



CANADIAN WATER NETWORK

# Municipal Water Consortium

## A Strategic Investment

Canadian Water Network (CWN) hosts the Municipal Water Consortium, an executive network for directors and general managers from Canada's water utilities. Joining the Consortium is a strategic investment that directly benefits utilities and the municipalities they serve.

Water utilities must ensure 24/7 reliability to safeguard public health and foster growth and prosperity. The Consortium equips water professionals with the knowledge, guidance and peer network needed to deliver safe, clean water to their communities.



*CWN's national network of water utility leaders helps our industry cultivate trust and confidence. The insights we gain are driving positive impacts in the water sector and beyond."*

## Value for Members

Twenty-six of Canada's largest municipalities are members of the Municipal Water Consortium. They benefit by learning from peers, accessing valuable information and research, and saving money through shared strategies to reduce costs and mitigate risk.

### Mark Bainbridge

Director of Water and Wastewater Planning and Capital, Hamilton Water



# MEMBERSHIP RESULTS: Cost Savings and Better Risk Management

Membership in the Consortium empowers municipalities with knowledge and tools to manage risks effectively and achieve significant cost savings. In recent years, CWN has produced and facilitated numerous high-value events, discussions and exclusive knowledge products.



## Cost Savings

Strategic Sharing Groups offer a platform for exchanging cost-saving strategies with peers on a range of topics, including advancing financial sustainability practices, leveraging digital transformation and harnessing the power of data.

## Risk Management

As soon as the U.S. tariffs were announced, CWN convened Consortium members in rapid roundtables to discuss potential impacts on water utilities and share response strategies from across the country.

## Collective Expertise

When the City of Calgary experienced a major crisis due to a water main break, CWN leveraged the collective expertise of the Consortium to identify effective response strategies.

## Curated Knowledge Resources

Get exclusive access to curated briefs, council reports and case studies that highlight how Canadian municipalities address current and emerging challenges. Examples include responses to COVID-19, managing contaminants of emerging concern, enhancing levels of service, and promoting affordability and equity.

## National Surveys

CWN conducts surveys to compile and synthesize how utilities address specific issues or information gaps. Examples include managing cost escalations in large infrastructure projects and assessing the value of water assets managed by utilities.

## Strategies for Complex Challenges

Discover innovative approaches municipalities use to tackle multifaceted challenges like adaptive planning pathways and net zero water.

# Connect Nationwide to Share Solutions

The Municipal Water Consortium amplifies the impact of its members by providing access to a robust network of more than 70 senior-level executives. Many of these leaders oversee multi-billion-dollar infrastructure and service delivery projects and benefit from a safe and equitable space for sharing challenges and different perspectives.

To support the Consortium, CWN hosts various activities and events, including semi-annual meetings, themed peer-sharing groups and joint projects to foster collaboration and leverage innovation.

## Key Activities



### In-Person Meetings

Strengthen professional bonds through exclusive semi-annual in-person meetings.



### Knowledge Hub

Access cutting-edge research and trends from leading water research institutes worldwide.



### Strategic Sharing Groups

Convening of municipal leaders, researchers and thought leaders on emerging issues of concern such as PFAS in biosolids.



### Blue Cities

CWN's flagship event is an opportunity to connect, share insights, and forge partnerships in the municipal water sector.



### Rapid Roundtables

Co-learn with your peers to better respond to urgent issues such as the U.S. tariffs.



### Leadership Recognition

CWN awards and News Splash profiles recognize professional excellence among utility leaders.

## Access Canadian and Global Expertise

Consortium members benefit from knowledge exchange and collaboration with Canadian and international experts. They have free access to the [Global Water Research Coalition's](#) extensive library of research from leading institutes worldwide, including in the U.S., Europe, Australia, Singapore and South Africa. Members can also connect with international experts from institutes like The Water Research Foundation on major challenges confronting the industry, such as [PFAS risk communication](#) and [reducing greenhouse gas emissions from wastewater treatment processes](#).

[Blue Cities](#), Canadian Water Network's flagship event, offers another opportunity to engage with industry thought leaders and gain valuable insights. Attendees take home strategies and solutions from Canadian and international experts and practitioners in the private sector, academia and government, making it an essential conference for decision-makers in the water sector.

CWN's Innovation Partner Sponsorship program provides access to private sector expertise. Recent partners include Stantec, Xylem and GHD.

## Foster Leadership Excellence

New this year, CWN Awards recognize professional excellence among Municipal Water Consortium member utility leaders. There are three distinct awards:

- Lifetime Achievement
- Blue Impact - outstanding leadership
- Rising Wave - early career

Publicly recognizing industry excellence highlights the exceptional contributions of utility leaders and inspires others in the industry to strive for excellence.

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*The value of participating in the Municipal Water Consortium is in understanding future risk, and building that uncertainty into decision-making that allows for greater confidence in our ongoing infrastructure investments.”*

**Alicia Fraser**

General Manager of  
Integrated Water Services,  
Capital Regional District

## Join the Municipal Water Consortium

Join the Consortium to engage in discussions on this year's priority topics, including risk mitigation strategies to contain large project costs, adaptive long-term planning, decarbonizing water services, wastewater plant optimization and the treatment of emerging contaminants.



Find out more about the  
Municipal Water Consortium at  
[cwn-rce.ca/municipal-consortium](http://cwn-rce.ca/municipal-consortium)



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