



MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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By Email

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**Re: First Nation Water Operator of the Year Nomination
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (MBQ) Submission**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to AWWAO on behalf of the MBQ to nominate Elizabeth (Liz) Brant, MBQ Water Operator for AWWAO First Nation Operator of the Year.

Liz has been employed with the MBQ since 2002 in various water related capacities. Starting out as the residential groundwater monitor collecting water samples from homes to manager of the water delivery program and eventually completing the licensing requirements for Class III water operator in order to operate the water treatment plant.

MBQ finalized the commissioning of our Class III water plant in 2016 and Liz pursued acquiring the necessary licensing in order to operate the plant. She remained dedicated and committed towards completing her studies and taking the exams necessary for water plant operator licensing to serve the community. She successfully achieved her Class III Water Treatment Subsystem license this year. She currently holds the following licenses:

- Level 3 water treatment license
- Level 2 water distribution license
- Water Quality Analyst
- OIT wastewater collections license
- OIT wastewater treatment license

In order to satisfy the post-secondary requirement for the Class III she had to complete her post-secondary environmental technician diploma part time while holding down her fulltime position. She successfully graduated on the Dean's List and received the following awards:

- OCWA Scholarship Award
- OPG John Wesley Beaver Award
- Gord Ingram Award Loyalist College

Liz embodies the true spirit and intent of a water operator protecting the community by:

- ensuring connected residents to the communal system have access to a safe potable water supply in compliance with regulations and standards,
- by raising awareness of the need for residents to sample and treat their water where they still rely on groundwater in the un-serviced areas of the community through bulletins, website postings and virtual presentations. She actively coordinated and participated in in-person sessions pre-pandemic.
- by coordinating and overseeing the residential water testing program for residents who require bacteriological testing for groundwater wells
- by ensuring the trucked water delivery program is operating efficiently to deliver potable water to 210 clients with holding tanks.

Her experience and expertise are relied upon regularly by the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte organization and the community and she is always available to answer client questions or concerns or to provide troubleshooting advice when required. She has motivated others in the community to seek a career in water treatment and leads by example in an industry not typically thought of by the younger generation.

She has indicated personal goals of obtaining Class IV water treatment and distribution licensing, to learn the Mohawk language, to help the Tyendinaga Mohawk Community by ensuring everyone has access to safe drinking water, and to pursue furthering her education. Through her studies she has acquired a passion for science, enjoys working outdoors and actively promotes empowering women in all fields of work.

Liz continues to wear many hats fulfilling her duties for the MBQ including water operator, water delivery manager and assisting with the residential groundwater monitoring program.

I highly recommend Elizabeth Brant for consideration as First Nation Operator of the Year. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Todd Kring
Director of Community Infrastructure
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cc Kelly Maracle, Director of Human Resources