

# 2025 ACWWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**OCT 5 - 7**

**ST. JOHN'S NL**

St. John's Convention Centre



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## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR JASON PHILLIPS

Welcome to the 2025 ACWWA Annual Conference!  
After 10 years, the ACWWA Conference is returning to St. John's, NL.

The St. John's committee has been working hard to prepare a program that will appeal to all aspects of the Atlantic Canadian water and wastewater industry. The conference will be held in the St. John's Convention Centre, located in the heart of downtown with easy access to top local attractions, including George Street and two National historic sites – Signal Hill and Cape Spear.

The theme, "Charting the Course," acknowledges Newfoundland and Labrador's rich nautical history and its relevance to the water and sewer industry. From project management to system expansion and employee recruitment, all tasks require us to chart our course for success.

### Conference Highlights:

- **Sunday:** Technical tours of Bay Bulls Big Pond water treatment plant and Riverhead wastewater treatment facility, followed by the Meet and Greet later in the evening.
- **Monday:** Opening session with major AWWA and WEF awards, keynote speaker Stephen Sanders, technical sessions, and some free time. Ending the night with ABEA Hospitality Night at O'Reilly's Irish Newfoundland Pub.
- **Tuesday:** Water Taste Test, ABEA Tradeshow showcasing new technology and products, final technical sessions, and concluding the conference with the Down East Feast featuring local entertainment.

Join us to reconnect with friends and colleagues, experience Newfoundland Hospitality, and share your industry experiences. For conference details and updates, visit [www.acwwa.ca](http://www.acwwa.ca).



## **WELCOME MESSAGE FROM ACWWA CHAIR JOHN LAM**

What a year this is turning out to be! Despite all of the noise in the background, we continue to get the job done. Kudos to everyone working in the water industry!



The 2025 ACWWA Conference is finally around the corner! As many of you know, the conference locations are selected years in advance through a rotation of cities, and booked to secure the venues. This year, the conference returns to the beautiful city of St. John's, NL, from October 5 to 7. I had the great pleasure of attending a previous conference in St. John's 10 years ago. Under the capable and experienced hands of the conference committee, the planning and programming for the conference is well underway and promises to be exciting and satisfying. On behalf of the ACWWA Board, I would like to invite you to join us at the conference. Let's make this conference a huge success!

For folks that have not had the pleasure of attending, the ACWWA Conference is the ONE conference you cannot afford to miss. There are multiple streams of technical programs which are sure to satisfy a wide range of interests related to potable water, wastewater and stormwater topics. There will be many opportunities for participants to meet old friends and make new ones at networking events, fun activities including activities focusing on Emerging Leaders (Young Professionals) and impromptu gatherings.

The ABEA and member firms have worked hard to put on an excellent Tradeshow which will allow participants to learn about products and to speak to equipment vendors. The Water Taste Test competition is always exciting. We encourage teams to participate in this competition. We are looking forward to the planned entertainment and social gatherings, including opportunities to explore the beautiful and vibrant city that seems to hum with energy!

This is a reminder that, as always, we will be presenting some awards at the conference. We need you to submit nominations under the various categories to well deserving members and projects. The nomination process is very straightforward but so meaningful. I'm looking forward to seeing you in St. John's!





## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER STEPHEN SANDERS**

Stephen Sanders is a 2024-25 member of the WEF Board of Trustees, an international organization of water quality professionals headquartered in Alexandria, Va.

Sanders is the director and head trainer of the Environmental Training Center at SUNY-Morrisville College in New York. The center provides pre-certification training for wastewater and drinking water operators, as well as for New York State Department of Conservation regulators. He has been training operators for more than 10 years, and has grown the program to be the largest of its kind in New York state.

He is a dedicated water professional, certified as a licensed wastewater and drinking water operator and certified instructor for New York state. He has more than 20 years of experience in the field from the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

Sanders served on the initial WEF Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) task force and subsequent committee, as well as the WEFTEC Advisory Board. He helped establish his member association's (the New York Water Environment Association) DE&I committee and served as its first chairperson. He also serves on New York state's Operator Certification Governance Council, New York Section AWWA Board of Governors, and as the chair for NYSAWWA Operators committee.



## CHRISTINE VOLKAY-HILDITCH WEF DIGNITARY

Christine Volkay-Hilditch is the 2023-2026 Treasurer for the Water Environment Federation (WEF), an international organization of water quality professionals headquartered in Alexandria, VA.

Volkay-Hilditch is employed as the deputy director of public works [and] utilities for the city of Lancaster, Pa. She leads the management and operations of the water and wastewater treatment plants and supervises engineering, laboratory, pretreatment, operations and maintenance staff.

Volkay-Hilditch earned her bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Villanova University, and her master's degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University. She also has a master's of public administration from Villanova University. Christine is a registered professional engineer and a diplomat of the Environmental Engineering Academy. She holds sewage treatment plant operator and water works operator licenses in Pennsylvania.

