



Blizzard – What Blizzard??

Despite sudden blizzard conditions a group of die-hard onsite wastewater contractors braved the weather and participated in a site and soils field day near Okotoks on April 16.

The ground wasn't frozen, so participants were able to learn how to determine soils horizons and identify soils characteristics in situ and log them in preparation for designing the system.

Stephanie Munn, P. Ag, taught the class, with assistance from AOWMA instructor Chad Widmer. AOWMA Board member, Clayton Foster, provided the site and equipment to dig the test pits.

Septic Sense Workshops

The AOWMA, in partnership with the Land Steward Center, is hosting a series of Septic Sense workshops through the province in early 2018.

Designed for members of the public, attendees will learn how to understand, assess and manage their private septic system, enabling them to protect their investment and the environment.

- May 15, 2018 @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Location TBA - Clearwater County
- July 14, 2018 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Seba Beach Heritage Pavilion – Seba Beach
- November 7, 2018 @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Camrose County – County Office

Contact the AOWMA for more information: 877.489.7471

Convention Proceedings

PDF copies of the presentations from our 2018 Convention, held in Red Deer, are now available to download on our website:
<http://www.aowma.com/2018-convention-proceedings/>

Once again, we thank all of our exhibitors, speakers, and attendees for making this another successful show.

Save the date! 2019 Convention and Trade Show – Red Deer, February 7 – 10, 2019.

Athabasca Trade Show

AOWMA hosted a booth at the annual Athabasca Trade Show on April 20 & 21, 2018. The association promotes the use of certified contractors for the design, installation and maintenance of onsite wastewater systems at public events like the Athabasca Trade Show. The focus for our booth is responsible operation and maintenance for homeowners.

Check out the AOWMA events page to see where we will be next!

Safety Codes Council Has Moved

The Safety Codes Council is moving offices this month!

As of April 23, 2018, the Council address will be **Suite 500, 10405 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3N4**. Email and phone contact information will remain unchanged.

Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training

The next available training session dates are:

Days 1 – 4 – May 14, 15, 16, 17, 2018, Edmonton, AB

Days 5 – 8 – May 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2018, Edmonton, AB

Register online (<http://www.aowma.com/training/>) or contact the association office at 877-489-7471 for more information.

Balancing the Books

Canadian Water Network

Financial Sustainability for Canadian Water Systems

Canadians want affordable water services, but utilities are finding it difficult to "balance their books" as costs continue to rise and revenues decline.

To mark World Water Day, Canadian Water Network is releasing a new report about the financial sustainability of Canada's water systems. Following an investigation of financial practices across the country, the report highlights core challenges and provides a menu of opportunities to advance sustainability. Download the report: <http://www.cwn-rce.ca/focus-areas/blue-cities/sustainable-financing-report/>

Toddler Dies After Falling into Septic Tank

CBC News

A two-year-old boy has died at the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary after falling into a septic tank west of the city.

EMS said they received a call at about 12:50 p.m. Thursday from a rural property near Priddis that a child was missing and was believed to have fallen into a septic tank.

"On arrival, paramedics worked with other bystanders to lift him from the tank," said EMS spokesperson Stuart Brideaux.

The child was rushed by STARS air ambulance to hospital in critical, life-threatening condition. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Bystanders, first responders fought to save boy

RCMP Cpl. Curtis Peters said bystanders, firefighters and paramedics tried to save the boy.

"Any death is hard to deal with. We deal with these unfortunately quite a lot but when there are children involved, it reaches at people's heart strings," he said.

"My first thought goes to the family and my second thought goes to the first responders."

It's unknown how long the child was in the tank.

Turner Valley RCMP and the medical examiner's office are investigating, police said in a release. An autopsy has not yet been scheduled. Priddis is a hamlet in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

Read the article here: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/toddler-septic-tank-alberta-1.4637288>

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