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Northern Practitioners Meet With MLA's

In response to concerns raised by Northern BC ROWPs about recent changes to the Sewerage System Regulation, MLA's John Rustad and Minister Pat Bell (Minister of Forests and Range) arranged a meeting September 14th in Prince George, wherein the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport heard directly from the ROWPs and Professionals.

The meeting, organized by MoHLS, notified practitioners in the north four days before the meeting date during the busy building season. Despite the short notice, the meeting was well attended by approximately 20 practitioners and other representatives of the industry.

MoHLS staff members Tim Lambert, Executive Director Health protection, Michael Zemanek, Director Healthy Community Environments, and John Leech Executive Director ASTTBC attended the meeting to answer the ROWP's questions and hear their concerns.

The issues raised by ROWPs included:

- Changes to regulations in mid season
- Inappropriate setbacks to well from holding tanks and septic tank
- The effect of TILMA and devaluation of ROWP
- Little or no enforcement of the regulation by the government
- Little or no support of the

industry by government

Ministry staff were quick to defend their changes to the regulation, stating the changes were needed to protect drinking water using the new setback criteria and to satisfy Union of British Columbia Municipalities demand for home owner installations.

John Rustadt MLA stated that he was very unhappy with changes to the regulation in mid season as they were very disruptive to the industry and Practitioners, and that he would be raising this issue with Minister Chong.

Many of the attending Practitioners expressed concern with the setback as unworkable and too restrictive. Minister Bell stated that "we will be having another look at this, I have raised this issue with my colleagues; if I had to do this on my property I may not be able to."

With respect to TILMA, Mr. John Leech stated that this did not open a flood gate and that ASTTBC was using an inspection process (Practice review) to monitor all new ROWPs.

The Practitioners attending expressed frustration at the lowering of ASTTBC experiential requirements from 15-20 system installations and two year's experience in the field, to 5 system installations and a single practice assessment by ASTTBC staff.

Northern Practitioners Meet With MLA's continued

During the meeting John Leech stated that the role of ASTTBC was to protect public interest, the consumer and enforce the ASTTBC code of ethics. When questions were raised regarding the interests of the industry especially Practitioners, Mr. Leech responded by suggesting that an "advocate body, perhaps BCOSSA, should take this role." Later in the meeting Minister Pat Bell supported this approach.

Within his summary, Minister Bell supported the work of all parties involved in the industry working to ensure the regulation is functional and effective. Minister Bell committed to working to improve the regulation and industry, raise the issues of the regulation changes, lack of compliance, enforcement, support and insurance. Minister Bell recognized BCOSSA's work and encouraged MoHLS and ASTTBC to work with BCOSSA. Minister Bell continues to support the current regulatory model and believes in the professionalism of BC ROWPs.

*John Rowse
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Extended Community

Denman is an island of around 50 square kilometers that is accessible by a ten minute ferry ride from Buckley Bay, an hour north of



Nanaimo. It has approximately 1,000 permanent residents, and like many small communities it has to compete to maintain medical services on the island.

A few years ago the impending retirement of

our resident physician raised the awareness that we needed to attract a new doctor to set up a practice here. We soon realized that our physical charms alone were not sufficient and that we needed to have a community medical clinic to make ourselves attractive to a new professional. The economics of a small medical practice within a limited population have compelled many communities, especially on islands, to create community owned facilities to help entice a doctor to locate there.

In typical island fashion some key volunteers quickly came forward. An acre of land was donated in the village area. The old house which had previously been used as a clinic was also donated and arrangements were made for moving it to the new location. A major fundraising drive was undertaken. Renovations were done to breathe new life into the old building, and to add two rooms for home care administration, public health nursing, counseling and other health related uses.

Many of us who live on Denman place a high value on the sense of community that exists here. There is an underlying and unstated feeling of comfort from being in a place where you can safely assume that if you ever need help there will be no shortage of eager, supportive, and skilled people to come to your aid. This applies whether the help needed is to cut a tree from the roof of your house or to provide solace in the presence of deep tragedy.

On the island it is understandable to think that our community is geographically defined by the surrounding water; that only islanders are part of our community (the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Denmanistan). But, to me, when someone from "offshore" donates to our community they become a part of our community. This was brought home to me in the course of my involvement in the clinic project when I learned that all the elements of our sophisticated septic system were being donated to us. The land which was donated had been proposed to be used for a seniors' housing project some years ago but it was stymied by "unpercable" ground and inflexible sewage regulations. Now the land could be made serviceable through improved technologies and enlightened regulatory reform.

