

Message from SWANA Conference Planning Committee

Hello to all my fellow SWANA members. The winter was certainly long and drawn out, making us want a normal prairie spring to lift our spirits and carry us into the seasonal upswing in the waste business. If you're like me, you are still waiting for the spring to kick in to gear.

Well, one more thing you should be looking forward to is the upcoming SWANA Northern Lights Conference. This year we help SOLVE THE PUZZLE TOGETHER with the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council as we team up to co-host the 2014 WASTE REFORUM CO-CONFERENCE. You can read about it on the pages that follow and I can assure you there is a terrific line-up of activities, speakers, and entertainment along with fantastic networking opportunities and a spectacular trade show.

Please join us in Regina May 7th - 9th for this event. I want to take this time to thank you, our members, for your continued support of this major chapter event and I also wish to thank our sponsors, without their support this event would not be possible. Also, a big shout out to the conference co-chairs, Joanne Fedyk of the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council and our very own Executive Director Sheri Praski. Their skills at leading the team of organizers have made sure this event will be very attractive to folks throughout the waste and recycling industry.

Once again, 2013 saw your Northern Lights Chapter recognized by SWANA headquarters. Our award was for the most certifications - with our very small population compared to many of our American counterparts, this is no small feat. We continue to expand our training opportunities, our faculty and our reach throughout our Northern Lights Chapter. From the signature Manager of Landfill operations to our very own Transfer Station Operations when it comes to industry training, we have your needs met. The quality of the trainers, the quality of the curriculum and our members desire to learn are all major contributors to the reason the Northern Lights Chapter received this award at WASTECON last fall. See page 5 for more information about future training opportunities.

This looks like another big year in western Canada in this industry and we truly hope that you take the year in stride, put safety first and make sure you and your co-workers arrive home safely every night.

Finally, thank you to our members. You are the reason SWANA exists. Please let us know how we're doing, any time. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event. But until then, take care.

Roland Rusnell, Saskatchewan Director
SWANA - SWRC Co-conference Organizing Committee

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Join SWRC and SWANA (the Solid Waste Association of North America) as we come together May 7 to 9, 2014 to Solve the Waste Puzzle.

SWANA's Northern Lights Chapter and Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council are hosting a joint conference on **May 7-9, 2014**, at the newly-renovated **Hilton DoubleTree in Regina, Saskatchewan**. Participants are expected to attend from across Canada and the United States. Come to Regina to join your SWANA Northern Lights Chapter and the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council as they team up to find solutions to today's waste management and recycling puzzles. Exciting keynote speakers and engaging presentations in three streams of sessions plus face time with industry representatives at the large tradeshow ensure there is something for everyone. Two technical tours, a workshop or a round of golf; you choose the way you want to start your week with us in Regina

Concurrent sessions include:

- Up-cycling
- Solving the "people puzzle"
- Options for organic materials
- Hard-to-handle materials
- Biology - solving waste management puzzles using biological systems
- GHGs - measurement, reduction strategies
- Trends in waste composition; packaging/product trends
- Business waste reduction

Visit our conference webpage for more information <http://www.swananorthernlights.org/reforum2014/index.html>

Keynote Speakers



David White David White is the founder of the strategic planning and facilitation company, Synergy Solutions. He's had more than 25 years of experience leading organizations and businesses through start-ups and restructuring. David is a regular columnist with SaskBusiness magazine and is in demand as a speaker and writer on the effect that organizational culture can have on a company's success. His recent book *Resilience* chronicles the changes in culture at the Ford Motor Company that allowed it to survive the recession without handouts and emerge with better designed vehicles, a highly committed workforce, and a strong environmental ethic. (He's also the first person in Saskatchewan to buy Ford's new hybrid car, the C-Max!)



Jerry Powell Jerry is the owner of three magazines (*Resource Recycling*, *Plastics Recycling Update* and *E-Scrap News*) and helps organize three of the world's largest recycling conferences: The E-Scrap Conference and Exhibition, The Plastics Recycling Conference and Exhibition, and The Resource Recycling Conference and Exhibition. Jerry is in demand all over North America as a speaker on what's new in the world of recycling and how this affects local programs.



Ruben Anderson Ruben is a Behaviour Change and Sustainable Systems consultant, developing the idea of Compassionate Systems to address the frustration and failure of behaviour change. Ruben has taught Sustainable Design at the Emily Carr University and consulted on future-proofed, locally resilient systems for the City of Vancouver's Sustainability Group and the Planning Department, as well as for BC Housing, Industry Canada and private sector clients. Ruben will outline the ten myths of behaviour change and introduce the concept of compassionate systems – thought-provoking concepts for anyone working on waste and recycling systems.

SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Awards Ceremony

Each year at our Annual General Meeting SWANA Northern Lights Chapter provides three awards. This year, the Awards Gala will be held on May 8, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel at 1975 S. Broad Street, Regina, Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Minister of the Environment will present the awards. Dinner theatre and networking will follow.

The SWANA Northern Lights Chapter **Individual** Award is presented to an individual member who has made significant contributions to the SWANA Northern Lights Chapter

The SWANA Northern Lights Chapter **Corporate** Award is presented to a company that has made significant contributions through its SWANA membership in its support of the Northern Lights Chapter.

The SWANA Northern Lights Chapter **Municipal** Award is presented to a municipality that has made significant contributions through its SWANA membership in its support of the Northern Lights Chapter

Scholarships

Every year, SWANA shows their commitment to post secondary education through scholarships. Applications and information on SWANA scholarships are available at: <https://swana.org/Awards/ScholarshipsInternships.aspx>

In addition to the scholarships available through SWANA International, the SWANA Northern Lights Chapter established a scholarship in 1989 for the children and grandchildren of SWANA Northern Lights Chapter members.

Scholarships are available to a student entering their first year of post secondary education, enrolled in upper years (any year besides first year) of post secondary education and/or for students entering a Trades or Technical program. The program they are enrolled in should have potential future linkage to solid waste management or environmental services.

To apply for both a SWANA and a SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Scholarships, applicants need to fill out the application form available on the SWANA website
<http://swana.org/portals/0/awards/2014/SWANAScholarshipApp14.pdf>

The SWANA Northern Lights Chapter wishes to congratulate past winners and pass on best wishes for a successful future. SWANA NLC encourages students to get actively involved with the chapter.

Any questions can be directed to Roland Rusnell, Chair of the Scholarship Committee at roland.rusnell@swananorthernlights.org.

Completed applications must be received by the Chapter by May 1st. Please send to:

SWANA Northern Lights Chapter
Attention: Scholarship Committee Chair
PO Box 3317, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 2T2
Fax: 866.698.8203 - Email: office@swananorthernlights.org

Training

CONFERENCE TRAINING (Regina)

- Managing Recycling Systems - May 4-6, 2014—Regina, SK
- Transfer Station Operator (TS) - May 4, 2014— Regina, SK
- Landfill Operator Basics (LOB) - May 5-6, 2014 – Regina, SK

SWANA TRAINING WEEK

- Landfill Operator Basics (LOB) - June 4-5, 2014 – Grande Prairie, AB
- Landfill Gas Basics – June 2, 2014 – Grande Prairie, AB
- Landfill Gas Basics – June 3, 2014 – Grande Prairie, AB

TRAINING WEEK IN RED DEER

SWANA is planning to host our Fall Training week in Red Deer, Alberta. We will host a Landfill Operator Basics and a Landfill Operator Certification exam but have not finalized our other courses. Please let us know if there are any SWANA courses that you would like us to bring to Alberta this fall.

ALBERTA LANDFILL FACILITY OPERATOR EXAM SITTINGS

May 7, 2014 – Regina, SK – REGISTRATION CLOSED

June 6, 2014 – Grande Prairie, AB

For more details including registration forms, course descriptions, pricing and location information please visit

http://www.swananorthernlights.org/training_upcoming.html

Upcoming Events

Compost Field Day , workshop organized by the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council	May 15, 2014 - Saskatoon, SK 306.931.3242 - www.saskwastereduction.ca
"Fostering Sustainable Behavior" , Introduction to Community-Based Social Marketing workshop with Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr	May 26-27, 2014 - Calgary, AB
"Closing the Loop: Preventing Waste Through Sustainable Enterprise" 2014 Recycling Council of BC Conference	May 28-30, 2014—Whistler, BC ben@rcbc.ca - www.rcbc.ca
International Bioenergy Conference and Exhibition	June 11 - 13, 2014—Prince George, BC 250-961-6611 - info@bioenergyconference.org
2014 WASTECON "50 Shades of Green" , presented by SWANA	August 26-28, 2014 - Dallas, TX www.swana.org
15th Annual Alberta Recycling Conference , hosted by Alberta CARE	September 3-5, 2014 - Lac La Biche, AB www.albertacare.org
2014 National Compost Conference , presented by the Compost Council of Canada	September 22-24, 2014 - Halifax, NS 1.877.571.4769 - www.compost.org
"Recycling in the Rockies – A Waste Reduction Expedition" 2014 Recycling Council of Alberta Waste Reduction Conference	October 1-3, 2014—Lake Louise, AB 403.843.6563 - info@recycle.ab.ca
RemTech™ 2014 , Remediation Technologies Symposium hosted by the Environmental Services Association of Alberta (ESAA)	October 15-17, 2014 - Banff, AB 780.429.6363 x 223 - www.esaa-events.com/remtech
Waste Reduction Week in Canada	October 20-26, 2014 www.wrwcanda.com

New Member Recognition

For over 40 years, SWANA, The Solid Waste Association of North America, has been the leading professional association in the solid waste management field. SWANA's mission is "to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste." SWANA serves over 8,000 members and thousands more industry professionals with technical conferences, certifications, publications and a large offering of technical training courses.

