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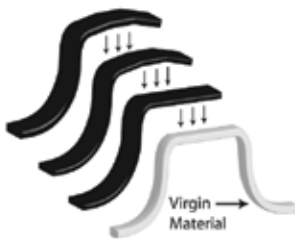
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## In good hands

Hello members of ACWWA!

Thank you for letting me be your Chair for the year. I will try to do my best. We have a good crew on the Board to provide direction and to carry the load, so we are in good hands from that point of view.

For those that don't know me, I am currently the Director of Engineering for the Atlantic First Nations Water Utility. I have been a member of ACWWA for a long time now and have been on the Board since 2018. In November, I will be stepping down from the Director position and continuing for a bit longer in a supporting role for the utility or to pursue other (part-time) opportunities.

It seemed like suddenly it was fall and winter is around the corner. We had an unseasonably dry summer by all accounts, with plenty of extreme weather patterns locally and around the world. We are proud of the people looking after our water and wastewater facilities as they struggle to face the impacts of the changes in weather patterns – changes that continue to significantly impact water supplies and receiving waters. A number of groundwater supplies are in trouble due to a lack of recharge from extremely low rainfall.

On a positive note, we had a successful annual conference in Fredericton with great attendance, a solid technical program, stimulating tradeshow, an exciting water taste test, a wonderful venue, and lots of networking. Hats off to the organizers (Greg McCann and his team), volunteers, and attendees for making this a memorable event! We are already looking forward to the conference next year in St. John's, NL. Organizers for next year's conference say that a number of pieces are in place already. Keeners! I should note that Executive Director Clara Shea and the Board make plans and book hotel/conference rooms years in advance to ensure the space is available when we need it. Sometimes, it is a bit of guess-work to figure out number of attendees, meeting rooms, guest accommodations, etc.

I would like to say a special thank you to the representatives of our parent organizations, Paul Rush (AWWA) and Tracy Ekola (WEF), and Robert Haller (CWWA) who took time out from their busy lives to travel to our corner of the world and meet with the Board and attend the conference. It was a joy and blessing to have them with us and we hope to see them again in the future.

Congratulations to the award winners that were recognized at the conference. Sometimes, I feel that the short moment in the limelight during the award

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presentation ceremony pales in comparison to the hard work by the individuals over their lifetime. We salute you for your dedication and hard work!

I might have mentioned in my remarks at the conference that ACWWA is YOUR association. That means that the membership should “drive the bus”! In that light, I am taking this opportunity to encourage all members to contact ACWWA (contact information is on the ACWWA website [www.acwwa.ca](http://www.acwwa.ca)) to tell us what you need for training, demos, networking, technical sessions, or if you want to volunteer to be involved! We are always looking for new talent, especially the younger generation to backfill as the older generation starts to step away.

Speaking of which, it was great to see the Emerging Leaders (Young Professionals) at the conference, being engaged, participating, and (best of all) enjoying themselves. They are our future leaders! Kudos to the Young Professional Committee for a fantastic job! There are many other young professionals in your organizations. Let's ALL see if we can get them involved. We need to ensure that the young people in our industry can have access to the programs and events offered by ACWWA, including attendance at the annual conference. We should all be thinking of succession, not just in our careers but also in the water industry. We need to attract young people into the field of water and wastewater management.

It looks like we are going to have a good year. I will keep you informed on stuff that is happening on the Board and across the association. I look forward to working with the Board, committees, and members this year as we keep the association and our industry moving forward in the right direction! 🙌



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## Fun at WEFTEC and in Fredericton

I first want to congratulate Howard Carter, the new 2024–25 WEF President. Howard was part of the Board of Trustees for several years and has been very supportive of the ACWWA and other Canadian Member Associations during his role as a Trustee. Howard was supposed to visit us during our Annual Conference in 2020 and 2021, but we had two consecutive years of virtual conferences during the pandemic – so Howard provided us with a video message each year. I know he appreciates that we have better lobster than the ones in Maine... we have better 5S Shovels, too.



In addition to connecting with Howard and other key WEF people, WEFTEC provided me an opportunity to meet and thank several of the manufactures that have a large presence in our Atlantic region. Maintaining good relations with the vendors that support our Annual Conference by attending our Trade Show helps us to be

able to offer programs to our ACWWA membership.



Robert Haller (CWWA), Janet Cann (WEF Trustee), Jennie Hartfelder (WEF 2015 President).



Congratulations to Aimee Kileen (WEF Past President) for a very successful year.



