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WHAT INTERESTS YOU ABOUT THIS POSITION AS A DIRECTOR ON THE EOCP BOARD?

As a design and project engineer, I have worked with numerous municipalities across BC on the design of water and wastewater infrastructure. One of the most critical considerations during design is ensuring that the systems are operational and maintainable by the operators of the systems. Collaboration with the men and women who with the system daily leads to the most practical and effective solutions. The opportunity to act as a director on the EOCP board interests me as I believe that being a part of the organization and engaging with the society will be a great opportunity to learn more about the challenges members of the EOCP encounter within their systems, stay up to date with industry best practices, and contribute to ensuring future generations of operators are adequately prepared to enter the industry.



WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF A DIRECTOR OF THE EOCP BOARD?

If voted as a director of the EOCP board my most important functions would be supporting the organization as needed with my experience, knowledge, and connections within the industry. This would include participating on committees, task forces, reviewing documents/agendas, visiting facilities, establishing relationships with Environmental Operators, and promoting the industry. I am eager to fill any gaps as needed within the board to support the organization in providing safe drinking water and effective waste management.

WHAT SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ATTRIBUTES WOULD YOU BRING TO THE EOCP BOARD?

Prior to moving into the consulting world, I worked for the Township of Langley in the Utilities and Asset Management departments. During this time, I worked closely with Operators of the sewer and water systems to provide support to them as needed to resolve the day-to-day issues as well as plan and prioritize upgrades. This gave me a unique perspective before moving into the consulting world and working on the design of the infrastructure within those systems. My combined experience has provided me with an understanding of the importance of both sides of the coin; the technical considerations during design and planning as well as the operation and maintenance of the systems. A system which is not maintained (or maintainable) will never be a well-functioning system, despite its design intentions. My combined knowledge base along with my experience to jump into any roles which may be needed to support the organization would make me an asset to the board.