

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Public Works Association of BC Honours Nanaimo Staff**

*Three long-serving Public Works employees recognized*

#### **Summary**

At Nanaimo's Council meeting on March 29, 2021, Mayor Krog and Council joined Chris Anderson, President of the Public Works Association of BC, in recognizing three staff for outstanding service.

Angela Mowatt received PWABC's 2020 Dedicated Service Award for a Public Works employee who demonstrates exemplary service when performing their day-to-day responsibilities. Angela's knowledge, dedication, and calm, friendly demeanour make her the go-to resource for staff and residents. Each day, Angela is there for her coworkers and the residents of Nanaimo and she is truly the heart of the Department.

Ritchie Fulla received PWABC's 2020 Outstanding Public Works Employee Award for going above and beyond day-to-day responsibilities, demonstrating exemplary care and concern for colleagues, community and the industry. During Ritchie's 45-year career serving the residents of Nanaimo, Ritchie could often be found leading group tours of the City's watershed and water treatment facilities for elementary school classes, university students, staff, and members of the public.

John Elliot received PWABC's 2020 Manager of the Year Award for exemplifying the spirit and professionalism of Public Works and the Public Works Association. John is deliberate in developing personal relationships with the public, showing empathy and helping residents impacted by adversity at any time, day or night. His personal approach enhances the City's reputation with the public and results in improvements to Nanaimo's work programs, making life better for all. John is also looking to the next generation of Public Works professionals.

*Strategic Link: A culture of excellence around governance, management and cost-effective service delivery.*

#### **Key Points**

- The Public Works Association of BC represents individuals working for municipalities, utility companies and engineering consulting firms, in every community throughout BC and Yukon. PWABC members are dedicated to improving the quality of life for citizens.
- Three of Nanaimo's Public Works staff were recognized with awards from their colleagues across British Columbia. Together, Angela Mowatt, John Elliot and Ritchie Fulla have over 110 years of service to their community.

#### **Quotes**

"These three outstanding, long-serving public servants are the best of the best and bring honour to themselves and our City, which they serve with dedication and energy. The City is so proud of them and so grateful for their service to all of us."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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