SWANA Northern Lights would like to recognize our newest members:

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last name	First Name	Last name
Lourdes	Lugue	Scott	Haddow	Ryan	Popilchack
Daniel	Alberkant	Michael	Haines	Dan	Prediger
Lytasha	Arkuszynski	Kim	Hall	Herbert	Ramos
William	Barclay	Murray	Hampshire	Dale	Rankel
John	Berry	Nathan	Hollick	Randy	Rasmussen
Richard	Brodeur	Jason	Holloway	Terrence	Revega
Jennifer	Brown	Chris	Huston	Joe	Ross
Charles	Brownell	Matt	Janz	Brant	Ross
Jessica	Butler	Andrew	Jewell	Stacey	Schaub-Szabo
Andrew	Calder	Jeff	Johnston	Christopher	Schimnosky
Colin	Campbell	Jason	Katyi	Patrick	Schmidt
Alexandre	Chaikine	Shayne	Keeler	Trevor	Sims
Todd	Christianson	Paul	Kiszcak	Erica	Skoko
Renato	Colucci	Dan	Klassen	Richard	Soares
Danny	Cugnet	Barry	Kolenosky	Kevin	Spencer
Shawn	Daschuk	Carol	Kulikowski	Bob	Stauth
Dave	Dextraze	Steve	Landymore	Brad	Sterling
Dora	Diede	Randy	Lapierre	Rhonda	Stewart
Austin	Diegel	Justin	Lee	Brent	Stutsky
Blake	Draga	Kirk	Lewis	Scott	Theede
Craig	Elmgren	Ernest	Locke	Frederick	Thompson-Brown
Dale	Filgas	Gordon	Mach	Igor	Tkaczuk
Barrie	Flood	Darren	Martin	Albert	Underhay
Chris	Fowler	Stacey	May	Rene	Van De Vendel
Shirley	Fredericksen	Arthur	Meyndert	Ron	Wear
Scott	Freiburger	Sonia	More	Les	Winterhalt
Ray	Frey	Alan	Newcombe	Wendy	Yaworski
Rod	Goosen	Doug	Parcey	Dean	Zabolotney
Shayne	Grabler	Gord	Percival		

SWANA NLC AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the SWANA Northern Lights Chapter (NLC) to be held at 7:45 am, Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 1975 South Broad Street, Regina.

On our website you will find the Agenda for the 2014 AGM, minutes of the 2013 AGM, and the nominations form for Director Positions. Candidates for the SWANA NLC Board of Directors must be nominated by a SWANA member. The form must be submitted to the SWANA office by May 2, 2014. If there are more nominations than available board positions, an election will be held at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional information on the SWANA NLC AGM and Board of Directors is available at

<http://www.swananorthernlights.org/about.html>

Additional information on the SWANA NLC Chapter conference is available at

<http://www.swananorthernlights.org/reforum2014/index.html>

Conference Tradeshow Exhibitors

Alberta Recycling Mgmt. Authority	Modulo-Beton Ltd.
ATZ Applied Technologies	Sask. Ministry of Environment
Cascade Cart Solutions	Otto Env'tl
City of Regina	Pen Plast Environmental
Crown Shred & Recycling	PSI
Ecotainer Sales	Recycle Systems
Edm Waste Mgmt. Centre of Excellence	Ridgeline Greenfill
EM Metalworks Ltd.	SARRC
Emterra Environmental	SaskEnergy
Envirotec Services	SITECH Western Canada Solutions Ltd.
EPRA	Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation
GEEP Alberta Inc.	TDH Fluid Systems Inc.
Geoware Inc	Universal Handling
Glover International Trucks	Wavor Wire Ltd.
Hall-All Equipment Ltd.	Westland Plastics
K & K Recycling Services	Wind and Sun Protection Inc.
Loraas Recycle	XCG Consultants Ltd.
Lystek International	ZIRCO (1989) Ltd.
Machinex Recycling Services	

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**SEE ALL THE CONFERENCE DETAILS ON YOUR SMART PHONE!**

Go to your app store, and download "Yapp"; open the app, and find a screen saying "View a Yapp" (on iPhone, swipe sideways twice to find this screen). Add your name; and in the URL screen, add "Reforum" (so you will see <http://my.yapp.us/REFORUM>). Once it's loaded, simply tap the cover, and you're on your way!

Be sure to "OK" updates each time you open the app - these are updates to the ReForum Yapp itself!

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