ACWWA Awards List

Individual Recognition Awards

Silent Hero Award (AWWA or WEF member)

The Silent Hero Award is awarded by ACWWA and may be presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions of water and wastewater operators in each of the four Atlantic Canada provinces. The nominees must be a member of ACWWA, employed by a utility member of ACWWA, or employed by a Corporate Member of WEF.

Nova Scotia

Year	Recipient	Utility
2025	**Andrew Houlihan**	Halifax Water
2024	**Andrew Lafford/Jeff Borden**	AFNWA/Berwick
2023	**Nancy MacDougall**	Colchester
2022	**Corbin Stevens**	First Nations
2019	**Nigel Crouse**	Halifax Water
2018	**Kara Bailsey**	Halifax Water
2017	**Dave Hiscock**	Halifax Water
2016	**Francis Romard**	CMRM, NS
2015	**Operators of Eastern Passage, NS WWTF**	Halifax Water
2014	**Lewis Stewart**	Halifax, NS
2013	**Susan McLeod**	Truro
2012	**Terry Nelson**	Halifax Water
2011	**Bob Cass**	Pt. Hawkesbury
2010	**Nigel Leggett**	Halifax Water
2009	**Gordon Kitson**	New Glasgow
2008	**Mervin Smith**	New Glasgow
2007	**Tim Hiltz**	Bridgewater

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Year	Recipient	Utility
2006	Alan Young	CBRM
2005	Pat Bellemare	Halifax Water
2004	Charles Muise	Halifax Water
2003	Peter Flynn	Halifax Water

New Brunswick

Year	Recipient	Utility
2025	Jack Campbell	Saint John Water
2024	Ryan Hache	Miramichi
2022	Jordan Moran	Saint John
2019	Jason Leclerc	Saint John
2018	Christian Vienneau	City of Dieppe
2016	Gabriel Belliveau	Dieppe
2015	John Lyons	Doaktown
2014	Rob Hamilton	Saint John
2013	Richard Larlee	City of Fredericton
2012	Mike Richard	City of Moncton
2011	Joey Frenette	Shediac
2010	--	
2009	Richard Bennett	Veolia Water
2008	Regis Caron	Ville de St. Quentin
2007	Heather Cail	Riverside-Albert
2006	Reggie LeBlanc	Dieppe

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Year	Recipient	Utility
2005	**Dave MacIntosh**	Fredericton
2004	**Sean Sullivan**	Richibucto
2003	**Dan Lanteigne**	Fredericton

Prince Edward Island

Year	Recipient	Utility
2023	**Jason McCabe/Steven Stewart**	City of Charlottetown/Gov't of PE
2022	**Tyler Veinot**	City of Charlottetown
2019	**Blaine Parkman**	Charlottetown
2018	**Fenton Bambrick**	City of Charlottetown
2016	**Greg Jay**	Souris
2015	**Jerry Villard**	Stratford
2014	**Matt Duffy**	Cornwall
2013	**Gary MacKinnon**	City of Charlottetown
2012	**Allan Nisbet**	North Rustico
2011	**Betty Pryor**	Charlottetown
2010	**Phil Chaisson**	EISI
2009	**Frank Murphy**	Summerside
2008	**Roland Ford**	Charlottetown
2007	**Blair Clair**	Charlottetown
2006	**Bill Ramsey**	Stratford
2005	**Sterling MacDonald**	Souris
2004	**Alan Greene**	Montague

Newfoundland & Labrador

Year	Recipient	Utility
2025	**Scott West**	Town of Clarenville
2023	**Doyle Whitt**	Gander
2022	**Matthew Bowers**	Springdale
2019	**Jason Phillips**	St. John's
2016	**Wayne Tait**	Grand Falls
2015	**Henry Jacque**	Makkovik Inuit Community
2014	**Gerald Noseworthy**	Pouch Cove
2013	**Floyd Anderson**	Port aux Basques
2012	**Harold Power**	Town of Placentia
2011	**Tony Skiffington**	Gambo
2010	**David Brewer**	Old Perlican
2009	**Wayne Bennett**	Town of St. Paul's
2008	--	
2007	**Dave Moulton**	Gander
2006	--	
2005	**Pat King**	Springdale
2004	--	
2003	**David Lewis**	Exploits

Laboratory Analysis Award

The Laboratory Award is awarded by the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession.

