



Industry Town Hall Meetings

The AOWMA Board of Directors will be hosting a series of Town Hall meetings across the province over the next year. These meetings will be held in the winter season, when contractors are not typically working.

Dates and locations for some of the meetings have been set. Members and other interested onsite wastewater stakeholders are invited to join us and discuss industry issues and concerns in their regions.

Meetings will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the following locations:

December 16, 2019 - Stettler, AB
December 18, 2019 - Grande Prairie, AB
January 10, 2020- Brooks, AB
January 17, 2020 - Lac La Biche, AB
January 23, 2020 - Yellowhead County
January 24, 2020 - Rocky Mountain House

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

Guidance Document for Temporary Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Alberta Municipal Affairs is planning on adding the “Guidance Document for Temporary Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems” to the Alberta.ca website in the final form.

You can view the current draft here: <https://bit.ly/2JDgiCe>

Please submit all comments and concerns to Alberta Municipal Affairs by **July 1, 2019**.

The final document will be available online: <https://www.alberta.ca/private-sewage-systems-at-work-camps.aspx>

Have You Taken Part in a Site and Soils Field Day Yet?

Site and soils evaluation are key components of onsite wastewater design, however how many contractors are designing onsite wastewater systems without having participated in a site and soils field day.

This seems to be changing finally, as the association is seeing more and more interest from contractors about this type of training.

Stephanie Munn, P Ag, led another group of students through the processing of developing a plot plan, logging and assessing soils, and taking samples for lab testing on May 27, in Priddis, AB.

The association hosts site and soils field days regularly throughout the installation season. If you are interested in this training, contact the association office to be waitlisted: 1.877.489.7471.

3 Tips to Avoid Heat Exhaustion

The great weather is here, but with warmer sunnier days comes the risk of heat exhaustion, especially if you are busy in the field.

Take care of yourself by keeping in mind these tips from Health Canada.

1. Drink plenty of cool liquids, especially water, before you feel thirsty to decrease your risk of dehydration. Thirst is not a good indicator of dehydration.
2. Reschedule or plan outdoor activities during cooler parts of the day if possible.
3. Avoid sun exposure. Shade yourself by wearing a wide-brimmed, breathable hat.

A full list of their tips can be found in “**Communicating the Health Risks of Extreme Heat Events**” which can be found on the Government of Canada website: <https://bit.ly/2ExBATJ>

Insurance Awareness Day (June 28)

Insurance is one of those things we forget about until we need it, kind of like a spare tire. This is why National Insurance Awareness Day exists and is celebrated every year on June 28. While the origin of this day is a mystery, what’s widely known is how important insurance is in many aspects of our lives. From car insurance, to life insurance, to home insurance and more, these policies offer a layer of protection to guard us from feeling the harshest of blows by unfortunate events.

Contractors in the onsite wastewater industry require special insurances to protect them when and if, things don’t go the way they should. If you are providing plans or designs to a client, you require Errors and Omissions Insurance to protect you in case something in the design or report you provide your client turns out to be incorrect or flawed in some way. General business insurance does not cover this eventuality.

If you are installing systems, you should have Pollution Liability, in the event that the system you install negatively impacts a water course or water source. Again, general business or construction insurance does not cover this type of liability. Make sure you have a detailed discussion with your insurance provider to be confident that you hold the appropriate insurances for your scope of work.

WCOWMA and its provincial partner associations have partnered with several organizations to offer discounted insurance to you and your company.

Sustainable Infrastructure Society

The Sustainable Infrastructure Society provides access to specialized insurances through their program with AON Reed Stenhouse. Those working in the onsite wastewater industry may access pollution liability, errors and omissions, general comprehensive and other insurances specific to their scope of work. Coverage is available across Canada. Access information here: <https://www.aon.com/canada/default.jsp>

Lloyd Sudd Insurance Brokers

Lloyd Sudd provides specialized insurances to members under their Septiguard Insurance Program. Members may access pollution liability, errors and omissions and other insurances specific to the onsite wastewater industry. For more information <https://www.lloydsadd.com/>

LaneQuinn

Lane Quinn Benefit Consultants Ltd. will offer a no obligation (and no charge) review of your current benefit plan or discuss the options available to you for setting up a plan for the first time. Contact LaneQuinn at 1-866-261-6084.

For more information: <http://lanequinn.com/>

Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training

The next available training session dates are:

Days 1 – 4 – July 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2019, Edmonton, AB

Days 5 – 9 – Aug 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16, Edmonton, AB

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

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



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Fall Magazine Coming Soon!

Don't Miss Out on Advertising & Sponsorship Opportunities!

Did you know that there are plenty of opportunities to support your industry organization and promote your business? We have options for a variety of price points.

Contact our office today to advertise in this newsletter or our upcoming printed magazine. You can also sponsor training events throughout the province. For more information, call us toll free at 1-877-489-7471.

Contribute to the Magazine

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.