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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

This has been another challenging year for Nova Scotians. While parts of the province were still cleaning up from hurricane Fiona, we faced the challenges of early season wildfires followed by flooding and a wet summer. Damage to properties and infrastructure added to an already heavy workload for the construction industry.

As the construction season is coming to a quick closure, everyone seems to be working diligently to clear the backlog and get the last systems installed. I hope everyone had a safe and prosperous season.

WWNS will be hosting regular regional meetings across the province in January and February. The initial meeting on January 17th will be held in Truro and connected to Bridgewater and HRM by video link. There will also be an option for people to attend remotely using Zoom. Planning has also begun for a Septic Pumping Expo and Annual General Meeting in Truro on April 12th & 13th. As usual, any suggestions for content are always welcome.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and hope that you and your families are able to safely celebrate and that you all have a very safe and prosperous New Year!

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

With this Issue:

2024 WWNS Membership Application

http://wwns.ca/UserFiles/file/WWNS_membership_form_2024.pdf

2024 Regional Meeting dates and registration form

http://wwns.ca/resource/2024_Installer-QP_Regional_Meeting_Reg_Form.pdf

Board of Directors

After many years as a WWNS Director representing Septic Tank Pumpers and Portable Restroom Operators, **Darrell MacKenzie** has decided to step down from the Board. On behalf of the association, the Board would like to thank Darrell for his years of service and dedication to the industry.

If you are a Septic Pumper and/or Portable Restroom Operator and would like to contribute to the industry by being a Board member, please contact the WWNS office.

2023 Bursary Program

Congratulations to each of the recipients of a \$2500 Bursary in 2023. Good luck in your studies!



Bursary recipient Elliott Taylor with Board member Arthur Backman. Elliott is enrolled in the Mobile Crane Operation Course at OE Training Institute of Nova Scotia

Bursary recipient Denica MacDonald is studying Practical Nursing at the Nova Scotia Community College in Port Hawkesbury



Bursary recipient Christine Buchanan with Board Member David Roy. Christine is currently studying at Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law



2024 Membership Renewal

The listing of members on the WWNS website automatically resets at the end of April each year. As of May 1st, the listing only includes those people who have renewed their membership for the current year.

2024 WWNS Membership applications are available in the Members section of our website at http://wwns.ca/UserFiles/file/WWNS_membership_form_2024.pdf . **You must include the membership application with your payment so that the payment can be applied to the correct person.**

2024 Regional Meetings

Registration for the 2024 Regional Meetings is included with this newsletter. All meetings will run from 9am until noon. Please choose a location that works for you and send in the pre-registration form.

You may also attend this meeting on January 17th through Zoom. The meeting invitation is included below. If you attend by Zoom, you will need to submit the attached form to collect the associated points for the meeting.

Topic: 2024 Regional Meeting
Time: Jan 17, 2024 08:30 AM Halifax

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84912606076?pwd=ZEmQPZ6qAvwX5ibBKnhp7fdjiPOU81.1>

Meeting ID: 849 1260 6076
Passcode: 953238

Installer and Qualified Person Training

If you are interested in Installer or Qualified Person training, please submit the Training Information form (found on the website at <http://wwns.ca/training.php>) or contact the WWNS office.

Certification Renewals

Certification renewals are issued by Nova Scotia Environment & Climate Change at the end of each PDP cycle. Due to Covid restrictions, the current PDP cycles and Certifications have been extended by one year.

The Professional Development Cycle (PDP) for Installers has been extended by one year until the end of 2023. Expiry dates on **Installer Certifications** that were set to expire on April 31/2023 **have also been extended by one year to April 31/2024.**

Certifications for Qualified Persons, Septic Pumpers & Portable Restroom Operators has been extended by one year until the end of 2024. Expiry dates on these **Certifications** that were set to expire on April 31/2024 **have also been extended by one year to April 31/2025.**

Installer PDP Points

Installers are required to have a minimum of 100 points by the end of 2023. These points are generally collected by attending a Regional meeting and the Annual General meeting as well as being a member of WWNS each year.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Membership	10	10	10	10	10	50
Regional Meeting	15	15	X	X	15	45
AGM	10	X	X	25	10	45
Points potential						140

You can check your point totals on the website at <http://wwns.ca/pdppoints.php>

If you **do not** have the required 100 points, you can earn additional points by:

- A. Back paying any memberships you may have missed during the cycle (2019 – 2023)
- B. If you missed the following meetings, recordings are available of the 2022 AGM, 2023 Regional Meeting or 2023 AGM. After viewing the recordings, you must submit the attendance form to be credited with the associated points.

2022 Annual General Meeting (25 pts)

The meeting was recorded and is available for viewing through the Dropbox link below. The video may open up with a preview and you will need to download the video to view the entire meeting (approximately 3 hours).

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/87ewmkgp9q4r1v7/Waste%20Water%20Video.mp4?dl=0>

2023 Regional Meeting (15 pts)

Electronic Logging Devices <https://youtu.be/e4-75LM1xFM>

Environment and Climate Change 2023 Regionals <https://youtu.be/CF1O8BUBUfk>

2023 Annual General Meeting (10 pts)

August BioPro Presentation <https://youtu.be/eaykJkatcfw>

Environment and Climate Change https://youtu.be/okml_4hf-qg

Gravity Distribution <https://youtu.be/WHogZEo7uQI>

Wetlands Identification <https://youtu.be/JmPrm5o5FbQ>

Importance of Landscaping <https://youtu.be/RicBUzEgEb4>

- C. Submitting any additional training you may have taken during the PDP period to have a point value assigned. This training should be industry related but may include occupational health and safety courses like First Aid, WHMIS, etc.

