



# WWNS NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Once again our season is coming to a quick closure and everyone seems to be working diligently to get the last system installed before the freeze up begins. From all accounts, this was a busy year for construction and hopefully everyone had a successful year.

WWNS has had a busy year starting with the regional meetings in January and February, followed by a very successful Septic Pumping Expo and Annual General Meeting. The AGM is always well attended and the Expo continues to grow each year. Suggestions for presenters or content are always welcome.

Registration for 2020 Regional meetings is included with this newsletter. WWNS will again be teleconferencing meetings in HRM, Truro and Bridgewater on Jan 27 this coming year and we are hopeful that the Internet is more cooperative this time around. Feedback would be appreciated from anyone attending one of these meetings.

Sloping sand filters have become the most commonly installed on-site system in Nova Scotia and developing selection tables for sloping sand filter has been discussed for a number of years. WWNS has asked Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) to make this a priority. Nova Scotia Environment is currently looking at options for system selection and will provide an update at the regional sessions.

WWNS has raised concerns regarding inspections of on-site systems being completed by people who may lack the training and experience to complete a thorough and accurate inspection. WWNS and Nova Scotia Environment are currently working on a Best Practices document that will identify the minimum requirements of a good system inspection.

As Christmas is fast approaching, which also signals the closure of another construction season, I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and hope that you all have a very safe and prosperous New Year!

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

### With this Issue:

#### **2020 WWNS Membership Application**

[http://wwns.ca/resource/WWNS\\_membership\\_form\\_2020.pdf](http://wwns.ca/resource/WWNS_membership_form_2020.pdf)

#### **2020 Regional Meeting dates and registration form**

[http://wwns.ca/resource/2020\\_Installer-QP\\_Regional\\_Meeting\\_Reg\\_Form.pdf](http://wwns.ca/resource/2020_Installer-QP_Regional_Meeting_Reg_Form.pdf)

## **Installer/QP Regional Meetings for 2020**

WWNS will be holding regional meetings this year throughout the province in January and February for Installers, Qualified Persons and Professional Engineers. A registration form is included with this newsletter. Please choose a date and location that works for you and submit it at your earliest convenience as space is limited at some venues.

There are some changes in the schedule and the delivery of the meetings for 2020. WWNS will be test running video conferencing on January 27 at the Best Western in Truro, Comfort Hotel in Bayer's Lake and the Best Western in Bridgewater.

## **Septic Pumping Expo & Annual General Meeting**

This year's **Septic Pumping Expo & Annual General Meeting** will both be held at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro on April 17/18, 2020. Registration forms will be included with your next newsletter. You may reach the Glengarry at 902-893-4311.

## **2016 - 2019 PDP cycle for Qualified Persons, Septic Pumpers and Portable Restroom Operators**

2019 is the last year of the 4 year cycle for QP's, Septic Pumpers and Portable Restroom Operators. To avoid retaking the training, Qualified Persons must have participated in the PDP program and accumulated a minimum of 100 professional development points. Septic Pumpers and Portable Restroom Operators must have accumulated a minimum of 50 points by the end of 2019.

Point totals are listed on the WWNS website in the members section.

## **Financing available soon to Nova Scotian's to improve septic systems**

The Department of Municipal Affairs has implemented changes that give Municipalities the authority to offer financing to Nova Scotians to improve septic systems.

Amendments to the Municipal Government Act and the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter will allow all municipalities to offer loans to homeowners in their area who need to install or replace their septic systems. Residents will be able to repay their loan through their property taxes.

This is similar to what was already in place to help replace wells. You can read more about it here:

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20191016001>

## **Provincial On-site System Cost Study**

Nova Scotia Environment initiated an on-site cost review study. Some of you may have been contacted to provide information to help complete this work. Results show that the cost to construct a system in Nova Scotia is consistent with or less than other jurisdictions in Canada. The report and its recommendations will be discussed further in the upcoming WWNS regional sessions.

## **WWNS Board of Directors**

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

**Eric Morse**, Chair, Kings, Annapolis

**Emery Peters**, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

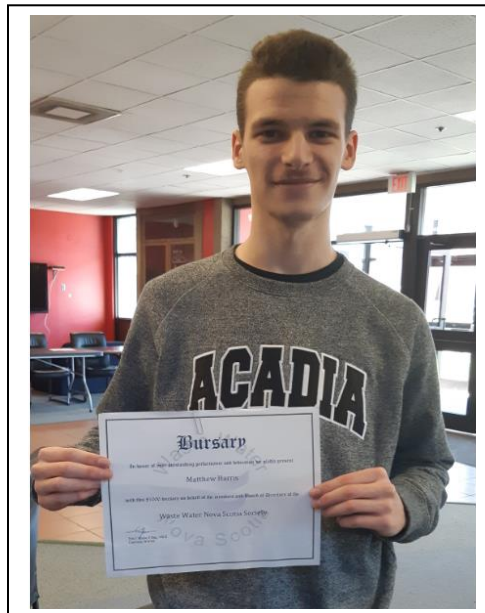
**Darrell MacKenzie and Mark Jodrey**, representing the Septic Tank Cleaners and Portable Restroom Operators for the province.

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.

## **WWNS 2019 Bursary Program**

Congratulations to 2019 Bursary recipient Matthew Harris.

Matthew is the son of WWNS member Robert Harris, R&D Excavating in Yarmouth and is enrolled in the Psychology program at Acadia University in Wolfville.



## **NSE On-Site Services Program Position**

As usual, contact your local NSE office for any file specific concerns or questions on the Onsite Program. For any general questions, Stefan Furey can be reached at [Stefan.furey@novascotia.ca](mailto:Stefan.furey@novascotia.ca).

## **Group Benefits Program**

This **WWNS Group Benefits Health Insurance Program** offers WWNS members the following insurance coverage:

Life Insurance, Accidental Death & Dismemberment Coverage  
Dependent Life Insurance  
Extended Health Care Coverage & Drug Coverage  
Short Term Disability and/or Long Term Disability  
Dental Benefits Coverage  
Health Care Spending Accounts  
Employee Assistance Programs

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## **On-Site Sewage Program Tidbits**

1. The purpose of the newsletters is to keep the industry informed on what is going on and to solicit feedback from industry on any concerns. It is our hope that we can continue to expand the use of email to provide this service in order to cut down on postage costs. If there are changes to your postal or email address, please let us know, so that you do not miss any mailouts.
2. New On-site Sewage Regulations can be found at <http://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/envsewage.htm>
3. On-Site Sewage disposal Systems Standard can be found at <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/wastewater/docs/on-site-sewage-disposal-systems-standard.pdf>
4. A list of Certified people can be found on NSE's website at <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/cms/search.asp>
5. 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.
6. Please find included with this newsletter:  
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7. The latest **newsletter** can always be found on the WWNS website.