Volkay-Hilditch has served in the WEF House of Delegates, and has been a member of several workgroups. She chaired the Budget and the Operator Outreach committees. She is currently vice chair of the Utility Management Community. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers, and is a recipient of the Arthur Sidney Bedell Award and the Volunteer Service Award.

Volkay-Hilditch is a member of the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA) and the Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators Association (EPWCOAP), and has served as president of both. She has also chaired the EPWCOA and PWEA pretreatment committees and the PWEA finance committees. She also is a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network, and currently serves as its treasurer. Volkay-Hilditch is also a member of the Delaware County Professional Engineers Society, and has assisted with the annual MathCounts competition for several years.

Volkay-Hilditch is avid supporter of operator certification and is an instructor in the wastewater operator training program at the Delaware County Community College.







## **REBECCA VENOT AWWA DIGNITARY**

Rebecca Venot is a Drinking Water Technologist at Jacobs in Anchorage, Alaska.

She provides clients and teams achievable solutions to a wide range of water treatment challenges and delivers leadership on design, construction, commissioning, and optimization of water treatment processes.

Rebecca earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Colorado and an MS in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Colorado State University.

She started her career in Seattle but after working on a project in Fairbanks, she was hooked on the most northern state! Rebecca has worked on a wide range of treatment processes and across the rural and urban west, from communities of 85 people to many millions.

Rebecca serves on AWWA's executive committee as the Alaska section director and as an AWWA Vice President (as of 6.15.24). She is also the chair of AWWA's Coagulation and Filtration Committee.

Rebecca is a licensed professional engineer in Alaska and Washington.



## **ROBERT HALLER CWWA DIGNITARY**

Robert Haller is the executive director of the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association, THE national advocates of Canada's municipal water and wastewater utilities.

Robert took on this national leadership role in 2012, after almost 20 years as a senior municipal administrator - most of those years serving as a CAO for small and medium sized communities.

With a Geography degree from Carleton University and a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) from University of Western Ontario, he serves as the spokesperson for the Canadian water sector at the national level. He admits he relies heavily on his many members for their expertise and support; especially on technical matters of treatment methods. Robert's interests lean more toward the utility management and financing issues and facilitating national dialogue and information sharing.

Robert has worked on national roundtables addressing, infrastructure funding, flood risk, cybersecurity and the development of the Canada Water Agency. Robert was part of the leadership team that brought the World Water Congress & Exhibition to Canada in 2024. Robert's personal project is working with an international coalition toward the regulation and labeling of products to be considered flushable.



# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

09:00 – 15:00	ABEA Annual Golf Tournament
12:00 – 20:00	Registration – Main Lobby Delta Hotel
12:00 – 14:00	Windsor Lake Water Treatment Plant Tour
	Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour
17:00 – 19:00	Emerging Leaders Mixer – The Gypsy Tea Room
19:30 – 23:00	Meet and Greet Reception – Harbourview Ballroom Delta Hotel
20:30 – 21:00	Ice Breaker Trivia Contest

## MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2025

07:30 – 08:30	Buffet Breakfast
08:30 – 10:00	Opening Session, Welcome, and Keynote Speaker
10:30 – 12:00	Technical Sessions and Round Table Discussion
12:00 – 13:30	ACWWA AGM and Awards Luncheon
13:30 – 16:15	Technical Sessions
16:30 – 17:30	Water for People Fun Run / Walk
18:00 – 20:00	Dine on your Own – Downtown St. John's
20:00 – 01:00	ABEA Hospitality Event – O'Reilly's Pub, George Street

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2025

08:00 – 09:00	Best of the Best Tap Water Taste Test / Continental Breakfast
09:00 – 10:00	Technical Sessions
10:00 – 14:00	ABEA Tradeshow
14:00 – 16:45	Technical Sessions
18:30 – 22:00	Down East Feast and Entertainment



