



PWABC CHAPTER AWARDS | Nomination Form

The attached information is submitted for the following award (please indicate one):

- ☑ Dedicated Service Award
☑ Manager of the Year
☑ Professional Dedicated Service Award
☑ Emerging Leader of the Year Award
☑ Women's Public Works Ambassador Award
☑ Outstanding Public Works Employee Award
☑ Project of the Year
☑ Public Works Week - Community Celebration
☑ Innovations

Candidate's Name DE Joanne Quarmby
Title Water & Wastewater Specialist
Agency/Organization URBAN SYSTEMS
Mailing Address (If post office box, include street address) 200 - 286 ST PAUL ST
City KAMLOOPS Prov BC PC V0E 5N0
Phone 250 374 8311 x 7246 Fax 250 374 5334 V2C 664
Email JQUARMBY@URBANSYSTEMS
Nominating Organization/Individual PAT MILLER Sun PEAKS BC
Title DIRECTOR UTILITY SERVICES
Agency/Organization SUN PEAKS UTILITIES / MUNICIPALITY
Mailing Address (If post office box, include street address) 1280 ALPINE RD
City SUN PEAKS Prov BC PC V0E 5N0
Email PMILLER@SUNPEAKS-UTILITIES.COM

Deadline: August 15 (must be received by not postmarked)

Forward this form along with documentation supporting the purpose of the award and the award's eligibility requirements to:

PWABC
102-211 Columbia Street
Vancouver, BC V6A 2R5



102-211 Columbia Street
Vancouver, BC V6A 2R5
1.877.356.0699 | info@pwabc.ca
www.pwabc.ca



Dedicated Services Award – Nominee

**Dr. Joanne Quarmby (Harkness), R.P.Bio**  
**Water and Wastewater Specialist**

Urban Systems Ltd.  
200 – 286 St. Paul Street  
Kamloops, BC, V2C 6G4  
T: 250 374 8311 x 7246  
[jquarmby@urbansystems.ca](mailto:jquarmby@urbansystems.ca)  
[urbansystems.ca](http://urbansystems.ca)



As one of Joanne’s clients, Sun Peaks Utilities is proudly nominating Dr. Joanne Quarmby, our water and wastewater specialist for the Dedicated Services Award. Joanne has a degree in Microbiology and Virology, with a PhD in Public Health Engineering. She has worked at Urban Systems Ltd. since she arrived in Canada 17 years ago.

Joanne has a wide range of experience in the management of wastewater effluents and biosolids and is very familiar with the intricacies of the various regulatory and guidance documents, for both the Federal and Provincial levels of government.

Joanne works with large and small communities in BC and Alberta to help develop solutions that balance the needs of public health with the environment and economics.

One of her bigger claims to fame were her contributions to the Kamloops Wastewater Management Plan wherein she was instrumental in challenging the provincial regulations to ultimately save the City over \$30,000,000 in capital costs.

Joanne is always willing to help operators out by facilitating meetings between public works departments. Joanne is always looking at alternative and sometimes out of the box (or as much as an engineer can get) disposal methods that provide a benefit to the municipality or region. She is presented at many council meetings to ensure operators voices are heard as sometimes one wrong decision can make a difference in the challenges of operating a water / wastewater facility.

Joanne is a registered professional biologist of BC, a member of the International Assoc. for Impact Assessment on industrial wastewaters and she has over 30 publications to her name.

Joanne also volunteers her time for many activities and service organizations including the Prichard Rodeo greeting the contestants at the back gate. Not to count the hours helping organize conferences like Public Works held at Sun Peaks in 2016

The above is a summary and a very small snap shot of Joanne’s impact on various communities including Sun Peaks through her contribution towards helping communities deliver public works services and protecting the environment.