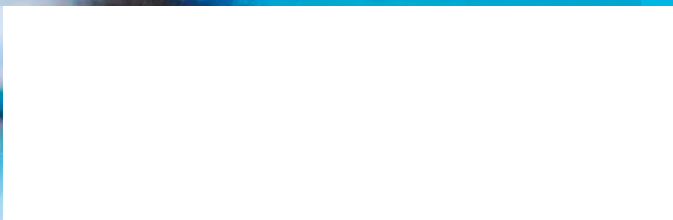


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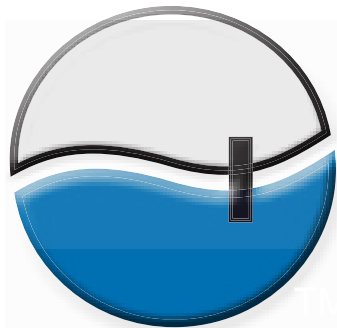
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# PAST PRESIDENTS REPORT

My term as President has come to an end, making this my Past President's Message. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the OGWA Board of Directors and staff for their support during my term. In particular I would like to thank Matt Wilson for filling in, while I was unable to attend a couple of our meetings last spring. Over the past few years the Board has worked diligently to strengthen the OGWA as an organization. With the guidance of our new President Matt Wilson these efforts will continue, with financial stability, member benefits, educational and advocacy outreach to name a few.

I attended most of the Regional Training Meetings this year to deliver a message. The message is simply that we as contractors undervalue the services we provide. It is no simple feat to do what we do delivering water to homes, farms, industries and municipalities, by means of the design and construction of wells and pumping systems. Many times, it takes a great amount of specialized equipment, experience, knowledge and skill, to effectively get this water from the ground and to the end user. All the materials and equipment required, have increased in cost, some substantially over just the last year. Many contractors have not increased their rates to effectively compensate for these increased costs, let alone the others such as fuel, wages, insurance, equipment maintenance, etc. The thought process of 'my price needs to be lower than my competitor or they will get all the work' needs to change. It is not necessarily true. Some of the attributes to the lowest price is best, can be immediately overcome with education to your customer. If contractors take pride in what they do, put effort into customer relations and explain why their rates may be higher than competitors it provides their clients with easy rationalization. To comply with regulations, provide quality end products and workmanship requires time, equipment, experience, knowledge and skill. This should therefore be considered when setting your rates and can be justified to potential clients. As some food for thought, think about how much new construction, renovations and upgrades around the house cost, bathrooms, kitchens and septic systems. What truly is the value or worth of the best money can buy in a bathroom, kitchen, septic or even the whole house, if there is not a good supply of water? Not much right? That supply of water is realistically more important than any one of the other components of a house. Should the water supply not be in the same range of cost? So this directly leads me back to contractors undervaluing their services. We need to all put forth the effort to educate our clients or perspective clients on what goes into the services we provide and in turn the value of the service. I am happy to report that some good discussions evolved during and after many of the Regional Training Meetings, with regards to pricing. Many contractors' rates were far lower than their competitors, but they did not realize how much.

A point brought forth by Steve Bleizeffer was that a few dollars more a foot for drilling may not seem like much, however once that extra revenue is applied over a year for the same amount of work, then 10-20 years that small profit turns into a worthwhile amount. A successful and profitable business with actual value, could then be of interest for someone to purchase. Essentially a small increase in rates could be the difference between a business that is surviving and a business that is thriving. A quote that I ran across that fits perfectly is " Stop low balling your business to satisfy cheap people."

I would like to wish everyone good luck in the upcoming year.

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear OGWA Member;

As your newly elected President I want to take a quick moment to thank all of those who attended and supported our successful OGWA Event in London at the end of March. It was a great pairing of one of our Regional Training Meetings with the 67th Annual Ontario Ground Water Association convention.

