

President's Message

This edition of the SWANA Northern Lights Chapter newsletter *WASTE MATTERS* provides extensive information, which all members of the Chapter can use. Our team of reporters and contributors (yours truly notwithstanding) have assembled a great lineup. Inside you will learn about some of our new members and the value of networking. We are looking forward to another great conference coming up in Winnipeg, May 13-15 as we offer another terrific lineup of presentations, tours and training that we guarantee you will find relevant, timely and of great interest. We are back in downtown Winnipeg next to the stately Fort Garry Hotel.

I want to offer my gratitude to the people who make things happen for our members: our administrator Sheila Reithmayer, Executive Director Sheri Praski, marketing director and newsletter editor Paresh Thanawala, our own Travelling Willburys IB Director Dick Ellis and Canadian Chapter's representative Jim Lapp. Also, many thanks to all of our dedicated trainers who deliver training courses to our members from Iqaluit to Claresholm to Brandon. As we grow our membership, it should be a comfort to you that we are in such great hands.

To continue with my outpouring of gratitude, I cannot say enough for the sponsors and exhibitors that we are so lucky to have as partners in our events. Thank you so much for your continuing involvement. We sincerely appreciate your dedication to SWANA and the value it brings to the nearly 400 members across the Northern Lights Chapter.

To enhance our communications and information exchange; we are very shortly unveiling the new Northern Lights Chapter website at www.swananorthernlights.org. It is going to be a great asset to our staff and our directors and we hope will be an excellent source of information for you, our members. Please check back often and please give us feedback. If there is something missing that you would like us to consider let us know.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy this edition of *WASTE MATTERS* and hope you have a great summer. Keep yourselves and your co-workers safe and healthy so that you all have an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors where ever this newsletter finds you.

Yours truly,

Roland Rusnell
SWANA NLC President

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Connecting Through SWANA

Many of you have had the great fortune to meet other SWANA members at training courses and conferences held by the Northern Lights Chapter, or perhaps at other Canadian events or WasteCon.

We often forget that when we attend courses and conferences that we increase our circle of contacts in the waste business. This helps us in our own work places because we have many more resources that we can call on for advice or help when we need it most. We have seen these valuable connections through SWANA being helpful whether we are looking for advice on landfill equipment, recycling opportunities, or when dealing with natural disasters.

SWANA NLC programs such as training and conferences offer several opportunities to its members to get to know each other, network on business and services and learn more about SWANA.

Jim Lapp
Canadian Representative to the International Board

Northern Lights Chapter Receives Two Awards

The Northern Lights Chapter received two awards from SWANA International at the 2014 Wastecon Awards Breakfast in Dallas, Texas.

The Chapter received the award for largest membership increase over the past year, and a training award for the most tested and certified.

“Receiving both these awards says a lot about the NLC members getting out and being a part of the many events throughout our Chapter” says Sheri Praski. Sheri went on saying “This showcases the excellent work that our Chapter Board does, the dedication and quality of our training faculty and staff”.

Jim Lapp, our Canadian Representative to the International Board, received the award from Sara Bixby, Assistant Executive Director. According to Jim, the Chapter should be proud of these awards. He said “These two awards only highlights what I often hear from other SWANA Chapters about the great work that the Northern Lights Chapter does.”



L: Sara Bixby R: Jim Lapp



SWANA "Measuring Success" 2015 Conference

The SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Conference "Measuring Success" is taking place **May 13-15, 2015** at the beautiful Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The online registration form for [Delegates](#) is now available

Measuring Success will take an in-depth look at how we measure waste management and diversion. How do we measure success? Do our numbers actually have meaning?

Other program highlights include a look at Manitoba Composts - a \$1 million funding program available to municipal and commercial composting facilities, and sessions on landfills, recycling, innovative technologies and more!

Keynote Speakers Include: Susan Antler of The Compost Council of Canada and David Lee from Trash Track as well as a host of many other great speakers and presentations.

For a complete conference schedule, please visit the [NLC Conference Website](#).

Join us as an exhibitor in our tradeshow and showcase your products and services!

The tradeshow will be located at the entrance to the main ballroom, where the keynote speakers, plenary sessions and meals will take place. Refreshment and networking breaks, as well as the tradeshow reception will take place in the tradeshow area to maximize networking opportunities and traffic to the tradeshow.

As an exhibitor, you will have the opportunity to:

- Create awareness about your company
- Promote your product or service
- Network with others who specialize in the same market
- Have personal, one-on-one conversations with attendees

[Click here to register your booth today!](#)

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/2015/SWANAScholarshipApp15..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.

