

### Domenic Castellano - BIOGRAPHY



I was born in Ontario and in my working career I spent two years laying water and sewer lines there. I moved to Nakusp, BC with my family and worked for the city for 16 years being a multi operator in Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection and Wastewater Treatment Operator. I started as a garbage collector and moved to foreman and director of operations for the last 9 years there. We move to City of Nelson for family reasons and took the Operator 2 posting. This position requires an Operator to run the Sewage Treatment Plant, Water Treatment Plant, deal with all PRVs, and lift stations. Shortly after I posted into the relief chief operator. Through my career I have experienced some interesting people and interesting situations. I love what I do and would love to help other operators where I can.

#### **1. What are your top two reasons for joining our Board?**

For one I have lots of experience and been in the industry for 24 years, so I believe I can add some operator input. The second is that I would like to contribute something to the board after so many years. I would like to help and do my time helping before I retire in 10 years.

#### **2. What do you feel are the most important function of the Board?**

I believe the Board wants to help with the safety of the public, they want to make clear what an Operator is, and make sure they are competent at their jobs. To make sure proper training is out there to help Operators. Also, exams should be appropriate to what operator is writing for.

#### **3. What will you bring to the Board in experience and accomplishments?**

My experience after 24 years, I seen and experienced quite a bit. I still to this day see so much confusion in operators. I would like to somehow simplify things for people to understand. I have seen and done quite a bit. From installing Lift stations with no engineering help to working with good to really bad engineering help. I have had some really interesting trouble shooting and difficult situations. I have installed and worked on so many projects with good to bad experiences.