



**Rural Water Watch**  
Newsletter

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# Welcome!

Tapping Nova Scotians in to water issues.



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RURAL WATER WATCH  
**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello,

Let me start by saying “thank you” for your membership and interest in Rural Water Watch (RWW). We’re thrilled to be sending you our first email newsletter! We’ll use this newsletter

to keep you up to date on our activities, share information on well protection and water quality in Nova Scotia, and advertise opportunities with our organization.

Our main focus is on creating awareness around healthy drinking water quality in rural areas serviced by on-site water supplies from individual wells – particularly in marginalized communities. We aim to accomplish this through workshops in communities, partnerships with government, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions, and through social media.

This year RWW members organized and participated in a community drinking water sampling program and information session in South End Shelburne, with volunteers from the Nova Scotia Community College, and volunteers from the South End Environmental Injustice Society (SEED). Plans are also underway for follow-up sampling in the community of Lincolnville. We produced and delivered our first outreach workshop in Musquodoboit Harbour on November 9th. In addition to our project work, committees have been working on fundraising, social media, increasing membership and corporate governance.

Please feel free to contact us to suggest topics you would like to read about here or posted on our website in the future.

Sincerely,

Fred Bonner  
Rural Water Watch President

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**ABOUT US**

Since this is our first newsletter, we would like to take a moment to tell you about ourselves. RWW's mission is to equip rural Nova Scotian communities with the knowledge, skills, literacy, and resources to address their concerns about drinking water quality.

Our objectives in fulfilling this mission are:

- To educate homeowners about drinking water quality;
- To educate homeowners about health risks associated with water contamination and how to prevent it;
- To facilitate water testing; and,
- To build capacity in communities to continue with water testing and well protection.

We have several committees devoted to completing our mission. Our project committee organizes community-scale sampling projects. Our communications committee works on media outreach, social media, and communicating with members. Our membership committee does member outreach and keeps RWW in touch with you. Finally, our

fundraising committee works to make all of this possible. We're always looking for help with all of this work, so please reach out if you're interested!

We are also working to share resources and knowledge by hosting community workshops. These are aimed at sharing skills with homeowners to help them maintain healthy drinking water wells.

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## THIS MONTH'S TOP STORIES



## Musquodoboit Healthy Well Workshop

November 9, 2019

RWW hosted their first Healthy Wells Workshop at the Musquodoboit Library on November 9th. With over 50 community members in attendance, the session was a great success! Fred Bonner, RWW President, and Elizabeth Montgomery, RWW Executive Director, presented information on protecting well water quality and quantity. The main take-away message was, "Get Your Water Tested".

[Read more on our website!](#)

## Rural Water Watch Website Launch

September, 2019

In September, we launched our website. Now, it'll be easy to keep up to date with our activities, and access a wide range of resources to help you take care of your drinking water supply well!

Please check out the website, [www.ruralwaterwatch.org](http://www.ruralwaterwatch.org), or find the link on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ruralwaterwatch](http://www.facebook.com/ruralwaterwatch)! We hope you find the information we have shared there useful for maintaining a healthy well, and keeping your drinking water safe and tasty!

CHECK US OUT!

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RURAL WATER WATCH  
UPCOMING EVENTS

## Members' Meeting

December 2, 2019

If you're interested in participating as a volunteer with Rural Water Watch, join us at the Halifax Central Library on Monday, December 2, at 5:30pm for an informal members' meeting. We'll be talking about some activities we have planned and how you can get involved. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Rural Water Watch Association  
Nova Scotia, Canada