

Greg Weatherhead - BIOGRAPHY



My name is Greg Weatherhead and I have been in the Water and Wastewater Industry for approximately 6 years. Prior to becoming an operator, I worked in West Kelowna where I was an Onsite Wastewater Designer who worked for a company that sold Water and Wastewater products (pumps, tanks, package treatment plants, pipe etc). Working in the septic industry left me wanting more so I went back to TRU where I completed a certificate in Water and Wastewater Utilities. After completing the

program I could not find work as an operator as I had the education but not the experience which, in my opinion, is a major and common stumbling block for a majority of technology graduates. While searching for a position within water and wastewater, I obtained work in Fort St John in Oil & Gas gaining mechanical experience. Eventually, an opportunity with Corix came about in April of 2014. I have leveraged my education to successfully work my way up from an OIT to a Multi-Utility Level 1 operator, but more importantly, an integral part of the Operations Team.

Since working for Corix I have been operating various systems around the Kamloops and Shuswap Lake areas, while continuing to finish my Water Treatment Technology Diploma through TRU. In my spare time I enjoy playing all sports especially golf and hockey.

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

I would like to help with implementing policies that advance the Water and Wastewater industry. The industry is evolving at a rapid rate, with my experiences and a fresh set of eyes I feel I could bring some different perspectives to the table.

The EOCB plays a large part in the Water and Wastewater industry and I would love to work with the board and members to continue to develop initiatives that further help the industry. Operator certification is an issue that interests me. While it is a sensitive topic, in my opinion, it has not evolved at the same rate as the industry.

2. What do you feel are the most important functions of the Board?

I believe the most important function of the Board is to listen and understand both the shortcomings and the successes of the EOCB and to continue to aid in the evolution of the Water and Wastewater Industry.

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

I am passionate about the long-term health of our industry. I feel I am part of the younger generation of operators that have come through the post-secondary education route. I have experienced firsthand some of the challenges related to entry into the industry as well as furthering operator certification. I will use my knowledge and experience to further implement policies that aid in these areas. I am part of the TRU Program Advisory Committee for the Water Treatment Technology Program where I have helped improve and shape the program based on my experiences.