

Christopher Lawrence

Board Director Category: Operator

What interests you about this position as a Director on the EOCP Board?

I feel that the water and wastewater industry are vital not only to my community, but our province and country. I would like to bring my enthusiasm, knowledge, and experiences to the board. I would like to be involved with the EOCP board to have a better understanding of the policy decisions and how they affect members. Being a member on the board would enable me to be at the forefront of these decisions. I am interested in the many issues our industry and membership face and would like to work with the board to come up with creative solutions that will be sustainable for the future.

What do you think are the most important functions of a Director of the Board?

I believe the most important functions of a director of the EOCP board are accountability, responsibility, and sustainability. The EOCP board is accountable to its members and that should be apparent in all decision making done at the table. Not only is fiscal responsibility important to ensure the EOCP remains viable, but also the responsibility to stand by the decisions of the board as a collective. The directors on the board must drive and maintain the vision of the association and ensure that the vision is achievable and sustainable. These functions combined should safeguard the environment and public health.

What skills, knowledge, and attributes would you bring to the Board?

As the Public Works Superintendent for the District of New Hazelton, I am an Operator and a manager. I have the opportunity to be involved and make decisions on both sides. I enjoy creative solutions to issues and the use of new and emerging technology. I have been involved in capital infrastructure projects and leveraged funds from the Provincial and Federal Governments. I feel this knowledge base would assist me on the board, and to possibly assist other members and local governments to access funding. I have been using our asset management plan to identify critical areas for infrastructure renewal of water distribution and wastewater collection systems. I have been involved in succession planning and understand the Operator gap due to the aging workforce. I hope to bring these characteristics to the board so I can assist the EOCP with sustainable and practical policy development.