7:30	Buffet Breakfast and Opening General Session			
10:30	WSER Amendments - Utility Perspectives and Practical Applications of Temporary Bypass Authorizations <i>Michael Brophy, Halifax Water</i>	Status of Chlorate Regulations & Impact at Water Treatment Plants <i>Robert Newton, Denora</i>	Upgrading the Rivière-du-Loup Aerated Ponds- Daring to Innovate <i>Christian Scott, Veolia</i>	AWWA, WEF, CWWA Round Table Discussion
11:00	Climate Adaptation and Mitigation in the Water Sector: Research from The Water Research Foundation <i>Maureen Hodgins, Water Research Foundation</i>	Navigating Cyanobacteria and their Toxins in Atlantic Canada's Recreational Water <i>Corrie Maston &amp; Attiq Rehman, RPC</i>	Resource recovery strategies for municipal water planning: a system dynamics modeling approach <i>Noah Brace*, Emco Ltd</i>	
11:30	PFAS in Atlantic Canada – A jurisdictional review from the Regulators <i>Michael Brophy, Halifax Water</i>	Monitoring HAB events and invasive species in near real time using high resolution satellite imagery <i>Catherine Evans, Dalhousie</i>	Investigation of Biological Aerated Filtration (BAF) for cBOD and Ammonia Removal from Wastewater <i>Anita Larbi*, Dalhousie</i>	
12:00	ACWWA AGM and Luncheon			
13:30	Pasadena Water Treatment Plant Upgrade <i>Cluney Mercer &amp; Susanna Lewis, WSP</i>	Control System Standardization <i>Zane Spencer, MPE</i>	Utilizing Submersible and Airborne ROV Technology for Water System Inspections <i>Gerry Lahey, Gov NL</i>	Practical Demonstration: Collaborative Project Delivery – Options & Examples <i>Mike Abbott, CBCL</i>
14:00	Double Trouble: Disinfection and DBP Compliance amidst elevated Organics in Small Systems <i>Simon Horsley, Stantec</i>	The AFNWA SCADA Journey Continues <i>Adam Plumstead, Eramosa</i>	We Can Learn Much More from One Failure than from 100 Inspections <i>Rabia Mady, GHD</i>	
14:30	Building for the Future - Torbay Water Treatment Plant <i>Cluney Mercer &amp; Susanna Lewis, WSP</i>	Creating and Implementing the Technology Use Manual (TUM) <i>Stephanie Leblanc, Halifax Water</i>	Out with the old maps, in with the new. A 13km inspection in Saint John <i>William Jappy, Xylem</i>	
15:00	Nutrition Break			
15:15	Experience with Implementing a Risk Based Approach to Water Safety at Halifax Water <i>Lindsay Anderson, Halifax Water</i>	Major Shutdown - Part A: Improvements to the Spruce Lake Industrial Water Supply Pipeline <i>Mike Gray &amp; Paul Cole, City of Saint John</i>	New approaches to Today's Problems <i>Maureen Hodgins, Water Research Foundation</i>	Iqaluit Municipal Water Reheat Station <i>Aidan Levy*, RV Anderson</i>
15:45	Water Treatment and Service Level Decision Matrix for Water Systems in Newfoundland and Labrador <i>Victoria Pelley, Gov NL</i>	Major Shutdown - Part B: Upgrades to the Spruce Lake Screen Building & Condition Assessments <i>John Campbell &amp; Dean Price, City of Saint John</i>	Building for Growth: Sewer System Upgrades to Enable Housing Expansion in Saint John NB <i>Stephane Landry, Englobe</i>	Lift Station 10 Upgrades - Mitigating Failure Risks <i>Chris Newman &amp; Jamie Anstey, RV Anderson</i>

\*Fresh Ideas Presentation





## TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Tuesday October 7

8:00	<b>Continental Breakfast and Water Taste Test</b>			
9:00	GISWater: Open-Source GIS for Water and Wastewater System Planning in Atlantic Canada <i>Matt Delorme, AIM Network</i>	Our Journey to ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation <i>Deborah Smith, City of St Johns</i>	Innovative Technologies for Sustainable Asset Rehabilitation and Construction in the Region of Peel <i>Terry Martins, TCI Carbon Fibre</i>	Full-scale UV LED Wastewater Reactor: Implementation and Performance <i>Bailey Reid, Dalhousie</i>
9:30	Demand for Reliability: Data-Driven Updates to the Water Distribution System Model in Dieppe, NB <i>Johnathan Butt, Englobe</i>	St. John's Climate Change Flood Risk Mapping Study <i>Jennifer Bursey, Stantec</i>	Cost optimization for data driven asset management program <i>Valentin Burtea, Mueller</i>	High-Intensity UV LED Photolysis for Chemical-Free Degradation of Trace Organics in Water <i>Jessica Bennett*, Dalhousie</i>
10:00	<b>ABEA Tradeshow</b>			
14:00	Management of legacy Mn deposits in a distribution network <i>Jerome Ducret*, Polytechnique Montreal</i>	Understanding and optimizing water and wastewater treatment plants with machine learning <i>M. Hormiz, York University</i>	An Introduction to Drone-Based Infrared Water Leak Detection <i>Steve Blackwood, RPMGRP</i>	Eskasoni First Nation Abandon 100mm Dia. Waterline <i>Jason Angel, RV Anderson</i>
14:30	The Challenges of Colloidal Iron Removal from Surface Water <i>Rick Sen, Magnor</i>	Integrating Decision Support Tools and Data Dashboards for Treatment Optimization <i>Sarah Organ*, Dalhousie University</i>	Innovation on the Rock: A Case Study of Acoustic Leak Detection in St John's <i>Adiv Paradise, Mueller</i>	Akerley Forcemain Lining Project <i>Lauren Young, RCII</i>
15:00	Filter Media. To Change or Not to Change? That is the Question... <i>Brett Hambley*, AWI</i>	Real Time Water Quality Instrumentation for Enhanced Operational Efficiency <i>Jordan Yorston, Omnitech</i>	How Embedded Acoustic Leak Detection is Resolving Water Loss and helps Preventing Water Main Breaks <i>Oleks Rudkovskyi, Kamstrup</i>	Corner Brook, Deep Gulch Culvert Replacement <i>Philippe Losier, Soleno</i>
15:30	Integrating Observations & Metrics to Optimize Granular Media Filtration Audits <i>Hayat Raza*, Continental Carbon</i>	Control of zebra and quagga mussel biofouling <i>David Hammond, Earth Science labs</i>	EXPLORING THE VALUE AND BENEFITS OF AMI 2.0 <i>Bharat Khanna, GHD</i>	Wetland Treatment Technology in NL- Case studies and how it works <i>Glen Sharp, Sharp Mgmt</i>