The training day for continuing education credits, table-top trade show, technical sessions, Annual General Meeting and President's Banquet made a great pairing with social and family time. I know all the kids enjoyed the pool and slide facilities. It was a great gathering of our Contractor, Scientist & Engineer and supportive Manufacturer & Supplier members. We enjoyed the interactive displays from our sponsors, some very informative technical sessions, and two wonderful guest speakers. Scott King, President of the NGWA, addressed our AGM on Saturday afternoon. Scott has a unique perspective being not only the first Canadian to be President of the NGWA but also the first Hydrogeologist. He offered his support for the OGWA and our endeavours towards the Canadian National Ground Water Association. Over dinner at the President's Banquet, Joel Gagnon, Department Head for Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Windsor, shared his work on the effects to the aquifers of Chatham Kent since the installation of wind turbines and their potential interactions with ground water was brought to light.

Thank you again to the OGWA staff as well as the new and reaffirmed members of the OGWA Board of Directors. To all those who helped make the event a great success with donations and purchases at the Silent Auction, thank you and to those soon-to-be members who attended any of the weekend, please join us.

Sincerely,

**Matt Wilson**

President – Ontario Ground Water Association

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Source readers;

Here we are, late again (the least you can say is that we are consistent) with this edition of the Source which we aimed to have in your hands in January. Our best intentions just did not materialize. If our planned and predictable workload had been our path, we would have had half a chance, but such was not the case.

We found out January 1st that our happy six months sublet at 232 Central Avenue was being terminated. The owner of the property gave notice that he intended to lease the entire building to one entity at a rate more conducive to the going rates in Downtown London and we had no hope.

I looked at several spaces, large and small, old and new and there was nothing that fit us just right. Spaces where we could get the right amount of space came with communal reception, lunch rooms meeting rooms and furniture, things we did not need. As a not for profit we strive to be as economical as is possible and so many places offered things, we did not require nor wish to pay for. In the end Debbie's connection with "The North America Railway Hall of Fame" and the "CASO Station" in St. Thomas, Ontario came through. Two adjoining rooms once the doctor's room and a pantry were available for us to lease. A small storage unit (5'x 15') was procured and by February 28th we packed, sorted and moved again.

Boy are we lean now.

## **We're at - 750 Talbot Street East, ST. THOMAS, Ontario N5P 1E2**

All telephone numbers and email addresses continue as they were. It is lovely to feel the history in this building and to know that our rent money is paid to a fellow "not for profit". There is opportunity for us to move into larger quarters within the building in time. An entire piece of the second floor is still space which has not been made habitable, it is awaiting restoration and there is always the possibility of a tenant moving out. Time will tell but I suspect in 750 Talbot Street East we have found our spot.

So there; one more move, 7 Regional Meetings and a 67th Convention and Annual General Meeting later I think you probably have a bit better idea of why this edition of the Source is as late as it is.

Our Regional Meetings were all in 2019 this round. We started in January on the 24th in Walkerton, proceeded to Alliston for January 29th and then took a pass on February with its winter weather and general bad driving conditions. March 5th saw us in Thunder Bay this year, followed by London on March 22nd (World Water Day), Callander March 26th, Perth March 28th and Lindsay March 29th.

The curriculum was a morning of WHMIS 2015 and a Confined Space update, with the lovely Ellaline Davies our long time OGWA member, safety trainer, advisor and advocate. The afternoon was

the Best Management Practices Chapters 11 and 14 "Well Upgrades and Repairs and When to Plug & Seal" a well followed by Chapter 15 "Abandonment - How To" after the break.

Warren Lusk of the Ministry of Environment was present for all of the meetings save Thunder Bay to clarify the Ministry's position on these and many topics which was greatly appreciated by the attendees as well as the OGWA. The food was good, and most attendees were able to go home with a piece from the door prize table.

I must especially thank the members of our Manufacturers and Suppliers Division who sponsor these Regional Meetings. With out their support we would not be able to do these as we do. Their sponsorship discounts the costs to members and their donation of swag supplies the prize table.

Once again thanks to the Manufacturers and Suppliers Division our 67th Annual General Meeting and Convention was a great success. The Lamplighter Inn on Wellington Rd., in London provided the perfect back drop for a weekend in the warm sunshine inside a huge atrium full of tropical plants, flowing water, fish and pools. Check out the pictures here in the Source.