We were very grateful to have the donated professional design and installation services of our island expert, Steve Carballeira, of H2O Environmental Ltd., but we were overwhelmed to learn that, in addition, two large concrete



tanks were being provided free of charge by ABC Precast and Ready Mix Ltd. together with a complete MicroFast sewage treatment system courtesy of Pinnacle Environmental Technologies Inc. What made these latter two donations especially significant is that the businesses that provided them are located in Nanaimo and Langley respectively. Extended Denman community indeed! Of course it was our local hero, Steve, who made the case to these suppliers that ours was a project worthy of their consideration. Nevertheless, we are deeply grateful that these good corporate citizens chose our island Health Centre as a recipient of their goodwill.

It may be Bill Gates and Warren Buffet who get the headlines for corporate philanthropy, but it is the people behind businesses like H2O, ABC, and Pinnacle who exemplify it in our extended community and upon whom the health of our community, in so many ways, relies.

*submitted by David Critchley
for Denman Health Centre Society*

CORRECTION NOTICE

A broadcast email was sent out in September notifying members of the BCOSSA 2011 conference and tradeshow.

Due to unforeseen conflicts with dates and location, the event has been changed.

Further details are available on page 11

Additional information will be posted to our website at www.bcosa.com

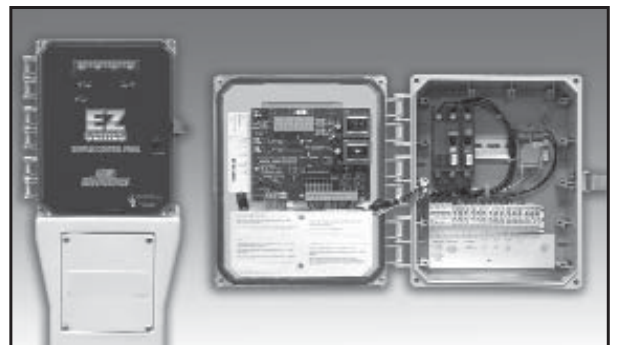
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History of BCOSSA Activities for the Industry

The British Columbia Onsite Sewage Association (BCOSSA) played a role in the development of the May 30, 2005 Sewerage System Regulation (SSR). The SSR mandated that the existing and operating Westcoast Onsite Wastewater Training Centre, as administered by BCOSSA, conduct the education and training for the Registered Practitioners that ASTTBC would, in due course, register.

The SSR was conceived as a cooperative administration regulation wherein the respective Associations for the Authorized Persons would participate in monitoring their members, BCOSSA would continue in its education programs and the Health Authorities would reduce their existing levels of enforcement to an "audit" process. There would be, in effect, a cooperative framework between government and industry in the administration and enforcement of the new SSR. In effect, there would be a three "legged stool" consisting of education, licensing and enforcement supporting the industry and protecting public health.

The separation of roles within the regulation was designed to ensure a balanced approach and reduce the opportunity for any one stakeholder exercising too much power without checks and balances. Disappointingly, the enforcement leg of the 3-legged stool came off. The Health Authorities took the position that "if the regulation is industry reliance, then let industry do it and we are out of it."¹

BCOSSA began the journey of representing its members and the industry-at-large raising our members concerns with the government and other stakeholders.

This process began with the development of a high level committee that included representation from the health authorities, ASTTBC, APEGBC and the Ministry of Health. The role of this committee was to ensure issues raised or problems arising from the administration of the regulation could be dealt with in a cooperative manner.

This high level committee became the Sewerage System Leadership Council (SSLC) in late 2005 and increased its membership to include representative

from the Union of BC Municipalities, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors.

The SSLC worked cooperatively making headway on a number of major issues regarding administration and accountabilities. Some of the issues could not be addressed without changes to government policy and/or legislation and the SSLC members made recommendations for these changes early in 2008.

As a result of the reorganization of the ministry and the engagement of new staff, the last meeting of the SSLC was in the fall of 2008.

On behalf of its members, BCOSSA has continued to lobby the government on major items of concern. The main concerns are summarized as follows.

Illegal Systems & Industry Value

Without any proper enforcement of the SSR under the Health Act (now the Public Health Act), many onsite systems were and are being installed by non-authorized persons and therefore, no filings, no compliance assurance to the Standard Practice Manual (SPM), no as-built drawings and no maintenance plans for these systems. According to statistics discovered by the Paper Audit conducted by the Sewerage System Leadership Council, the number of illegal system escalated tremendously.