Clara Shea and Tracy Ekola (WEF Trustee) at WEFTEC Jammin for Water fundraiser event.

While attending the WEFTEC House of Delegates annual meetings, I was completely shocked and honoured to be presented with the WEF Volunteer Award.



With Kelsey Hurst (WEF Staff) and Bill Davis (Speaker of the House).

We also held our WEF CAC “Canadian Affairs Council” meeting at WEFTEC, where the Chair Gavel was exchanged between Western Canada and Quebec MAs. Yvan Breault from Quebec becomes the new CAC Chair for 2024–25.



Yvan Breault (Reseau, Que.) and Natalie Wilson (Western Canada WEA).





Canadian Affairs Council 2024-25  
(Robert Haller missing from photo).



Congratulations to Jason Phillips (outgoing ACWWA Chair) for being presented with the WEF Arthur Sidney Bedell Award – presented by Tracy Ekola (WEF Board of Trustees).

I was so fortunate to be able to spend quality time with our Visiting Officers from WEF and AWWA at the ACWWA Annual Conference. It was amazing to learn how much in common Tracy and Paul had with each other. I enjoyed meeting Paul's family, too. Paul's son is a very fast runner!



Tracy Ekola (WEF) and Paul Rush (AWWA) at our Annual Conference in Fredericton.

“Howard was part of the Board of Trustees for several years and has been very supportive of the ACWWA.”



Hilton Garden Inn Main Lobby – runners ready!

The Water For People 5K Fun Run was a tremendous... thanks to everyone that sponsored this event. Kudos to Greg McCann and the Fredericton crew that provided a great route along the Saint John River.

It was one of the biggest turnouts we have had in recent memory. The weather was perfect, too.

I trust everyone had a holiday season with family and friends. I wish you all the best in 2025. 🙌



Thank you to Sansom Equipment for being the Annual WFP Fun Run T-Shirt Sponsors. Pictured here with a couple fellow Sansom employees – Brandon Howard and Ryan Smythe, plus City of Fredericton Engineer and Conference Chair, Greg McCann.



## Staying on top of the big issues

What keeps you up at night? That's a popular question in the water industry. For me, it's a critical infrastructure failure or a lack of operators needed to ensure we can provide safe drinking water and properly treated wastewater. I don't think I am alone in feeling this way. These are common themes across the water industry and both of these concerns always rank high in AWWA's annual State of the Water Industry report.

Recent transmission main failures in Calgary and Montreal, equipment failure in Halifax, and the devastation to water infrastructure left behind by Hurricane Helene in Ashville, NC highlight the need for water utilities to be prepared and resilient. AWWA can play an important part in this by providing the tools and resources necessary to help utilities through incidents such as this. It also gives utilities a forum to network and connect with others to

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help one another. I encourage you to explore what AWWA has to offer.

We are fresh off of another successful annual conference in Fredericton. Kudos to the organizing committee for putting together an excellent program. It was a great opportunity to learn something new and to see old friends and make new ones. Planning is already underway for St. John's next year. It's been ten years since we've been to Newfoundland and Labrador so I would expect a great conference. Make sure to mark your calendar for October 5 to 7, 2025.

The *Journal AWWA* is always looking for Canadian content. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in writing an article for the journal about an interesting project or water-related initiative, please reach out to discuss the process for submitting an article.

I recently participated in the AWWA Canadian Affairs Committee Meeting in November and will soon be attending the AWWA Winter Board Meeting in late January 2025. 

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The Winter magazine deadline typically comes up in the middle of a very active period for all those involved in the water industry. This year is no different as the ACWWA Conference was recently completed in Fredericton, NB and a host of other events are either recently completed or coming up in the next few weeks. The Fredericton conference was an excellent event for technical development, networking, and socializing. The Government Affairs committee took advantage of having many of the members in one location

to have an in-person meeting to catch up on regulatory issues such as the recent draft objective for PFAS detected in drinking water.

The CWWA National Water and Wastewater Conference (NWWC) was also held from November 3–6. The NWWC conference was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, offering a wide-ranging technical program covering almost all aspects of the municipal water sector, while offering a great networking environment for Canada's water leaders. The CWWA Board of Directors also meets at the start of the conference to review the



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year's efforts, set the programming for the subsequent year, and elect the executive. This year marked the end of East Hants Director of Infrastructure and Operations, Jesse Hulsman's, P. Eng., term as President of the organization. The conference will move to Victoria, BC, next year before heading back east to Halifax for 2026.