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## CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will take place at the St. John's Convention Center, situated at 101 New Gower Street, directly across from the Delta Hotel and accessible via a skywalk.



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# 2025 ATLANTIC BRANCH EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATION TRADESHOW AND EXHIBITORS



The 2025 Tradeshow is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This popular event offers equipment suppliers a platform to display their products and services, while delegates can network with participants and fellow attendees.

Get ready to discover the newest technologies and services in the water and wastewater industry. Lunch will be provided during the event. Make sure to allocate time to explore and connect - there's something for everyone and more!





## **TECHNICAL TOUR WINDSOR LAKE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The St. John's Metropolitan Area, home to over 200,000 people, relies on three surface water sources. Windsor Lake and Petty Harbour Long Pond serve only St. John's, while Bay Bulls Big Pond provides water to St. John's, Mount Pearl, Paradise, Conception Bay South, and Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.

The City's water supply history dates back to 1846 when George's Pond near Signal Hill first delivered water downtown via a 6" cast iron main. As the city's population grew rapidly, George's Pond proved insufficient, leading to the integration of Windsor Lake by 1862.

Since then, Windsor Lake's water treatment has evolved significantly with technological advancements and stricter quality standards. Upgrades have included the installation of traveling screens, vertical turbine pumps, disinfection equipment, and chemical systems for alkalinity and pH adjustment. Notable improvements include a microfiltration membrane facility with UV disinfection in 2007 and an expanded treatment building in 2025 to replace the hydrated lime feed system. This project also improved corrosion control in the distribution system.

The Windsor Lake Water Treatment Plant has a summer capacity of 70 MLD and 53.5 MLD in winter, supplying an average daily flow of 35 MLD, which accounts for about 50% of the City's daily water consumption.





## **TECHNICAL TOUR RIVERHEAD WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

The Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Facility is the only large regional wastewater facility in the St. John's metropolitan area. It is a conventional primary treatment plant that treats wastewater from the City of St. John's, the City of Mount Pearl and the Town of Paradise. The service area has a total population of approximately 135,000 people and the facility has an average flow capacity of 135 million litres per day. Construction was completed in 2009 and involved the excavation of almost one million cubic metres of rock and terracing of the rock wall that forms the southern site boundary.

The treatment process areas include a Shallow Pump Station, Deep Pump Station, Grit Removal Facility, Primary Clarifiers, Chlorine Disinfection Facility, Anaerobic Digesters, and a Solids Dewatering Facility. The Riverhead WWTF employs two hot water boilers for facility and digester heating and two diesel-powered generators for standby power. The Riverhead facility is also equipped with an onsite accredited laboratory.

Wastewater is conveyed to the Riverhead facility by two interceptor sewers and mechanically screened and pumped up into the facility. From this point, wastewater flows by gravity through the aerated grit channels for grit removal, to the primary clarifiers for removal of suspended solids and organic material, and through the chlorine contact tank for disinfection and dichlorination before discharge. Solids and organics removed as sludge from the primary clarifiers are anaerobically digested to reduce volatiles and produce biogas. Biogas produced by the anaerobic digestion process is captured and used as heating fuel in the hot water boiler system. Digested sludge is dewatered using centrifuges and disposed.



## EMERGING LEADERS

The ACWWA Emerging Leaders Committee is an active group that offers engaging networking and volunteering opportunities for members of the ACWWA who are new to the water and wastewater industry. The Emerging Leaders Committee is inviting conference attendees to join us for the networking event and mixer, which is being held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the opening day of the Conference, Sunday, October 5 at The Gypsy Tea Room on Water Street. The networking event will provide an opportunity for career development where Emerging Leaders can get to know leading figures from the industry and other Emerging Leaders. Both novice and experienced professionals are encouraged to drop in for some snacks, refreshments, and conversations with other members in our industry.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and support our future water and wastewater leaders.



### FRESH IDEAS

ACWWA holds a yearly presentation competition for emerging leaders on topics related the water and wastewater profession. The top presentation selected from these presenters will be given the opportunity to compete in the Fresh Ideas Poster Competition at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE).