Those in the industry who fulfilled the requirements to become an Authorized Person, could not compete with the illegal systems and the public cried foul in that the Authorized Persons were "gouging". With ASTTBC and APEGBC only able to sanction their members combined with the health authorities not issuing orders and tickets, the value of the industry to existing and future participants decreased.

This condition still exists and even recent changes to the SSR have not touched or addressed this problem. The new regulatory amendments will, in all likelihood, increase this problem.

Meanwhile, those who have been honourable and spent their time and money to become Authorized Persons are the ones who are being challenged

by their Association and have to spend time and money defending themselves while others go free to abandon the law with impunity

BCOSSA has strongly represented to government its opinions and thoughts on this problem. In May 2006, again in 2007 and again in 2009 presented to government ideas and concepts, complete with work plans and budgets to address the installation of illegal systems. No action to date.

TILMA

Alberta and the BC governments created an agreement that, in essence, states that if a person is licensed, certified or registered in an occupation in either province, that person has the right to be licensed, certified or registered in the other province for the same occupation with minimal to no obstructions.

ASTTBC, having a conflict of interest in the matter, at the request of the Ministry of Health Living and Sport, was contracted to create the processes wherein persons from Alberta can become Authorized Persons under the SSR.

BCOSSA objected strongly to this as BCOSSA had duties under the SSR for education. BCOSSA objected to the contract based on ASTTBC's conflict of interest position and lack of broad stakeholder representation in the TILMA discussions. The government did not appreciate BCOSSA's position on the TILMA matter and carried on putting it in place even though the TILMA agreement allowed for flexible approaches due to differences in licensing and regulation procedures and "exemptions" for a time.

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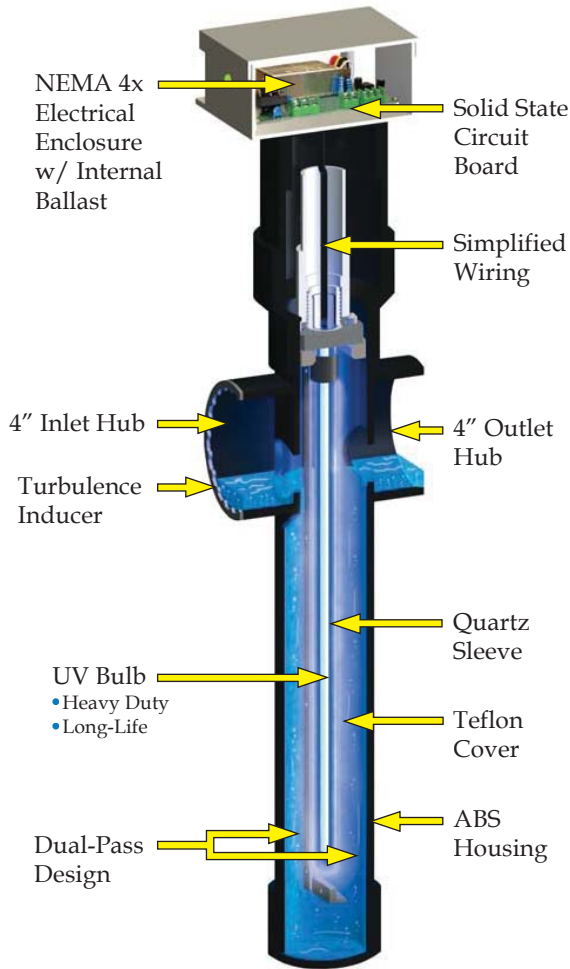
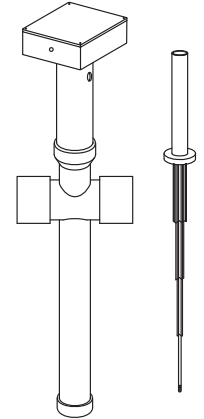


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BCOSSA sought legal opinions as to its duty under the SSR and TILMA and carried out its duty as best as it could but the government rejected BCOSSA's opinions as expressed on behalf of its membership.

Lack of Practitioners

The government and the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) complained to BCOSSA that there were not enough registered practitioners especially in the remoter areas of the province. BCOSSA responded by subsidizing and conducting courses and educational programs in remote areas such as Fort St. John in the north-east and in the Queen Charlottes in the north-west. BCOSSA conducted courses throughout the province in Prince George, Cranbrook, Nelson, Abbotsford, Victoria, Nanaimo and Kamloops.