Waste Water Nova Scotia Meeting Attendance Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

County: _____ Email: _____

I confirm I have viewed the following:

___ April 23rd, 2022 WWNS Annual General Meeting

___ 2023 Regional Meeting (all videos required for PDP Points)

Electronic Logging Devices

Environment and Climate Change 2023 Regionals

___ 2023 Annual General Meeting (all videos required for PDP Points)

August BioPro Presentation

Environment and Climate Change

Gravity Distribution

Wetlands Identification

Importance of Landscaping

Signed: _____

P.Eng. ___ QP ___ Installer ___ Septic Tank Cleaner ___ PRO ___ Bed Flusher ___

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Waste Water Nova Scotia's AGM **2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Waste Water Nova Scotia closed out the year with its Annual General Meeting, held in Truro on April 15.

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 on April 12th and 13th, 2024.

Congratulations to the winners of the 4 weekend get-away packages at Nova Scotia resorts, as well as the winners of the many door prizes which were donated by the Exhibitors.

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.

Minutes for the AGM are included with this newsletter.

Annual Report of the Chairman - April 15, 2023

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. **Training:** 2022 was a busy year in Nova Scotia. The influx of people moving to the province and a hot housing market created a lot of opportunities for people in the construction industry. The expansion of the industry resulted in an increase in the demand for training. 5 Installer and 1 Qualified Person courses were held with 100 applicants attending the Installer training course and 20 applicants attending the QP training course. A number of Septic Pumpers, Portable Restroom Operators and Bed Flushers wrote online exams to obtain their certification.
2. **Delivery of Meetings:** WWNS returned to a normal schedule for meetings this winter, holding 12 meetings across Nova Scotia in January and February. The meetings were well attended by industry people looking to catch up on what's new and collect the Professional Development Points associated with these meetings.

As outlined in past meetings, WWNS is looking for persons interested in developing educational content for the Professional Development Program. If you are interested, please contact WWNS.

3. **Participation in the Home Show:** WWNS once again set up an educational booth at the Spring Ideal Home Show in March 2023. 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.

4. **Newsletter:** WWNS compiled and distributed several 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. **Bursary Awards:** WWNS awarded 3 Educational Bursaries in 2022. In hopes of increasing interest in the Bursaries, the amount for each Bursary was increased to \$2000 for 2022. Applications must be received by August 15th each year.
6. **Sloping Sand Filter Selection Tables:** NSECC implemented tables for selecting sloping sand filters in 2022. The long awaited roll out went smoothly with no issues being reported.
7. **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

Waste Water Nova Scotia's 2023 Business Meeting Minutes April 15, 2023 2:00PM

An annual general meeting for Waste Water Nova Scotia was held at the The Best Western Glengarry in Truro on April 14th at 9AM. A business meeting followed at 2:00PM.

Eric Morse, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

Chairman's Annual Report

Eric Morse presented the annual report.

It was noted there has been an increase in demand for onsite septic systems due to increased population and also an increase in demand for training. 5 installer and 1 qualified person courses were presented in 2022 along with online training for septic pumpers.

Waste water participated in the Home Show by having a booth and educating the public as hundreds of people attended the display.

The selection of sloping sand filters has been added to the Standard for Qualified Persons.

Thanks and appreciation was extended to the Board and the waste water association members.

Approval of the 2022 AGM minutes as mailed out

James Thompson made a motion to approve the 2022 AGM Minutes and it was seconded by Ian MacLean. It was voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Business arising from the minutes

No business or comments from members arising from the minutes.

New Business

No comments from members.

Financial Report

Gary Cameron presented the current financial statement for Waste Water Nova Scotia.

Point was made that the membership revenue was higher than previous years due to lack of membership renewals and applications during covid.

Bursaries were increased to 2000.00 and 3 bursaries in total increasing this line item.

More meetings and paper copies of the standard increased some line items.

Purchase of the installer and qualified persons training material was made.

Gary Cameron noted the board has recognized the need for an updated website that is more user friendly for its members. This will result in an increase in web page development cost.

Paul Sinclair motioned to approve the financials and it was seconded by Ken Dunphy. It was voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Paul Sinclair motioned to invest more retained funds into GICs and it was seconded by Barry MacLean. It was voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Appointment of Auditors for 2023/2024

Wayne Robichaud motioned to approve the auditors (MacDonald & Murphy) and it was seconded by Rick Aldred. It was voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Nomination of Directors**

There were no nominees for new directors and current directors will remain.

Motion was made by Greg Skelhorn to have David Roy, Jonathan Lepper and Darrell MacKenzie to remain in their current positions. This was seconded by Cyril Leblanc. It was voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Bursary Program

Clarification was given on the current bursary program application process.

Ken Dunphy made the motion to increase the bursary amount to by 500.00 to 2500. Wayne Robichaud seconded the motion. It was voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Door prizes

Digby Pines - Chris Aldred

White Point - Brian Telder

Fox Harbour - Nick MacFarland

Flow Splitter Tee - Colin Hughes

Flow Splitter Tee - Dean Walker

APS Jacket - Reg Mosley

Maple Syrup - Brody Boyle

Liberty Pump - Craig Lenihan

Mini Excavator Toy - Trevor Gibson

Mini Excavator Toy - Kevin Rafuse

Toronto Maple Leafs Jersey - Scott Graves

Tool Kit - Brad Lilly

Dewalt Tool Bag - Wilmer Penner

Adjournment

Motion to Art Balkman motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dean Walker. It was voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Recording Secretary – Derek MacIsaac