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

SWANA Northern Lights Chapter Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the SWANA Northern Lights Chapter (NLC) to be held at 12:40 pm, Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Fort Garry Hotel and Conference Center, 222 Broadway, Winnipeg Manitoba.

On our website you will find the Agenda for the 2015 AGM, minutes of the 2014 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 11, 2015. 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://swananorthernlights.org/agm/index.html>

Additional information on the SWANA NLC Chapter conference is available at
<http://swananorthernlights.org/winnipeg2015/index.html>

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 14, 2015 at the Millennium Centre – a beautifully restored historic bank in Winnipeg's Exchange District (389 Main Street). Entertainment provided by the prairie-raised, laugh-out-loud improv group, Outside Joke will take place throughout the evening.

Winners of the Waste Management and Diversion awards, the Individual, Corporate and Municipal Awards will be announced and celebrated at this gala event.

SWANA Northern Lights Award Nominations

SWANA Northern Lights Chapter is proudly offering new awards to recognize municipalities that have demonstrated innovation and excellence in Waste Management and Diversion.

Applications will be accepted in the following categories:

- Planning and Management
- Collection and Transfer
- Disposal and Diversion

Municipal projects of any size will be considered and awards will be decided based on projects that show significant change in process, policy or outcome of the current state of the process and contribute to environmental protection, cost savings and/or safer operations.

Application deadline has been extended to April 29, 2015

Training

2015 SWANA CONFERENCE TRAINING – Winnipeg, MB

- CCC Compost Facility Operating Practices – May 11-12, 2015
- Managing Collection systems – May 11-12, 2015
- Landfill Operator Basics (LOB) – May 11 – 12, 2015

TRAINING WEEK IN GRANDE PRAIRIE

- Landfill Fire Fighting – June 1, 2015
- Transfer Station (TS) – June 2, 2015
- Landfill Operations Basic (LOB) – June 3-4, 2015

- Transfer Station (TS) – September 18, 2015

UPCOMING TRAINING WEEKS

SWANA is planning to host a training week October 2015 in Lethbridge. Please let us know if there are any SWANA courses that you would like us run during these training weeks.

ALBERTA LANDFILL FACILITY OPERATOR EXAM SITTINGS

May 13, 2015 – Winnipeg, MB

June 5, 2015 – Grande Prairie, AB

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

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

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for the SWANA NLC BOARD

SWANA NLC invites nominations for the following Board positions for the 2015 - 2017 term.

Director, Alberta
Director, Manitoba (2)
Corporate Director, NWT

Nominations are currently being accepted for Director Positions. Director positions will be for a 2 year term. A closed-ballot vote will take place at our Annual General Meeting on May 14 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. You must reside or be working in the region you are nominated to represent. Directors are expected to attend 2 in-person meetings (one is the day before our annual conference, and one in November), and 4-6 teleconference meetings per year. Other work will be assigned based on areas of interest and experience. Director duties are generally focused on operating SWANA committees.

Support is required from the applicant's employer (to provide time for meeting attendance and to cover travel costs related to the in-person meeting). No financial compensation is provided by SWANA - just fantastic camaraderie, networking opportunities and helping shape the fastest growing chapter in North America!

If you are interested in applying, please complete the nomination form <http://swananorthernlights.org/agm/SWANA%20NLC%20Nomination%20Form%202015%20-%202017ff.pdf> and e mail to sheripraski@baudoux.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

SWANA NLC works actively toward member engagement. Getting members involved in Chapter activities and programs helps members contribute their ideas and efforts toward achieving mission and goals of the Chapter and give them a sense of providing volunteer contribution to their profession.

Getting involved in your Chapter offers the following benefits:

- Contribution to your professional organization
- Networking opportunities
- Discount on Chapter training courses
- Enhanced visibility to you and your organization

The SWANA NLC is actively recruiting volunteers on their committees and programs such as

- Contribution to and coordination of newsletters
- Volunteer work at the upcoming 2015 AGM and exhibition in Winnipeg
- Development of resource directory
- Volunteer work at training sessions
- Other committee work
- Becoming a Board member

If you wish to get involved as a volunteer, please contact Paresh Thanawala or Sheri Praski.

Paresh Thanawala, perrygog@telus.net or Sheri Praski, sheripraski@baudoux.ca

Regulatory Update

Saskatchewan's Environmental Code of Practice

Saskatchewan adopts the new environmental code that will help to meet the challenges of economic growth while continuing to protect our environment for future generations. The code is the first of its kind in Canada and the cornerstone of the province's new results-based approach to environmental regulation.

