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MOPIA Listening to Stakeholders Across Manitoba



Participants at MOPIA's Dauphin session (June 3) interact with MOPIA's Genoa de Bruin (Climate Specialist) and Mark Miller.

MOPIA has already hosted several program awareness and regulation consultation sessions in Dauphin, The Pas, Thompson, Winnipeg, Steinbach and Winkler. We highly encourage you to participate in any of our remaining free program Awareness/Regulation consultation sessions still being held in Portage la Prairie, Brandon and in Winnipeg (see below).

MOPIA will be seeking your input in strengthening and updating Manitoba's current ODS and Other Halocarbons Regulation along with sharing the latest industry and environment related news.

Genoa de Bruin (MOPIA Climate Change Specialist) and Mark Miller (Executive Director) have been hosting these information/consultation sessions. A light meal was/is provided in appreciation of your participation and input.

We just ask that you to let us know in advance via email (mopia@mymts.net or by calling 204.338.2222/1.888.667.4203) if you and how many others will be attending so we order enough food and refreshments.

Watch our website for any changes or additions. We can also visit your workplace, if you'd prefer, to update your staff – just let us know. Plan to partake and be part of the solution! Your input will make a difference.

Selkirk	June 18 at noon	Canalta Inn
Portage la Prairie	June 19 at noon	Super 8
Brandon	June 20 at noon	ACC L Evans
Winnipeg	June 27 at noon	Cindy K RC

MOPIA's 25th Annual General Meeting Held



Mark Miller with Bill Grywinski (retiring Treasurer) and John Kubilanski (MOPIA President) at our 25th AGM.

MOPIA's 25th Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, May 9 in Winnipeg. There was no cost to attend and it included a complimentary light lunch and refreshments for participants. Appreciation is extended to Sara Thrift from Manitoba Sustainable Development who was able to participate. She is MOPIA's primary liaison on all issues related to the program from administration too compliance and enforcement.

Upon the distribution of MOPIA's 2017-18 Annual Report, formal reports by our Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director, the appointment of our 2019 Auditor and adoption of the past AGM Minutes, stakeholders were re-elected to our Board of Directors. Further, Bill Grywinski – a valued and one of only three original Board members from 1994 remaining, an appreciation gift was provided in recognition of his long standing service. He has held several Executive positions including Secretary and Treasurer and also represented MOPIA by participating at a Montreal Protocol meeting back in 1997. Botho Kramer (seen below) was also recognized for his long term service and remains on our Board until at least 2020.

If you are interested to become a voting association member, completion of the membership application and payment of \$20 is required. This would also entitle you to qualify as a Board of Director candidate (upon nomination). Nominations for candidates for MOPIA's Board of Directors is open now by completing a nomination form prior to each AGM.



MOPIA meets with Manitoba's Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development



MOPIA's Mark Miller and Genoa deBruin met with PureSphera representatives and Manitoba's Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development (Bruce Gray) at his office at the Manitoba Legislature on May 30.

The meeting was coordinated to share information about the challenges of whitegoods stewardship and for PureSphera representatives to profile their unique business enterprise located in Winnipeg. PureSphera recycles upwards of 97% of any white good (i.e. fridge, freezer, water cooler, dehumidifier) by first recovering the refrigerant gas, any mercury and oils that may be part of the unit. The metals, glass and plastics are also recycled. Beyond these parts, the foam insulation contained between the door or wall panels is also recovered and set for safe destruction when they are found to contain potent greenhouse gases (i.e. HFCs).

Refrigerants and foams that contain HFCs are among the most potent greenhouse gases that have extremely high global warming potentials (GHG). PureSphera aims to reduce the HFC environmental footprint, a very important effort in support of Manitoba's Climate Plan to reduce our GHG inventory. PureSphera is also the lead partner in Manitoba Hydro's "Retire Your Fridge" energy efficiency initiative. They have operations in Quebec as well.

MOPIA shared our strategy to focus on continued white goods stewardship across Manitoba and on a separate issue, seeking input from our stakeholders on the current ODS Regulation including any potential amendments and/or improvements that could be made. MOPIA will consolidate the input we receive and share this with the Manitoba Government in the Fall (2019) with the aim of encouraging formal ODS regulatory amendments in 2020. Have your say too. Visit www.mopia.ca to see the proposed amendments to date and submit comments to mopia@mymts.net by September 15, 2019.

MOPIA Tours PureSphera



MOPIA reps Mark Miller, Genoa de Bruin, Emi Kingan and Samantha Wilson toured PureSphera May 28. Meeting with Hon. Andrew Mickelfield, MLA Rossmere, May 31.

June 22 / July 20 – Next One-day Certification Classes in Wpg

MOPIA will be hosting our next one-day certification class in Winnipeg on Saturday, June 22 and July 20 at Red River College. Any person working on the gas side of an air conditioning, and/or HVAC/R system requires this provincial certification under Manitoba Regulation 103/94.

Persons who require this certification should register in advance by contacting MOPIA by email (mopia@mymts.net) or phone (see above). The cost of participating is \$185 per student.

The one-day class typically runs from 8 am – 6 pm with the exam. For those unable to attend an onsite/in-class setting, living in remote rural communities or other circumstances, you may be eligible to do the class via correspondence.

Key Contact Websites

Government of Manitoba
Manitoba Sustainable Development ODS Act/Regulation
<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2005/178.pdf>
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/envprograms/index.html>

NASA Ozone Watch & Ozone Home Page
<https://ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov/>
<https://www.nasa.gov/ozone>

International Institute of Sustainable Development
www.iisd.org

United Nations Environment Programme "OzoNews"
<http://web.unep.org/ozonation/>