Thank you to Sansom Equipment Limited for supporting the Emerging Leaders events.





## MEET AND GREET RECEPTION AND TRIVIA NIGHT

The conference will unofficially kick off with our Meet and Greet on Sunday evening in the Harbourview Ballroom at the Delta Hotel. This event offers a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues while enjoying delicious food and refreshments. It has been 10 years since our last conference in St. John's and we're sure you'll be reunited with some familiar faces.

The evening will feature a Think Tank Trivia event, sponsored by Greatario, to challenge your knowledge of Newfoundland geography and culture. The event will consist of two rounds: the first round will include 25 questions, while the second round will test your ability to match some well-known Newfoundland sayings. There will be a prize for the winning individual or team.



Thank you to Greatario for supporting  
the Think Tank Trivia Night

# 2025 ABEA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

GlenDenning Golf is an oasis of fun and enjoyment within the City of St. John's. The course is designed with generous tee decks, contoured fairways and undulating greens, all defined by strategically placed bunkers. The gentle terrain, provides an enjoyable walk for all ages and ability.

Playing at a Par 71 and 6214 yards with three tee positions to choose from, beginners and avid golfers will enjoy the forgiveness and challenges that each hole has to offer. GlenDenning stresses club selection and strategic shotmaking.



We welcome you to join us for our Annual Golf Tournament being held Sunday, October 5, 2025 and sponsored by the ABEA, and its individual members. Tee times commence at 9:00 am with a shotgun format. Price is \$125 + tax (includes, green fees, cart, lunch (BBQ Hot Dogs or Hamburgers at halfway) and transportation.

Put your team together, or we can place you with a group - all ability levels welcome. Rental clubs are available for an additional fee and on a first come first serve basis.







# WATER FOR PEOPLE EVENT

Water For People (WFP) is a global non-profit that helps people bring clean water and sanitation solutions to their communities for generations to come. ACWWA has a WFP Committee focused on raising awareness and providing opportunities for ACWWA members and others in Atlantic Canada to be involved with WFP by donating money or time in support of WFP's vision of a world where every person has access to reliable, safe water and sanitation services.

Each year, at the Annual ACWWA Conference, several WFP activities are organized to raise funds and awareness in support of WFP. Their fundraising efforts have gone a long way to make Atlantic Canada stand out as a tremendous donor among AWWA sections with the Atlantic Chapter raising approximately \$20,000 annually. Events organized to raise funds and awareness for WFP this year include the Charity Silent Auction, WFP Fun Run/Walk, and the 50/50 raffle during the Sunday and Tuesday Night Socials.

When registering for the conference, do not forget to sign up for the 2025 Fun Run/Walk! The 5 km Fun Run/Walk will be held on Monday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m. The event will start from the Delta Hotel, continue along St. John's Harbour until reaching the Terry Fox monument and turning around to return to the hotel.



Thank you to Sansom Equipment Limited for supporting the WFP Fun Run/Walk

# ABEA HOSPITALITY NIGHT

The Atlantic Branch Equipment Association cordially invites all ACWWA Conference delegates and attending members to the 16th Annual Common ABEA Hospitality Event, once again being held at O'Reilly's Irish Newfoundland Pub. Situated in the heart of St. John's entertainment district on George Street, O'Reilly's is renowned as the #1 Bar in Canada by enRoute magazine and Rickards Beer, promising you "A ROLLICKING NEWFOUNDLAND TIME."

Join us on Monday evening from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for an unforgettable night of live music, dancing, drinks, and snacks.

This event offers a fantastic opportunity to meet and greet your ABEA Equipment Suppliers, reconnect with old friends, and introduce yourself to new acquaintances.

Please remember your "delegate badge" for admittance to this ABEA member-sponsored private event.







## BEST OF THE BEST TAP WATER TASTE TEST

Join us at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual “Best of the Best” Tap Water Taste Test competition to find out who has the best tasting water in Atlantic Canada!

Our panel of water professionals will be looking for the “Best of the Best” tasting tap water here at the ACWWA Conference in St. John’s, NL! Samples will be judged on their appearance, odour, taste, and overall impression. The competition will take place from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. during morning breakfast on Wednesday October 7, 2025, in the Convention Centre room Barkers Point B.

The first-place winner will have the opportunity to represent ACWWA at the AWWA Annual conference and Exposition (ACE) “Best of the Best” Tap Water Taste Test at their next conference.

Submit a sample of your hometown water to see where it ranks against your neighbouring Atlantic Canada Communities. Entry forms, rules, and judging criteria are available on the ACWWA website at [www.acwwa.ca](http://www.acwwa.ca). Entry forms are due by September 25, 2025.

For more information, please contact:  
Deborah Smith at (709) 745-1870 or [dsmith@stjohns.ca](mailto:dsmith@stjohns.ca).





