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MOPIA's 30th AGM and Executive Committee Appointed

MOPIA's 30th AGM was held on April 22 (Earth Day) at the Cindy Klassen Recreation Centre in Winnipeg. A subsequent Board Meeting on May 9 and John Kubilanski was acclaimed as Chair, Kent Cielen as Vice Chair and Treasurer, Kirk Esau and Chad Bisko as members at large on the Executive Committee.



MOPIA Positioned with a Strong Summer Team

Each year, MOPIA has been in a position to hire summer staff for the period between May and September under various program sponsors. The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF), Manitoba Green Team and Canada Summer Jobs programs have been partners with MOPIA for many years. This is our busy renewal period and stakeholder outreach season.

Our 2024 team includes Jaeden, Claire, Kit, Duran, Jesse, (Seaira, Brookelynn and Mark).



Plan to Attend a MOPIA Program Awareness Session

MOPIA is gearing up to host our popular annual program awareness and stakeholder engagement sessions across Manitoba beginning May 28 in Brandon. We want to hear from you on issues related to the industry and environment.

All sessions will be free and include a light lunch or breakfast and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas/concerns.

Locations and times are as follows:

- **Brandon** May 28 Noon – 1pm at the ACC Len Evans Centre (on the Hill)
- **Dauphin** May 29 Noon – 1pm at the Best Western
- **Steinbach** June 13 Noon – 1pm at the Days Inn
- **Morden** June 19 Noon – 1pm at the Best Western
- **Winnipeg** June 20 7:45 – 9:15am at the Cindy Klassen Rec Centre
- **Selkirk** June 25 Noon – 1pm at the Canalta Inn
- **Portage la Prairie** June 26 Noon – 1pm at the Microtel
- **Winnipeg** June 27 Noon – 1pm at the Cindy Klassen Rec Centre
- **Swan River** July 3 – Noon – 1pm at the Super 8
- **Thompson** July 4 – Noon – 1pm at the Best Western

These dates and locations may change so please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing mopia@mopia.ca so we can confirm the dates, times and locations with you in advance.



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MOPIA Attends HRAI Manitoba A2L Refrigerants Session

MOPIA attended an HRAI coordinated lunch hour education session on May 15 in Winnipeg.

The session focused on A2L refrigerants as seen by The Chemours Company including their Opteon and Freon brand refrigerants such as 454a (XL 20) and HFO 1234yf (XL10). These refrigerants are widely used but still have global warming potentials.

HRAI Manitoba Chapter has on-going education sessions and we encourage those in the HVACR industry to check them out at: www.hrai.ca/chapter-meetings or by calling 204.956.5888 contact Ryan Dalglish.

Chemours: www.chemours.com/en/industries-applications/application-development/opteon

Natural Refrigerants: <https://atmosphere.cool/>

B52 Code and Hydrocarbon Refrigerant Use

The B52 Code from the Canadian Standards Association (www.csa.ca) specifies when and how certain refrigerants may be used in certain HVAC/R applications.

If you are considering using hydrocarbon (flammable) refrigerants as a retrofit to any equipment, you must refer to the requirements of the B52 for safety and use.

See: www.csagroup.org/documents/codes-and-standards/CSA-Bulletin-HC-2417561-en.pdf

MOPIA's website has the link to CSA Bulletins.

Are Cancer-causing PFAS Chemicals in Refrigerants?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a diverse group of chemicals found in a wide range of consumer and industrial products. They have been identified to have potential health and environmental consequences. It appears PFAS chemicals may be in HFC and HFO refrigerants, so caution should be taken with their handling. Confirm with the manufacturer if PFAS or PFOA's are used in a refrigerants composition. MOPIA is reaching out to determine their official response(s).

There are intensifying regulatory strategies to restrict their use especially in Europe and even Mexico.

See the latest information on PFAS regulations across the globe at: www.enhesa.com/

www.rdandt.co.uk/news/pfas#:~:text=Other%20PFAS%20refrigerants%20such%20as,used%20in%20car%20air%20conditioning

Retiring MOPIA Directors

MOPIA expresses the best towards the next chapter of the lives of Michael Blackey and Don Thomson, longtime dedicated volunteer Board and Executive team members of MOPIA.

Don and Michael served as Chair of the Board of Directors and held several other roles.

Don was previously the Fire Marshall with Manitoba Hydro and Michael the Parts Manager with Eastern Chrysler. Both brought their expertise to improve the diversity of MOPIA. Don also served with the United Nations Halons Technical Options Committee and Michael with the MB Motor Dealers Association and others.

