

I would like to nominate Gregory Charles Marsh for the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Award Safe Recreational Water Award for 2019.

Greg Marsh has been a long-standing member of CIPHI with 28 years. He sat on the Branch Executive as vice president for a term, has sat on the BOC exam panels, and continually assists with mock BOC panels. He displays his dedication to the profession daily by applying a strong professional work ethic to everything he does.

Greg worked for the City of Winnipeg Water Health Department for a total of 18 years. Shortly after his recruitment as a Public Health Inspector, he became involved with swimming pool safety and co-authored the City's "Pool Safe" manual. This manual was the manual used by Ryerson University to teach future health inspectors about pools and pool chemistry. After the manual was created, a pool safe course was designed, and Greg was one of the instructors who taught the 2-day course to pool operators in the City. This course was quite intense in material but Greg was able to explain the principles of pool chemistry and pool design in a way that allowed all operators to understand and apply the content of the manual to their general day-to-day practice. Greg was passionate about his profession and always applied himself trying to learn everything there was to learn about a specific issue.

Greg's passion went further into pools when he decided to retire from the City and take up work as a consultant for a local pool company. In this role, he worked well with health inspectors educating them further about the construction and design of different pool facilities. Greg became the conduit between private sector and government, which enabled pools to be built within the context of the regulations. In addition, wanting to learn everything he could about pools, he went to the United States to be certified as a Certified Pool Operator (CPO) instructor, by the National Swimming Pool Foundation. Greg continues to teach this course to pool operators throughout the province.

Greg returned to government in 2008, and began working for the Province of Manitoba, where shortly after working in the field again became the "go to guy" for all pool questions. Having this expertise and his previous knowledge and experience with the City of Winnipeg Water and Waste department it only made sense that when the Recreational Water Quality Specialist position was posted, that Greg was awarded the position. In this role, Greg has rewritten the pools construction and design guidelines, drafted amendments to the Swimming Pool Regulation, he chairs Manitoba Health's Recreational Water Committee, attends all meetings with private and government sector discussing pool and water quality issues, and always ready to assist inspectors with all water and pool related issues.

Greg is a great candidate for this award because of his determination to the field of public health, his commitment to safe recreational water quality, and always available to assist with a smile.

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