The Division Meetings and the Annual General Meeting were well attended. Over forty members were present to hear a brief address by Scott King the current President of the National Ground Water Association. Scott is the first Canadian and the first Hydrogeologist to be President of the National Ground Water Association. Scott is

very supportive of the Canadian initiative for the Canadian National Ground Water Association and the cooperation between the drilling industries in Canada and the United States. We know aquifers do not respect borders and we the industries must be the stewards of our precious ground water resources.

I think that Scott's remarks were made especially poignant later at our President's banquet when Dr. Joel Gagnon of the University of Windsor spoke of his experiences in studying the wells in Chatham Kent. Several wells seem to have been influenced by the installation of wind turbines. Lest it be said; had we the industry who know the area and the conditions been consulted on whether these turbines should have been allowed to be grounded in that black shale, as tenuous as those wells and that water supply has always been the answer would be "no". It should be our mission to get on the other side; it is abundantly apparent that the education and the degrees be they BA's, MSc or PhD's did not provide the practical knowledge required to protect that aquifer and protect those well owners from the terrible mess they are now in.

The Silent Auction raised over seven thousand dollars; thank you to all who donated or bought or both.



We are actively looking for the site of next year's, the 68th Annual Convention & General Meeting. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to let us know. You're welcome to contact the office with any suggestions.

Those of you who have had cause to contact the office will undoubtedly have had contact with our newest staffer, Jennifer Hudson. Jenn is eager to learn and will eventually be able to navigate without help but as she is on a learning curve at this time, please be patient.

I told her that January through April would be busy, but I don't think she was quite ready. There is such volume of "stuff", "details" that

must go through this office in such a short period of time. Membership renewals, Regional Meeting Registrations, Convention Registrations and Media Kit renewals all in short order while the Well Wise Program and general public inquiries keep coming in.

It is great to be able to tell you our data base tells me we represent 274 contractors and/or 867 individual members. Ten of those are new in the last month. Seems we are doing something right. I am always ready to hear from you, don't hesitate.

**Craig Stainton**

**NOTICE**

**Regional Meeting Certificates**

**All replacement certificates reflecting WHMIS 2015 and Confined Space Updates Training have been issued.**

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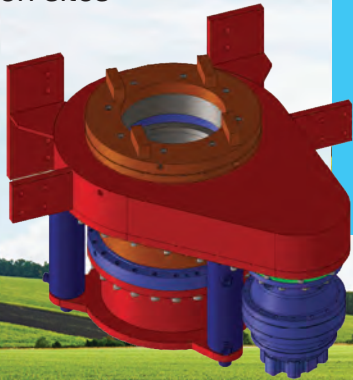
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## Provincial Transfer Payments to Conservation Authorities for Flood Management Reduced by Half

NEWMARKET, April 12, 2019 Provincial funding for critical conservation authority programs that warn people about flooding and protect property from costly damages has been reduced by half as a result of the 2019 Ontario Budget.

Using a watershed-based approach, conservation authorities (CAs) deliver effective and cost efficient flood management programs across the province, partnering for many years with the Province, municipalities and others. Prior to this reduction a total of \$7.4 million in provincial funding was shared across the 36 CAs towards this work.

“The impacts of these reductions will vary from CA to CA, however, they will all be felt immediately, particularly in smaller and more rural conservation authorities.” said Kim Gavine, General Manager of Conservation Ontario.

Gavine explained that cutting natural hazards funding is particularly problematic right now in light of the fact that – like everywhere else – Ontario is experiencing stronger and more frequent flood events as a result of climate change impacts.

Conservation Authorities have a variety of responsibilities around flood management in Ontario. These include:

- Forecast flooding and issue warnings
- Monitor streamflow, rainfall and snow packs
- Floodplain mapping
- Manage and operate \$2.7 billion in flood infrastructure such as dams and dykes
- Provide planning support and advice to the Province, municipalities and the federal government to minimize flood impacts
- Regulate development activities in floodplains
- Contribute to municipal emergency planning and preparedness activities as well as recovery activities
- Inform and educate the public about flooding
- Protect, restore and rehabilitate natural cover that contributes to reducing the impacts of flooding

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# Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water 2018

Updated: March 9, 2019  
Published: December 18, 2018

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## Update to Ontario Drinking Water Standards

In 2018, there was one revision to Ontario's drinking water standards which updated the standard for arsenic from 0.025 mg/L to a more stringent value of 0.010 mg/L. The ministry provided a two-year phase-in period for this amendment, which came into effect on January 1, 2018, to provide drinking water system owners with enough time to make any system upgrades to address the updated standard.

