



## Theme J: Collaboration

If you are in a drought, neighbouring municipalities and other water users in your region are most likely experiencing similar challenges and looking for solutions.

### Strategies

#### Identify Other Water Users and Stakeholders that You Should be Collaborating With

- Before Drought
- Warning Signs
- During Drought
- After Drought

#### Foster Ongoing Communication with Other Stakeholders

- Before Drought
- Warning Signs
- During Drought
- After Drought

### Potential Stakeholders

- Neighbouring municipalities
- Neighboring Indigenous communities
- Government of Alberta
- Watershed Stewardship Groups
- Schools, hospitals, seniors' facilities
- Banks and insurance companies
- Elected officials (e.g. Members of Parliament, Councils)
- Large water licensees
- Federal government
- Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils
- Other NGOs (Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, etc.)
- Chamber of Commerce and business community
- Family and Community Support Services



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### Tools and Resources

- Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework
- Family and Community Support Services
- Drought Preparedness and Response, Manual of Water Supply Practices (American Waterworks Association)
- Community Groups

### Example

- The North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council (NCDMAC)<sup>1</sup> is comprised of several organizations from across the state with technical expertise in drought or drought-related areas. NCDMAC members meet to review drought indicators, indices, and impacts from across the state and reach consensus on the state's drought designations, which are sent as a recommendation to the week's US Drought Monitor.
- The NCDMAC's collaboration with US Drought Monitor helps ensure high levels of accuracy for drought designations in the state and facilitates communication of drought information and implementation of actions when required.
- The NCDMAC website has tabs that link to available resources for drought information, some with real-time data about current conditions, news, drought contacts, information and drought education, drought monitor archives, and water conservation tips.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ncdrought.org/>