

## ***Guillaume Ferland – Operator Position***

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

The EOCP plays a major role in ensuring that all communities within BC and Yukon are staffed with certified and experienced operators to bring stability to public health and the environment. As someone with experience serving in all four of the main certification sectors within the EOCP, I am excited to bring my passion and understanding of how and why these roles are so important in our society.

I am eager to not only learn from fellow Board members, but also committed to ensuring that current and future operators are supplied with the proper training and education needed to perform their duties to the best of their abilities; it is important that operators go into work knowing that the EOCP will stand behind them.

Committed to leadership in my field, I seek to facilitate bringing forward perspectives and ideas from my fellow operators to the Board.

### **What are the most important functions of a Director of the EOCP Board?**

The most important functions of a director are to promote a strategic direction for the organization with the needs of operators in mind. A director should constantly seek different perspectives from various operations teams so they can ensure those needs are heard and met. Another important function held by a director is to be up to date on all matters related to our constitution. This ensures that when voting on important matters, directors not only understand what operators seek, but also understand if it falls within our strategic objectives. Leadership strengths are also needed in these types of roles to model the right path forward by inspiring a shared vision that encourages our operators and enables them to foster a collaborative and trusting network.

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

Having worked across sectors, I understand the unique importance of each operation team. As a Utility Systems Controller for Metro Vancouver, I gained valuable experience not only as an operator for the region's water transmission system, but also in operating the liquid waste system and the region's dams. This role allowed me to work closely with the WT, WD, and WWC teams, along with maintenance teams. My knowledge and network will continue to expand in my role as a Water Treatment Operator complemented by my previous work in wastewater treatment.



I bring a passion for strong communication and leadership and a commitment to ensuring that my fellow operators feel heard. When approached with a concern from team members, I have always listened, showed support, and taken action if needed. I am a team player who is motivated, driven, and not afraid to advocate for change when needed.