

MANITOBA NURSERY LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

Summer 2019 Newsletter

An update from your Board of Director's

Summer is officially here — thankfully. Although the spring season was dry, which minimizes work interruptions for many in the landscape sector, it has also been challenging to provide adequate moisture to our landscapes and puts additional stress on the plant materials that occupy these spaces.

Although association business continues to occur, Board of Directors meetings are less frequent due to this being the busiest time of year for those in the landscape and nursery sectors.

That said, planning and communication continues to occur. Quotes have been received and summarized for the update of the MBNLA website and the speaker program for Grow20, booked for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Canad Inns Polo Park, is 80% complete. Furthermore, the board is working to focus its initiatives and board meeting discussions on the highest priority items as identified from the MBNLA Strategic Plan.

Manitoba Agriculture hosted a stakeholders meeting on temporary foreign works in Canada. MBNLA was represented by Shawna Bell who attended from Jeffries Nurseries. You can find a link to the minutes on **our website here**.

MBNLA was represented by Nathan Szuck and Kurtis Johnson at the Emerald Ash Borer and Forest Health Information Session hosted by the Manitoba Government on June 10. MBNLA will also be represented at the CNLA summer board meetings in Abbotsford, BC in August by Guy Dowhy and Rob Officer, and MBNLA Grower Chair Scott Peter.

A reminder to all landscape contractors to take pictures of your progress and finished product of any installation projects you would like to submit for the 2020 Awards. Projects from 2017-2019 qualify for submission for 2020.

Please visit our online calendar on the MBNLA website for a complete list of upcoming events and contact information. <https://mbnla.com/events/#display=list&cid=1144&wid=301>

The MBNLA Board of Directors would also like to welcome the following new members as of October 1, 2018.

- Chadwick Wiens
- Marvin Penner of Pine Towers Landscaping in Steinbach
- Ken Bullion of Profile Paving in Brandon
- Darren Nowasad of R and T Landscaping Limited in Winnipeg
- Valeri Uffelman of Lasting Impressions Garden Center in the Pas, Manitoba
- Michelle Rogalsky University of Manitoba faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
- Jeremy VanderZwan of Henderson Excavators in Winnipeg

If you are looking for a sub-contractor or other landscape products or services to support your own business activities, consider supporting a fellow MBNLA member.

Should you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact any board member or the Executive Director.

Sincerely,
*Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association
Board of Directors (MBNLA)*

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MBNLA Member Benefits

Free MBNLA vehicle decals are available to our members. Contact the MBNLA office for more information.

Cost Savings Programs

We are working at bringing our members more member savings programs to help you save money. Join your fellow members in participating in cost savings programs. So far this spring, MBNLA members have saved over \$14,000 by using CNLA member benefits programs.

Did you get your discount cards for your staff this year? Contact CNLA for cards that would enable all members to receive discounts at Marks Work Warehouse and Work Authority. It is a great hiring incentive to give these cards to all staff members to use on most anything – work related or personal.

Know the Benefits!

1. Members of Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association have access to the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association **Group Buy Protect** member benefits program.

More buyers, more savings. Working together as industry professionals brings legal expense insurance costs down.

2. Created for the Green Industry. Supporting the Green Industry. Hort Protect Insurance.

An insurance program that has been customized to meet the needs of this industry. Offers property and casualty insurance, life and health insurance and an RRSP plan for your company and its employees.

3. Canadian Nursery Landscape Association

MasterCard® Get your Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) Platinum Plus MasterCard® credit card today. Each time you make an eligible purchase, MBNA contributes a portion of funds back to CNLA in support of a variety of projects and initiatives.

- 0% promotional annual interest rate (AIR) on balance transfers for the first 10 full months
- Purchases AIR 16.99%
- Balance transfers and access cheques AIR 18.99%
- Cash advances AIR 24.99%
- No annual fees

Industry News

Manitoba gets silver medal at the National Skills Competition

Skills Canada 2019 was held in Halifax this past May as six teams competed in the Landscape Gardening Competition. Manitoba brought home a silver medal in Landscape Gardening, beating out some stiff competition.

Congratulations to **Dylan Shultz from Swiss Alpine** and **Casey Norman from Alladins Landscape Design** who represented Manitoba this year.

Final results were as follows:

Gold - Ontario,

Silver - Manitoba,

Bronze - Nova Scotia.

