



Minutes of the June 30, 2015 Environmental Operators

Annual General Meeting

Via GoTo Meetings

**Current EOCP Board of Directors:**

Mike Gosselin – President	John Kalinczuk	Ashifa Dhanani – Executive Director
Shawn Sanders – Vice President	Bob Smith	Kim Eames - Minutes
Patricia Miller – Treasurer	Brian Thorburn	
Chris Brown – Secretary	Rob Fleming (regrets)	
Darryl Bjorgaard (regrets)		

1. Quorum of 19 certified Operators is required. There were 49 certified Operators in attendance.

Presenter / Motion	Second	Motion / Subject	Discussion	Decision / Action
2. Mike Gosselin		The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM		
<b>3. Mike Gosselin</b>	<b>Marc Casler</b>	<b>To adopt the agenda for the 2015 AGM</b>		<b>All in favour Motion Carried</b>
<b>4. Mike Gosselin</b>	<b>Chris Brown</b>	<b>To adopt the Minutes of the 2014 AGM as presented</b>		<b>All in favour Motion Carried</b>
5. Mike Gosselin		President's Report	2014 was a good year for the EOCP, with many changes. Board members & staff were thanked for their efforts. 2015 should be another awesome year.	
6. Shawn Sanders		Treasurer's Report	EOCP has had a second annual audit. This shows financial responsibility, and transparency. The budgets have been as expected.	

Mike Gosselin	Randy Colombo	To accept the treasurer's report as written	<p>Brian Thorburn acknowledged and thanked for his time as treasurer. Patricia Miller welcomed as the new EOCP treasurer.</p> <p>Request for a definition of deferred income. Typically grants received, not regularly generated operating money. It is money that has been earmarked for specific projects, that hasn't been used yet.</p>	All in favour Motion Carried
7. Ashifa Dhanani		Election Results – 2015 Board of Directors	<p>Patricia Miller re-elected for 3 years as Operator Representative</p> <p>Chris Brown re-elected for 1 years as Operator Representative</p> <p>John Kalinczuk elected for 3 years as Operator Representative</p> <p>Rob Fleming elected for 3 years as Government Representative</p>	
8. Ashifa Dhanani		<p>Project Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New water treatment and water distribution definitions</li> <li>• New Classification Model</li> </ul>	<p>Definitions have been clarified &amp; approved by the EOCP Board.</p> <p>The MoH supports the definitions, and will work with the EOCP to arrive at the final definitions.</p> <p>We will work collaboratively with the MoH to bring the definitions to the industry, and with the facilities these new definitions will apply to.</p> <p>Anticipate systems currently classified as WD, with primary treatment, will in the future hold both WD and WT classifications.</p> <p>MoH has developed a framework for a new model. EOCP will review and develop an implementation plan. EOCP partnered with AECOM and Metro Vancouver to do the initial review, and to understand what the new model looks like. The goal is to ensure that the model is consistent, transparent, and focuses on processes while de-emphasizing population.</p>	<p>There will be support, information &amp; background on the EOCP website in the next 2 - 3 weeks</p> <p>Goal for 2015 is to have more information to share with the industry about progress, and a proposed implementation plan</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Responsible Charge (DRC)</li> </ul>	<p>First direction meeting held June 29, 2015 to develop criteria and templates, and do some consultation to make sure no one who should be getting DRC is excluded, while still maintaining the principles behind DRC.</p> <p>EOCP wants to ensure that Operators and managers are able to implement the proposed DRC plans.</p>	<p>Goal to bring substantial information to the membership by the end of 2015.</p>
9. Kim Eames		Operators / Facility Report	<p>Increase overall in the number of Operators, with the greatest increase in WWC. This is most likely because WWC became mandatory in 2012.</p> <p>Increase overall in the number of facilities classified.</p> <p>Small decreases in WD due to the analysis of water systems that was done, which resulted in several duplicate entries being removed.</p> <p>Small decrease in WWT where several small WWT plants were decommissioned.</p>	
10. Mike Gosselin		Callout to communities	<p>Important for Board members to have outreach and contact with the membership that we serve.</p> <p>Board members want to get out to a number of communities this year to answer questions, and provide information and updates about the EOCP.</p>	<p>Communities to contact the EOCP office to arrange a visit from a Board member.</p>
11. Mike Gosselin		Questions from meeting participants	<p><b>Q.</b> How will EOCP make Operators who are not computer savvy more comfortable with the web based exams?</p> <p><b>A.</b> Sample exams have been put on the EOCP website to help Operators get used to the interface that is used during the exams. Positive feedback has been received from Operators who had concerns. They like that only one question appears on the screen at a time that they can flag it and go back to it later. They felt it was intuitive and easy to use.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> Are there any options for Operators who work in WWT plants that run sophisticated water reclamation distribution systems to write WD exams?</p> <p><b>A.</b> No concrete decisions have been made. Follow up after the meeting to obtain more information.</p>	

			<p><b>Q.</b> Are there any options for Operators in smaller communities who do not meet the high school requirement to become certified Operators?</p> <p><b>A.</b> The high school graduation requirement was added to be consistent with the other Canadian provinces. It is important for BC to have similar requirements to maintain mobility for Operators to move and have their certifications recognized in other provinces. More information about how to obtain an adult graduation diploma will be put on the EOCP website.</p>	
12. Mike Gosselin		Discussion of draw for \$250 gift card	The draw was done once all the names of attendees were received. Randy Craig from the City of Penticton was the winner of the draw.	
<b>13. Mike Gosselin</b>	<b>Brian Thorburn</b>	<b>The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM</b>		<b>All in favour Motion Carried</b>