



Industry Town Hall Meetings

The AOWMA Board of Directors is hosting a series of Town Hall meetings across the province over the next year. Date and locations for the meetings have been set and members and other interested onsite wastewater stakeholders are invited to join us and discuss industry issues and concerns in their regions. Two sessions will be held in May prior to the season taking off in earnest. Four more sessions will be hosted in January, once the installation season shuts down for the winter.

The following dates and locations have been set in the calendar:

May 13, 2019 - Stettler, AB

May 24, 2019 - Grande Prairie, AB

Meetings will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in these round table discussions, please contact the AOWMA office for more details at 1.877.489.7471.

New Standardized Permit Form for Open Areas

ASCA has developed a new permit form for use in open areas of the province under their jurisdiction.

The new form will be available for use as of May 1, in time for the 2019 installation season. A copy of the form is available for download through the AOWMA website. After May 1, the permit form can be downloaded from ASCA's website as well.

ASCA Permit Application Form: <http://www.aowma.com/files/Private-Sewage-Permit-Application-ASCA-2019.pdf>

Two Site and Soils Field Day Training Opportunities Coming Up!

Site and Soils Evaluation Field Days are a mandatory component of the Onsite Wastewater Practitioner and are also open to those interested in learning more about performing detailed site visits and designing systems for difficult situations and soils. This training workshop provides information on assessing soil structure and texture, assessing site conditions and constraints, logging information and applying that knowledge to the design of onsite systems.

The next site and soils evaluation days will be held on:

May 10, 2019 in Coaldale, AB

May 15, 2019 in Lamont, AB

Contact the AOWMA at 1.877.489.7471 for registration information or [register now online](#).

Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training

The next available training session dates are:

Days 1 – 4 – May 15,16,17 & 18, 2019, Calgary Region, AB

Days 5 – 8 – May 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2019, Calgary Region, AB

Register online or contact the association office at 877-489-7471 for more information.

The Latest on “Flushable” Wipes

Ryerson University’s Flushability Lab at Ryerson Urban Water recently released a report: Defining ‘Flushability’ for Sewer Use. Tests evaluated 101 single-use products, of which 23 were labeled as ‘flushable’ by the manufacturer.

Results showed that not one single wipe was able to fall apart or disperse safely through the sewer system test. This can negatively impact household plumbing, municipal sewage infrastructure, and consequently, the environment.

Read more here: <https://www.watercanada.net/new-test-produces-failing-grade-for-flushability-of-single-use-wipes/>

Request for Articles

The association is sourcing articles for publication in our WCOWMA family of newsletters, and our printed magazine. Newsletters are published monthly, and magazines are published twice per year. Both include information, news and events from each Western province.

Articles submitted may be on any topic relevant to our membership and stakeholder group, such as those related to wastewater, septage and the onsite wastewater industry. Article length should be between 200 to 500 words for the newsletter and 800 to 1,500 words for the magazine. In both cases the article should be research or case study based. Relevant pictures are welcome; a photo release may be required. Promotional articles or those that are heavily proprietorial are considered advertorial and are subject to advertising rates. These will be identified in the publications as advertorials.

Banner and feature advertising is also now available in our newsletter – please contact the association office more information.

WCOWMA newsletters and magazines are distributed to over 5000 onsite wastewater stakeholders across Western Canada.

Articles may be submitted to info@wcowma.com. The deadline for each newsletter is the 15th of each month. Articles submitted may be published immediately or held for future publications.

Upcoming Industry Events

You can keep up-to-date on industry events on our events page!

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

**National Insurance
Awareness Day**
June 28, 2019

**NAWT/NOWRA Onsite
Wastewater
Mega-Conference**
October 13 – 16, 2019
Loveland, Colorado

**Imagine a Day Without
Water**
October 23, 2019

WWETT 2020
February 17, 18 & 19, 2020
Indianapolis, IN



SAVE THE DATE!

Trade Show & Convention
“IMPROVING THE INDUSTRY: IT TAKES A TEAM!”

February 6, 7 & 8, 2020
Red Deer, Alberta

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