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2017	N/A	
2016	N/A	
2015	N/A	
2014	N/A	
2013	N/A	
2012	Heather Daurie	Halifax, NS
2011	--	
2010	Deborah Smith	St. John's, NL

5S Shovel (WEF member only)

The 5S Society is a WEF (Water Environment Federation) member specific Award to honour those who have made a particular contribution to the water & wastewater industry in their Member Association.

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2025	**Stephen Sanders**	WEF/Keynote
2025	**Christine Volkay-Hilditch**	WEF
2025	**Rebecca Venot**	AWWA
2025	**Michele Grenier**	OWWA
2025	**Debbie Smith**	St. John's, NL
2024	**Paul Rush**	AWWA
2024	**Tracy Ekola**	WEF
2024	**Corbin Stevens**	AFNWA
2024	**Dwayne Doucette**	Parks Canada
2024	**Marc Colwell**	City of Frederiction
2023	**Pat Nichols**	WEF
2023	**Keith Hobson**	WEF
2023	**Joe Jacangelo**	AWWA
2023	**Nancy Sullivan**	AWWA
2023	**Lindsay Anderson**	Dartmouth, NS
2023	**Mike Abbott**	Halifax, NS
2023	**Amy Winchester**	Saint John, NB
2022	**Janet Cann**	Spartanburg, SC
2022	**Jon Eaton**	Eagan, MN
2022	**Cody Finan**	Denver, CO
2022	**Richard MacEwen**	Charlottetown, PE

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Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2022	**Julie Stokes**	Moncton, NB
2022	**Brent McGovern**	Saint John, NB
2022	**Cathy Cameron**	Halifax, NS
2022	**Jason Phillips**	St. John's, NL
2021	**Howard Carter**	Saco, ME
2021	**Angela Ballard-Landers**	Laurel, MD
2019	**Tom Kuntez**	Chicago, IL
2019	**Theresa O'Grady**	Chicago, IL
2019	**John Lam**	Halifax, NS
2019	**Steve Gregory**	Fredericton, NB
2018	**Steve Blankenship**	Williamstown, NJ
2018	**Jackie Jarrell**	Charlotte, NC
2018	**Dave Galbraith**	Truro, NS
2017	**Lynn Broaddus**	Minasota, US
2016	**Jenny Hartfelder**	Colorodo, US
2014	**Chris Huyghue**	Truro, NS
2014	**Willard D'Eon**	Halifax, NS
2014	**Robert Haller**	Ottwawa, ON
2014	**Sandra Ralston**	
2014	**Stefan Furey**	Halifax, NS
2013	**Clara Shea**	Dartmouth, NS
2013	**Stefan Furey**	Halifax, NS
2013	**Bruce Buchanan**	Moncton, NB

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Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2013	**Willard D'Eon**	Halifax, NS
2013	**Hettie Sacre**	Dartmouth, NS
2013	**Darryl MacLennan**	Saint John, NB
2013	**Dan Harvey**	Fredericton, NB
2013	**Rick Reid**	Halifax, NS
2013	**Andre Chenard**	Fredericton, NB
2012	**-**	
2011	**Gary Chew**	Sydney, NS
2011	**Rob Gillis**	Halifax, NS
2011	**Susheel Arora**	Halifax, NS
2011	**Roland Richard**	Moncton, NB

Contribution Award

The Contribution Award, formerly the Volunteer Recognition Award, is awarded by ACWWA and may be presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual or a group of individual volunteers to ACWWA programs and/or the water industry throughout Atlantic Canada. The nominee must be a member of ACWWA, (AWWA or WEF), or employed by a utility member of ACWWA.

