

Kelowna

'Lost Rivers' free screening

Celebrate 'Water Week' with free screening of 'Lost Rivers'

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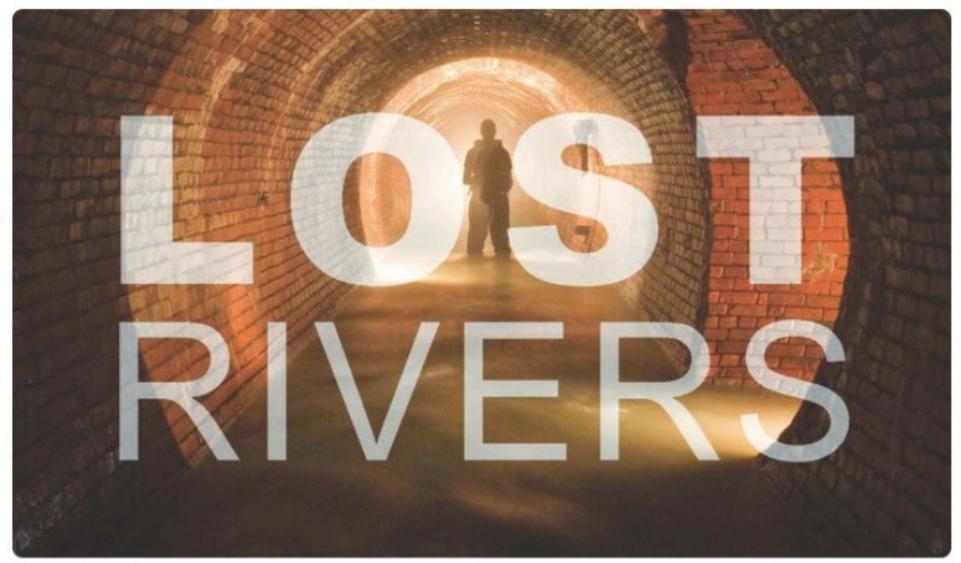


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Okanagan residents are invited to celebrate Canadian Water Week, March 21-27, by taking in a free movie.

"We look forward to holding these events in person in the future, but over the past year we've all gotten used to meeting online," noted OBWB Executive Director Anna Warwick Sears. "We're happy that we can still find a way to connect with the community and celebrate water!"

The Okanagan Basin Water Board and its Okanagan WaterWise program has teamed up with UBC Okanagan's Institute for Biodiversity, Resilience, and Ecosystem Services for an online screening of "Lost Rivers" and panel discussion for next Thursday, March 25.

"Lost Rivers" is a Canadian production, beautifully-shot and inspiring, that tells the story of almost every industrial city, where countless rivers once flowed freely. But as cities grew and rivers became polluted they became conduits for deadly waterborne diseases like cholera. The solution two centuries ago was to bury rivers underground and merge them with sewer networks. Today, under most cities, they still flow, out of sight and out of mind... until now.

Once the film is finished there will be a question and answer period with some of the people involved in the making of the movie.

"Lost Rivers" leads us down the drain into vast underground museums of urban development. Guiding us through the hidden river networks of London, Brescia (Italy), Montreal and Toronto, intrepid groups of subterranean explorers known as "drainers" reveal the buried waterways that house the secrets of each city's past.

The event is free but numbers are limited and pre-registration through Eventbrite is required.