

## EHFC 2022 – NSF Food Safety Award Nomination

I would like to nominate Lance Honish for the NSF Food Safety award. As the Outbreak and Disease Control Coordinator for Environmental Public Health, Alberta Health Services, Edmonton Zone, he has made significant contributions to the profession and the promotion of food safety in Canada.

Lance is the Coordinator for the Edmonton Zone Disease Control team, which is responsible for the investigation and management of suspected foodborne illnesses/outbreaks, notifiable enteric diseases, and gastrointestinal outbreaks in care facilities. Lance plays a lead role in the identification and investigation of foodborne outbreaks, and works closely with many partners, including the Provincial Laboratory, Alberta Health, Public Health Agency of Canada, Health Canada, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, among others. Through his role in the investigation of foodborne illness outbreaks, he provides timely, current, and relevant food safety and epidemiological information to inform public health interventions. As Coordinator, Lance also provides guidance and support to team members, assists with program planning and development, and is heavily relied upon by EPH management and the Medical Officers of Health for his expertise in the investigation of foodborne illness outbreaks. Not only is Lance a valued resource for industry and health care partners, but he is also an approachable resource for public health inspectors across the province.

Beyond his role with AHS, Lance contributes to the profession as a guest lecturer at Concordia University of Edmonton, sharing his knowledge of outbreak management with students. Additionally, he has participated as an examiner for the CIPHI Board of Certification, and as editor for the CIPHI Alberta Branch newsletter. These activities further promote food safety and allow the next generation of public health inspectors to build upon lived experiences and knowledge.

Lance is also a primary and contributing author for several peer-reviewed published articles regarding foodborne illness outbreaks, allowing other professionals and the broader public access to the insights and learnings from outbreak investigations that were investigated in Alberta (see links below). Lance's contributions to these investigations have led to practice and policy changes in food safety, both on a provincial and national level.

Lance's career (which began in 1994) has truly been influential, and he is admired by his colleagues for his dedication, integrity, and unwavering leadership. His continued contributions to our profession and food safety awareness highlight his qualifications for this award.

Respectfully submitted,

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### Links to selected works:

[\*Escherichia coli\* O157:H7 Infections Associated with Contaminated Pork Products — Alberta, Canada, July–October 2014](#)

[Outbreak of \*Escherichia coli\* O157:H7 Infections Linked to Mechanically Tenderized Beef and the Largest Beef Recall in Canada, 2012](#)

[An Outbreak of \*E. coli\* O157:H7 Hemorrhagic Colitis Associated with Unpasteurized Gouda Cheese](#)