The code covers five chapters:

- Division A - General Environmental Management and Protection
- Division B - Land Management and Protection
- Division C - Water Management and Protection
- Division D - Natural Resource Management and Environmental Protection
- Division E - Air Management and Protection

For more information, visit <http://environment.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=170f6528-0487-494f-9a36-c4ca147ea41f>

Alberta Waste Control Regulation

The Waste Control Regulation (WCR) and associated documents were developed in 1996 and are due for a review. The Waste Control Regulation is a key piece of Alberta's waste management framework but it is nearly 20 years old, needs to be improved and modernized, and lacks an expiry date. To address these concerns, work is underway on a multi-phased approach to update the Waste Control Regulation and Alberta User Guide for Waste Managers. This will involve a phased approach.

- Phase one involves making administrative updates and adding an expiry date to the Waste Control Regulation in 2015.
- Phase two will consist of undertaking a detailed policy review of the regulation; this will also incorporate feedback from the consultation conducted in 2008.
- Phase three will include targeted stakeholder engagement on specific issues. This is anticipated to take place in 2016.

More information is also available on the Waste Section of the Environment and Sustainable Resource Development website at: <http://esrd.alberta.ca/waste>.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact department staff by email at ESRD.WasteRegulation@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-427-3081 (for toll free access anywhere in Alberta, first dial 310-000).

Manitoba Notice of Consultation - Waste Management Facilities Regulation

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship (CWS) is requesting input from the public on the proposed Waste Management Facilities (WMF) Regulation. Together with the Recycling and Waste Reduction: A Discussion Paper, and implementing the priorities listed in TomorrowNow, Manitoba will form a valuable waste management regime, provide an effective framework to minimize the risk to human health and the environment, and reflect the values and technologies of today's society.

The new Waste Management Facilities (WMF) Regulation is the foundation of technical and operational requirements for all solid waste management facilities, including transfer stations, composting facilities and landfills. It also outlines requirements for development, monitoring and reporting for waste management facilities and addresses ongoing policy issues.

The following are proposals in the new Waste Management Facilities Regulation:

- Establish consistent program delivery by having a one- window approach for permits and licenses.
- Develop a formal application process for new permits and permit renewals.
- Implement expiry dates for permits.
- Require the submission of operational plans, reports and monitoring requirements.
- Implement stronger requirements for closure of landfills and for long-term monitoring of closed landfills.
- Ensure the regulation is capable of addressing emerging issues.
- Allow for periodic review of permits that would allow conditions to be added or removed.

The consultations on the proposed *Waste Management Facilities Regulation* has closed, but CWS is still accepting comments from stakeholders. If you still wish to submit your comments, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Your input is valued and greatly appreciated.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Environmental Programs and Strategies
1007 Century St.

