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for the latest of happenings at WWNS, read on....

**Waste Water Nova Scotia's
SEPTIC PUMPING EXPO & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

SEPTIC PUMPER EXPO – Friday, April 12
Best Western Glengarry, 150 Willow Street, Truro

WWNS will be holding the annual Septic Pumping Expo at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro. There will be educational presentations and demonstrations of interest to Septic Pumpers, Portable Restroom Operators, Bed Flushers and others in the on-site industry.

Displays open at 8:00 am with presentations beginning at 9:30 am. Lunch is included with your registration.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Saturday, April 13
Best Western Glengarry, 150 Willow Street, Truro

The Annual General Meeting will be a busy day again this year. Displays and registration will open at 8:00 am and the meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

Products from new and returning exhibitors will be on display throughout the day and the annual business meeting of **Waste Water Nova Scotia Society** will be held after a delicious buffet lunch (ticket included with your pre-registration).

Attendance at either event is worth **10 Professional Developments Points**. If you have not already paid your 2024 WWNS membership dues, you may do so either day.

There will be a number of “weekend get-aways” to Nova Scotia resorts given out to attendees at the end of the day on Saturday April 13th.

Registration desk and displays open at 8:00 am on both days

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is necessary to make sure that everyone has a seat and a hot meal! The registration fee is only \$10.00 per person per day, which includes lunch. **Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it** along with payment to WWNS **prior to March 31, 2024**.

Registration forms available online in the Resources section of the WWNS website.
http://wwns.ca/resource/Expo_AGM_registration_form_2024.pdf

WINTER REGIONAL MEETINGS

WWNS has held 10 of 13 winter regional meetings for Installers, QP's and P.Eng's across the province. The last 3 meetings will be held in Amherst & Halifax on February 21 -23. The meetings are part of the continuing education program and worth 15 professional development points.

EXPO & AGM SPONSORS / EXHIBITORS

- * **Central Equipment Inc**
- * **EMS Water Systems**
- * **Gallagher**
- * **Fralick Financial**
- * **J F Taylor Enterprises Ltd**
- * **Lynds Industrial**
- * **Maritime Blower Repair Inc**
- * **McLennan Sales**
- * **PolyJohn Canada Inc**
- * **Trident Pump & Filtration**
- * **T G Mac Sales Ltd**
- * **Urquhart-MacDonald & Associates**
- * **Waterloo Biofilter Systems Inc**

SPRING IDEAL HOME SHOW

As part of our continuing public education, Waste Water Nova Scotia will once again have a booth at the Ideal Home Show, March 22 to March 24 at Exhibition Park, in Halifax. **This is a great opportunity WWNS members to meet homeowners looking to install a new system or discuss maintenance of their existing on-site sewage system.**

If you are interested in spending some time staffing the booth and helping to educate the public, please contact the WWNS office. Professional development points are available for those helping out.

INSTALLER PDP CYCLE 2019 – 2023

2023 was the final year in the professional development cycle for Installers. Installers wishing to remain qualified to renew their certification after May 31, 2024 must have a minimum of 100 PDP points.

There are a number of Installers who **have not** reached the required 100 points. Point totals can be checked in the members section of our website at <http://wwns.ca/pdppoints.php>

FRIEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD

In past years, the members of WWNS have recognized one of their peers with the Friend of the Industry Award. The award is presented to a deserving individual who has contributed to the Industry by his/her professional conduct and/or work ethic. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please forward his/her name and a brief write-up as to why you think he/she should be considered to WWNS.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors for WWNS is a very dedicated group of people volunteering their time so that our province may be a more environmentally friendly area in regards to on-site services and to ensure our families continue to live, work and play in a clean environment.

Your current Waste Water Nova Scotia Society Board of Directors are:

Eric Morse, Chair, Kings, Annapolis
Derek MacIsaac, 1st Vice, Halifax, Hants
Arthur Backman, Shelburne, Queens, Lunenburg
Tom Curry, CB Island, Guysborough, Antigonish
Jonathan Lepper, Cumberland, Colchester and Pictou
Steve Meuse, Digby, Yarmouth
David Roy Halifax, Hants

Glenda MacAskill and Mark Jodrey, representing the Septic Tank Cleaners and Portable Restroom Operators for the province.

The contact information for Board members can be found in the “Contact Us” section of the WWNS website at <http://wwns.ca/contact.php> should you have any comments or issues.

Each year one third of the Board of Directors’ seats are open for elections. This year the seats are 1. Eric Morse - Kings, Annapolis; 2. Arthur Backman - Shelburne, Queens, Lunenburg; 3. Steve Meuse - Digby, Yarmouth .

Updated Definition of Waterfront Lot for Subdivision

The interim policy that clarifies “waterfront lot” for the purpose of subsection 22(2) in the *On-site Sewage Disposal Systems Regulations* has been updated.

Going forward the following definition will be applied when Environment and Climate Change reviews subdivision applications:

“waterfront lot” means a lot that contains or is proposed to contain a system in which the non-water-tight portion of the system is or will be located within 60 m of a surface watercourse or marine water body.

For additional clarity, the 60 m distance will be measured from the nearest edge of the distribution trench or area bed.

Some notes on the change:

- The 60 m distance is measured to the trench or bed as it would be for a system installation under the Standard (E.g.: It would not include the sand mantle of a sloping sand filter).
- No longer considers the water-tight septic tank or pump chamber.
- Tanks and chambers can be located closer to the water near the dwelling (but must still meet setbacks of the Standard) and pumped uphill to the trench or area bed.
- This will provide more flexibility to lot owners while maintaining environmental protection.

On-Site Sewage Program Tidbits

1. New On-site Sewage Regulations can be found at <http://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/envsewage.htm>
2. On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems Standard can be found at <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/wastewater/docs/On-Site-Sewage-standard-June-2022.pdf>. WWNS has printed a limited number copies of the latest addition of the Standard. The remaining copies will be available at the Expo & AGM.
3. Certification status for industry professionals can be confirmed here:
 - QPs, Installers, Pumpers: <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/cms/search.asp>
 - Engineers: <https://www.engineersnovascotia.ca/member-directory/>
4. Please visit the WWNS website to check your **Professional Development Point** totals. Members of WWNS should verify that their contact information displayed on the Members Page is correct.
5. 2024 WWNS Membership applications are available in the resources section of our website at http://wwns.ca/UserFiles/file/WWNS_membership_form_2024.pdf
6. For reservations, you may contact the **Best Western Glengarry Truro** at **Phone:** 902-893-4311 or 1-800-567-4276 **Email:** reservations@bwglengarry.com.