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Waste Water Nova Scotia's

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9:00 am Saturday 14, 2012

Best Western Glengarry, 150 Willow Street, Truro

Registration and Displays open at 8am

The Annual General Meeting will be a busy day again this year. The meeting will be called to order at 9:00 am with the introduction of your Board of Directors and the Administrator of the On-Site Sewage Program. This will be followed by the introduction of the trade show folks and association business.

There will be an extended coffee break in order to allow for viewing of displays, followed by educational seminars. **John Brazner**, NSE Wetland Coordinator, will lead a discussion on the recently released Wetlands Policy and **Brenda Chisholm**, WCB Field Representative, will explain Worker's Compensation requirements; including registration requirements, sole proprietor's coverage and the use of subcontractors.

Following the lunch break, **MLA Lenora Zann** will address the meeting on behalf of the Minister of Environment and present the **Friend of the Industry Award**.

Peter White, comedian, will close out the day with some hilarious entertainment. We hope to have you on your way home no later than 3:30 pm.

Displays and registration will open at 8 am. **When you arrive, please sign the register** so that an accurate count can be made and appropriate **Professional Development Points awarded**. Attendance is worth 10 Professional Developments Points. If you have not already paid your 2012 WWNS membership dues, you may do so that day.

REGISTRATION

Waste Water Nova Scotia has had over 400 persons attend the AGM in each of the past several years. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY** to make sure that everyone has a seat and a hot meal! **The registration fee for the event is only \$10.00 per person**, which includes lunch. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it by mail, **not** fax or e-mail, along with payment to WWNS prior to March 30.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors for WWNS is a very dedicated group of people volunteering their time so that our province may be a more environmentally friendly area in regards to on-site services and to ensure our families continue to live, work and play in a clean environment. Your current Board of Directors are: **Steve Williams**, Chair; **Gary Hines**, 1st Vice, Halifax, Hants; **Tom Curry**, CB Island, Guysborough, Antigonish; **S. Eugene Martin**, Kings, Annapolis; **Lester Berrigan**, Shelburne, Queens, Lunenburg; **Allan Baird and Darrell MacKenzie**, representing the Septic Tank Cleaners and Portable Restroom Operators for the province.

Robert MacKenzie, representative for Cumberland, Colchester and Pictou, has notified the Board of WWNS that he will be stepping down from the position this year. Many thanks to Bob for his years of service to WWNS.

MEMORIAL

We regret to inform you that **Ridge Hiltz**, who served as representative for Digby/Yarmouth, passed away in January, 2012. Our sympathies go out to Ridge's family and friends.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations will be accepted in advance, in writing or from the floor, for anyone wishing to let their name stand for a position on the Board of Directors for WWNS. If you wish to nominate someone in advance, please fax their name and county to Gary's attention at 902-246-2130.

FRIEND OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD

For the past number of years, the members of WWNS have recognized one of their peers with the Friend of the Industry Award. The award is presented to a deserving individual who has contributed to the Industry by his/her professional conduct and/or work ethic. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please forward his/her name and a brief write-up as to why you think he/she should be considered, to WWNS.

DISPLAY SPONSORS

- ***Bell and Grant** – Tom Baker
- ***Bobcat Atlantic** – Mike Rayner, Ryan Wells
- ***Central Equipment Inc** – Ron Kennedy
- ***Fralick Financial** – Mike Fralick, Vineeta Fralick
- ***Harris Atlantic Sales Ltd** – David Harris, Kevin Wynn
- ***McLennan Sales/EMCO Corp** – Kelly Brown, Shawn Dowling
- * **Nova International Ltd** – Jody Crowell, Chris Leblanc
- ***Nova Scotia Environment** – Steve Conway
- ***Scotia Tech Fluid Services Ltd**– Paul Saulnier
- ***WAJAX** – Gerry MacCarthy, Alain Laforge, Wayne Brewster, Sandy Hodgson
- ***Urquhart-MacDonald & Associates** – Jake Urquhart, Mark MacDonald & Stuart Urquhart

ON-SITE SERVICES COORDINATOR

The On-Site Services Coordinator, Blake McDonald, has taken a temporary leave. In his absence, inquiries regarding the on-site sewage program should be directed to **Steve Conway** at 424-4034 or email at conwaysj@gov.ns.ca .

ENVIRONMENTAL HOME ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Nova Scotians who rely on wells and septic systems will be able to benefit from a **free and confidential** environmental home assessment again this year. Participating home owners will receive samples of septic friendly cleaners, water saving devices and a **rebate** of up to **\$100** toward their next septic tank pumping.

Depending on financial need and the state of their septic system, households may be eligible for a grant of up to **\$3000** that will help cover one-third the cost of any necessary repairs. In order to qualify for the grant money, the home assessment must be done **before** the repairs are made. For more information or to book a home assessment, call: 1-866-500-3427.

NEW VARIANCE REQUEST PROCEDURE

There is a new procedure for requesting a variance for on-site sewage systems which includes a check list that outlines A) when a variance will not be granted and B) supporting documents required for the approval process. The forms can be found at:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/water/docs/OSTG_Form-VarianceApplication.pdf

Variations will now be signed off by NSE District Managers, which should provide improved turn-around times.

ON-SITE SEWAGE PROGRAM TIDBITS

- 2012 is the beginning of a new 4 year cycle for the Professional Development Program for QPII'S, Septic Pumpers and Portable Restroom Operators. QPII's, Pumpers & PRO's participating in the program will need to accumulate a minimum of 100 PDP points by the end of 2015. Any extra points from the last cycle (2008 - 2011) cannot be carried over to the new cycle.
- As part of our continuing public education, Waste Water Nova Scotia will once again have a booth at the Ideal Home Show, March 30 to April 1 at Exhibition Park, in Halifax.
- **Reservations** at the **Best Western Glengarry** can be made by **phone**: 902-893-4311 or 1-800-567-4276 or **email**: reservations@bwglengarry.com.
- Be aware of leaky fixtures. A running toilet can put an additional 200 gallons per day into an on-site sewage system. A faucet which drips only once per second can add up to 3000 gallons of extra waste water per year.