

Rob Birtles – Government Position

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

In the last 20+ years as an Environmental Health Officer, I have seen significant improvements in the design and operations of water and wastewater infrastructure. While treatment and technology are important, I've always viewed professional operators as the key element in risk reduction and sustainability for our communities.

Working with water system operators has improved my understanding of practical solutions to daily issues. Serving as a board member would allow me to learn more about the water and wastewater industry, to advocate for professional operators and to provide insight into the regulatory side of the industry.



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

As a Board Director, I believe it's important to help guide the EOCP's continued improvement and sustainability by listening to the membership and providing clear practical direction based on your feedback. Directors on this Board must take a leadership role and advocate for professional operators.

The water and wastewater industry is becoming more complex. The EOCP's Boards function is to ensure that operators have the training and skills necessary to meet the demands of the job. A Board Director must also work to ensure our communities recognize the valuable service operators perform daily in their jobs.

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

- Over 20 years working with water suppliers from around the province.
- Team Leadership and project management.
- Past experience serving on the Okanagan Basin Water Board.