



Welcome to WCOVMA-BC, your industry organization.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Western Canadian Onsite Wastewater Management Association of BC (WCOVMA-BC), I would like to thank you for supporting your Industry Association. I would also like to thank those members, past and present, that have taken time away from their careers to further this industry.

This past year has also been an interesting one with respect to working within a Province affected by natural disasters such as wildfires or flooding.

We have overcome issues such as virtual training and are now getting back to in class education programs and Industry Conferences. These challenges are not small and for that I would like to acknowledge Lesley, our Executive Director, Kelly, our Executive Assistant, and the staff from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Now, as we look forward to the year ahead, we again will be facing many new challenges and some new initiatives:

- Increasing the effectiveness of WCOVMA as a Western Canadian entity
- Identifying with the Provincial government how we can be of assistance within natural disaster areas during a post evaluation and rebuilding process
- An ongoing review of our Training program and how we can best assist new people to our industry in obtaining their certifications
- Increasing the scope of our new Website Education Program
- Ongoing education, administrative and operational support for our current membership
- New purchasing power through international companies like NAPA etc.,
- Raising the level of Professionalism in which we do business within our geographical areas and throughout the province
- Raising awareness of your value within BC for this difficult and often thankless job
- All of us have had training when we started in this industry, but it is very clear from the direction of the Provincial Professional Governance Act., ASTTBC and our association WCOVMA-BC that training and education does not end once we have received our stamp. Training and education is an ongoing necessity to not only raise the level of professionalism within our industry, but also to ensure public confidence in the job we are doing.

The above items are just some of the reasons that WCOVMA-BC exists. We are here to support you within this industry so should you have any issues, please reach out to our office, myself, or one of the Directors.

One of the issues that we have seen is the restriction of resources within our association as a result of our Association dues staying stagnate since the inception of WCOVMA-BC. After much discussion and support of our membership, our Association dues will increase and correspond with the Canadian Cost of Living Index. This will be spread over 2 years versus the 1 year voted in by the membership. Future membership due increases will be tied in with the Canadian Cost of Living Index.

Once again, thank you for your support and we look forward to serving you throughout a great 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Rumsey", is positioned above the name and title.

Barry Rumsey
President

