



ALBERTA WATER & WASTEWATER OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES 2019

The following people have been nominated for Executive positions with the Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Association (AWWOA). Biography information was supplied by each candidate. The AWWOA is not responsible for accuracy of biographies.

COMMUNITIES OVER 150,000

SANDRA GERMAINE-KOTCH, *City of Calgary*

I became an operator at the Bonnybrook Plant in 1992 where I have worked for the past 26 years. I have Wastewater Level IV certification, and degrees in math and education. I worked with the Center of Excellence a few years ago as a trainer for the Pumps and Blowers course and I was involved in the Closer to Home project for attracting new operators to the industry. I did some previous work for the AWWOA a few years ago on the task analysis that was done for wastewater. Hobbies include looking after three teenagers as well as gardening, and camping.



COMMUNITIES 25,001 to 150,000

DARRIN WENZEL, *Strathcona County*

Darrin has been in the W&WW field for 25 years working with Strathcona County. He holds certification in both Water & Wastewater Treatment Level I and, Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Level IV. Darrin enjoys camping, hunting, fishing, reading and dogs!. "I look forward to be a part of the AWWOA Executive and give back to the industry that has been so good to me."



COMMUNITIES 5,001 – 25,000

ANDY BEBBINGTON, *Town of Devon*

I have worked in the water and wastewater field for 36 years and in that time I have found that Alberta operators take great pride in their work and in their communities. I enjoy representing them on the AWWOA. I have served on a number of executive committees including a term as Chairman. I think that I have the necessary experience with the association to qualify me to run for the AWWOA Executive Board in 2019.



CHRIS HUSTON, *City of Lacombe*

I began my career with the City of Lacombe 20 years ago as a casual summer laborer working towards my current role of Utilities Manager. I am also responsible for the regional water and wastewater pipelines connecting communities from Red Deer to Ponoka. Away from the office I enjoy camping and coaching my children's ringette, hockey, soccer and soft-ball teams. I love the challenges that water and wastewater professionals face each day and working together for solutions.



JOE RAHN, *Town of Didsbury*

I am currently in my 7th year with the Town of Didsbury. During my time with them, I have gained my Level II Water Distribution, Level II Wastewater Collection and Level I Wastewater Treatment certification and currently oversee the operations of their utilities systems. In the last two years, I have also spent time on the executive for AWWOA. In my first year I served as a director, while in the second, chaired the seminar committee. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board and am excited at the opportunity to run for another term. Away from work, a few things I enjoy is spending time at the river, fly fishing, golfing and time with family and friends.



ANDREW REID, *EPCOR*

I grew up in Vancouver, BC where I completed the Water Quality Technology program at the Okanagan University College in Kelowna. I worked for the Greater Vancouver Regional District, the Town of Banff, and the Town of Jasper before moving to the US where I worked with SUEZ for 7 years. I came back to Canada on April 1, 2018 to manage Strathmore and Chestermere for EPCOR. I have been married to my wife, Rhonda for 31 years with whom I have 2 grown kids. In my spare time I enjoy golfing, woodworking and family time.



COMMUNITIES 5,000 & Under

DAVE HARRISON, *County of 40 Mile #8*

I'm seeking my third term on the Executive. I've really enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to serve the membership. Volunteering is in my blood. I sit on the local Town Council, Golf Course Board, Lions Club and Fire Association.



DENNIS TOMUSCHAT, *Town of Bruderheim*

I am currently the Director of Public Works and Utilities for the Town of Bruderheim. In addition, I sit on the Board of Directors for the APWA as President Elect. I have been involved in Water and Wastewater for over 30 years. During this time, I have worked in Municipalities for 14 years and industry for 16 years. This has enabled me to meet a wide variety of operators throughout the province. I have also been the Northern Ideas Group Leader for the APWA, which brings Municipalities Public Works Departments together to review and discuss ongoing challenges and success within their respective communities. I have always had an interest in sitting on the AWWOA board and would like to contribute my experience and provide cooperative feedback. In my spare time, I enjoy outdoor activities such as boating, quad riding and hunting. I am married and have three grown children. I look forward to representing communities under 5000 within the province and the AWWOA.



WESTERN CANADA WATER REP.

BERT J. MILLER, *City of Red Deer*

I graduated from NAIT in December 2003. Since then I have spent time as an operator in the Town of Three Hills, Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission in Innisfail and the City of Red Deer. I spent the better part of 10 years as a shift operator before I became the Lead Operator of Operations with the City of Red Deer Water Treatment Plant. I was previously a 5 year board member with the AWWOA and served as the 2017 AWWOA Chair. I am also active with the Certification Advisory Committee. When I am not working away with the Association or my everyday career, I like to spend time with my family – immediate and extended. My wife, Brandy, and I have a 7 year old son. We enjoy camping and being active. I look forward to representing all the operators as the Alberta Provincial Director of Western Canada.



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