## Compliance and enforcement activities

Inspectors help make sure the regulated community follows Ontario's drinking water laws. Where that is not the case, they may issue orders to ensure compliance with the applicable legislation.

- Nine orders were issued to owners and operators of private systems that supply water to residences such as trailer parks. As an example, one of these orders directed the owner of a trailer park to hire a qualified person to run the system.
- Four orders were issued to systems serving four designated facilities. A designated facility serves people who can be especially vulnerable to illness, such as children or the elderly.
- Five orders were issued to four licensed laboratories.

More serious charges were laid to eight systems that supply drinking water to residences such as trailer parks and retirement homes and two drinking water testing laboratories were convicted and fined for a total of \$314,500.



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# IT Security: Awareness is key

by Mark McIntosh

Most businesses both big and small realize more now than ever that they need to secure their information and business from cyber attacks. They are rampant! It seems everyday we hear of a new ransomware attack. So ... what is THE answer? Well there isn't one ... not just "one". Many aspects come into play for security of your business.

Many large companies invest heavily in routers, hardware firewalls, software, experts, etc. However, what I have noticed is that not a lot spend much on employee training and awareness. This is actually one of the biggest vulnerabilities in an organization.

A company can spend tens of thousands on security to protect someone from getting in from the outside and yet, one employee could, unknowingly, let in ransomware and other trojans that can take down the entire organization ... from the inside. This can bypass all of that expensive hardware and does slip by software as well at times. Nothing is perfect.

Many of these attacks come via E-mail attachments. Once clicked ... it's released into the entire network environment. Awareness is a big factor in security. It's like the old saying "Closing the barn door after the horses are out ...". When someone is trained to recognize that something incoming may be a potential hazard then it could be stopped in it's tracks. . All it takes is one employee to ask questions before opening a suspect file.

What are the basics in securing your business? First, it is always suggested to hire an expert in the field to consult before impenetation. But here are some key items:

Ensure a proper backup is in place and tested on a regular basis. If something does happen, like ransomware, your company can recover without enormous cost and loss of time.

Derfinitely have the firewalls and security software deployed. This does help block outside intrusions in most cases and is necessary.

Train your people to recognize the possibilites of incoming vulnerabilities and how you would like them to handle the issue.

Always enure your systems are up to date: router firmware, Windows, security software, etc. Many vulnerabilities in these areas are exploited by attackers.

Keep in mind that nothing is perfect and things can happen. Often I have had clients ask if this will mean they are 100% secure. The answer is always NO. Many large ornaizations have been breached, but having all of the above points working together does heavily decrease the opportunity of disaster.

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**Statement of Financial Position**

**December 31, 2018**

	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 46,891	\$ 146,789
Accounts receivable	14,916	13,991
Interest receivable on GIC's	1,465	-
Prepaid expenses	5,371	9,128
	<b>68,643</b>	169,908
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS <i>(Note 4)</i>	<b>166,806</b>	1,627
	<b>\$ 235,449</b>	\$ 171,535
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 15,757	\$ 23,522
HST payable	7,590	7,444
Employee deductions payable	-	210
Deferred income <i>(Note 5)</i>	<b>38,407</b>	28,037
	<b>61,754</b>	59,213
NET ASSETS	<b>173,695</b>	112,322
	<b>\$ 235,449</b>	\$ 171,535

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**4. LONG TERM INVESTMENTS**

Libro Credit Union 1.8% GIC due May 3, 2019	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Libro Credit Union 1.8% GIC due April 28, 2019	50,000	-
Libro Credit Union 2.15% GIC due May 3, 2020	50,000	-
Libro Credit Union 1.7% GIC due January 28, 2019	15,000	-
Libro Credit Union- Profit Shares	1,756	1,577
Libro Credit Union Member Share	50	50
	<b>\$ 166,806</b>	\$ 1,627

