

## **Jeff Culhane – BIOGRAPHY**



The Township of Langley has employed Jeff Culhane for 15 years with the past 8 years spent in engineering/utilities. Positions held include Utilities maintenance worker, relief foreman, Junior water system operator, and his current position as Intermediate water systems operator.

Jeff was first certified by the EOCP in 2008 and currently holds water distribution IV as well as water treatment I certifications. He has completed 3 of 4 levels in Thompson Rivers University's Water treatment program, and will be receiving his diploma in water treatment technology in 2016.

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

I believe that it is important for the EOCP to continue with the advancement of the level of professionalism among water and wastewater operators in BC and the Yukon, as well as the recognition of operator professionalism by utility owners. I am also interested in working towards equivalent certification standards in all provinces and territories to level the playing field for operators and streamline reciprocity. With the looming certified operator shortage increasing labor mobility will be important.

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

The most important functions of the EOCP board are to act as an advocate for certified operators, to encourage more operators to become certified, and to encourage employers to hire certified operators. All of these actions lead to more skilled and better-trained operators, safer and more efficient utilities, and reduced risks to public health.

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

My past experience includes a number of years as secretary/treasurer of a search and rescue society, this involved working with regional districts and the provincial emergency program. I also have experience as a union trustee and shop steward, and as an elected member of my employers joint labor/management safety committee.

I am honored to have been nominated, and believe I can be of service to the membership of the EOCP.