

NEW / OTHER BUSINESS

Topics covered included:

1. Changes to forms (drillers, diggers, and pump installer logs as well as decommissioning forms)
2. Jordan Rogers discussed current costs and profit margins
3. Suggestions for future meetings; including location and time
4. Developing a water treatment division
5. Exemptions for the road ban

1) Form Changes:

Drillers and diggers

- Sketches may no longer be required for site location of wells
- Changing from legal to letter size paper for Well Drillers log
- Form to include recommended pump setting
- No longer using the atlas because it isn't proving effective for locating wells

- Switch Northing and Easting to match GPS apps

Pump Installers

- Make a more appropriate certification line for plumbers
- Have a constant pressure system selection in the Operating Pressure Range section
- Have a wire sizing section to include using a fill in the blank design

Water Well Decommissioning Record

- Generally more space needed
- Possibly bringing the Materials log down to create more space up top

2) Current Costs and Profit Margins

- Pump supplies prices up 30%
- Fuel prices up 40-50%
- Possibility of 15% carbon tax
- Average prices for well construction in surrounding provinces \$35-40 per foot

- Check your profit margins; 5% is low, 15% may allow slow growth, 20% is healthy margin for growth

3) Future Meetings

- Working toward a more central location, Truro was voted on for the Fall meeting
- Discussion on a Friday vs Saturday meeting was not conclusively settled
- We are working on getting a WHMIS and or First Aid course at Fall meeting
- Input on whether to have a lunch or dinner would be welcome

4) Water Treatment Division

- There was a small number of people who are interested in forming a Water Treatment Division within NSGWA
- A few phone calls have been made to start serious conversations with some veterans in this area.

5) Exemptions on Spring Road Ban

- This topic was discussed and the fact that multiple permissions would be required each time you cross county lines. At this point there doesn't seem to be a practical way forward.