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Board Director Category: Operator

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

The EOCP over its life time has been instrumental in upgrading training programs throughout the province. I have been a part of this for the last three years and I would like to continue with the board to ensure our members continue getting access to the training they need, also I would like to ensure that all the smaller utilities are being looked after.

B.C. has more than 1,400 small water systems that are starting to develop operating plans and safety procedures for their systems. Each has its own unique system so generic forms don't apply. Working with each Operator to ensure proper operating practices are used is important to me.

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

After serving on the board for three years I still feel the most important function of the Board is to ensure and validate the education and training provided to Operators. The EOCPs Customer Relationship Management system allows Operators, facility owners, and local government access to up to date data on facility classifications and Operator standings.

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

I would bring to the board 37 years of diversified experience, with 27 years in Resort Utilities operations. I have been certified in the following areas: Level III Water Distribution, Level II Water Treatment, Level II Wastewater Collection, and just completed Level III Wastewater Treatment. I have advanced from a Manager to a Vice President, and most recently have been appointed to the Board of Directors for Big White Utilities, overseeing all aspects of the yearly operations of the Utilities. I also sit on the Big White Fire Department advisory board under the Direction of the RDKB.

My unique situation at the resort has given me a very wide view and challenged me in all aspects of operating utilities. I am a highly skilled and motivated individual who would love to continue working with the EOCP board members to help move the certification process into the 21st century. The water and wastewater industry is one of BC's largest and fastest growing. Building the public's confidence in this association's ability to provide qualified Operators is something I would like continue to be a part of.