

WE LOVE OUR LAKES.

Time Is Running Out! The Qu'Appelle River System will soon become a Dumping Ground from the Quill Lake flood waters.

The rising of the Quill Lakes continues to be a threat to the Qu'Appelle. We cannot wait another 2 or 3 years to resolve this Quill Lakes flooding issue. We need to have a range of experts speaking on the drainage issues to find effective solutions based in science now. SAWS is very open to discussing other solutions and innovative measures. This province could come out on top if we implement a solution where farmers can make money with the water they want to get rid of, where our water and natural resources are protected, and our provincial economy can prosper.

Integrating Environment and Development: The Lens of Sustainable Development (SD)



- What is sustainable development (SD)?
 - “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”
 - World Commission on Environment and Development *Our Common Future* (1987), p. 43
 - “Living on the planet as if we intended to stay”
 - “Enough, For All, Forever”
- SD a central goal of the U.N., World Bank, businesses, governments, global and local Non-governmental Organizations

An open roundtable approach employing the sustainable development goals is a good start as the goals ask all the right questions and consider water quality, water quantity, habitat and wetland preservation, and climate change. Saskatchewan is a pressure cooker for sustainability issues. Our extreme temperatures, extreme weather events, low population all make sustainable development a challenge. We have an opportunity here to become a leading example and let our situation serve as education for sustainable development and solutions elsewhere. Education is the first step and SAWS would like to help facilitate a larger discussion of sustainability in our province. This is not just about the Quill Lakes; this could be a province-wide discussion of how we manage water on the prairies. We have a real opportunity here.



Here is a suggested email format to send a strong message to the right people and get some action for Saskatchewan:

Dear Honorable Dustin Duncan Minister of Environment, minister.env@gov.sk.ca and Sam Ferris Acting Vice President of WSA, Samuel.Ferris@wsask.ca. I am emailing you to let you know I am concerned that the Quill Lakes continue to grow, and action needs to happen this fall. I would like to see the Department of Environment organize a Round Table discussion that brings together all aspects of the Saskatchewan community. Sincerely ...

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