

Waste Water Nova Scotia Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 22, 2016
Best Western Glengarry, Truro

A meeting of the WWNS Board of Directors was held on July 22, 2016 at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro. In attendance were Steve Williams, Gary Hines, Jonathan Lepper, Darrell MacKenzie, Lester Berrigan, Eric Morse, Alan Baird and Gary Cameron. Regrets were received from Steve Meuse, Tom Curry.

Steve Williams, Chair, called the meeting at 10 am.

Approval of April 08, 2016 Minutes

Moved by Allan, seconded by Gary H that minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

Approval of Financial Statements

Financials were presented by Gary C. Moved by Gary, seconded by Eric that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Business

Elizabeth Kennedy from NSE joined the Board to discuss changes to certification fees and funding options for the Professional Development Program administered by WWNS.

Lester moved a request for funding in the form of a grant be made.

Elizabeth Kennedy advised that NSE's definition of direct supervision would be consistent with the watercourse alteration program

The Board expects that the regulation changes on May 01, 2016 will result in a reduction in the number of applicants for Installer training and that the numbers would not support a second course. Given that there are no issues with the existing course, it was felt issuing an RFP to replace the existing course was not warranted. Moved by Darrell and seconded by Jonathan

Steve W to write a letter to Adrian Fuller & Paul Currie asking for clarification of NSE's position on role/responsibilities of a QP/ P.Eng.

Newly developed Septic Pumper training has been submitted to NSE for approval.

There was some confusion regarding the building sewer line from a lift pump to the septic tank being included in the definition of a septic system.

Lester to compile "code of conduct" terms from other Boards of directors and circulate among WWNS Board members.

A proposal for fixed term limits for Board members was tabled. Moved by Allan and seconded by Gary H that proposal be put forward at AGM for member's approval.

Pumper Expo to be held at Best Western Glengarry, Truro in 2017

Regional issues raised included:

- In some areas it may be difficult to replace a malfunctioning septic within the 45 day time limit due to a shortage of Installers
- Depots for shredded rubber (to replace aggregate) may be set up in several areas across the province
- Issues with sewage backups from clogged filters are becoming more common
- Installers are finding 24 hour construction alert works better
- NSE audits have increased in some areas

Adjournment

Gary Cameron
Recording Secretary