The Canadian Affairs Committee of AWWA met in Schaumburg, Illinois, on November 19. These meetings help to coordinate the efforts of the Canadian AWWA sections as they relate to government affairs at a national level. The meeting included a review of the terms of reference for this committee as it attempts to focus its efforts for future years. 





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Thank you to all 125 participants in the Annual Golf Tournament held at Maqtaquac Golf Course – we had a great day and Mother Nature did her part too!

This year, in lieu of an attendee gift, the ABEA donated \$5,000 to the Greener Village in Fredericton.

Thank you to both the vendors and attendees for making the 2024 Trade Show the great success it was. We were SOLD OUT!

On Monday evening, we had great attendance at the ABEA Common Hospitality event held at Dolan’s Pub. What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the company of both old and new friends.



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With the 2024 ACWWA Conference behind us, the planning is underway for 2025 – to be held in St. John's, NL October 5 to 7.

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The 77th Annual Atlantic Canada Water and Wastewater Conference was held September 22–24 at the Fredericton Convention Centre. September is generally a little early for the conference; however, the support of attendees was overwhelming at over 400 delegates.

The organizing committee made a few subtle changes to the schedule and delivered a high-quality conference. A huge turnout at the ABEA Golf event at the Mactaquac Golf Club, Technical Tours at the EJ Bliss Water Treatment Plant, and Barkers Street Wastewater Treatment Facility kicked off the networking and learning events before bringing everyone together at the Emerging Leaders Social and the Sunday Night Meet and Greet. The water tower competition was replaced with “Think Tank” trivia night.

The conference theme, “A Growing Concern: Adapting for the Challenges of Tomorrow,” was blended into the opening general session, the technical sessions, and general networking. City of Fredericton Deputy Mayor Jocelyn Pike and Evan Sacobie of Sitansisk brought greetings before AWWA Visting Officer Paul Rush and WEF Visiting Officer Tracy Ekola shared their “Water Stories” on how they got involved in the industry. That is the common denominator in our group. We all have a story on how we became involved in the water and wastewater industry.

The major award winners were recognized at the opening general session as well, with Richard MacEwen being presented with the Ira P. McNab Award and Jason Phillips was awarded the Bedell Award. The end of the opening general session signaled the start of the technical sessions.

The ACWWA Conference remains a technical conference and relies on the strength of the technical sessions for attendance. Our community was able to pull together 48 high-quality technical sessions presented over the two days. The success of the technical sessions was realized early on when rooms were over capacity and larger rooms were required to match the demand.

The end of the Monday technical sessions gave way to the Water For People Fun Run (fun and run in the same sentence? Go on...). Participants were greeted with wonderful conditions as they traversed the riverfront trail system. It was certainly a miles of smiles event. Monday evening transitioned into the ABEA Hospitality suite at Dolans Pub where attendees were treated to a great band and great company.

Tuesday morning started off with the “Best of the Best” water taste contest. The City of Charlottetown, fresh off the “Best of the Best” win at the AWWA level were re-crowned as the winners of the best tasting water.





The City of Fredericton was awarded second place, and the City of Saint John was awarded the final podium spot. Overall, there were 10 submissions, and it cannot be understated the amazing results our Atlantic region has had on the international level as the best tasting water. This contest continues to be a shining moment at the annual conference. Thank you to AWWA Delegate Paul Rush, WEF Delegate Tracey Ekola, and CWWA Delegate Robert Haller for serving as judges for the contest.

Additional technical sessions on Tuesday morning prepared delegates for the ABEA Trade Show where a sold-out 90 booths of exhibitors showcased their products and services. The trade show was the most popular event of the conference with nearly 600 combined exhibitors and attendees.

Emerging Leaders were everywhere, hosting the Emerging Leaders social, moderating technical sessions, coordinating the Water For People auction, and busy selling 50/50 tickets.

The Tuesday night social and fun food event drew from the success of the previous year of hosting a casino night. Attendees could sample everything from mussels and scallops to nachos and pizza. Jesse Campbell showcased his magical talents and Laura Forrester painted a canvas in real time for a door prize.

The 2024 Organizing Committee would like to express our sincere gratitude to attendees and all who contributed to the success of the conference. This conference could not have happened without the generous support of our sponsors. A full list of sponsors are in this issue of the magazine. Lastly, events can bring people together but it is the desire to connect and share with colleagues and peers that make this group special. Thank you!

