I have sat on my own community's Recreation Board for 10 plus years in various positions, but mainly as the event coordinator. It was an enriching experience being able to get to know my neighbors and interact with them on a personal level. I have also sat on the Parent Society Board for the Central Alberta Rhythmic Gymnastics Opportunity (CARGO) for 5 years as the Secretary and President. I was also the team manager for the CARGO travelling team as part of Team Canada at the 16th World Gymnaestrada in Dornbirn, Austria this past June. I was in charge of ensuring all administrative aspects were taken care of which included everything from finalizing sizing for all uniforms to booking flights and accommodations for the 24 team members to chaperoning those that travelled without a guardian.

I love being involved with my community and look forward to learning more about the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance.

Ashley Patterson is acclaimed in 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)

Adam Minke

I have been passionate about water resources for many years, and I've obtained water-related education through a B.Sc degree in Physical Geography from the University of Lethbridge, and a M.Sc degree in Hydrology from the University of Saskatchewan. I have been living in the Red Deer River Watershed since 2018 and it was my honor to be elected to the RDRWA Board of Directors that same year. During these past two years, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the RDRWA. The Alliance is doing great work and I'm grateful for the small ways in which I've been able to contribute. For example, I had the opportunity to assist in developing the RDRWA's GIS capacity by collecting and organizing , relevant mapping data, as well as assisting in developing maps for the Hydraulic Fracturing Factsheet. I've also had the privilege of recently being appointed to Co-Chair the Outreach Committee. I am proud to serve on the Outreach Committee and the Board, and I am excited about the important work ahead to protect and advocate for our Watershed over the coming months and years.

Adam Minke is acclaimed in this category

This final report is respectfully submitted by the Recruitment and Nomination Committee on June 30th.