

Changes to the Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Regulation

- This is an issue I know many of you have been dealing with in the last week weeks.
- The AMM reviewed this issue in late February as we had the Province attend our committee meeting to provide an update.
- We are concerned with the impact these proposed changes will have on municipal infrastructure.
- Immediately following our meeting with the Province we sent the information out to all municipalities as we were informed that this had not yet happened.
- The AMM believes strongly that municipalities need to be heard on this issue.
- We have arranged to have the Province attend our MOS session to provide you with more information and will make sure they are available for the hour following the session to answer any questions.
- Briefly here are the changes being proposed:
 - New disposal fields in sensitive areas, crown land cottage developments, provincial parks and portions of the Red River corridor will be prohibited.
 - New sewage injectors will be prohibited throughout the province.

- Eliminate existing sewage ejectors at the time of any property transfer.
 - 2 acre lots required for the installation of disposal fields.
 - Out of service septic systems will be decommissioned.
 - Prohibit new installations or replacement of existing onsite systems in areas serviced by wastewater infrastructure.
 - Limits placed on systems in areas where wastewater infrastructure is planned for the next 5 years.
 - Requirement for municipal wastewater management planning.
- We expect more and more questions to emerge on this issue and look forward to the presentation in April at MOS.
 - Make sure you attend and have your voice heard.