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2025	**Melissa Fraser**	Halifax, NS
2024	**Not awarded**	
2023	**Lindsay Bolton**	Saint John, NB
2022	**Barb Crawford**	Saint John, NB
2022	**Katherine McCaull**	Saint John, NB
2021	**Trihedral**	Bedford, NS
2021	**Gabriel Belliveau**	Dieppe, NB
2019	**Wendy Krkosek**	Halifax, NS
2018	**Jeff Jensen**	Halifax, NS
2018	**Sansom Equipment**	Truro, NS
2017	**Steve Gregory**	Cambridge, ON
2017	**Betty Pryor**	Charlottetown, PE
2016	**Shawn MacDonald**	Halifax, NS
2015	**Cathy Cameron**	Halifax, NS
2014	**Julie Stokes**	City of Moncton, NB
2013	**Amy McHarg**	Saint John, NB
2012	**Jennie Rand**	Acadia University, NS
2011	**Stephanie Gora**	CBCL, Halifax, NS
2010	**Ben Pitman**	Amherst, NS
2009	**Alan Benninger**	NS Environment

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Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2008	**Jamie Hannam**	Halifax Water
2007	**Debbie Smith**	St. John's NL
2006	**--**	
2005	**Halifax Water**	Halifax Water
2004	**McLennan Sales**	
2003	**Sansom Equipment**	

Emerging Leader Award

ACWWA awards the Emerging Leader (Formally Young Professional) of the Year Award to recognize an Emerging Professional within ACWWA for outstanding contributions to the water & wastewater industry and the ACWWA Emerging Professionals' committee.

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2025	**Helena Steeves**	Halifax, NS
2024	**Samantha Johnson**	Potlotek, NS
2023	**Michael Brophy**	Halifax, NS
2022	**Tiannie Paul**	Halifax, NS
2021	**Matt Rodgers**	Saint John, NB
2021	**Dallys Serracin Pitti**	Halifax, NS
2019	**Lindsay Anderson**	Halifax, NS
2018	**Melissa Fraser**	Halifax, NS
2017	**Amina Stoddart**	Halifax, NS
2016	**Brad McIlwain**	Halifax, NS
2015	**Lindsay Wilcott**	Fredericton, NB
2014	**Greg McCann**	Fredericton, NB
2013	**Barb Crawford**	Saint John, NB
2012	**Stephanie Gora**	Nova Scotia

Fresh Ideas

For eligible young professionals who are first-time presenters at the ACWWA annual conference.

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2025	**Sarah Organ**	Halifax, NS
2024	**Catherine Evans**	Halifax, NS
2023	**Kalli Hood**	Halifax, NS
2022	**Jaser Lara de Larrea**	Halifax, NS
2019	**Ballie Holmes**	Halifax, NS
2018	**James MacKinnon**	
2017	**Dewey Dunningham**	Halifax, NS
2016	**Royata Sidibe**	Turtle Creek, NB
2015	**Stefana Egli**	Memorial University
2014	**Timothy Bachiu**	AECOM
2013	**Jeff Diamond**	Fredericton, NB
2012	**Ramona Doyle**	Charlottetown, PE
2011	**Amina Stoddart**	Halifax, NS
2010	**Krysta Montreuil**	Dartmouth, NS

Fuller Award (AWWA)

This AWWA award was established in 1937 in memory of George Warren Fuller. In addition to being an inventive technician who is identified with several important sanitary engineering advances during this century, Mr. Fuller devoted himself fully to the advancement of professional associations and societies in his field. During the youthful years of sanitary engineering it was through his efforts and guidance that the American Water Works Association rose from the level of a social group to its present high standing as a technical organization. Each year each Section may determine if any member(s) has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of water works practice within the Section which has been above and beyond that expected of officers in fulfilling their obligations or duties. It is AWWA's highest section award.