h: 204-945-7084 Fax: 204-948-2420

Email: wmfcomments@gov.mb.ca

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 |
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| <i>Greg</i> | <i>Adams</i> | <i>Orest</i> | <i>Horechko</i> | <i>Ahmed</i> | <i>Oyegunle</i> |
| <i>Pamela</i> | <i>Ajoku</i> | <i>George</i> | <i>Humenuik</i> | <i>Rick</i> | <i>Penner</i> |
| <i>Kevin</i> | <i>Babcock</i> | <i>Colin</i> | <i>Huxted</i> | <i>Jake</i> | <i>Penner</i> |
| <i>Kyle</i> | <i>Baniulis</i> | <i>Robert</i> | <i>Hyrve</i> | <i>Paul</i> | <i>Poulin</i> |
| <i>Matthew</i> | <i>Boutotte</i> | <i>Aaron</i> | <i>Javorsky</i> | <i>Rathamano</i> | <i>Raj</i> |
| <i>Grant</i> | <i>Burton</i> | <i>Greg</i> | <i>Jelinski</i> | <i>Vahid</i> | <i>Rashidi</i> |
| <i>Janise</i> | <i>Cormier</i> | <i>Tom</i> | <i>Judd</i> | <i>Shawn</i> | <i>Richardson</i> |
| <i>Bill</i> | <i>Cummins</i> | <i>Chris</i> | <i>Kozak</i> | <i>Linda</i> | <i>Saunders</i> |
| <i>Terry</i> | <i>Czmuchalek</i> | <i>Tony</i> | <i>Kuluk</i> | <i>George</i> | <i>Shippings</i> |
| <i>Cory</i> | <i>Danylchuk</i> | <i>Susan</i> | <i>Mac Dougall</i> | <i>Peter</i> | <i>Soehnlein</i> |
| <i>Don</i> | <i>Davies</i> | <i>Shaun</i> | <i>Machdanzed</i> | <i>Ron</i> | <i>Spafford</i> |
| <i>Christie</i> | <i>Dean</i> | <i>Don</i> | <i>MacLean</i> | <i>Cody</i> | <i>Stephenson</i> |
| <i>Andrew</i> | <i>Fahltman</i> | <i>Jeffrey</i> | <i>MacMunn</i> | <i>Kris</i> | <i>Strom</i> |
| <i>Rod</i> | <i>Fraser</i> | <i>Tim</i> | <i>Mallet</i> | <i>Jacolyn</i> | <i>Tigert</i> |
| <i>Gary</i> | <i>Frecka</i> | <i>Dan</i> | <i>Mauws</i> | <i>Wendy</i> | <i>Tollefson</i> |
| <i>Daniel</i> | <i>Gauthier</i> | <i>Bradley</i> | <i>McDonald</i> | <i>Guy</i> | <i>Treadwell</i> |
| <i>Nisar</i> | <i>Ghani</i> | <i>Evan</i> | <i>McDonald</i> | <i>Rick</i> | <i>Valdarchi</i> |
| <i>Dean</i> | <i>Groff</i> | <i>Marla</i> | <i>Mellor</i> | <i>Lucas</i> | <i>Van Dyk</i> |
| <i>Niall</i> | <i>Hackett</i> | <i>Joey</i> | <i>Miles</i> | <i>Deborah</i> | <i>Wehnes</i> |
| <i>Rita</i> | <i>Halkyard</i> | <i>Daniel</i> | <i>Mireault</i> | <i>Glenn</i> | <i>White</i> |
| <i>Scott</i> | <i>Harding</i> | <i>Craig</i> | <i>More</i> | <i>Liuyan</i> | <i>Yuan</i> |
| <i>Jeff</i> | <i>Hawley</i> | <i>Dennis</i> | <i>Mueller</i> | | |
| <i>Myron</i> | <i>Hill</i> | <i>John</i> | <i>Oddone</i> | | |

Upcoming Events

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| Joint Conference of Alberta Automotive Recyclers and Dismantlers Association (ARRDA) and Saskatchewan Auto Recyclers Association (SARA) | May 1-2, 2015 - Canmore, AB www.aarda.com |
| International Compost Awareness Week | May 3-9, 2015 www.compost.org |
| Recycling Council of British Columbia's 41 st Annual Conference "Creating the Circular Economy – Join the Conversation" | May 6-8, 2015 - Whistler, BC www.rcbc.ca |
| "Measuring Success" SWANA's Northern Lights Chapter annual conference | May 13-15, 2015 - Winnipeg, MB contact: 780.496.5614 swananorthernlights.org |
| Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show | June 5-8, 2015 - Edmonton, AB contact: 613.907.6303 www.fcm.ca |
| "Inventing the Future of Solid Waste Management", WASTECON 2015 hosted by SWANA | August 24-27, 2015 - Orlando, FL www.swana.org |
| 25 th Annual National Organics Recycling & Compost Conference, hosted by the Compost Council of Canada | September 16-18, 2015 - Gatineau, QC contact: 1.877.571.4769 www.compost.org |
| "Under The Big Top" 2015 Recycling Council of Alberta Waste Reduction Conference, held jointly with the Conference on Canadian Stewardship https://conference.recycle.ab.ca/ | Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2015 - Banff, AB contact: 403.843.6563 info@recycle.ab.ca |
| Waste Reduction Week in Canada | October 19-25, 2015 www.wrwcanada.com |
| 2015 Coast Waste Management Association (CWMA) Annual Conference | October 21-23, 2015 - Victoria, BC www.cwma.bc.ca |
| Canadian Waste & Recycling Expo, co-located with the 6 th Annual Canadian Waste to Resource Conference (CWRC), formerly known as the Canadian Waste Sector Symposium | November 4-5, 2015 - Montreal, QC www.cwre.ca |
| GLOBE 2016 conference and trade show | March 2-4, 2016 - Vancouver, BC |
| 8 th Canadian Waste Resource Symposium, co-hosted by the Atlantic Canada Chapter of SWANA and the Waste Resource Association of Nova Scotia | April 27-29, 2016 - Halifax, NS www.atcanswana.org |

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