

Celebrate the South Saskatchewan on Canadian Rivers Day June 8th

What do you think when you look at our river? You may appreciate the natural beauty of the valley and surrounding landscape, possibly you wonder what characters have travelled and lived by these waters in years gone by, or perhaps you anticipate an enjoyable cruise or paddle in your craft of choice. No matter how you appreciate the river, you will be glad to know that the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) shares and encourages your appreciation with Canadian Rivers Day. CHRS, Canada's national river conservation program, encourages the enjoyment and appreciation of rivers, and award Heritage designation to leading Canadian Rivers. Heritage River Designation requires outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values, public support and a conservation management plan for the future. Local citizens and associations such as the MidSask REDA/CFDC, with the support of the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards, are pursuing Heritage River Designation for our very own South Saskatchewan River. Those who would like to help support this effort can visit the MidSask REDA/CFDC's One Day One River Contest (www.onedayoneriver.ca).

As a gesture of support for Canadian Rivers Day and for the designation of the South Saskatchewan River as a Heritage River, the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards are holding an Open House on Sunday, June 8th, at their new location within the Town of Outlook Office Bldg. (410 Saskatchewan Ave West from 12:00-3:00pm). Come enjoy light refreshments and talk with the Watershed Coordinator to find out more about the Stewards Source Water Protection Plan and the Heritage River Program. We'd like to hear how you like to celebrate the river!

For more information on Canadian Rivers Day and the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Inc., visit www.southsaskriverstewards.ca or call Maurija Skansen, Watershed Coordinator at (306) 867-9549.