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Annual Report of the Chairman

Waste Water Nova Scotia, April 13, 2019

Over the past year, WWNS and its Board of Directors continued to work hard to ensure the professionalism of your industry. Some of the things we have been involved in are as follows:

1. **Delivery of Regional Meetings:** There were 13 Regional Meetings held across the province for Installers, QP's and P.Eng's in 2019. An experiment with teleconferencing 3 of the meetings was a learning experience which we hope to expand on in the future. As outlined at the Regional meetings, WWNS is looking for persons interested in developing educational content for the Professional Development Program. If you are interested, please contact WWNS. Compensation for your efforts is available!
2. **Participation in the Home Show:** WWNS once again set up an educational booth at the Spring Ideal Home Show in March 2019. This gave WWNS the opportunity to educate the public at large regarding on-site services and promote using Certified Professionals to provide these services across the province. Hundreds of people attended the display.
3. **Training:** During 2018 there continued to be a great demand for training within the industry. 51 applicants attended the Installer training course, 12 applicants attended the QP training course and a number of septic pumpers and portable restroom operators and bed flushers wrote exams.
4. **Newsletter:** WWNS compiled and distributed three newsletters to members over the past year. The purpose of the newsletters is to keep industry informed on what is going on and to solicit feedback from industry on any concerns seen within the industry.
5. **Group Benefits** WWNS has worked over the past year to establish a group benefits program that would benefit the membership.
6. **Bursary Awards:** There was an increased interest in the bursary program in 2018 and all three available WWNS Educational Bursaries were awarded.

7. **Septic Pumping Expo:** The septic pumping expo was again held and continues to grow, gaining interest from Nova Scotia and neighboring provinces. It provides another forum for discussion and learning. We are always looking for new ideas to provide better and broader information, so if anyone has suggestions please advance them to WWNS. Suggestions are greatly welcomed!

8. **WWNS Board of Directors and Executive Director:** Over the past year your Board of Director's and your Executive Director continued to work in your best interest and have provided me with the support to carry out my job as Chair of WWNS. To all of them a hardy Thank-you. We continue to strive for the betterment of the industry and protection of the public and environment but it takes a great effort by all. Involvement of the membership is imperative to continue to move forward with positive changes. Your suggestions and ideas are all welcomed so please get involved.

Eric Morse, NSLS, P.Eng.
Chair, WWNS

SEPTIC PUMPING EXPO

WWNS held its annual Septic Pumping Expo at the Best Western Glengarry on Friday, April 12. Septic Pumpers, Portable Restroom Operators and other industry members from across Nova Scotia heard presentations on vehicle compliance pre-trip inspections, group insurance and succession planning for businesses. Jake Groen and Paul Naida ended the day with a presentation from PSAI on Health safety and professional excellence.

Following his presentation, Jake Groen (pictured here with Allan Baird) was awarded with the ARB award



DANGEROUS GOODS PLACARDS AND SEPTIC TRUCKS

During the presentation from vehicle compliance, the question of placarding trucks hauling sewage was raised. **Phil Barron**, Director of NS Vehicle Transportation Inspection, confirmed that human waste is not regulated by any dangerous goods regulations and therefore septic trucks hauling human waste **do not** require placards for dangerous goods purposes.

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Waste Water Nova Scotia closed out the year with its Annual General Meeting, held in Truro on April 13.

Presentations included introductions to ELGEN and Advanced Enviro-Septic ATU's, taxes for self-employed and small businesses and a discussion on marijuana in the work place.

Thank you to all the **Exhibitors** who participated in the trade show portion of our Expo & AGM this year. We were happy to welcome a number of new Exhibitors as well as those returning Exhibitors who continue to support WWNS and its membership. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Congratulations as well to the winners of the many door prizes which were donated by the Exhibitors and WWNS.

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for either of these events in the future or would like to be part of a planning committee, please contact the office of WWNS or your area representative.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three Board seats were offered for election at the AGM including Director for the Lunenburg / Queens area **Lester Berrigan**. After many years of service, Lester stepped down and **Arthur Backman** was elected as the new representative for area. WWNS would like to welcome **Arthur** to the Board and thank **Lester** for his many years of service volunteering and adding his expertise to the Board.

FRIEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARDS



Tom Curry receiving Friend of the Industry award from Eric Morse, WWNS Board Chair

Each year, WWNS looks to recognize someone for their contribution towards the betterment of the on-site sewage industry in Nova Scotia.

This year WWNS was pleased to present the Friend of the Industry award to **Tom Curry**, recognizing his effort and dedication to the on-site sewage program.

Tom has served on the Board of Directors for WWNS for over 20 years, contributing countless volunteer hours to WWNS and the industry.

ROE-D-HOE COMPETITION

Once again Central Equipment of Truro provided an opportunity for people to show off their operator skills. A number of people put the Kubota mini excavator through a series of skill testing maneuvers. Congrats to Barry Parker for having the fastest time!



April 13th 2019, Wastewater Show: Excavator Skills Test Results

Name	TEL#	Skills Test Time
Barry Parker	902-790-3533	2min 18 seconds 1 st Place
Carl Cole	902-247-1421	2min 23 seconds 2 nd Place
Darryl Jelfs	902-247-0519	2min 32 seconds 3 rd Place
Robin Lowthers	902-790-0564	2min 38 seconds 4 th Place
Scott Brown	902-521-7159	2min 46 seconds 5 th Place
Greg Trefry	902-749-6384	3min 12 seconds 6 th Place
Brad Poole	902-825-9235	3min 33 seconds 7 th Place
Steve Meuse	902-467-3828	3min 49 seconds 8 th Place
Tyler Handspiker	902-247-2106	5min 18 seconds 9 th Place
Cary MacLean	902-304-8727	5min 52 seconds 10 th Place

18 Kubota Hats given out: 1 to each Skills Test participant.

RECONNECTIONS OR CHANGES IN USE REQUESTS

The following is a clarification from NSE regarding assessments to connect to an existing system or for changes in use:

- NS municipalities require on-site system documentation as part of the building permit process.
- Historically, NSE has provided comment to municipalities on assessments of existing on-site systems.
- Connection to, or the change in use of an existing on-site system is not captured under the OSSDS Regulations.
- NS building officials were advised that a system assessment report from a QP or P.Eng. is adequate documentation.
- System assessments reports for NSE considers a system assessment report from a QP or P.Eng. is adequate documentation.
- System assessment reports for existing systems should be addressed to the landowner or municipality.

Any assessment by a QP should be within the scope of what a QP can do under the Standard as per Table 1, which would be for upgrades or additions resulting in no more than 4 bedrooms and a maximum flow of 1500 lpd.

INSTALLER AND QUALIFIED PERSON TRAINING

Registration is now being accepted for an **Installer training** course beginning on **July 03** and a **Qualified Person training** course beginning on **July 31**. For more information on the course, please contact the WWNS office.

MENTORSHIP

WWNS has been asked to consider establishing a list of persons interested in mentoring those new to the industry. Criteria and a registration process are being considered. If you are interested in being a mentor please contact the WWNS office.

NSE Email Addresses for Notifications and 24 Hours Alerts

Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) is pleased to announce, effective immediately, that submission of Notification and 24 Alert forms for the onsite sewage program can be made to a generic email address for each office across the province as follows;

Generic office email addresses:

- Yarmouth.office@novascotia.ca
- Bridgewater.office@novascotia.ca
- Kentville.office@novascotia.ca
- Bedford.office@novascotia.ca
- Truro.office@novascotia.ca
- Amherst.office@novascotia.ca
- Pictou.office@novascotia.ca
- Antigonish.office@novascotia.ca
- Porthawkesbury.office@novascotia.ca
- Sydney.office@novascotia.ca