**5. DEFERRED REVENUE**

Membership Fees	\$ 27,007	\$ 13,002
Regional Sponsorship	11,400	15,035
	<b>\$ 38,407</b>	\$ 28,037

**ONTARIO GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION**

**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

	2018	2017
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Membership fees <i>(Note 6)</i>	\$ 128,984	\$ 120,152
Regional meetings, sponsorships and events	96,979	71,409
Conferences	28,713	24,339
Well Wise testing	14,090	25,230
Magazines and advertising	13,668	38,307
Interest income	3,613	3,215
	<b>286,047</b>	<b>282,652</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising and promotion	312	4,679
Bookkeeping fees	27,279	18,282
Convention and meeting expenses	50,234	32,988
Employee Salaries	73,306	122,352
Insurance	2,785	2,581
Interest and bank charges	6,569	5,184
Memberships	1,957	3,353
Moving expenses	2,804	-
Office	8,882	4,466
Office assistant	4,621	-
Postage	3,296	8,346
Printing and copying	6,288	20,109
Professional fees	4,100	5,900
Rental	7,850	8,100
Telephone	4,017	3,882
Travel	4,360	5,617
Website and email	2,467	2,281
Well Wise Testing	13,547	17,053
	<b>224,674</b>	<b>265,173</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 61,373</b>	<b>\$ 17,479</b>

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**6. MEMBERSHIPS**

	# of Members	2018	# of Members	2017
Contractors	224	\$ 93,707	217	\$ 80,871
Manufacturers and Suppliers	46	23,810	41	25,776
Scientists and Engineers	14	9,702	18	12,358
Associates	29	1,765	30	1,147
Honorary Life Members	7	-	6	-
	<b>320</b>	<b>\$ 128,984</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>\$ 120,152</b>



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## **Business Owner fined \$26,000 for Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Violations June 8, 2018 11:40 A.M.**

Convicted - Linda Castelino o/a Hillsburgh Rest Home

Court Location - Guelph

Description of Offences - The convictions relate to failing to comply with a ministry order to ensure that a trained person or a certified operator was retained to operate the company's drinking water system, submitting false or misleading information to a Provincial Officer, and failing to ensure that water samples were taken as required by regulation.

Date of Offences - During the period beginning on or about May 16, 2015 and ending on or about May 26, 2016

Date of Conviction - May 31, 2018

Penalty Imposed - Linda Castelino was convicted of eight offences under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and was fined a total of \$26,000 plus a Victim Fine Surcharge (VFS) of \$6,500. The defendant was given one year to pay all fines.

Background -

- Linda Castelino owns and operates a nursing care home for seniors located on Trafalgar Road Hillsburgh in the Township of Erin.
- Linda Castelino operates the company as a sole proprietorship business.
- The company is open year-round, has a drinking water system registered with the ministry and operates a well supply that provides water to its residents.
- On April 2, 2015, a Provincial Officer's Order was issued to Ms. Castelino requiring her to ensure that a trained person or a certified operator was retained to operate the company's drinking water system or that she herself successfully complete the "operation of a small drinking water systems" course to become a trained person.
- Ms. Castelino did not comply with the order.
- The matter was referred to the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch and following an investigation charges were laid resulting in eight convictions.

## **Campsite Owner fined \$6,000 for Ontario Water Resources Act Violation**

**February 15, 2019 10:00 A.M.**

Convicted - Missinaibi Headwaters Inc.

Court Location - Chapleau

Description of Offence - The conviction relates to establishing a sewage works without ministry approval.

Date of Offence - During the period beginning on or about November 15, 2016 and ending on or about June 25, 2018.

Date of Conviction - On January 9, 2019

Penalty Imposed - Missinaibi Headwaters Incorporated was convicted on one violation under the Ontario Water Resources Act, and fined \$6,000 plus a victim fine surcharge of \$1,500, with one year to pay the fine.