## OUR 2024 AWARD WINNERS

### IRA P. MCNAB AWARD – RICHARD MACEWEN, P.ENG

The Ira P. McNab award is awarded annually to a member for outstanding service to the water industry in Atlantic Canada. The award was established in 1957 when the ACWWA was called the Maritime Branch of the Canadian Section of the AWWA. It is in honour of the late Dr. IRA P. McNab, P.Eng., the first president of the Maritime Branch. The 2024 recipient is Richard MacEwen.

Richard has been with the City of Charlottetown since 2011 and was recently promoted to Director of Community Services. Previous to this he was the Assistant Manager and then Manager of the Charlottetown Water and Wastewater Utility. Prior to joining the City, he was the Branch Manager for Conestoga-Rovers & Associates in Charlottetown. One of the highlights of Richard's time with Charlottetown would be last year when Charlottetown won the 2024 AWWA "Best of the Best" Water Taste Test competition in Anaheim, California for which he was present to receive the award.



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## BEDELL AWARD – JASON PHILLIPS, P.ENG

The Bedell Award is awarded by the Water Environment Federation to a member of ACWWA who has shown extraordinary service to WEF. The recipient of the 2024 Bedell Award is Jason Phillips. In addition to being the Manager of the Water and Wastewater for the City of St. John's, Jason has been the Chair of the ACWWA for the past two years after serving the association in a number of roles over the years.



a positive impact on the communities he serves, whether through educational outreach, environmental endeavours, or other forms of community involvement.

Andrew displays an unwavering commitment to continuous learning and professional growth within the realm of water treatment, remaining abreast of the latest advancements and industry best practices. Moreover, he consistently delivers exceptional customer service, promptly and professionally addressing public concerns or inquiries.



## SILENT HEROS

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Andrew consistently demonstrates exceptional proficiency in the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment systems, ensuring the provision of safe and potable water to the communities under his care.

He has successfully introduced innovative methodologies and technologies that have significantly enhanced the efficiency and efficacy of water and wastewater treatment processes throughout his extensive tenure.

Andrew exhibits a steadfast dedication to upholding safety protocols and standards, while showcasing remarkable teamwork abilities and leadership acumen, thereby fostering a collaborative and supportive work environment among his peers. His contributions have had

### JEFF BORDEN

Jeff has been part of the Town of Berwick's Water/Wastewater Team for about 2.5 years. Jeff has been a great asset and has used his knowledge and training to eliminate the strong odours from the yearly pond turnovers that has caused the residents of the town great grief, and he has helped in setting a course for new wastewater upgrades in the near future. Thank you, Jeff, for your service to the Town of Berwick.







### PROJECT OF THE YEAR – SMALL UTILITY – NEGOTKUK WATER TREATMENT PLANT, NEGOTKUK FIRST NATION AND ENGLOBE

Commissioned in November 2023, the new infrastructure includes drilled wells, potable well pumps, a new well building, a 1.5 km transmission main, nano filtration, UV disinfection, flow monitoring, and a SCADA system. This new infrastructure delivers safe water and enhanced capacity to the community which is a significant improvement from the previous system.



The key objective of the project was to increase the reliability and quality of water while minimizing operational interface for the Neqotkuk community. This required additional wells, a distribution system extension to increase reliability of service, and a new treatment facility to address water quality challenges. Automation with remote controls was employed to manage and

monitor the well, treatment, distribution pumping, and reservoir components.

The new well is located near the Saint John River and it is considered GUDI requiring treatment for hardness and disinfection. The new infrastructure has resulted in more reliability in capacity and quality and has facilitated the accommodation of additional housing development in the community.

### PROJECT OF THE YEAR – MEDIUM UTILITY – SYDNEY HARBOUR WEST WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, CAPE BRETON REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY AND HARBOUR ENGINEERING

The Sydney Harbour West WWTF was completed in January 2024. It services 6,600 people from Westmount Coxheath area. It is an SBR facility with a peak capacity of 26,000 m3/d.



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# Highlights

## PROJECT OF THE YEAR – LARGE UTILITY – FREDERICTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY EXPANSION, CITY OF FREDERICTON AND CBCL

The City of Fredericton Water Resource Recovery Facility is a secondary wastewater treatment plant that was initially constructed in 1970, with major upgrades performed in 1976 and 1994. In 2005 another expansion project was initiated with the undertaking of a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation.

A preliminary design study was completed in September 2007 provided the basis of design for an upgrade and expansion project developed to meet the City’s needs for the next 25 years. However, limited funding for the project resulted in the requirements to phase construction of the upgrades. Ultimately a total of five phases were developed with the initial phase completed in 2010 and the final phase scheduled for completion September 2024.