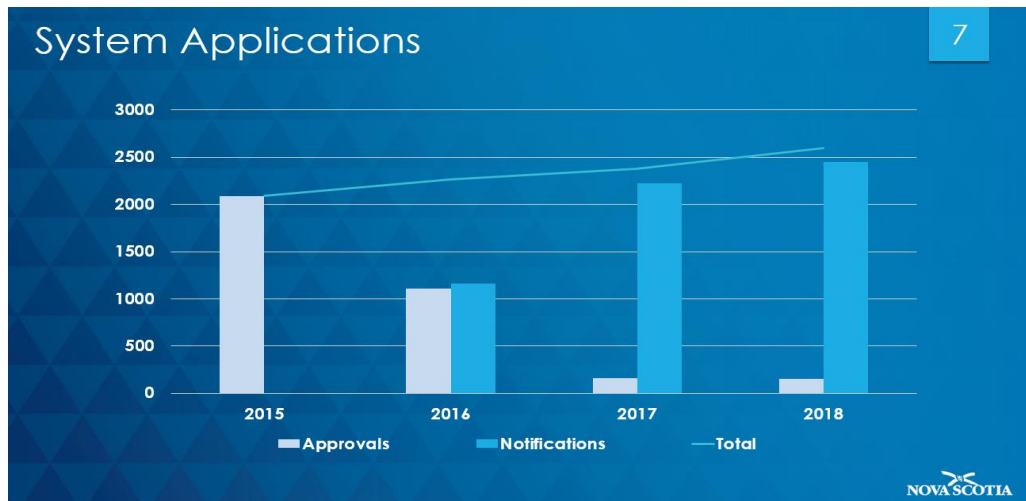
IMPORTANT

Note the following:

- The generic office email addresses are to be used for submitting **Notifications and 24- hour alert Forms ONLY.**
- Offices can still receive documents in person, by mail or by fax.
- Submit the notifications and alerts to the office location you would normally deal with for the site location
- The generic office email addresses **are NOT** to be used for correspondence and questions.
- 24-hour alerts must be submitted using the NSE form. Alerts are no longer accepted over the phone.
- For correspondence on a specific file please reach out to your regional office as you normally would.
- For program related questions email onsite@novascotia.ca or call Stefan Furey at 902-225-0704.

Stefan Furey, P.Eng.

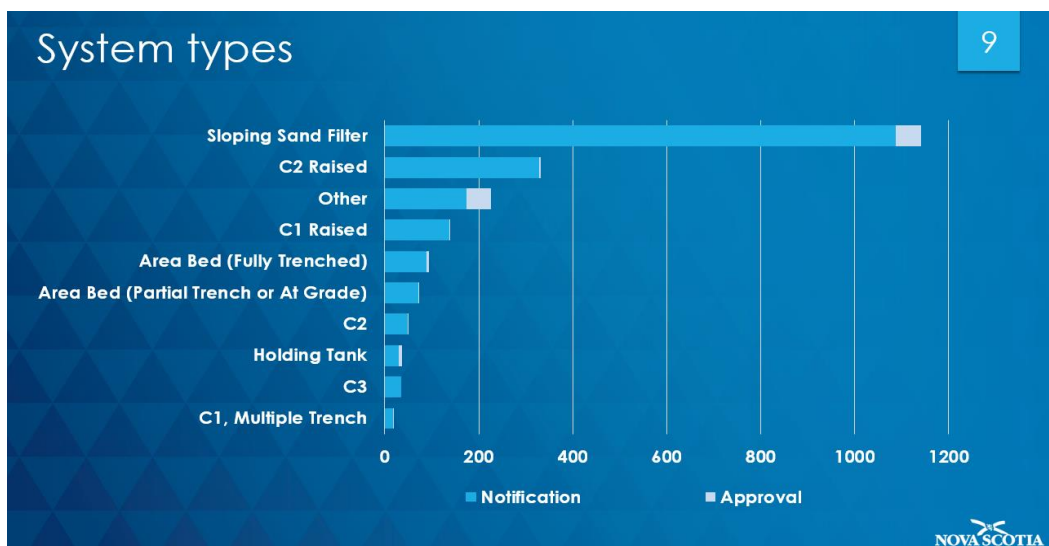
The table below was presented by NSE at the Annual General Meeting illustrating the trend of applications made by Notification and by Approval



NSE also provided statistics on the number of systems, audits performed and enforcement action taken in 2018.



