

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

There is still time to register for the 21st AOWMA Convention and Trade Show. We have a great program for our delegates, including workshops, certification training for Vac Truck Technicians, Basic Confined Space Entry and more! Join us for three days of education and networking!

Learn more on our website: <http://www.aowma.com/convention-trade-show-update-january-26-2019/>

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

There are only two trade show booths left! 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	Liberty Pumps
Advantage Ford	LineStar
Alberta Safety Codes Authority	LN Land Development
Alberta Wilbert Sales	Mainline Backflow
Aquateck West Ltd.	Mountain Bark Inc.
Arndt Motor & Pump	Norman H. Collins & Associates
Blackfoot Metals	Orenco Systems Inc.
Chinook Pumps Ltd.	PolyJohn Canada
Down to Earth Labs	Reliable Tanks (Wesco Contracting)
Dynamic Rescue	Roth North America
Elite Promotional Marketing	Sego Industries
Equipment Sales & Service	Stowell Pumps
F.B. Boersema Acreage Developers	Tanks-A-Lot Ltd.
Frontier Waterworks	The Fibreglass Shoppe
FRP Manufacturing (2010) Ltd.	Tool Battery Exchange
Great West Kenworth Ltd.	TopSpray
Grizzly Equipment Repair	UFA
Infiltrator Water Systems	Ward Tires
Innovative Equipment Solutions	Westcon Precast
Kaizen Labs	Western Pump Ltd.
Kaymor Machining & Welding	ZCL/Xerxes
KSB Pumps Inc.	Zoeller Company

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

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!

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 have 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. Some activities include:

- Inspection certification through the National Association of Wastewater Technicians, for septic inspections serving the real-estate industry
- Operations & Maintenance Levels 1 & 2 Certification through the National Association of Wastewater Technicians, from basic to the most advanced onsite systems
- Upcoming Vac Truck Certification training through the National Association of Wastewater Technicians
- Upcoming Basic Confined Space Certification

To attract a strong turnout from this sector, the upcoming AOWMA convention is purposely filled with Pumper/Maintenance Provider related information. Some specifics already in the schedule include:

- Basic Confined Space Certificate Training, included no charge with convention registration
- Vac Truck Technician training, included no charge with convention registration
- Pumper specific meeting, for industry concerns to be identified and given attention
- Convention seminars topics like water softener use, anaerobic and aerobic treatment in septic tanks, the impact of high efficiency furnace effluent on septic tanks
- Marketing sessions, great resource for small to medium companies
- Pump and other maintenance supply companies at the trade show
- Auguring, camera and snaking equipment suppliers
- Session on Maintenance Considerations when Installing Systems
- Dept of Transport Requirements for Trucking & Equipment Hauling
- Suppliers from truck sales to business insurance providers, and everything between

With training, certification, and regulatory changes from multiple branches of government being rolled out as upcoming initiatives, it is more important than ever before for Pumpers and Maintenance Providers to be seen and heard by the AOWMA. The AOWMA intends to be working with government to thoughtfully guide these changes to be of value to the Pumper and Maintenance Provider community rather than become potentially restrictive and onerous regulations that are formed without industry insight. By hearing the thoughts and concerns of Pumpers/Maintenance Providers, we can establish our industry's priorities and understand how best to go forward with the impending professionalization of this industry.

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!

Meeting of the Minds

Southern Alberta contractors gathered together for a meeting in Lethbridge, AB on January 8th to discuss challenges in the south of the province.

The meeting was organized by Board of Director members Nicole Paggett and Clayton Foster with a goal of bringing together members in the most southern part of the Province and share information, network and discuss initiatives for change.

The AOWMA wishes to thank everyone who came out to attend.

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:

- 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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For more information, call us toll free at 1.877.489.7471

Upcoming Industry Events

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Have an industry event you'd like to see posted? Feel free to contact us!

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Feb 7-10, 2019
Red Deer, AB

WWETT2019

February 20-23, 2019
Indiana, Indianapolis

Rural Municipalities Association Trade Show

March 18, 2018
Edmonton, AB

World Water Day 2019

March 22, 2019

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