## EMERGING LEADER AWARD – SAMANTHA JOHNSON

As an emerging professional, Samantha has shown a remarkable commitment to advancing sustainable water treatment practices and addressing the challenges facing the industry. Her passion for environmental stewardship and her ability to think creatively and strategically have set her apart as a rising star in the field.



Samantha has consistently gone above and beyond in her role, taking on new challenges with enthusiasm and a strong work ethic. She has shown a willingness to collaborate with colleagues, share their knowledge and expertise, and mentor others in the industry.

Through her contributions to projects, development, and initiatives, Samantha has made a significant impact on the water treatment industry, driving positive change and inspiring others to follow in her footsteps. Her dedication to excellence, professionalism, and continuous learning makes her a deserving candidate for this prestigious award.

Samantha embodies the qualities and achievements that exemplify the spirit of the Emerging Professional Award in the water treatment industry. Her passion, drive, and commitment to making a difference makes her an outstanding candidate for this recognition.

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**FRESH IDEAS AWARD –  
CATHERINE EVANS**

The ACWWA holds a presentation competition each year. All topics must be related to the water and wastewater profession. Presentations must be 20 minutes in length with time for questions in addition to successfully submitted to the technical papers committee for inclusion in the conference technical sessions. The Fresh Ideas program has been developed through AWWA's Manufacturers/Associates Council and the YP Committee. The top presentation is given the opportunity to compete in the Fresh Ideas poster competition at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition. This year's winner is Catherine Evans and her presentation entitled "Combining Remote Sensing and AI for Algal Bloom Analysis in Darlings Lake, NB." Congratulations Catherine!



**5S SOCIETY**

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(L-R) Sam Petyrna, Tracy Ekola, Paul Rush, Amy Winchester, and Marc Colwell. &



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The conference committee is calling on municipalities, consultants, suppliers, and industry representatives to submit technical abstracts on current topics and how they are charting the course within our industry. We are hoping to receive a varied range of topics so we can appeal to all the conference attendees.

We are looking forward to once again coming together to share our experience and knowledge with our peers, and we require your support to make this happen. Please consider submitting an abstract – the host committee is excited to hear from you.

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## PRESENTATIONS

The ACWWA is inviting abstract submissions for the 2025 Conference in St. John's, NL. All topics related to the water and wastewater profession will be considered, with a specific emphasis this year on abstracts considering the theme of growth. Abstracts should fall under one of the three primary categories: technical presentations, practical demonstrations, and workforce attraction. Presentations will be 20 minutes in length with 5 minutes for questions.

### Technical Presentations

Technical presentations offering detailed insights into innovative technological advancements or research to assist with growth within water and wastewater systems.

### Practical Demonstrations

Offer a practical demonstration or case study illustrating your team's integration of learned skills or tools within daily operations, emphasizing their impact on process efficiency and decision-making. Engage participants in interactive sessions designed to demonstrate how these tools effectively streamline tasks and optimize performance within the water and wastewater profession.

### Workforce Attraction Presentations

Highlight your team's adeptness in navigating success amidst the ever-evolving leadership styles within today's growing dynamic workforce. Presentations may encompass themes such as honing soft skills, adeptness in change management, efficient project execution, and fostering ongoing leadership development.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

Please submit an abstract (maximum length of 300 words), a presenter biography (maximum length of 200 words) and copyright release form at <https://acwwa.ca/abstract-submission> by March 14, 2025. Also, please indicate if the presenter is a first-time Emerging Leader participant at the ACWWA section conference and would like to be considered for the Fresh Ideas program that has been developed through AWWA's Manufacturers / Associates Council and the Young Professionals Committee.

The top presentation selected from this group of presenters will be given the opportunity to compete in the Fresh Ideas poster competition at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE 2026) in Washington, DC June 21st – 24th, 2026 representing the Emerging Leaders of ACWWA. Along with complimentary conference registration provided by the ACE 2026 organizing committee, ACWWA will provide the winner with a stipend to assist with travel costs to the conference. Please note that the Fresh Ideas program does not permit co-presenters.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Submissions will be reviewed based on the significance of the work / content to a broad audience, originality of the work, new concepts, improvements or new data, technical content, the status of the completeness of the work, and the relevance to the theme of the conference, if applicable. Case studies on new technologies and industry presentations that are innovative / educational are encouraged, however submissions that appear to be marketing material for a particular product or company will not be accepted. Authors will be notified of the selection of their abstracts for presentation by the end of July 2025.

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