

Kevin Brown

Kevin Brown has worked in the water industry for Metro Vancouver since 1999. He began his career with the Water Quality department before moving into the Water Treatment field where he is currently an Assistant Supervisor. He has been a member of the EOCP since 2011 and currently holds a Water Treatment III certificate.

Kevin presently is involved with the EOCP as a subject matter expert in reviewing training material. He hopes to join the board to become more involved and help shape the future direction of EOCP for current and future operators in the Province.

Kevin lives in Langley with his wife and their two kids. He enjoys time with his family in the outdoors - camping, hiking, and geocaching.

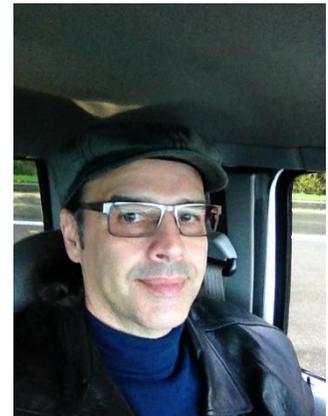


Robert (Rob) Eison - WWT III, WWC I

Rob is a Wastewater Treatment III and Wastewater Collection Level I Operator at the French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant on Vancouver Island. He has been with the Regional District of Nanaimo since 2005. As part of the leadership team at French Creek, his duties include overseeing the laboratory as well as mentoring junior operators and students.

In the community Rob is currently working on a grass roots campaign to educate the general public on responsible wastewater practices.

As a believer in lifelong learning Rob would like to help guide the future of EOCP in its efforts to serve the needs of operators as they grow their respective careers.



Mike Firlotte

Mike Firlotte started his career in water quality in 1998 with the start of the Okanagan College Water Quality Program. Since graduating, he has worked in many different capacities in the water and wastewater industry.



Eleven years ago Mike was hired as an operator for the City of Kamloops, Water Quality Centre. After his first year, he moved into a supervisory role at this Facility. In 2009, Mike became the Utilities Services Supervisor. In this role, Mike supervised his staff of 18, and looked after all water booster stations, all sewer lift stations, water meters, fire hydrants, SCADA systems, cross connection control and 24 hour emergencies.

In 2011 Mike moved to his current role of Utilities Manager, which has him looking after 4 divisions, Operations, Maintenance, Treatment and Construction with a staff of 76. In his spare time, Mike teaches water quality programs with several training providers and is committed to teaching the importance of safe and clean Utility operations to everyone he meets. Mike lives in Kamloops.

John Kalinczuk

John Kalinczuk worked for the City of Salmon Arm in the Water and Wastewater industry for over 10 years. John's career began when he was hired as a co-op student out of the Water Quality program from Okanagan College in Kelowna to assist with operations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Upon completion of his education, John obtained permanent employment with the City of Salmon Arm. With the combination of a strong work ethic, desire and education he was able to advance from initial employment within the Parks Division as a labourer to the Utilities Division within 1 year. John then transitioned to the Wastewater Treatment facility as a Wastewater Plant Operator Level II where he enjoyed tackling the immense variety of duties and challenges the position offered.



With the completion of the new Water Treatment Plant in 2009, John enjoyed a lateral move to the facility to assist in operations as a Water Plant Operator Level II. Through a systematic approach, John was able to achieve Level II operator certification in Water Treatment, Water Distribution IV, Wastewater Treatment level II (a truly significant accomplishment). In August 2010, John was promoted to the Chief Operator of the state of the art Water Treatment facility and Water Distribution system in Salmon Arm. John utilized his skills and abilities to implementing standard procedures, ensuring safe work practices and ensuring the plant and distribution network were operating at their peak efficiency. Some of John's everyday tasks included monitoring and sampling water quality throughout the system and supplying samples to the health authority for confirmation of water quality. The City of Salmon Arm converted to a new automated state of the art SCADA system in 2009. This allowed the operators to monitor the Water Treatment Plant remotely.

