

2026 EOCP Election

Administrator Position

Craig Van Lankveld



Biography:

I've been the Manager of Water and Waste for the City of Whitehorse for 2.5 years and counting. I spent the previous 17 years working in Public Health, including most recently as the Manager of Environmental Health with the Government of Yukon.

I'm a certified Environmental Health Officer/ Public Health Inspector and I've worked as a drinking water system inspector in Yukon, Nunavut and Ontario. I have extensive experience working with drinking water, sewage disposal systems, land planning/ management, source water protection, environmental monitoring and various other aspects of water, wastewater and environmental

compliance with legislation, permits and operator certification. I've sat on the Yukon Water & Wastewater Operator Program (YWWOP) for almost 10 years.

I graduated from Brock University (BA, Community Health), Ryerson University (BASC, Public and Occupational Health), Ryerson University (graduate certificate in Occupational Health and Safety) and the Walkerton Clean Water Centre (OIT- water treatment). I've completed numerous water and wastewater treatment, distribution and collection courses from Yukon University, and attended Flemming College for an intro to well drilling.

I have international volunteer experience drilling wells (<https://www.wellofhope.com/>), collecting water from clouds (<https://www.fogquest.org/>) and local volunteer experience with Big Brothers Big Sisters Yukon and many other NGOs.

Values Statement

With a background in Public Health, I have an unapologetic bias towards protecting the health and safety of the public and the environment.

Potable drinking water and proper treatment/ disposal of wastewater are the basics of public health and should be prioritized in every province and territory in Canada, independent of location or geography and without consideration of population/ size, social status, ethnicity or any other social factors.

Operators are the heart, soul and unsung heroes of the water, wastewater and storm water systems that the vast majority of Canadians rely on but give little recognition to.





What Interests you about this Position as a Director on the EOCP Board?

I'm passionate about water, the core fundamental of all life. I'm also passionate about public and environmental health and I see the position as a director on the EOCP board as an opportunity to combine those passions and contribute to the industry.

I'm also a proud Yukon resident and I see this as an opportunity to represent and advocate for operators throughout the Yukon and beyond. I'm interested in applying my background as a Health Officer/Inspector with my experiences in the field from both a regulator perspective as well as an owner operator perspective. I'd like to represent and advocate for the operators I work with every day in my current role as Manager of Water and Waste for the City of Whitehorse.

I'm aware of the challenges, opportunities, gaps and struggles that operators and administrators face every day. I'd like to address those by contributing to the industry by serving on the EOCP board of Directors.

Similar to a carpenter, plumber or electrician, I'd like operators of drinking water, wastewater and storm water systems to be better recognized as certified, ticketed professionals, rather than just 'someone who works for the City.' I see this as an opportunity to represent the organization and the operators.

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

Show up, be prepared, advocate and represent.

Diversity on a board is important. Directors need to work together, in collaboration to utilize the skills and experiences from various aspects of the industry to strengthen the organization. Building on what they've seen and experienced in the field as well as in the classroom, directors should research, assess and strive to improve the education, training, and most importantly, certification of both operators and systems.

I believe directors have an obligation to represent and advocate for EOCP, the industry as a whole, and most importantly the operators in the field. There needs to be facilitated collaboration with legislators (federal, provincial/ territorial and municipal) governments, first nations, cities, and towns that own the water, wastewater and storm water systems and most importantly the operators of the systems.

Facilitation should include consultation and partnering with private industries like suppliers and engineering firms, universities and partner organizations like CWWA, BCWWA, CSA, among many others.