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Annual Report of the Chairman

Waste Water Nova Scotia, April 14, 2018

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 no Regional Meetings in 2018.
2. **Participation in the Home Show:** WWNS once again set up an educational booth at the Halifax Home Show in early April 2018. This gave WWNS the opportunity to promote the QP, Installer, Septic Pumper, Portable Restroom Operator and Septic Bed Flusher programs as they are delivered across the province. It also provided an opportunity to educate the public at large regarding on-site services. Hundreds of people attended the display.
3. **Training:** During 2017 there continued to be a great demand for training within the industry. 37 applicants attended the Installer training course, 17 applicants attended the QP training course and a large number of septic pumpers and portable restroom operators and bed flushers wrote exams.
4. **Newsletter:** WWNS compiled and distributed four 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:** 2017 saw the expanded WWNS Educational Bursary program award two of the three available WWNS bursaries.
6. **Septic Pumping Expo:** The septic pumping expo was again held and continues to grow. It provides another forum for discussion and learning. We are always looking for suggestions to provide better and broader information, so if anyone has suggestions please advance them to WWNS, while it may look easy to come up with topics, it is not. Suggestions are greatly welcomed.

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. I have greatly enjoyed being part of this Board, however, I have decided that it is time to step down and hopefully provide an opportunity for others to step up and offer their time and input.

In closing, the association has come a long way in the last 20 years or so, and the changes and upgrades continue to be applied to the program in consultation between NSE and WWNS. 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.

Thank you.

Steven R. Williams, P.Eng
Chair, WWNS

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Waste Water Nova Scotia closed out the year with its Annual General Meeting, held in Truro on April 14.

Rob Jamieson, *Dalhousie University* presented ongoing research on **Managing Phosphorus Loading from On-Site Wastewater Systems to Lakes** and Dominic Mercier, *Enviro-STEP Technologies* discussed **The Impact of Water Softeners on Onsite Wastewater Systems**.

There were two presentations on insurance:

Tom Baker, *Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance* presented a new add-on to their QP insurance policies which would cover those doing **re-inspections of septic systems for real estate transfers**.

Mike Fralick, *Fralick Financial & Insurance* discussed the advantages of developing a **group benefits plans for members of Waste Water Nova Scotia**. There was a great deal of interest from the audience and WWNS will be working to move the idea forward. More details to follow.

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.

SEPTIC PUMPING EXPO

WWNS held its fourth annual Septic Pumping Expo at the Best Western Glengarry on April 13. Septic Pumpers, Portable Restroom Operators and other industry members from across Nova Scotia along with guests from New Brunswick, PEI, and Ontario were treated to presentations on **Proper selection, use & inspection of Portable Fire extinguishers** - Derwin Swinemar, Deputy Fire Marshal Province of Nova Scotia; **Vacuum Pump Safe Operation and Maintenance** - Toby Jones, *Fruitland Manufacturing* and **Portable Sanitation Excellence on Work Sites** - Tony Watson, *Portable Sanitation Association International* along with time to network with others in the industry and view the displays provided by the suppliers.

FRIEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARDS



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 Friend of the Industry awards to two very deserving people - **Steve Williams and Gary Hines**, recognizing their effort and dedication to the on-site sewage program.

Both Gary and Steve were long time members of the Board of Directors at WWNS and have contributed countless volunteer hours to the WWNS and the industry.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three Board seats were offered for election at the AGM including retiring Chairman and Director for the Halifax / Hants area **Steven Williams**. The Board of Directors welcomes **David Roy** to the table as the new Representative for Halifax / Hants as they continue to work for the betterment of the on-site industry in Nova Scotia. WWNS would like to thank outgoing Chairman **Steve Williams** for his many years of service volunteering and adding his expertise to the Board.

BURSARY PROGRAM

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. Along with the University and College Bursaries, the program was expanded to include a third award for students attending a trades related course. 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.

NSE UPDATE

The table below was presented by NSE at the Annual General Meeting outlining the statistics related to switching to the Notifications process.

Year	# of applications for Approval	# of Notifications submitted	Total submissions	Notification Percent
2015	2091	0	2091	0%
2016	1109	1158	2267	51%
2017	156	2220	2376	93%

NSE also provided statistics showing an increased number of audits and a reduction in the amount of enforcement actions necessary.

Year	# of Audits	# of complaints	Total NSE Site Visits	# of enforcement actions	% of Audit enforcement
2015	424	301	725	127	30%
2016	556	292	848	121	22%
2017	583	289	872	118	20%

MEMBERSHIP

If you have purchased a **2018** 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 2018 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.)*

As a member of WWNS, you are now able to create your own webpage which will be linked to your contact information on the WWNS website to provide more details about your business and the services you offer. The login address is: <http://wwns.ca/members/login.php>

To login, you will be asked to provide your member number which is the 5 digit member id # (Mbr Id) on your **2018** membership receipt and a password which is your last name. Login, fill in the information, and click the **UPDATE** button to activate your page.

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.

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 2018.
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>

Waste Water Nova Scotia Society Annual General Meeting April 14, 2018 - Minutes

Location: Best Western Glengarry Plus, 150 Willow St. Truro, NS

Meeting called to order at 1:15 pm by Steven Williams, Chair

Steve Conway, Acting NSE On-site Services Coordinator presented update from NSE on

- Stats on Compliance and Notifications vs Approvals
- NSE conducting study to determine costs for on-site systems in Nova Scotia
- Clarification on responsibilities for 24 hour Construction Alert
- Notification vs Approvals requirement for P.Eng's designing replacement systems

Friend of the Industry award was presented to past WWNS Board of Director Gary Hines.

Chairman Steven Williams presented the Chairman's Report and announced he would be stepping down from role as Chair and WWNS Director.

Motion to approve minutes from 2017 AGM. Moved by Don Sutherland and seconded by Emery Peters

No business arising from the minutes

New Business

- Possible changes to PDP to include mentoring in 2018

Friend of the Industry Award presented to Steven Williams

2017 – 2018 financial statements presented by Gary Cameron. Motion to approve by Paul Sinclair, seconded by Gary Hines.

Motion to approve MacDonald & Murphy Inc. as auditors for 2019 made by Emery Peters and seconded by Ken Dunphy.

Terms were up for three Board of Director seats.:

Colchester/Cumberland Rep Jonathan Lepper reoffered / unchallenged

Septic Pumper / Portable Restroom Operator Rep. Darrell MacKenzie reoffered / unchallenged

Nominations from the floor were taken for Halifax /Hants seat to replace Steven Williams

- David Roy nominated by Jamie Roy and Derek Hale nominated by Trevor ?
- 32 members voted and David Roy elected with 19 votes and Derek Hale received 13 votes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. Many door prizes given out to those who remained

Recording Secretary, Eric Morse