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2025	**Not awarded**	
2023	**Not awarded**	
2022	**Jennie Rand**	Wolfville, NS
2021	**Amy Winchester**	Halifax, NS
2019	**Mike Chaulk**	Halifax, NS
2018	**Greg Penney**	Sydney, NS
2017	**Doug Brownrigg**	Halifax, NS
2016	**Peter Hanlon**	Saint John NB
2015	**Mark Butler**	Saint John NB
2014	**Jamie Hannam**	Halifax, NS
2013	**Graham Gagnon**	Halifax, NS
2012	**Reid Campbell**	Halifax NS
2011	**---**	
2010	**Carl Yates**	Halifax NS
2009	**Gary Chew**	Sydney River NS
2008	**Lloyd Douglas**	Truro NS
2007	**Bruce Buchanan**	Moncton NB
2006	**Robert Funke**	New Glasgow NS

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Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2004	**Blaine Ronney**	Halifax NS
2002	**Gerry Isenor**	Halifax NS
2001	**Ron Patterson**	Amherst NS
1999	**Ken Brothers**	Halifax NS
1998	**Robert Peacock**	Halifax NS
1997	**Norm MacLaughlan**	Charlottetown PEI
1993	**Williard D'Eon**	Halifax NS
1991	**GA (Sandy) Robertson**	Saint John NB
1990	**Ken Dominie**	St. John's NL
1989	**Bill Butler**	Saint John NB
1988	**Don Champion**	Charlottetown PEI
1986	**WH (Bill) Gates**	Halifax NS
1985	**Neil Johnson**	Halifax NS
1984	**Russell Fougere**	Dartmouth NS
1983	**N Daryl McLennan**	Saint John NB
1980	**Alex J MacDonald**	Sydney NS
1977	**Art J Hiscock**	Charlottetown PEI
1976	**Frank Holden**	Halifax NS
1974	**Bill Barrett**	Fredericton NB
1972	**Larry S Heinze**	Halifax NS
1966	**Doug Kline**	Halifax NS
1951	**Ira P MacNab**	Halifax NS

Ira P. MacNab Award (ACWWA)

This award was established in 1957 by the forerunner of the Atlantic Canada Section of AWWA, the Maritime Branch of the Canadian Section American Water Works Association. Establishment of the award marked the tenth anniversary of the Maritime Branch. The award is in honour of the late Dr. Ira P. MacNab, P.Eng. the first president of the Maritime Branch for his untiring efforts and wise council during the formative years of the Branch and to recognize his outstanding service and interest in the water utility field in the Maritime Provinces. The award may be presented annually to a member of the Atlantic Canada Water and Wastewater Association for outstanding service to the Association.

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2025	**Julie Stokes**	Moncton, NB
2024	**Richard MacEwen**	Charlottetown PEI
2023	**John Eisnor**	Halifax, NS
2022	**Amy Winchester**	Saint John, NB
2021	**Wendy Krkosek**	Halifax, NS
2019	**Cathy Cameron**	Halifax, NS
2019	**Tom Cameron**	Halifax, NS
2018	**Bruce Buchanan**	Moncton, NB
2017	**Scott Grasman**	Fredericton, NB
2016	**Greg Penney**	Sydney, NS
2015	**Roland Richard**	Moncton, NB
2014	**Margaret Walsh**	Halifax, NS
2013	**Robert Gillis**	Dartmouth, NS
2012	**Craig Walker**	Charlottetown PEI
2011	**Ensor Nicholson**	Moncton NB
2010	**Mark Butler**	Saint John NB
2009	**Dr. Graham Gagnon**	Halifax NS
2008	**Reid Campbell**	Halifax NS
2007	**Murray Jamer**	Fredericton NB

