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ESAA ANNOUNCES 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Environmental Services Association of Alberta (ESAA) is pleased to announce the 2019 Board of Directors:

- **President** – Stacy Thygesen – JSK Consulting
- **Vice-President** - Rob Traynor – SLR Consulting
- **Treasurer** – Karen Schmidt – Osprey Scientific
- **Secretary** – Darrell Haight – Trace Associates
- **Director** – Tyler Barkhouse – Dillon Consulting
- **Director** – Darren Cherniak – North Shore Environmental Consultants
- **Director** – Sheila Duchek – SNC-Lavalin
- **Director** – Sean Parker – McLennan Ross LLP
- **Director** – Shawn Samborsky – CORE Environmental Consulting

To learn more about each of our Board members, visit: <https://www.esaa.org/about-esaa/board/>

The Board and Staff would like to thank outgoing board members, Peter Olmsted, and Anthony Neumann for their tremendous contribution to ESAA during their times on the Board.

ESAA's 2019 Annual Report is now available online at: <http://www.esaa.org/about-esaa/>

ESAA RELEASES 2019 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2020-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

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ESAA's New Vision, Mission and Plan

In May of 2019, the ESAA Board and Staff participated in a strategic planning session facilitated by a third party. The group looked at all aspects of ESAA with a goal of moving ESAA forward and continuing to be a leader among associations.

The meetings resulted in ESAA developing a new Vision and Mission Statement, New Values, Priorities and our 2020-2022 Business Plan.

ESAA's Vision

"Leaders in Advancing Canada's Environmental Industry"

ESAA's Mission

"We Create and Deliver Opportunities That Support Our Members Success"



ESAA's Values

- *Accountability*
 - *Innovative*
- *Community Involvement*
- *Environmental Integrity*

ESAA's Priorities

- *Diversified Membership and Services*
- *Mutually Beneficial Stakeholder Relations*
- *Create Sustainable Revenue Streams*
 - *Prominent Brand Awareness*
- *Organizational Excellence in Governance and Operations*

Watch for exciting new initiatives to be announced during the 2020-2022 calendar years.
To review our 2020-2022 Business Plan visit: www.esaa.org/about-esaa/

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

Are you looking for an office space in Edmonton? ESAA has an office space available for rent. Office can be rented month to month or yearly. Rent would include parking, use of wifi, copier, meeting space and utilities including telephone. For more information, contact Joe at the ESAA Office. (chowaniec@esaa.org)

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AER: OneStop Release Update

A series of updates to OneStop have been made to improve the user experience, and overall function of the system. Highlights of what is included in these updates are available on the AER OneStop [landing page](#) under fixes and enhancements. Additionally, updated quick reference guides (wells and public lands) have been posted on the OneStop [help page](#).

If you have questions about OneStop, please contact the AER's Customer Contact Centre by phone at 403-297-8311 (1-855-297-8311 toll free) or by email at inquiries@ aer.ca.

ONTARIO: WASTE PROCESSING COMPANY FINES INCREASED TO \$170,000 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT VIOLATIONS

(Source: HazMat Magazine) The Ontario Environment Ministry recently announced that an appeal court varied the sentence of an Ontario waste processing company and increased the fine from \$140,000 to \$170,000. The \$30,000 fine increase reflected the anticipated cost of an embedded audit. The victim fine surcharge also increased from \$35,000 to \$42,500. The sentencing court also vacated the Order requirement that the company conduct the embedded audit.

The appeal court ruling stems from two separate matters in which an Ontario waste processing company, Quantex, was convicted of violations related to permitting waste to pass from its control without accurately completing a manifest, for transferring waste subject to land disposal restrictions without giving notice to the receiver, and for permitting the emission of an air contaminant to an extent that it may cause personal discomfort. The offences occurred in 2016.

The company was originally convicted in 2018. The Ontario Court of Justice granted the Crown's appeal of the sentence that had been imposed on June 26, 2018 after a guilty plea, and increased the fine from \$140,000 to \$170,000, plus victim fine surcharge.