BCOSSA educated, as at the end of 2009, over 1,533 persons who have met the educational requirements for registered practitioner status. ROWP status is controlled by ASTTBC and they had registered at one

point in time more than 560 persons. Today there are approximately 523 ROWPs plus 31 in training.

Experience Requirements for registration (historically a requirement of 15-20 systems) were addressed by asking ASTTBC to allow 2 for 1 experience credits if BCOSSA offered in-field practical sessions. BCOSSA held in-field practical sessions and ASTTBC gave the 2 for 1 credit.

TILMA overruled all of that because a person living in BC can take the Alberta 4 - 6 day course in BC and receive a license from Alberta that they can then use to become an Authorized Person without any experience required.

That ended the in-field practical sessions for BCOSSA. Once again BCOSSA took its concerns to the government. In December 2009, BCOSSA submitted to the government and to ASTTBC, a plan to have the curriculum contain in-field practical sessions in conjunction with the in-class

education. To date there has been no word from the government on this proposal.

The lack of Registered Practitioners has been pointed out to government as not being from a lack of BCOSSA doing its job. It appears to be the result of the lack of enforcement of illegal systems and a favour tilted to Alberta's licensing practices.

Homeowner Involvement

The Union of BC Municipalities wanted the homeowners to be able to install their own system as a cost saving measure. BCOSSA aided ASTTBC in changing their Policy Statement to allow for the ROWP to have oversight of homeowners.

This apparently was not good enough as the recent SSR amendments has a clear provision for ROWPs to be able to have oversight of a homeowner. The wording would allow for a homeowner to conduct the site and soil assessment, install, repair, alter, replace and maintain their system under the supervision of an ROWP. The ROWP is to submit the filing and the Letter of Certification with their seal and signature and thereby takes on all the responsibility of the work performed by the homeowner.

Cost of Systems

The government and UBCM pointed to BCOSSA as the source of driving up the costs of systems for the benefit of its members and maybe even itself.

These cost increases were, according to government, caused by BCOSSA being too involved in the writing of the SPM and by controlling the public availability to ROWPs because BCOSSA charged too much for the courses and the courses were too long.

BCOSSA pointed out to government that the costs of systems in BC were pretty much the same in Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia.

The number of ROWPs are controlled by ASTTBC not BCOSSA as stated previously.

BCOSSA offered \$20,000 to UBCM to conduct a survey of costs. BCOSSA offered UBCM to take up to 8 sites that they selected from ratepayer's complaints to investigate charges of price gouging. BCOSSA offered to meet at the offices of one of the

members of the UBCM working group to go over site designs and costs. All of these offers were given at the expense of BCOSSA.

In late 2008 and in early 2009, BCOSSA offered, at its own expense, to streamline the SPM and address costs arising from the Linear Loading Rate tables. None of these offers were ever taken up.

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

UBCM developed, through its Sewerage System Regulation Work Group, a group of local political leaders, a 17-point action plan to correct their perceived issues or problems with the Sewerage System Regulation and its administration.

On May 22, 2009, BCOSSA gave a presentation to UBCM Sewerage System Working Group and addressed each of the 17 points that UBCM gave to the provincial government.

BCOSSA identified that of the 17 it had addressed and completed 4, was weeks away from completing another 7 and had no role in resolving the remaining 6.

BCOSSA provided the best insurance plan and costs to the industry after spending time and money in educating the insurance underwriters. This was done before ASTTBC developed their full program

BCOSSA offered to the province and to UBCM, a cost free program of maintenance monitoring and a central registry for onsite systems, to address the enforcement of filings and installations and maintenance enforcement.

BCOSSA set up the Local Stakeholders Groups to provide a venue for industry, the public and local government to review local and common problems and recommend solutions.

None of these have received a response from government.

The Ministry

From May 30, 2005 to September 2008, the Ministry went through 14 different people responsible for the Sewerage System Regulation. *contd >>*

History of BCOSSA Activities for the Industry continued

Many of these individuals had little or no experience with the onsite industry either functionally or administratively.

As a result BCOSSA and others have had to re-address the same issues several times. In mid 2008, the Ministry had a new director responsible for the SSR in place and it took 6 months for that new team to settle into place. Since early 2009 the same 3 persons have been in place and having impact on the SSR. As noted previously the SSLC has not met since 2008.

Somewhere along the line the new people took the position that BCOSSA was the problem. They closed BCOSSA out of discussions as a stakeholder. After May 22, 2009 (after the UBCM meeting) BCOSSA has not been received or engaged with Ministry.

