



**November 19, 2012**

### **AOWMA Board Announces Staffing Changes**

Please be advised that as of September 21, 2012, Keith Gylander is no longer acting as the Executive Director of the AOWMA, nor is he representing the association in any capacity.

Should you have questions, or require clarification please contact Operations Manager, Lesley Desjardins at the association office: 877.489.7471.

### **Alberta Municipal Affairs Survey**

Alberta Municipal Affairs is conducting a survey to acquire feedback regarding specific technical details for the regulations that will support the New Home Buyers Act. The online survey includes questions specific to the private sewage systems installed for new homes in rural areas.

It has been proposed that private sewage systems should be included by new home warranties in addition to the plumbing, electrical and heating systems which are covered under delivery and distribution systems.

Those interested in participating in the survey may access the information through this link: [http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/WP\\_NewHomeBuyerProtectionActConsultation.cfm](http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/WP_NewHomeBuyerProtectionActConsultation.cfm) The link to the survey is at the bottom of the page. The survey closes on Friday, November 23.

### **Onsite Wastewater Management Study Commissioned**

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation has signed a contract commissioning a new study on onsite wastewater management for rural communities. This study will begin by looking at the onsite wastewater infrastructure in Ontario and Alberta, before expanding to encompass other provinces.

The focus of the study is similar to that of a project published by the USEPA in 2012. That project involved case studies of fourteen communities to determine the potential impacts of onsite wastewater systems on potable water sources as well as surface waters used for commercial and recreational purposes. Having identified what the environmental stresses were and what processes were currently in place, management protocols were determined for each region along with funding options to support the protocols.

### **Training Opportunities**

#### **Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training—Installer/Planner**

Days 1 – 3 December 5, 6 & 7, 2012

Days 4 – 6 January 16, 17 & 18, 2013

Location: Edmonton, AB

Students must complete all six days and successfully pass the final exam in order to achieve certification.

#### **Problem Soils in Your Backyard—February 24, 2013—Edmonton , AB**

**15th Annual Convention and Trade Show**  
**February 21–23, 2013**  
**Edmonton, AB**