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Details for registration, sponsorship and exhibiting will be made available soon.  Stay tuned!  We look forward to seeing you out at our upcoming events.  Check back frequently to our on-line[Events Calendar](http://www.oowa.org/events/) for all event details on registration, sponsorship and agendas. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/images/e420587f-fe69-45fa-be55-f3184d9d909f.jpg |  |  | | --- | | **OOWA Promotes Engineering Careers and Registered Professional Program**  OOWA representatives attended the City of Toronto's Engineering Career Forum on Oct. 26th to promote engineering career opportunities in the onsite and decentralized industry and to also promote our Registered Professional Program.  Thanks to OOWA board members Andy Bauman (right) and Jane Zima for attending this event to connect with recent graduates, young professionals and other opportunity seekers. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/images/fd14f12d-0ec0-4571-a6c2-eeb0cfc419ae.png](http://www.oowa.org/event/sw-regional-meeting/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Thanks to our *OnTrack* Production Sponsors! | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/images/553237fb-0c3f-48da-a7b2-523cbbb6f46a.jpg](https://w3.legalshield.com/aasites/Multisite?site=hub&assoc=carolinesabourin) |  |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/images/f7e31036-b0a1-4090-a0cb-5af34fd8f12f.jpg](http://www.oowainsurance.com/home.html) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Please click on their logos to be taken to their websites for more information on their services. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Regulatory Update **Building Code Changes: Deadline for Proposals** Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  The Ministry is preparing for the development of the next edition of Ontario’s Building Code and has set **November 30, 2015** as the cutoff date for submitting proposed changes to the Building Code for consideration in the next edition.  **Building Code Development Process**  With each new edition of the Building Code the ministry receives, evaluates, develops and consults on hundreds of potential Code changes.  These Code changes are generated through three main sources:  1) changes introduced through release of a new version of the model National Building and Plumbing Codes,  2) changes submitted to the ministry by Building Code users, and  3) through changes stemming from the government’s policy priorities.  Developing a new edition of the Building Code is a lengthy process.  A cutoff date is necessary in order to properly consider and evaluate Code changes that have already been submitted.  It is important to note that the Building Code may be amended at any time and each edition of the Code may be amended several times during the life of that edition.  However, the Code is not amended each time an individual Code Change Request is submitted to the Ministry.  All Code Change Requests are logged on receipt and may be considered as part of a general amendment package once sufficient proposals are received.  **November 30, 2015 Deadline**  Any Code Change Request Forms submitted after **November 30, 2015** will be logged for consideration at some future date but will not be considered for the next edition of the Building Code that is currently in development.  Guidelines for making a Code Change Request and the Code Change Request Form can be found at: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10704.aspx>  Forms should be submitted to [Codeinfo@mah.gov.on.ca](mailto:Codeinfo@mah.gov.on.ca)  For further information, please visit the Building Code website at [www.ontario.ca/buildingcode](http://www.ontario.ca/buildingcode) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Upcoming Events**   Please refer to the Events Committee update (above) for the agendas, registration information and sponsorship opportunities for all of OOWA's regional meetings and decentralized symposiums taking place this fall/winter.  Come out to network with colleagues and to get updated on important industry best practices and trends.    **OOWA Professional Development Program Webinar** Wednesday, October 28th, 2015 8:30am -9:30am In partnership, OOWA and OSPE (Ontario Society of Professional Engineers) are proud to present online course facilitation in support of OOWA’s Professional Development Program. The W5H webinar explores the fundamentals of the Registered Professional Program and elements such as enrollment, eligibility, benefits and course calendars.  For more information and to register,[click here.](http://www.ospe.on.ca/events/event_details.asp?id=685618&group=)   Contact us if you have any events you would like OOWA to promote on our [Events Calendar](http://www.oowa.org/events/) or in*OnTrack.* | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/images/ea6c73aa-3400-4c14-9a04-c34cff2dcd3e.png](http://www.oowa.org/event/eastern-ontario-decentralized-symposium/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/images/90e9788e-99ff-46cb-a032-d11cc09f8561.jpg |  |  | | --- | | OASIS Featured in *Onsite Installer*  Chris Aitkin (right), President of the Ontario Association of Septic Industry Services (OASIS) is interviewed in the latest edition of[Onsite Installer](http://www.onsiteinstaller.com/?ref=header).  Chris talks about OASIS' 25th anniversary, changes he's seen in the industry in that time and comments on our collaborative efforts in planning a combined conference in 2017. Read the full article [here.](http://www.onsiteinstaller.com/editorial/2015/09/whats_happening_in_ontario) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Congratulations to OASIS on their successful **25th Annual Conference and Expo** that was held this past weekend.  OOWA President Rick Esselment was the keynote speaker and board member Jane Zima attended to represent OOWA in the exhibitor hall. All the best for your 26th year! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Collaboration Update **Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations' Letter to the MOECC**  OOWA and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations (FOCA) work hard to educate onsite wastewater treatment system owners about the importance of ongoing maintenance and management of their systems.  The protection of freshwater resources is a paramount priority for OOWA and FOCA and both associations are actively engaged with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) on issues pertaining to onsite systems.    As part of the ongoing collaboration and information sharing between OOWA and FOCA, FOCA’s executive director, Terry Rees, included OOWA President, Rick Esselment, on an October 2015 letter to the MOECC regarding a situation in the Muskoka region.  A resort in the area was given permission by the MOECC to discharge septic effluent directly into an adjacent lake and had been doing so for a period of time. Members of the Muskoka Lakes Association brought this to FOCA’s attention.  FOCA responded by requesting an explanation from the MOECC as this activity is contrary to MOECC policy and best practices in protecting surface water quality.  OOWA thanks Terry for including us in this communication with the MOECC.    OOWA is very concerned about this situation and any other case where septic effluent is discharged directly into surface waters -whether permitted or not.  OOWA is also concerned that by permitting this activity, the MOECC is setting a dangerous precedent and sending a confusing message to all other onsite system owners who invest time, effort and money in managing their systems in accordance with service contracts, permits and generally accepted best practices.  OOWA looks forward to hearing back from FOCA regarding the MOECC’s response and will update the membership when a response is received.    [Please read Terry’s letter.](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/files/FOCA_septage_letter_to_MOECC_Oct_2015.pdf) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/images/9f6a4836-5b4a-4d08-bf06-b966e92611f9.png | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/images/ff653076-d5e7-4751-ab8f-0ce211c56667.jpg](http://www.oowa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/OOWA-Newsletter-Summer-2015-Final-PROOF.pdf) |  |  | | --- | | **Advertising Opportunities for Fall/Winter Edition of *OnSite*Now Available!**  OOWA is planning the next edition of ***OnSite***and is offering advertising opportunities.  Be sure to have your company's products and services seen by 500 professionals in the onsite and decentralized industry.  A hard copy of ***OnSite*** is mailed out to our entire membership with a digital version available on our website.  ***OnSite*** is the only publication that addresses our industry in the province.  Get on board with targeted advertising to a dedicated readership!    Download [the Media Kit](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb82f7405be3b3370db41fe2f/files/OOWA_Mediakit_2015_V3.pdf)for ad specs and rates.  The deadline to recieve orders and ad content is **5pm on** **Friday, November 30th.** | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Become an *OnTrack* Production Sponsor**  Every month, OnTrack is emailed to **500 members** throughout the province.  Serving engineers, designers, installers, inspectors, technicians, regulators, and academics our monthly e-newsletter reaches across the entire onsite and decentralized sector.  For **$50.00 (+HST)**, get your company's hyperlinked logo sent to our members and generate traffic to your website!  For more information and to have your logo featured please contact:    Mike Gibbs 855-905-6692 ext. 101 outreach@oowa.org | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |
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