In 2011, John once again had the opportunity to further advance his career. The City of Dawson Creek hired John as their Water Resource Manager/Chief Operator. Since then, John has achieved his level III and IV Water Treatment with several other back ground courses and Wastewater Collection Level II certification. Some of John's everyday tasks include reporting and analyzing statistical data, water and wastewater optimization process changes, field work and maintenance, administer cross connection control program, watershed management, water & waste management, storm water management and other considerable infrastructure components.

John continues to support a healthy and sustainable water system through public tours, education and awareness campaigns as well as presentations to City Council when required. Not only is John constantly looking to advance his knowledge through additional certifications, he continues his leadership and supportive management technique to help his staff fulfill their goals. This often includes John encouraging those employees to seek further certifications or gain experience in different roles in the water system.

With Dawson Creek's four seasons and all the recreational opportunities available for John and his family, he is able to enjoy the benefits of his hard work. Whether it is hockey in the winter, hunting in the fall or hanging out at the local rivers or lakes with his wife Candi and their four children, John is the first to admit, living in the North has been a pleasant experience since he relocated from Salmon Arm in 2011.

Willard Kimble

I have over 27 years of environmental industry experience in both the public and private sectors. Eighteen of those years as an EOCP certified operator holding a Level 4 Municipal Wastewater Treatment, Level 3 Water Treatment and a Chlorine Handling certificate. Before that I worked at YVR in their noise monitoring section of their environmental department and prior to that with the BC Environment.



I was involved in the commissioning of the secondary upgrade to the Annacis Wastewater Treatment Plant and was an integral part of the team the designed and fully commissioned the largest water filtration plant in Canada.

Throughout the years I have held positions with various committees and currently a long time union shop steward and trustee along with participating as a member of Joint Health and Safety Committee.

I appreciate an opportunity to bring my years of experience to the EOCP Board that will help develop the knowledge and skills of the membership to meet the demands of the ever changing technologies that protect our health and environment.

Patricia Miller

Patricia Miller is the Director of Utility Services and Chief Operator for Sun Peaks Utilities who provide water, wastewater and composting services as well as a community gas distribution system from 500 to 10,000 customers depending on the season and snow conditions.



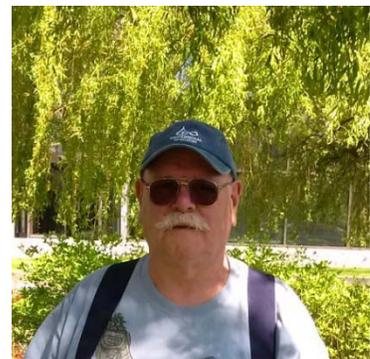
Pat first became a certified operator in June 2002 after working in the utility field for 5 years. She realised that changes in the certification program were needed.

Pat helped introduce the Multi-Utility certification process for smaller systems where operators had to manage multiple utilities. This is just one of a number of changes she has helped EOCP make. Pat focuses on the smaller utilities and first nations groups, in order to ensure their issues along with all operators' issues are represented at the Board.

Pat now holds a Level III in Water Treatment and Level II in Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment and Collections. In addition to managing the day to day operations of Sun Peaks Pat also teaches part-time at TRU where she assists young people enter the workforce to protect public health and the environment.

John Reynolds

John Reynolds graduated from the Westerra Water/Wastewater Technician Program in 1989. He went to work in Whistler at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, where he voluntarily joined the Environmental Operators Certification Program and received his Level I MWWT Certification in May 1991. John has worked various operations from Primary to Secondary Treatment. Digestion processes have included aerobic, anaerobic and thermophilic. Disinfection processes have included chlorination followed by de-chlorination and the use of ultra-violet light.



Presently, he holds MWWT IV, IWT III, WWC IV, and SWS certifications, and an Interprovincial Millwright Ticket. He is on the Association of Boards of Certification (US) Validation & Examination Committee for Wastewater Treatment Exams. He also sits on the Canadian corresponding committee.

John has recently achieved a Professional Operator status from the Associated Boards of Certification.