On June 26, 2018, Quantex was convicted of three violations and was fined a total of \$140,000 plus a victim fine surcharge of \$35,000 with 2 years to pay. The court also issued a probation order requiring the company to retain an independent auditor to conduct an embedded audit of some of the company's waste management practices.

In December 2018, when the embedded audit was to begin, Quantex advised the Crown that it had sold the facility. It subsequently became apparent that the company had sold the facility prior to being sentenced in June 2018 and that Quantex had provided inaccurate information to the sentencing court. Therefore, the earlier sentencing had been conducted on the basis of inaccurate information.

At the time of the violations, Quantex Technologies Inc. operated a hazardous and liquid industrial waste transferring/processing site in Kitchener under ministry approval. In the first matter, between November 2015 and January 2016, Quantex accepted hazardous wastes which were bulked together and shipped to another waste processing/transfer facility. Ministry inspection indicated that the waste manifest did not accurately reflect the waste classifications and that Quantex had not notified the receiver that some of the waste was subject to land disposal restrictions. As a consequence, the receiving facility was not aware that some of the waste had classifications that were not approved under the company's ministry approval.

In the second matter, in August 2016, Quantex employees were transferring liquid industrial and/or hazardous wastes from storage totes into a tanker trailer on-site, and the truck's vacuum pump and exhaust was being discharged into the air. During the transfer period, neighbours experienced burning and irritated eyes, a chlorine-like odour and difficulty breathing. The occurrence was reported to Quantex, which ceased the operation immediately.

The Environment ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch investigated and laid charges resulting in three convictions.

ETOBICOKE CREEK RUNS RED AFTER INK SPILL

(Source: CBC News) Etobicoke Creek flowed an eerie red colour on Tuesday. Video taken from the corner of Britannia and Netherhart roads in Mississauga and posted online captured the unusual scene.

Residents who live in the vicinity of the creek told CBC Toronto they noticed a strange red tinge to the water as far south as Lakefront Promenade Park.

According to Peel Public Works, the odd colour was caused by a spill of some 400 litres of red ink in the waterway..

"The Ministry of the Environment and Conservation and Parks are on site and cleanup is underway," the agency said in a tweet.

Crews from Peel region have surveyed the area.

There is no information as to how the spill happened or who it can be traced back to at this time.



Industry Positions Openings



As a benefit of ESAA Membership, ESAA Members can now post position openings on our website at no charge. Position opening ads also will appear in the newsletter at no charge. For full details visit: <https://www.esaa.org/news/job-board/>

Note: You must still complete the advertising form. After completing the order form, you will receive an email with a link to post your position.

Non-Members are welcome to advertise as well for a nominal charge. Visit [advertising form](#) to place your order.

Job Title	Organization	Application Deadline	Term	Details
Intermediate/Senior Vegetation Ecologist	Trace Associates Inc.	2020-03-31		more
Biophysical Coordinator	North Shore Environmental Consultants	2020-03-30	Full-Time	more
Intermediate Wildlife Biologist	North Shore Environmental Consultants	2020-03-29	Full-Time	more
Senior Environmental/Risk Assessor	Solstice Environmental Management	2020-04-05	Full-Time	more
Environmental Inspectors	Trace Associates Inc.	2020-04-14	Contract	more
Environmental Scientist or Biologist - 5 to 10 Years Experience	Langan	2020-04-30	Full-Time	more
Senior Environmental Engineer/Geoscientist	DILLON CONSULTING LIMITED	2020-04-30	Full-Time	more
MRF Operations Manager	KBL Environmental	2020-04-30	Full-Time	more
Air Quality Scientist I	SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.	2020-05-08	Full-Time	more
Air Quality Scientist II	SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.	2020-05-08		more
Department Manager I	Element Materials Technology	2020-03-16	Full-Time	more