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Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2006	**Bob White**	Halifax NS
2005	**Rick Benoit**	Saint John NB
2004	**Ron Patterson**	Amherst NS
2003	**Gary Chew**	Sydney River NS
2002	**Herbert Card**	Grand-Falls Windsor NL
2001	**Bruce Baird**	Fredericton NB
2000	**Robert Funke**	New Glasgow NS
1999	**Ken Whammond**	Fredericton NB
1998	**John Bliss**	Fredericton NB
1997	**Andre Chernard**	Fredericton NB
1995	**Gerry Isenor**	Halifax NS
1994	**Joe Gallagher**	Halifax NS
1993	**Laurie Corbett**	Fredericton NB
1992	**Ken Brothers**	Halifax NS
1990	**Willard D'Eon**	Halifax NS
1989	**Ken Dominie**	St. John's NL
1988	**GA (Sandy) Robertson**	Saint John NB
1987	**Malcolm Mitchell**	Halifax NS
1986	**Lloyd Douglas**	Truro NS
1985	**Bill Butler**	Saint John NB
1983	**WH (Bill) Gates**	Halifax NS
1982	**Robert Peacock**	Halifax NS
1980	**David Stoddart**	Sackville NS

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Year	Recipient	Province / organization
1978	**N Daryl McLennan**	Saint John NB
1977	**Neil Johnson**	Halifax NS
1976	**RH (Dick) Hollies**	Fredericton NB
1975	**OH (Oliver) Manuel**	Charlottetown PEI
1974	**JL (Jim) McAvity**	Saint John NB
1970	**AF Wigglesworth**	Halifax NS
1969	**EW (Ed) Haggerman**	Fredericton NB
1968	**AJ (Alex) MacDonald**	Halifax NS
1967	**AE (Albert) Hanson**	Saint John NB
1961	**JD (Doug) Kline**	Halifax NS

Bedell Award (WEF)

The Bedell Award is awarded by the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and may be presented every three years to a member of ACWWA to acknowledge extraordinary service to a WEF Member Association. The award is named for Arthur Sidney Bedell, WEF's second president for his long devotion and service to the New York Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association, now the New York Water Environment Association. He was Chief of the Bureau of Sewage and Waste Disposal of the New York State Department of Health. The Award was first awarded by ACWWA in 2009.

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2025	**Debbie Smith**	St.John's NL
2024	**Jason Phillips**	St.John's NL
2023	**Cathy Cameron**	Halifax, NS
2022	**Dave Galbraith**	Truro, NS
2020	**Mike Abbott**	Halifax, NS
2017	**Bing Chen**	St. John's, NL
2015	**Bruce Buchanan**	Moncton NB
2014	**Willard D'Eon**	Halifax, NS
2013	**Not given out**	
2012	**Stefan Furey**	Halifax, NS
2011	**Roland Richard**	Moncton NB
2009	**Gary Chew**	Sydney River NS

Burke Award (WEF)

The Burke Award is awarded by the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and recognizes a municipal or industrial wastewater facility for establishing and maintaining an active and effective safety program. This award was established in 1982 in honour of George W. Burke, Jr., for his many years of service to both the water environment field and WEF as staff manager of technical services. Mr. Burke was instrumental in developing WEF's annual safety survey and assisting in the production of several safety training aids and promotional packets.

The purpose of this award is to encourage an active and effective safety program in municipal and industrial wastewater facilities

Year	Recipient	Province / organization
2014	**CBRM Wastewater Treatment Plant**	Sydney, NS
2013	**Keith Holloway**	Fredericton, NB
2012	**--**	
2012	**NEVER AWARDED BEFORE**	

Project of the Year

The Project of the Year - Engineering Award/Environmental Award is awarded by ACWWA to a Municipality or Utility and their Consultant, one of which is a member of ACWWA, to recognize outstanding projects in Atlantic Canada that demonstrate innovation and state-of-the-art technology in water or wastewater projects.