The Comptroller-General for the Province conducted an audit of BCOSSA and even had the RCMP investigate as well. One year has past since the Ministry initiated the audit and investigation. BCOSSA has not been advised of any inappropriate, illegal or criminal activities to date by BCOSSA or any Board of Director member.

The purpose of the audit and investigation appears to be solely to keep BCOSSA from exercising its role as a stakeholder in the industry. In short, someone did not like BCOSSA's message about the state of the industry in BC.

ASTTBC

BCOSSA has a policy of assisting its members when they are under attack and they need help.

BCOSSA has assisted its members with money to help pay costs of legal bills when the legal matter affects the membership as a whole and will resolve an issue to the benefit of all. This support may not be appreciated by government or ASTTBC, but is of value to the industry at large in BC.

Education & Training

The current activities and about \$40,000 of funding by the Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport to have BCWWA conduct an educational needs assessment, is nearing completion.

This activity has in essence verified BCOSSA's training standards, core competencies, learned outcomes and instructional in class hours. BCOSSA has met the regulatory mandate and the course content has met an appropriate standard to meet the needs for education and training.

Accountability

As pointed out by government officials the ministry must be accountable to the public through its associations. This means ensuring each authorized person is doing his or her job properly and with the interest of protecting public health and environment. However, to do this the industry must be supported through proper administration of the regulation and government policy.

The government must provide the proper environment in which the industry can work. This means the government must be accountable to the industry and the public by enforcing the regulations it creates through meaningful and inclusive forums for industry and public feedback and then to make reasonable changes to the program based on this feedback.

BCOSSA represents 750 authorized persons and suppliers throughout BC. The BCOSSA members' representation to the government has been cut off by the government without reason or explanation.

As a BCOSSA member, we would ask you to consider the above comments and write or call your local member of the legislature or your local government elected officials and raise your views with them.

Accountability only works if the industry holds the government and its officials to account. To shoot the messenger in order to stop the accountability does nothing to resolve the matters of importance of protecting public health and the environment through a financially stable and vibrant industry.

Frank Hay

Past President, BCOSSA

1. Quote from the Health Authorities representative at the May 2006 Sewerage System Leadership Council meeting.



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Introduction of BCFiling.ca

The BC Onsite Sewage Association has developed and implemented a central filing process known as BCFiling.ca, which is currently being used through Vancouver Island Health Authority's lower island jurisdiction. The initial response to BCFiling.ca has been positive. Doug Marshall of Kens Septic in Victoria says "the system is so easy I'll never file any other way" and "this system is saving me hundreds of dollars".

BCFiling.ca is a web based process that allows authorized persons to submit filings to the health authority from the comfort of their home or office. The system provides the AP with the ability to submit filings at any time of the day or week without traveling to a health authority office, saving time and money. The system also provides the AP with a permanent record, storage and tracking for all their filings and letters of certification.

For the health authority, the system provides secure electronic record management, saving time and resources. The BCFiling.ca system provides the ability to receive and review (if

desired) documentation submitted by all APs in their region within one health authority office. The system is compatible with the current Health Space data management tool used by the health authorities. The BCFiling.ca system provides long term permanent storage of filing records and all attachments, significantly reducing storage and staff resources for the onsite industry.

BCFiling.ca is the first component of a two component system of file management and onsite system management. BCFiling.ca can be integrated into the patent pending onsite system management tool Guardian®, a web based tool designed for the ongoing management of onsite systems. The Guardian® system tracks the ongoing function and maintenance of onsite systems within a community, ensuring timely maintenance and proactive management of onsite systems to prevent malfunction.

To learn more about BCFiling.ca or to schedule a web seminar call Liz Stewart -Jones at 250-758-8442 or e-mail info@bcossa.ca.

Technical Review Committee Changes

Ian Ralston has left his position as Chairperson of BCOSSA Technical Review Committee (TRC).

The TRC, under Ian's guidance has done a great deal of work on your behalf over the last several years including SPM version 2, technical bulletins and fielding technical queries to name a few.

On behalf of the BCOSSA membership and the Board of Directors, I would like to thank Ian for all his technical work.

On a personal note, I am grateful for his thoroughness and attention to detail.

With the changes to the Regulation, the Board is reviewing the mandate of the TRC and starting to make inquiries for a Chairperson for the TRC. We invite your comments and suggestions for TRC Chairperson. If you know of someone you would like to nominate please contact the office (or myself directly).

Steve Warren
President, BCOSSA

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