

## **SCADA & IT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

For 2007 I am pleased to report that our committee has hosted a sold out technical transfer session in Penticton. We have presently nine active BCWWA members in our committee with one member from the IT sector, and have attracted a number of Municipal members to our team. We are still keen in actively pursuing other potential candidates for our committee, especially in the IT sector.

The objective of our committee is to promote the integration of SCADA & IT (Information Technology) through education, mentoring and training. Since both the SCADA and IT fields encompass a large technology base, many of our committee challenges include how to convey information on the SCADA and IT technology to our members. We have traditionally held workshop and seminars in November, but have decided this year to appeal to the masses by working with the momentum already generated from the AGM to promote SCADA & IT at the Wednesday technical transfer session.

Our technical transfer session was titled "From Shop Floor to Top Floor: Making Good Business Decisions with SCADA". The workshop focused on both SCADA and IT technologies presently used throughout North American Municipalities, and some of the topics focused on making good business decisions with SCADA data. We had a successful turnout of over 110 participants from both delegates and speakers. In fact we had a sold out technical transfer session before it even started and had to make last minute arrangements to secure a larger room. Our speakers were from as far as away as Alabama, California, and Illinois. The conference was well received and in conversations with delegates during the conference, they are expecting to see something similar in the near future.

I also had an opportunity this year to be invited as a guest speaker to the RCMP headquarters in Ottawa to talk about security for the water and waste industry as part of our government's initiative to provide security Canada's critical infrastructures. I had an opportunity to meet with some of our country's top security leaders as well as some from the US and discuss how we could potentially convey the message of protecting our country's critical infrastructures through BCWWA's membership and affiliations.

For 2008 we continue to educate our membership by hosting another technical transfer session titled "SCADA 101 for Water and Wastewater Operators."

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