## DOWN EAST FEAST

The conference will conclude with a buffet style meal and entertainment.

We will begin the evening by performing a traditional “Screech In” ceremony to grant any of the CFA’s (Come From Away’s) the prestigious title of honorary Newfoundlanders!

Think of it as a fun initiation! We will have an eccentric and knowledgeable host to ensure the best possible experience. We will tickle all your senses: Sight, Sound, Taste, Touch and Smell! During the ceremony, you and your guests will repeat some local sayings, taste some traditional Newfoundland “Steak”, join in a sing-a-long, savour the flavour of Newfoundland Screech Rum, and of course - Kiss the Cod! In return, you’ll get an official certificate confirming your title as an honorary Newfoundlander! If you’re interested, please don’t forget to register for this event.

Spirit of Newfoundland will be performing their Newfoundland and Labrador Showcase as the finale to the DownEast Feast. This Showcase is essentially a Newfoundland Kitchen Party featuring eight singers and musicians providing medleys of Newfoundland and Labrador music, humorous dialogue, stories, and audience participation.

Spirit of Newfoundland Productions held their first show in 1997, and audiences have been having a whale of a time as they’re reeled in to ride the waves through Newfoundland’s stories, songs and unique take on life! Since then, Spirit of Newfoundland has entertained thousands here in our home province, across the country, and internationally. Over the past 27+ years, they have produced 90+ original shows garnering 18 industry awards and the distinction of being the only 2-time winner of the Government of NL’s Tourism Award for their contribution to culture!





# BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

## ACWWA 2024-2025 BOARD

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Technical Director	Lindsay Anderson
ABEA Director	Catherine Cameron

## ACWWA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

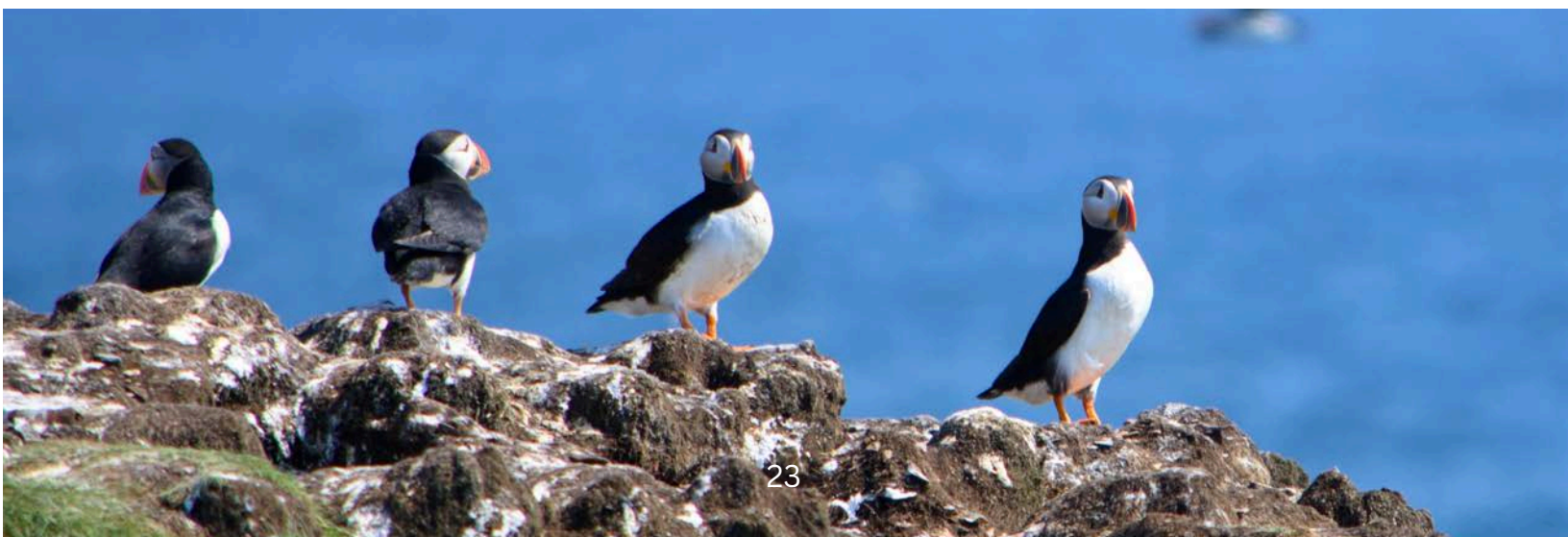
Cross Connection Control	Stephen Woods
Emerging Leaders	Helena Steeves,
	Andrew Burgess
Water for People	Gillian Stranton
Government Affairs	Michael Brophy
Operator Involvement	Peter Larson
Education	Adam McKnight
Scholarships	John Kelly
AWWA Membership	Gabriel Belliveau
WEF Membership	Brandon Howard
Volunteers	Aaron Ryan
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## 2025 ACWWA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Chair	Jason Phillips
Registration	Krystal Squires
Technical Program	Lindsay Anderson
Technical Tour	Shawn Haye
Technical Tour	Daniel Martin
Water Taste Test	Deborah Smith
Tradeshaw	Catherine Cameron
Golf	Matthew Manning
Hospitality Night	Noah Brace
ACWWA Executive Director	Clara Shea