Background -

- Missinaibi Headwaters Inc. operates the Racine Lake Campground which is authorized to occupy Crown land under a Land Use Permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The campground is located on Racine Lake, in the Unorganized Township of Racine, Sudbury.
- On August 19, 2013, ministry staff conducted a site inspection and observed a Class 5 sewage works in operation, which had not been issued the required ministry approval.
- Following the inspection, a report was forwarded to the company requiring that the sewage works be decommissioned and removed from the campground, and that the company establish a plan to address other problems connected to the works. Despite repeated follow-up by the ministry, the company failed to comply.
- On July 4, 2016, a ministry order was issued to the company requiring that it submit an application for a ministry approval of the Class 5 sewage works.
- On November 15, 2016, ministry staff conducted a follow-up inspection and noted that the original Class 5 sewage works had not been decommissioned and remained in use. In addition, a second Class 5 sewage works had been installed and was also in use on-site. No application had been submitted to obtain an approval for either works.
- The ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch investigated and laid one charge which resulted in one conviction.

## **Carbon Dioxide Producer fined \$100,000 for Environmental Protection Act Violation**

**April 12, 2019 10:30 A.M.**

Convicted - Air Liquide Canada Inc.

Court Location - Sarnia

Description of Offence - The conviction relates to permitting the discharge of a contaminant (ammonia) into the natural environment, which was likely to cause an adverse effect.

Date of Offence - During the period on or about April 16, 2017.

Date of Conviction - March 14, 2019

Penalty Imposed - Air Liquide Canada was convicted of one violation under the Environmental Protection Act and was fined \$100,000 plus a victim fine surcharge of \$25,000, with eight months to pay the fine.

Background:

- Air Liquide Canada operates a facility in the County of Lambton, which produces food grade carbon dioxide and is supplied with raw carbon dioxide from a neighbouring supplier.
- The carbon dioxide flows from the supplier through a dedicated pipeline, which is then liquefied and purified with the assistance of an ammonia-based refrigeration system.
- The Air Liquide facility is staffed during daytime hours seven days a week but does not have staff on-site during the night.
- On April 16, 2017, in the early morning hours when no staff were at the facility, the flow of raw carbon dioxide unexpectedly increased. As a result, raw carbon dioxide exceeded the refrigeration capacity at the facility and caused approximately 815 kg of ammonia to vent through cooling system pressure release valves.
- Ammonia can have corrosive effects on the respiratory system and can cause severe skin burns and eye damage.
- At a distribution plant approximately one kilometer downwind from the facility, two employees were forced to seek shelter from the ammonia odour, leaving the distribution plant unattended and creating a potentially dangerous situation. One of the employees experienced eye and throat irritation.
- The ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch investigated and laid charges resulting in one conviction.

**Seniors Residence Facility fined \$1,400 for Safe Drinking Water Act Violation**  
**March 15, 2019 3:00 P.M.**

Convicted - Harmony Estate Seniors Residence Inc.

Court Location - Whitby

Description of Offence - The conviction relates to failing to ensure that water sampling, collection and analysis requirements were completed in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Date of Offence - during the period beginning on or about December 11, 2017 and ending on or about January 9, 2018.

Date of Conviction - February 6, 2018

Penalty Imposed - Harmony Estate Seniors Residence was convicted on one count under the Safe Drinking Water Act and was fined \$1,400 plus a victim fine surcharge of \$350 and was given 180 days to pay the fine.

Background -

- The company owns and operates a senior assistance residential facility in Courtice, which is supplied drinking water from an on-site drilled well, classified as a Small Non-Municipal Non-Residential system. The facility accommodates up to ten senior residents and up to six staff members.
- On October 24, 2017, ministry staff conducted an inspection of the

company's drinking water system, and identified that the company had failed to sample in accordance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and Regulation 170/03.

- Following the inspection, the company was informed of the non-compliance and was advised of the sampling requirements. The inspector requested that the company provide sample results by January 2, 2018, as confirmation that sampling had been conducted. The company failed to comply.
- The ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch investigated and laid charges resulting in one conviction.

