



SOWMA Education Days

The Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association hosted a series of education days through the province during the month of April. Attendance was strong at each of the events held in Swift Current, Regina, Weyburn, Yorkton, Prince Albert, Saskatoon and North Battleford. A total of 130 participants were in attendance.

Presentations covered the following topics:

- *Regulatory Update*
- *Designing Pressure Distribution Systems*
- *Pressurized Mound Design With Linear Loading*
- *System Component Certification*
- *Design and Cost – Job Costing*

A big thank you to all those who came out and attended this event and to the event sponsors: Anderson Pump House, FRP Manufacturing (2010) Ltd., Souris Valley Industries.

New Board of Directors for SOWMA

SOWMA held its Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon, SK on April 25, during their annual Education Day. During that meeting elections were held. The Board of Directors for 2018 is:

Travis Wolfe – President
Blaine Radics – Vice-President
Larry Link – Secretary/Treasurer
Jason Holtvogt – Director
Murray Perehudoff – Director

Thank you to departing Vice-President Dean Van Impe for many years of faithful service!

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

The Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association is your industry association. SOWMA is your voice with the regulatory authorities, your resource on wastewater issues, your training body and your business partner.

SOWMA depends on its membership to maintain operations. Member renewal notices are sent out regularly to remind members when their membership is up for renewal. Please consider purchasing or renewing a membership in SOWMA and put your dollars to work for the betterment of the onsite wastewater industry in Saskatchewan!

Upcoming Industry Events

You can keep up-to-date on industry events on our events page (<http://www.sowma.ca/calendar/>)! Have an industry event you'd like to see posted? Feel free to contact us!



Long-Term Drinking Water Advisories Have Lifted in Saskatchewan

WaterCanada

Indigenous Services Canada has announced the elimination of a number of long-term drinking water advisories for First Nation communities in Saskatchewan.

Investments in water and wastewater infrastructure are working to eliminate long-term drinking water advisories on public systems on reserve and to prevent short-term advisories from becoming long-term. Minister of Indigenous Services, Jane Philpott, was pleased to share progress made on the federal government's commitment to ending long-term advisories.

"Everyone in this country deserves access to clean drinking water. I am pleased to see a number of both long-term and at-risk short-term advisories lifted in March 2018, continuing the progress being made by communities and Indigenous Services Canada together," said Minister Philpott. "We remain on track in our commitment to lift all long-term drinking water advisories on public systems on reserve by March 2021."

Four long-term advisories were successfully lifted in March 2018 in the following communities:

- Red Earth Cree Nation in Saskatchewan lifted a long-term drinking water advisory on March 2.
- Pauingassi First Nation in Manitoba lifted a long-term advisory on March 15.
- Poundmaker in Saskatchewan lifted a long-term advisory on March 20.
- Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan lifted a long-term advisory on March 22.
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More information can be found here.: <https://www.watercanada.net/long-term-drinking-water-advisories-have-lifted-in-saskatchewan/>

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 here: <http://www.cwn-rce.ca/focus-areas/blue-cities/sustainable-financing-report/>

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