

Water



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WELL DRILLERS – WELL DIGGERS – PUMP INSTALLERS – MANUFACTURERS & SUPPLIERS - TECHNICAL

Spring 2026

Who We Are

NSGWA is an Industry Association of five divisions: Well Driller’s, Well Digger’s, Pump Installers, Manufacturers and Suppliers and Technical. The Board of Director’s consists of five volunteers and a Secretary-Treasurer. Our By-Laws, Memorandum of Association and Memorandum of Understanding with NS Environment can be found on our website: <<http://www.nsgwa.ca>>.

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President of NSGWA and Director of the Well Drillers Division. Jordan owns and operates Valley Well Driller’s Ltd.

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Director of the Pump Installers Division. Brian is owner and operator of Hub Well Drilling.

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Upcoming Dates

NSGWA 2026 Spring Meeting

Where: **Best Western Dartmouth, 15 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth**


When: **Friday June 19, 2026**

Time: **1PM – 5PM**

Agenda

1pm – 5pm **Testing (Drillers, Diggers)**
1:00 – 1:30pm **Opening/Introductions**
1:30-2:30pm **Glenn Bursey**
2:30-3:30pm **Lunch (Soup & Sandwich)**
3:30-4:30pm **Dave Pentz**
4:30-5:30pm **AGM**
5:30 **Adjournment**

Speakers:



Fracflow Consultants Inc.
Environmental, Hydrogeological,
and Geotechnical Engineering

**Road Salt, Saltwater Intrusion
and Other Salt Sources:
How Hydrogeology Helps
to Resolve Well Claims**

Nova Scotia Groundwater Association Meeting
June 19, 2026

Time: 1:30-2:30pm

Presented by Glenn Bursey:

**Vice President and Senior Hydrogeologist/Geochemist
Fracflow Consultants Inc.**

Speakers (cont'd):



Sizing Submersible Pumps

Time: 3:30-4:30pm

Presented by Dave Pentz:

Technical Sales; EMCO Pump & Water Systems

Please be advised, agenda is subject to change.

This Spring Meeting is worth 25 points for those who attend and 15 for online options.

There will be an online option in the fashion of the previous online options (pdf files followed by questions). It will be posted following the meeting. This usually takes a couple of weeks. It will be announced on the Notification Board located on the Home page of our website www.nsgwa.ca

We also post documents for applications and renewals, and Points for **CEP** posted under **CEP** for Drillers, Diggers, and Pump Installers. Some people may be interested to know we have links to interactive geology maps for the entire province located on our Notification Board and under LINKS.

From NSECC

We continue to have reports of uncertified installers throughout the province drilling and digging wells. The province has been made aware by email and phone calls thanks to those of you who have put in the time to record the specifics of these ongoing incidents.

While that is all good, there still seems to be lack of on-the-ground, NSE support which seems to stem from lack of available field officers at the time of the actual event.

There also seems to be some interdepartmental communication issues with who should be certified and who should not.

Hopefully, these glitches will continue to be worked on and rest assured they are being monitored.

Any further input can still be directed to ice@novascotia.ca and the following numbers.

Western

Kings County, Annapolis County & West Hants

Phone: (902) 679-6086

Lunenburg & Queens Counties

Phone: (902) 543-4685

Digby, Yarmouth & Shelburne Counties

Phone: (902) 742-8985

Central

HRM, East Hants

Phone: (902) 424-7773

Colchester

Phone: (902) 893-5880

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Phone: (902) 667-6205

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Port Hawkesbury

Phone: (902) 625-0791

Antigonish, Guysborough

Phone: (902) 863-7389

Pictou

Phone: (902) 396-4194

These contact numbers and emails can also be used to report anything you witness going on in the environment that you know to be, or suspect to be dangerous to the environment. If you have any questions on how to get a complaint started or a report started, you can contact Nova Scotia Groundwater Association. There is no guarantee that immediate action can be taken, or will be taken. However, a paper trail, starting with emails and phone calls that are recorded, is essential in order to ensure that at least a record is on file. None of this can be done without your participation.

NSGWA Laws and Regs

A number of you have been asking about bylaws and regulations regarding the running of Nova Scotia Groundwater Association.

I have specifically heard questions regarding our own bylaws as an established nonprofit organization as well as what our obligations are for the contribution of the provincial grant. I have sent out copies of the bylaws which can also be found online on our home page under DOCUMENTS. These were stipulations put forward in order to declare ourselves a non-profit organization under what is known as the Society's Act Chapter 4351989.

Basically, it outlines how the Association is built, how each position is defined, and what the expectations and ground rules are for running the association.

As some of you may have already heard, we were not granted an application for the provincial grant for this coming year. The application goes in prior to the year that it's awarded. The reason given was the provincial budget didn't allow for it. We did however, receive the \$10,000 in January 2026 for the previous year (2025).

This particular scenario is covered in the Contribution Agreement under Section 5.1 where it discusses "subject to approval of the provincial government's budget and annual appropriations..." etc.

I have included the Contribution Agreement for you to review as well and highlighted the particular segment mentioned here.

New Members Since 2025

We would like to welcome some new members to Nova Scotia Groundwater Association.

In the **Diggers** Division we have:

Andre Deveau from Digby County
Colton Cox from Colchester County
Gabe Dussault from Yarmouth County
Nick Victor from Halifax County

In the **Drillers** we have:

Jason Levings from Digby County

In the **Pump Installers** Division we have:

Joel Scott from West Hants County
Stephen MacDonald from Halifax County

Congratulations to you all and feel to reach out with any questions you might have regarding your obligations, problems in the field, or with anything that you think we may be able to help.

Newsletter Content

Hello Members,

Calling for suggestions for content that you would like to see in your Newsletter.

Also, if any of the suppliers wish to advertise here, it is pretty inexpensive, and hits the right targets.

All suggestions are welcome. Just drop a line, with the Subject line: "Newsletter Suggestions", to: nsgwa@ns.aliantzinc.ca