Thank you to all the organizers, volunteers and sponsors of Skills Canada 2019. Especially our coach Gord Bone! We're very proud to bring home a silver medal.

Read more from Coach Gord Bone. <https://mbnla.com/skills-canada-national-competition-landscape-gardening-report-2019/>



CNLA

The Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) is revamping landscape certification in Canada.

As the administering body, CNLA will manage this transition and pursue administration of the new certification following usual high standards. The new program will be:

- Canadian-owned and controlled,
- aligned with Red Seal Occupational Standards; and
- streamlined to be more convenient and accessible.

If you were certified in Canada and maintained your certification, you will automatically be grandfathered into the new program. If your certification has lapsed,

re-certify now to avoid taking the test under the new program to regain your status. To re-certify, you will need to submit 24 continuing education units (CEUs) earned in the last two years.

The Landscape Industry Certified Program ensures that professionals from across Canada comply with current standards and industry best practices. Certification is available for Technicians, Retail Horticulturists, Landscape Designers, Managers and Companies. If you are interested in finding out more information about the Industry Recognized Certification, contact President Guy Dowhy at dowhydesign@gmail.com, or the chair of our Professional Development Committee Sharra Hinton at sharra.hinton@gmail.com.

Trees Winnipeg Forest Watch Program

What is Trees Winnipeg's Forest Watch Program?

The Winnipeg Forest Watch Program is a campaign to monitor and raise awareness of invasive species, like the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

The Winnipeg Forest Watch group will give Winnipeggers the opportunity to have an active role in protecting our urban canopy. Volunteers will complete two surveys during the summer months. The first survey will include looking for trees that are stressed or in decline, while the second survey will be focused on locating trees that could be candidates for the City of Winnipeg's ash injection program. The data collected in each survey will be given to the City of Winnipeg to aid in the detection and management of EAB in our communities.

Approximate Survey days

(subject to change):

Welcome Workshop:

Third week of June

Survey 1: Second week of July

Survey 2: Third week of August



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A reminder from Manitoba Sustainable Development

No one shall apply or allow the escape of a substance containing nitrogen or phosphorus onto a paved or other impervious surface within Nutrient Management Zone N5. Should this occur, the individual must immediately take all reasonable steps to remove the substance so that it does not drain into a storm or sewage drainage system.

No one shall apply a fertilizer to turf containing more than 1 per cent phosphorus by weight, expressed as P₂O₅. An exception to this restriction includes newly established turf during the year of establishment as well as the year following establishment.

Phosphorus-containing fertilizers can be applied provided that the soil test phosphorus level (Olsen-P method) :

- is less than 60 ppm on land used to grow grass for sale as sod,
- is less than 30 ppm on land used as a sports facility, or
- is less than 18 ppm on land used neither to grow grass for sale as sod or as a sports facility

Flowerbeds, gardens, trees and shrubs are excluded from the phosphorus restrictions.

Upcoming Events

Grow20 - February 12, 2020, Canad Inns Polo Park
Majority of the speakers are already confirmed.

AGM - Join us this November, 28 at DeLuca's for an evening of fine dining and networking at the Annual General Meeting.

Apprenticeship Registration Dates - Registration opens July 10, 8:30 am.
Register for Technical Training and view course calendar here:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/manage/techtraining.html>

Please visit our events calendar on our website at
<https://mbnla.com/events/>

Articles of Interest

Grow your people

At 32, Reece Curwen farms with his family 500 kilometres south of Perth in Western Australia, where the farm produces canola, barley, wheat and sheep on 8,000 hectares. Yet although the farm is so... **Read more**

Admitting you have a mental health problem

For several years, Wayne Black couldn't see what was happening. He drove himself to be better as a farmer and then, when he became a sales manager at a central Ontario farm input dealership, he was... **Read more.**

Olds College Launches New Precision Agriculture - Techgromony Diploma

Olds College to offer an exciting new diploma Precision Agriculture - techgromony focused on agronomy and technology. Graduates from the Diploma in Precision Agriculture - Techgromony... **Read more.**

Precision 'agronomy'

Has any segment of agri-food changed as much in the past 10 years as precision agriculture? What is certain is that the science's power to extrapolate data points, generate better maps, recommend specific... **Read more.**

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