## 2024-2025 ABEA EXECUTIVE

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Junior Director	Noah Brace
Director-at-large	Catherine Cameron



# HOTEL INFORMATION

One of the oldest cities in North America, St. John's is a uniquely charming and eclectic destination, cradled in a harbour carved from 500-million-year-old rock. The area is rich with history, rife with culture and sprawling with natural beauty.

The conference hotel will be the Delta Hotels St. John's Convention Centre located at 120 New Gower Street. The hotel is conveniently located across the street from the St. John's Convention Center where the technical sessions and trade show will be held. The two facilities are connected by an overhead pedway, sheltering attendees from the unpredictable Newfoundland weather.

The hotel provides guests with easy access to numerous shops and restaurants along Water Street, and the world-famous George Street. St. John's is also home to two of Canada's national historic sites – Signal Hill, where Marconi received the first transatlantic wireless signal, and Cape Spear, the most easterly point in North America.

A special conference room rate starting from \$259 plus taxes is available from October 3 through October 8, 2025.

Reservations can be made using the link on ACWWA's website, [www.acwwa.ca](http://www.acwwa.ca), or by contacting the hotel directly at 1-888-793-3582.





**ACWWA Conference Registration**  
Please consider registering online at [www.acwwa.ca/reg](http://www.acwwa.ca/reg)  
You can register online and still pay via PO, Cheque or Money Order

**PART 1 – DELEGATE CONTACT / VENDOR PRIMARY CONTACT**

<b>FIRST NAME</b>		<b>LAST NAME</b>		<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	
<b>MAILING ADDRESS</b>				<b>CITY</b>	
<b>PROVINCE</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>POSTAL CODE</b>		<b>AWWA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER</b>	
<b>PHONE</b>		<b>FAX</b>		<b>WEF MEMBERSHIP NUMBER</b>	
<b>WORK EMAIL ADDRESS</b>				Would you like to be added to the ACWWA email list? <input type="checkbox"/>	
				Are you a first-time conference attendee? <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplier	<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Student
				<input type="checkbox"/> Academic	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulator
					<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b> accessible on Mobile device for use with Conference App. This email address will not be shared.					
<b>CONTACT SHARING VIA THE CONFERENCE APP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Sharing <input type="checkbox"/> After Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> On Request					

**PART 2 – REGISTRATION TYPE**

Included Activities ✓Included ✗NOT Included →			Sun Meet & Greet	Mon AGM Lunch	Mon ABEA Reception	Tue Trade Show	Tue Lunch	Tue Night Social	
<b>Register before August 29, 2025, and be entered for the early bird draw – a \$300 VISA gift card!</b> <b>\$200 late fee for Full Conference Delegate after September 5, 2025</b> <b>If you are not a member but would like to become a member for savings benefits, contact <a href="mailto:Julie.stokes@moncton.ca">Julie.stokes@moncton.ca</a></b>									
Full Conference Delegate <i>On or Before Sept 5, 2025</i>	Member – \$595	Non-Member – \$795	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$
Full Conference Delegate <i>After Sept 5, 2025</i>	Member – \$795	Non-Member – \$995	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$
Full Conference Student	Member/Non-Member – \$75 <i>Registration is free if the student is presenting a technical session</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$
Monday Full Day Pass	Member – \$350	Non-Member – \$450	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	\$
Tuesday Full Day	Member – \$400	Non-Member – \$500	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	\$
Tuesday 1/2 Day Trade Show Pass	Member – \$200	Non-Member – \$250	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	\$
Tradeshow Exhibitor	Costing in the next section      Included items shown here →		✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	\$
<b>Part 4 – Subtotal</b>									\$

**PART 3 – TRADE SHOW BOOTH RENTAL & EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION**

Booth Rental (Max 3 Booths & 2 People/Booth) <i>Includes as indicated in <b>Tradeshow Exhibitor Part 2</b></i>	ABEA Member – ___ Booths @ \$600	Non-Member – ___ Booths @ \$1000	\$
EXHIBITOR'S NAME	EXHIBITOR'S NAME	EXHIBITOR'S NAME	
EXHIBITOR'S NAME	EXHIBITOR'S NAME	EXHIBITOR'S NAME	
Extra Booth Exhibitor Registration <i>Includes as indicated in <b>Tradeshow Exhibitor Part 2</b></i>	ABEA Member – ___ @ \$75	Non-Member – ___ @ \$100	\$
EXHIBITOR'S NAME	EXHIBITOR'S NAME	EXHIBITOR'S NAME	
<b>Part 3 – Subtotal</b>			\$

