

PAC mandate:

To determine the qualifications and experience required for certification in the designated trades; To recommend upgrading standards and the endorsement of qualification for people who meet the required standards and; To provide input into the content of regulations made or proposed to the trades.

Entrepreneurship, Training & Trade www.manitoba.ca/tradecareers	RECORD OF DECISIONS Water and Wastewater Technician Provincial Advisory Committee
DATE:	June 25, 2012
TIME:	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
PLACE:	1014 – 401 York Avenue Winnipeg Manitoba

#### Water and Wastewater Technician Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)

PAC Members in Attendance	Representation	
Bill Brenner	Chair	
Wayne Wall	Employee	
Ralph Groening	Employer	
Mike Hargreaves	Employee	
Art Rempel	Employer	
Alan Turner	Employer	

Regrets or Absent	Representation	
Dale Scott – Regrets	grets Employee	

#### **GUESTS**

#### <u>STAFF</u>

Nancy Eller, Acting Director of Program Standards Catherine Koch, Program Development Coordinator Curtis Holowachuk, Apprenticeship Training Coordinator Kristal Hurrell, Policy Analyst Tracy Coontz, Board Operations Administrative Assistant



Agenda Item #	Notes/ Actions/ Motions	Status: Bring Fwd./Open/ Closed.
Standing Items	The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.	Closed.
2012.06.01		<b>.</b>
1. Call to order	MOTION #1:	Closed.
	To approve the agenda as written.	
2. Approval of Agenda	<b>M:</b> Alan Turner <b>S:</b> Ralph Groening	
	Carried.	
3. Approval of March 18, 2011 Record of Decisions	MOTION #2: To approve the March 18, 2011 Record of Decisions as written. M: Ralph Groening S: Wayne Wall	Closed.
	Carried.	
4. Field Operations Unit update	Other provinces are showing interest in the Water and	Closed.

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<ul> <li>Curtis Holowachuk,</li> <li>Apprenticeship Training</li> <li>Coordinator</li> </ul>	Wastewater Technician Apprenticeship Program in Manitoba.	
Program Standards 2012.06.02 1. Bill Brenner, PAC Chair - Discussion on the meeting with the Program Standards Standing Committee	<ul> <li>Bill Brenner attended the May 1, 2012 Program Standards Standing Committee (PSC) meeting to discuss issues with the current Water and Wastewater Technician Apprenticeship program. The PSC recommended the PAC meet to discuss the issues and possible amendments to the program.</li> <li>The PAC members discussed: <ul> <li>Tax credits</li> <li>Aging workforce</li> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Red River College's (RRC) one week course</li> <li>RRC's three level program with two weeks in each level</li> <li>In house training programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>The following benefits are in place for employers of apprentices: <ul> <li>Technical training will be on line</li> <li>Technical training is \$200.00 per year which includes Apprenticeship Board Certification exams</li> <li>Apprentices earn while they learn</li> <li>Tax credits</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Open.

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	Kristal confirmed marketing is the same for every trade.	
	Action:	
	The PAC members will contact the Association of Manitoba Municipalities to promote the program.	
	Action:	
	Nancy will meet with the RRC staff creating the online technical training and Conservation staff to discuss the possibility of four sub-trades for Water and Wastewater Technician.	
	The PAC agreed to recommend establishment of the four sub-trades:	
	<ul> <li>Water Treatment Operator</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Water Distribution Operator</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Wastewater Treatment Operator</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Wastewater Collection Operator</li> </ul>	
	If an apprentice chooses to complete each sub-trade, he/she is certified as a Water and Wastewater Technician.	
	MOTION #3:	
	To disaggregate the Water and Wastewater Technician trade to four sub-trades consisting of Water Treatment Operator, Water Distribution Operator, Wastewater Treatment Operator and Wastewater Collection Operator.	
	M: Alan Turner	

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	S: Wayne Wall	
	Carried.	
	The PAC discussed the Level Chart and made revisions to accommodate the sub-trades.	
	MOTION #4:	
	That the Water and Wastewater Technician PAC recommends to the Program Standards Committee the acceptance of the revised Level Charts as the standard format for the delivery of Technical Training for the Sub-trades of Water and Wastewater Technician.	
	M: Ralph Groening S: Mike Hargreaves	
	Carried.	
	Kristal and Nancy told the PAC the Consultation Discussion Guide will be sent to industry stakeholders after they have had a chance to review it.	
New Business		
2012.06.03	No new business to discuss.	Closed.
Future Agenda Items	Next meeting, September 10, 2012 to discuss the	Fwd.

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2012.06.04	feedback from industry on the Consultation Discussion Guide.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.	Closed.
2012.06.05	Motion #5:	
	<b>M:</b> Mike Hargreaves <b>S:</b> Wayne Wall	
	Carried.	

Record of Decisions written by Tracy Coontz, Board Operations Administrative Assistant