

Happy Holidays

In order to allow association staff to enjoy the holidays with their families, the association offices will be closed from December 24th through to January 2. Phone calls and emails will be returned on January 2, 2019. Urgent communications will be addressed as soon as they are received.

We wish you and your family a relaxing, happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Is Your Membership Up-to-Date?

The AOWMA Annual General Meeting will take place in Red Deer, AB on February 8, 2019. Members in good standing are eligible to vote and to run for positions on the Board of Directors. Don't miss out on your opportunity to have a voice in how your association is managed. Make sure your membership is up-to-date!

Please note: Memberships will not be renewed at the convention and trade show.

Convention & Trade Show – Save the Date February 7 – 9, 2018 – Red Deer, AB

The AOWMA Convention Committee is pleased to release the Schedule of Events for the 2019 Convention and Trade Show! Below are just some of the presentations being featured at this exciting event!

- Case Studies of High Strength Wastewater – Dr. Sara Heger, University of Minnesota
- Onsite Wastewater Certification Review Committee Update – Dean Morin, Stephen Hirose, Alberta Municipal Affairs, Rick Baxter, The Inspections Group
- Documenting Your Work – Which Files are Important? – Scott Shaw – Alaqu Water Systems
- The Certifications You Need for Systems in Alberta – Aleena Pawlik – FRP Manufacturing (2010) Ltd.
- New Permitting Requirements in Open Areas – Charles Hallett, Alberta Safety Codes Authority
- Dept of Transport Requirements for Trucking & Equipment Hauling – Jesse Berry, Bear Excavating
- 93% of Permit Applications are Deficient! – Nicole Paggett, Park Enterprises
- Chemicals of Emerging Concern – Dr. Sara Heger, University of Minnesota
- Effluent Sewer Comparison & Life Costs – Keven Kelly, Orenco Systems Inc.
- Pressure Distribution Demo - Bob Boersema - F.B. Boersema Acreage Developers
- The Ecology of Nutrient Loading - Dr. Larry Kapusta
- Impact of High Efficiency Furnace Effluent on Septic Systems – Bruce McColm, Northern Waste Water Systems
- Compaction, the Enemy of System Longevity – Dr. Sara Heger, University of Minnesota
- The Impact of Water Softeners on Septic Tanks – Dr. Chris Kinsley, University of Guelph
- Basic Electrical Theory & Panel Troubleshooting – Tim Callander, SJE Rhombus
- Line Location Modelling in Google Earth – Chris Manchester, LN Land Development
- Even Santa is Trained & Certified – Dr. Larry Kapusta
- Marketing for Small Business – Christina Reyes
- Contractor Responsibilities Under the Safety Codes Act – Joe Petryk, Alberta Municipal Affairs
- Installing Electrical Components Properly – Ed Lemke, CSWS
- Designing & Installing Evapo-Transpiration Beds – Bruce McColm, Northern Waste Water Systems
- Installing for Maintenance – Barry Rumsey, Bioharmony
- Soil, the Basis for a Good Design – Kent Watson
- Mandated Continuing Education and Certifying Body Discussion & Round Table – Dean Morin, Alberta Municipal Affairs

Workshops:

Vac Truck Technician Certification

Basic Confined Space Entry Certification

Design and Installation:

- Tank Bedding & Lid Safety
- System Size & Selection
- Pressure Distribution
Calculating Dose Volumes

We will also be hosting meetings for:

- The Pumper Community
- The Work Camp Group

Attend the 2019 AOWMA Convention & Trade Show and be eligible to win the grand prize of a trip for two to the WWETT Show in Indianapolis

The trade show is booking out fast with over 75% of the booths already spoken for. Trade Show brochures were emailed and mailed out in late October and exhibitors were booking space before registration even formally opened. Make sure you get the space you want! Book today!

AOWMA welcomes the following exhibitors to the 2019 Trade Show:

ADS Canada Inc

Advantage Ford

Alberta Safety Codes Authority

Alberta Wilbert Sales

Aquateck West Ltd.

Arndt Motor & Pump

Blackfoot Metals

Chinook Pumps Ltd.

Down to Earth Labs

Dynamic Rescue

Elite Promotional Marketing

Equipment Sales & Service

F.B. Boersema Acreage Developers

Frontier Waterworks

FRP Manufacturing (2010) Ltd.

Great West Kenworth Ltd.

Grizzly Equipment Repair

Infiltrator Water Systems

Innovative Equipment Solutions

Kaizen Labs

KSB Pumps Inc.

Liberty Pumps

LN Land Development

Mainline Backflow

Mountain Bark Inc.

Norman H. Collins & Associates

Orenco Systems Inc.

PolyJohn Canada

Reliable Tanks (Wesco Contracting)

Roth North America

Sego Industries

Stowell Pumps

Tanks-A-Lot Ltd.

The Fibreglass Shoppe

Tool Battery Exchange

Topspray

UFA

Ward Tires

Western Pump Ltd.

ZCL/Xerxes

Zoeller Company

Contact the association office or visit our website today to register!

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Calling All Pumpers!!

The AOWMA 2019 Convention and Trade show is just around the corner, and the AOWMA is looking to have a strong Pumper/Maintenance Provider presence.

The AOWMA has been actively working on the issues that affect the Pumping and Maintenance Provider community with the larger goal of professionalizing this industry under the AOWMA umbrella. Some recent and pending areas of attention include:

Alberta Environment had recently been attempting to bring forward new septic landspreading guidelines that were much more restrictive than current ones. The AOWMA along with other affected parties, responded detailing our concerns, and how they would impact the industry. As a result, these changes to the landspreading guideline were paused pending more industry input.

Municipal Affairs is going forward with some significant changes to our industry in the very near future. Along with a designation split that will result in an 'installer' and 'designer' specific training and licencing category, 'Pumper/Maintenance Provider Levels 1 & 2' has been proposed for development and applied to the pumping community as part of the overall onsite wastewater program. The AOWMA has been working with the government to guide these developing programs to be considerate of industry concerns.

The AOWMA has discussed the development of a 'Pumper Registry' with Alberta Environment as that Ministry has identified the lack of a registry as an area requiring attention. Instead of just another area of regulation, value could be built into Certification and Registry programs like these through increased access to receiving facilities that are otherwise hesitant to allow third party dumping.

The AOWMA recognizes that the Pumper community is the onsite Maintenance Provider for a majority of systems in Alberta, and has been ramping up training and certification courses specific to this industry.

Learn more on our website (<http://www.aowma.com/calling-all-pumpers>), and come participate at the convention!

We hope that by offering a wide variety of Pumper and Maintenance Provider specific sessions at convention we will see you. **Please help us to support you in your provision of these important services to homeowners!**

Septic Sense Workshops

The AOWMA hosted 29 Septic Sense workshops throughout the province during 2018. These workshops were presented in partnership with the Land Stewardship Center.

Developed for members of the public, the program teaches attendees to understand, assess and manage their private septic system, enabling them to protect their investment and the environment.

Septic Sense Programs for 2019 are being planned now. To-date, Septic Sense Workshops are available on the following dates:

- January 21, 2019 – Priddis, AB
- January 28, 2019 – High River, AB
- January 30, 2019 – Davisburg, AB
- February 21, 2019 – Rocky View County, AB
- March 19, 2019 – Three Hills, AB
- March 21, 2019 – Mountain View County, AB

Contact the AOWMA for more information: 877-489-7471

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