

A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and purple against a dark night sky, framed by a blue geometric shape.

*FLOWING TOWARDS  
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2025

# AWARDS

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WESTERN CANADA WATER  
CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION  
SEPTEMBER 16-19, 2025  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

A photograph of a landscape at sunset or sunrise, showing silhouettes of trees and a field under a warm, orange sky, framed by a blue geometric shape.



# WESTERN CANADA WATER

## **William McKay Honorary Life Award**

*Honouring retired members that have made a lasting impact to the industry.*

### **Blair Roy**

Blair Roy is recognized for more than 35 years of service with the City of St. Albert, where he rose to Supervisor of Utilities Operations. In retirement, he continues to share his knowledge and mentor others.

### **Don Burgess**

Don Burgess has been an active volunteer with WCW and WCS AWWA for many years. His contributions have been recognized with the H.C. Lindsten Award, the George Warren Fuller Award, and Outstanding Service Awards.

## **H.C. LINDSTEN AWARD**

*Recognizing outstanding service and leadership to Western Canada Water.*

### **Nancy McAteer**

Nancy McAteer has served in many leadership roles, including Chair of the AWWOA Board and President of Western Canada Water in 2018–2019. She is a long-time committee volunteer and was recognized with the Al Reimer Award in 2016.

## **H.M. BAILEY AWARD**

*Acknowledging service in the field of public water and/or wastewater works.*

### **Brian Brost**

Brian Brost, Manager of Utilities for the City of St. Albert, has contributed significantly to the water industry as both a leader and volunteer. He served on the AWWOA Board, including as Chair in 2011, and now serves on the WCW Alberta Provincial Council and as Secretary/Treasurer of CWWA.

## **Al Reimer Award**

*Acknowledging distinguished service by an operator member.*

### **Vidal Michaud**

Vidal Michaud, Utilities Manager for the Municipality of Jasper, led his team through critical recovery efforts after a wildfire devastated the town. His leadership was vital in restoring essential water and wastewater services and supporting the community's ongoing recovery.





## Exceptional Municipal Project Award

*Recognizing accomplishments in the water/wastewater/stormwater industry.*

### Frog Lake Cree Nation Water System Project – Raw Water Intake in partnership with M2 Engineering

M2 Engineering, Frog Lake Cree Nation, and Indigenous Services Canada have been working together to plan and design a potable water supply system for the community since 2019.

The raw water intake was successfully completed in March 2025. The planning, design, and construction of the intake structure came with several technical challenges along the way.

A strong, knowledgeable, and collaborative team led this project to success. The team met on weekends and evenings as needed to keep the project moving and showed continued support and dedication to making this a success for Frog Lake.

See the full project presentation online at [wcwwa.ca](http://wcwwa.ca)

## William H. Brant Article of the Year Award



*Honouring the best submissions from the previous magazine year.*

### Mark Draper, Jacobs

Upgrading Calgary's Nose Creek Sewer Trunk  
WINTER 2024

## WCW Magazine Ad of the Year

*Acknowledging excellence in advertising.*

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### George Fuller Award

#### Garth Carl

Garth Carl a long-time professional with the Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission, has been a dedicated AWWOA member for decades. Known as that Association's "Web Master," he later served on their Board and Executive, helping guide its direction. He is a past AWWOA Ron Bayne Service Award recipient and was recognized in 2024 for 40 years of membership.



### Leader of Tomorrow

#### Alyssa Pasion

Alyssa Pasion revitalized the Western Canada Section AWWA Young Professionals Committee after COVID, serving as Chair for three years. She grew the Calgary chapter through popular events and conference support, creating a model now inspiring YP groups in other cities.

For more insight into Alyssa, read her profile in the Fall Western Canada Water Magazine.

### Outstanding Service Award

#### Craig Bonneville

Craig Bonneville served on the Western Canada Section AWWA Board as Alberta Trustee 2016-2019 and as Chair in 2022. He has been an AWWA member since 2008.



#### Abubakar Waraich

Abubakar Waraich served on the Western Canada Section AWWA Board as Alberta Trustee 2019-2022 and is the current Chair. He has been an AWWA member since 2018.







# Western Canada Water Environment Association

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## Arthur Sidney Bedell Award

*Recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession.*

### Samantha Whettell

Samantha Whettell has served on the WCWEA Board as Manitoba Trustee, Vice Chair, and Chair, and is a 5S member. She has played a key role in supporting events and is recognized for her leadership within the association.



## William D. Hatfield Award

*Recognizes operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism.*

### Robert Kotch

Robert Kotch started his career as an operator in the mid-1980s and worked his way up to become Operations Lead for The City of Calgary. He now oversees all three of the city's water treatment plants and is highly respected in the industry.



## Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award

*Recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession.*

### Phuong Nguyen

Phuong Nguyen is the Laboratory Supervisor at ARROW Utilities, where she ensures quality control, supports lab staff, and upholds certification standards. Her professionalism, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence have made her a valuable leader in the laboratory team.



# OUR PLANNING COMMITTEE

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A large, vibrant green aurora borealis (Northern Lights) is visible in the upper left portion of the image, set against a dark, starry night sky. The aurora's light forms several vertical, wavy bands of varying intensity. The background of the entire page is a solid dark blue, with a diagonal line separating the aurora image from the rest of the design.

# WORKING TOGETHER FOR **WATER**

A small, triangular inset image in the bottom left corner shows a winter landscape. It features bare, dark trees and a snow-covered ground under a pale, overcast sky.

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