

# SOUTHERN ALBERTA WATER CHARTER

## 2017

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly: “Recognizes the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights.” (28 July 2010, Resolution 64/292)

And Whereas, the Government of Canada has stated: “Pollution of the water resources of Canada is a significant and rapidly increasing threat to the health, well-being and prosperity of the people of Canada and to the quality of the Canadian environment at large and as a result it has become a matter of urgent national concern that measures be taken to provide for water quality management in those areas of Canada most critically affected.” (Canada Water Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. C-11)

And Whereas, the Province of Alberta has stated: “Water is not only a resource, it is a life source. We all share the responsibility to ensure a healthy, secure and sustainable water supply for our communities, environment and economy - our quality of life depends on it. The Government of Alberta's renewed Water for Life strategy has three main goals: Safe, secure drinking water; Healthy aquatic ecosystems; and Reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy.” (Water for Life: Alberta's strategy for sustainability, 2003- Nov 2003)

And Whereas, the Oldman Watershed Council has stated: “Southern Alberta has a water heritage worth protecting. The Oldman Watershed provides: world-class recreational opportunities; rich economic benefits; home to wildlife and many species at risk; a source of spiritual meaning; life and prosperity from the headwaters through to the Hudson Bay. Our goal is to ensure clean, clear drinking water for generations to come.” (www.oldmanwatershed.ca, accessed 2016)

Therefore, I, Margaret Plumtree, Mayor of the Town of Vauxhall, on behalf of the Town of Vauxhall, do commit to the following new project and / or program in 2017, for the betterment of people, animals and ecosystems in the Oldman watershed.

The Town of Vauxhall proudly declares:

- 1) Active participation in the Southern Alberta Water Charter by: Educating students about water conservation with videos
- 2) Encouragement of citizens to participate
- 3) Commitment by the Town of Vauxhall to the better management and health of the Oldman watershed



Town of Vauxhall

April 7, 2017

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