## PART 4 – ADDITIONAL MEALS & ACTIVITIES NOT INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION

### Sunday, Oct. 5

Golf – Sunday, Oct. 5, Transportation, Green Fee, Shared Cart and Lunch - <b>Limited Capacity</b> Indicate your shirt size: SM____, MED____, LG____, XL____, XXL____  Do you require transportation? yes_____ no_____	____ @ \$125 =	\$
Do you need golf club rentals? yes_____ no_____		
Technical Tour – Windsor Lake Water Treatment Facility <b>Limited Capacity</b>	____ @ \$20 =	\$
Technical Tour – Riverhead Wastewater Treatment Facility <b>Limited Capacity</b>	____ @ \$20 =	\$

### Monday, Oct. 6

Additional Annual General Meeting Luncheon <i>One ticket included with Full Conference and Monday Full Day Pass Registration</i>	____ @ \$85 =	\$
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### Tuesday, Oct. 7

Newfoundland "Screech In" Ceremony    Alcoholic Option _____    Non-Alcoholic Option _____ A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Water for People	____ @ \$30 =	\$
Additional Tuesday Night Social Tickets <i>One ticket is included with every Full Conference and Tuesday Full Day Registration</i>	____ @ \$110 =	\$
<b>Part 4 – Subtotal</b>		\$

## PART 5 – FEES

	(Part 2 + Part 3 + Part 4) Subtotal	\$
	Life Members deduct \$100.00	- \$
	<b>HST 15% (869 924 910 RT2)</b>	\$
Indicate your shirt size: SM____, MED____, LG____, XL____, XXL____	Water for People Fun Run - ____ @ \$25	\$
	Water for People Fun Walk - ____ @ \$25	\$
<b>Total Amount Due</b>		\$

## PART 5 - PAYMENT OPTIONS

Choose a payment method. Complete as appropriate.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Please make cheque or money order payable to "ACWWA Conference," Box 28142, Dartmouth, NS B2W 6E2.		
CARD HOLDER NAME		
CARD NUMBER	CVV	EXPIRY
SIGNATURE		
Fax: 902-435-7796 or Email: <a href="mailto:contact@acwwa.ca">contact@acwwa.ca</a>		EMAIL ADDRESS
<b>WHEN PAYING WITH A CREDIT CARD, AN EMAIL ADDRESS IS REQUIRED FOR A RECEIPT TO BE ISSUED</b> By registering for this event, your contact information may be shared with exhibitors and sponsors.		

### Conference Information

The entire conference has a 1.5 CEU value.

### Trade Show Information

Each booth measures 8' x 10'. Booth selection will be online and first come, first serve. ABEA members will have exclusive access for one week before the public. Contact the ABEA to learn more about becoming an ABEA member (Cathy Cameron at [catherine@scotiatech.ca](mailto:catherine@scotiatech.ca)). For trade show questions, contact Cathy Cameron at [catherine@scotiatech.ca](mailto:catherine@scotiatech.ca).

Booths are reserved at registration but cannot be selected until payment is received.

Register and pay online with Visa or MasterCard to avoid delays and select the booths you want.

### ACWWA Delegate Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be received in writing, on company letterhead, and faxed, mailed, or emailed to the ACWWA Office. Phone cancellations are not accepted. All cancellations postmarked/fax-dated 14 days before the conference start date will receive a full refund minus a 10% administrative fee. Cancellations between 7 and 14 days of the conference start will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations less than seven days before the conference will not be refunded. Please note that substitute registrants are welcome. Fax requests for substitutions or cancellations to (902) 435-7796 or email to [contact@acwwa.net](mailto:contact@acwwa.net).

### ACWWA Trade Show Cancellation Policy – Payment Options

Cancellations must be received in writing, on company letterhead, and faxed, mailed, or emailed to the ACWWA Office. Phone cancellations are not accepted. All cancellations postmarked/fax-dated 30 days before the conference start date will receive a 50% refund. Cancellations less than 30 days before the conference will not be refunded. Please note that substitute registrants are welcome. Fax requests for substitutions or cancellations to (902) 435-7796 or email to [contact@acwwa.net](mailto:contact@acwwa.net).



## GOLD



## SILVER



## BRONZE

ST. JOHN'S



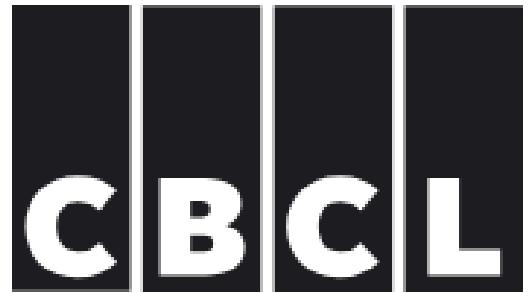
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