Graph below shows the number and type of systems for 2018



BURSARY PROGRAM

Three bursaries were awarded to family members of WWNS members in 2018. The Bursary program will be offered by WWNS again this year to support active members of WWNS and their family members with post-secondary education. Three bursaries will be offered for students enrolled in University, College or trades related courses. Bursaries will have a value of \$1000 each. All applications will be accepted but preference will be given to students studying in a field related to the on-site sewage industry.

Applications are available through the WWNS office or online in the Members section of the WWNS website at www.wwns.ca . **Applications must be received by August 15.**

MEMBERSHIP

If you have purchased a **2019** membership in WWNS, your name and contact information will be displayed on the Members page of the Waste Water Nova Scotia website. **Please take a moment to ensure the information is correct.** If you did not yet renew your 2019 membership, the form can be printed from the website or is available from the office. (*Please note – your membership in Waste Water Nova Scotia is not a license.*)

ON-SITE SEWAGE PROGRAM TIDBITS

1. Recording everyone's PDP's is a big job. While we are confident we have not left anyone out, I would ask that you check your PDP points on the WWNS website. Those who purchased their 2018 WWNS membership should check to make sure their contact information is displayed correctly on the webpage. If you notice any discrepancies, please advise.
2. We continue to receive questions about insurance at the Office of WWNS. If you are dealing with septic, be sure your policy includes "**Pollution Inclusion**".
3. The latest **newsletter** can always be found on the WWNS website. Look for the next edition, including *upcoming meeting dates*, to be out by December 2019.
4. Occasionally, WWNS is made aware of training being offered by suppliers about their products. This information is posted in the news section of our website as it becomes available
5. A list of certified (licensed) persons is available on the NSE webpage at: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/cms/Search.asp>
6. On-site Sewage Disposal Systems Regulations: <https://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/envsewage.htm>
7. Activities Designation Regulations: <https://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/envactiv.htm>
8. On-site Sewage Disposal Systems Standard and Q&A: <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/wastewater/on.site.sewage.disposal.asp>
9. The new fillable forms can be found at <http://novascotia.ca/nse/wastewater/regulations.tech.guidelines.asp>

WWNS AGM Minutes – April 13, 2019

Discussion Items from the Floor:

Frozen Systems

Discussion - issues with a greater number of systems freezing this year.

-blockages, sags and kinks combined with colder temperatures, a wet fall and little snow seem to be the causes.

-soil under the pipe needs to be properly compacted and crushed stone used

-pipe from the house to the tank responsibility of plumbers not the installers yet installers are always installing and taking the blame.

-some sanitary products not breaking down as fast and clogging pipes and baffles causing a blockage which will freeze in cold weather.

Sloping Sand Filter Tables

Discussion – QP's feel that selection tables are long overdue and should be a priority for NSE

- promised tables as far back as 2009
- as much as 75% of work is being lost for QP's because they cannot select SSF'S
- NSE will initiate development but could not commit to a time table

Other items raised from the floor:

-Can hard copy forms (Notifications, 24 Hour Notices, etc.) be delivered to NSE Offices? Response from NSE was yes.

-Unqualified people are continuing to do inspections of on-site septic which is costing homeowners particularly in the Real Estate market. NSE committed to review the issue again.

Business meeting

1. Call to order (Eric Morse Chair)
2. Friend of the industry award for 2019 was presented to Tom Curry
3. Chairman's annual report
4. Approval of 2018 minutes – Tom Curry motion to approve, seconded by Andre Venoitte, approved
5. Business arising from minutes? – No response
6. New Business arising? – No new business
7. Financial report review by Gary Cameron, no questions, Tom Curry motion to approve, seconded by Paul Sinclair, approved
8. Appointment of auditors – Andre Venoitte motion to approve, seconded by Ken Dunphy, approved
9. Nomination of directors – Valley - Eric Morse and Western - Steve Meuse re-elected by acclamation
Shelburne/Queens/Lunenburg nominations: Andre Venoitte and Art Backman. Vote results 4 for Andre Venoitte and 10 for Art Backman
10. Bursary program updates
11. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Emery Peters, P.Eng