

Name: Benjamin Kineshanko

Board Director Category – Administrator.

Biography

Ben is the Utilities Manager at the District of Squamish in the Public Works Department and an incumbent Board Director at the EOCP. He is a certified water and wastewater Operator, an Applied Science Technologist (AScT), and an Environmental Professional (EP). Ben has a degree and diploma in Environmental Engineering Technology and has spent almost 20 years studying, working and volunteering in the water, wastewater and environmental fields at both public and private organizations.

Values Statement

I am a strong believer in the “No Operator, No Water” mantra. Our Operators, our people, are our greatest resource. Our communities would not have the highest level of water and wastewater services they currently enjoy if it were not for the people who provide them. My goal is to advocate for those people.

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

The EOCP is unique in Canada in that it is a not-for profit organization that has been given the mandate by the Province of BC to certify water and wastewater Operators and facilities. That shows a lot of trust in the organization by the people of BC and therefore a high moral and ethical standard must be upheld by EOCP and its Board. What I enjoy most about being a director is meeting Operators during conferences and field trips, hearing their stories, sharing knowledge and growing my own capacity to influence the industry in a positive way.

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

The most important function of an EOCP Board Director is to think beyond themselves and remember that they are representing and speaking for all Operators as well as their employers and the people who receive their services. Therefore, they must act in a way that is best for Operators and the communities they serve. Directors must speak and act in a way that shows respect to the Operator community ethically and professionally to ensure external stakeholder’s relationship and view of the EOCP continues to be a high standard. Ultimately the role of a Board Director is to operate at a strategic level to set a vision and goals for staff to meet over the next 5 and even 10-year period to set the organization, and thereby the Operators and communities the EOCP represents, up for success.