Awards may be presented in each of the following three categories:

- Small Utility - less than 5000 customers
- Medium Utility - between 5000 and 25,000 customers
- Large Utility - more than 25,000 customers

Small Utility (< 5,000 customers)

Year	Municipality / utility / consultant	Project
2025	**GFL Environmental Services**	QEII Halifax Infirmary
2024	**Nequotkik/Englobe**	Neqotkuk WTP
2023	**CBCL/Souris**	New wastewater treatment plant upgrades
2022	**CBCL**	Potlotek First Nation - Water Treatment Plant/CBCL
2021	**AFNWA**	SCADA Master Plan
2019	**ADI Systems - Evoqua Water Technologies Canada & EISI**	
2016	**St-Andre**	Town of St-Andre new WWTF
2015		Bishop's Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant
2014	**Port Hood, NS & Strait Engineering Ltd**	Port Hood Sequencing Batch Reactor Sewage Treatment Plant
2013	**GENIVAR & Charlottetown**	Mt. Stewart WWT Upgrade
2012	**CBCL & NL Dept Env. & Conserv.**	NL Potable Water-Dispensing Units
2011	**Crapau PEI**	
2010	**CBCL**	Lunenburg Water Supply
2009	**CBCL**	Tatamagouche WTP
2008	**---**	
2007	**Memramcook**	WTP Upgrade

Medium Utility (5,000-25,000 customers)

Year	Municipality / utility / consultant	Project
2025	**Saint John/CBCL**	Emergency Watershed pumping and watershed yield assessment
2024	**CBRM/Dillon/CBCL**	Sydney Harbour West WWTF
2023		Major project including ps and forcemain plus lagoon decommissioning
2022	**Dillon**	Development of 17 Asset Management Plans for Water and Wastewater Systems/Dillon
2015	**Corner Brook**	City of Corner Brook Water Treatment Plant
2013	--	--
2012	--	--
2011	--	
2010	**RV Anderson**	Bathurst WTP Upgrade
2009	**Newfoundland**	Bay Bull/Big Pond WTP Upgrade
2008	**Summerside PEI**	Wastewater Treatment Plant
2007	**CBRM**	Louisbourg WTP
2006	----	
2005	----	
2004	**CBRM**	Glace Bay WTP
2003	----	

Large Utility (> 25,000 customers)

Year	Municipality / utility / consultant	Project
2025	Fredericton/CBCL	City Wide Flood Risk Profile
2025	St.John's	ISC/IEC17025 Accreditation
2024	Fredericton/CBCL	Fredericton WWTF Expansion
2023	Stratford/Charlottetown/CBCL/Stantc	
2022	CBCL	TransAqua Upgrade to Biological Treatment/ CBCL
2018	Saint John Water & CBCL	Safe Clean Drinking Water
2017	City of Moncton	Albert Street Sewer Separation Project
2016	Halifax Water	Fish Migration at Lake Major
2015	City of St. John's	Petty Harbour Long Pond Water Treatment Plant
2014	Moncton & R.V. Anderson	City of Moncton Tower Road and 2nd Reservoir
2013	Genivar & Charlottetown	Char. Spring Park Combined Sewer Seperation
2012	CBCL & City of Saint John	Eastern Wastewater Treatment Facility
2011	Halifax Water & CBCL	Dunbrack St Transmission
2010	Fredericton	E. John Bliss WTP
2009	Saint John	Software for Data Management
2008	Moncton	AMR
2007	Saint John's	Windsor Lake WTP
2006	Fredericton	Wilmot Park Wellfield Rehab
2005	Halifax Water	District Metered Areas Upgrade
2004	----	
2003	Halifax Water	ISO 14001 Certification

Best of the Best Taste Test Winners

Year	Winner
2025	Fredericton
2024	Charlottetown
2023	Miramichi
2022	Miramichi