**Well Technician fined \$2,000 for Ontario Water Resources Act Violation**  
**March 15, 2019 11:40 A.M.**

Convicted - Gilbert John Quesnel

Court Location - Sault Ste. Marie Court

Description of Offence - The conviction relates to failing to produce a copy of a well technician licence upon the request of a ministry employee.

Date of Offence - During the period on or about August 25, 2016.

Date of Conviction - February 1, 2019

Penalty Imposed - Gilbert John Quesnel was convicted on one violation under the Ontario Water Resources Act and was fined \$2,000 plus a victim fine surcharge of \$500 and was given 12 months to pay the fine.

Background -

- Gilbert John Quesnel operates a well-drilling business that services the Algoma District. At the time of the violation, he held a valid Well Technician Licence.
- On August 25, 2016, the ministry received a call from a concerned resident regarding a plume of sediment, measuring approximately 700' x 800' x 200' in Lake Superior. The caller reported that the source of the plume was a water-well-drilling operation on Nils Bay Road.
- Ministry staff attended the site on the same date to inspect and upon arrival observed a drill rig operating adjacent to Lake Superior, which was operated by Mr. Quesnel.
- Ministry staff requested to see Mr. Quesnel's Well Technician Licence, and other documentation relating to the well construction. Mr. Quesnel was unable to produce his Well Technician Licence, as required.
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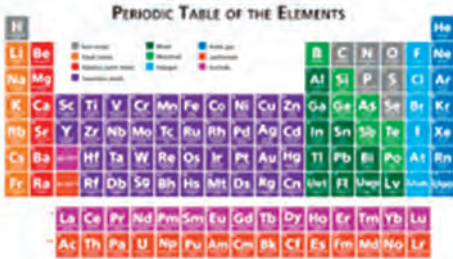
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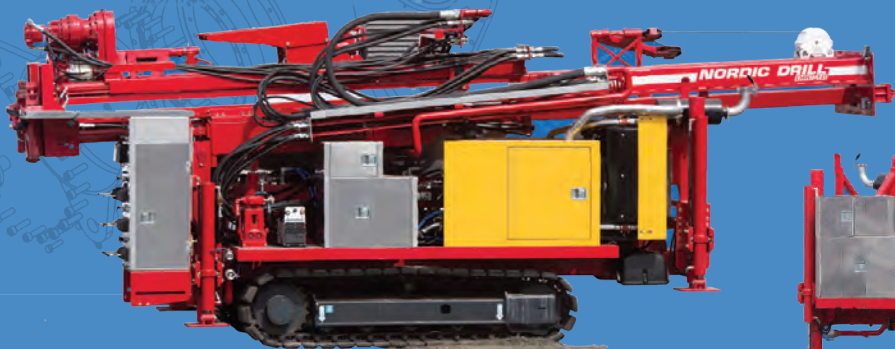
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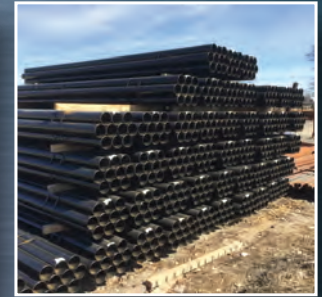
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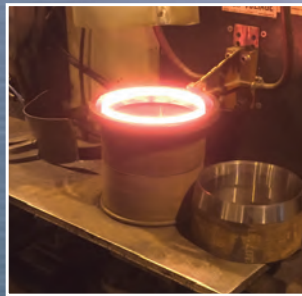
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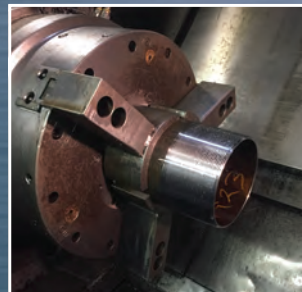
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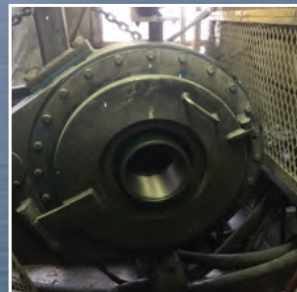
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