

Water Talk

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

Spring 2016

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>>. We have a toll-free number (1-888-242-4440) to better serve you.

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Message from the President

Well here it is May already. The weight restrictions are off and we can get back to work. The somewhat lower fuel prices at the pumps are helping and the money saved will be spent locally which should help everyone. With the people coming back from out west, maybe it might provide some relief from the skilled worker shortage that has become a problem in this region for a few years.

The Continuing Education Program 4 cycle has come to an end. As like the last 4 year cycle some followed through and some for whatever reason did not get enough points to be recertified. There have been ongoing rewrite dates, times and places all over the province to retrieve your COQ's. This is a big deal that involves NSE providing space for rewrites and also maintaining the integrity of the exam process. Going forward from here the exam will be held at a **SET PLACE ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR.**

We give a special Thanks to Heather Cross and Jamie MacDonald for their hard work coming out to facilitate the rewrites.

With the way the CEP point's structure is set up, obtaining enough points should be easy especially now with an online course option that could be accessed from almost anywhere internet is provided. Also there are a lot of courses and programs that would qualify for points. If unsure call the NSGWA office or submit a form for the CEP Committee.

NSE is concentrating and reviewing the Well Construction Regs this year and hopefully should have something in place for the 2017 season. With all the changes going on with NSE, I am not sure where they are going with everything. It seems to me that with so many environmental issues arising that it is bad timing to be cutting back on programs. Not so long ago they were on the cutting edge of technology and world leaders with policy and programs, I would hate to see this get lost. ***the association is working*** to see that the industry concerns are brought forward and addressed and working ***with NSE*** to make sure ***we are all on the same page and work together.***

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Upcoming Dates

Canadian Ground Water Conference and Expo 2016

June 8-11 Niagara Falls, Ontario
Registration and general convention
inquiries:

OGWA office: 519-245-7194

Email: ogwa@ogwa.ca

Annual General Meeting

Where: ***Best Western Plus Hotel
and Suites***

***15 Spectacle Lake Drive,
Dartmouth, NS***

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Start: ***1:00PM***

Agenda

1. Opening remarks
2. Review of Fall Minutes 2015
3. Review of 2015 AGM Minutes
4. Presentation - ***Drinking Water Interpretation Tool – presented by NSE Gordon Check***
5. New Business
6. Financials
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Please be advised Agenda is subject to change

Awards Dinner

Please keep an eye on website as well as mail for event details. *Event is subject to change*

*******PLEASE NOTE*******

THERE WILL BE NO REGIONALS HELD THIS YEAR 2016. All COQ's will receive 15 CEP POINTS. This is a onetime only!

NSE Reminder

Well Construction Regulations and Water Well Decommissioning Guidelines reminder:

Friendly reminders to ensure you are familiar with the requirements under the NS Well Construction Regulations and the Well Water Decommissioning Guidelines. A person must be certified as a well driller or digger in order to drill, dig, or decommission a well in Nova Scotia. Drilled well decommissioning must be conducted only by well drillers holding a valid certificate of qualification and dug well decommissioning must be conducted only by well diggers holding a valid certificate of qualification.

It is important to follow the well construction requirements under the regulations, and the well decommissioning guidelines. Both the regulations and decommissioning guidelines are available online, please take this opportunity to review the following:

The NS Well Construction Regulations @ <https://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/envwellc.htm>
The Well Water Decommissioning Guidelines @ <https://www.novascotia.ca/nse/groundwater/docs/WellDecommissioningGuidelines.pdf>



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• Pipeline Video Inspection DEAN WALKER M.A.Sc., P.Geo.

In-Situ Geothermal Conductivity Earth Energy Testing
Drill/Dug Well Water Quantity & Quality Tests/Cleaning
QP2 Septic System Dye Test/Tank Locate/Smoke Blower
Water Leak Detection – Well Video Inspection
Radon Gas Monitors – Locate Buried Well Cables/Lines
Salt Water Well Intrusion Downhole Temp/Cond Profile