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### **Campbell River's Ed Travanut honoured with BC Water & Wastewater Association award**

City of Campbell River employee Ed Travanut was named BC Water & Wastewater Association's 2016 Operator of the Year last week.

Recognized for outstanding performance in his job, Travanut received the Excellence in the Water and Waste Industry: Victor M. Terry Operator Award at the BCWWA annual conference and trade show in Whistler last week.

*"The BC Water & Waste Association is proud to recognize professionals in the water and wastewater industry in BC and Yukon through our Industry Excellence Awards," says Tanja McQueen, CEO, BCWWA. "We are extremely pleased to honour Ed Travanut with the Victor M. Terry Operator Award in 2016, which recognizes ingenuity and proficiency in facility operations and maintenance. His attention to job planning, streamlined processes and continuous focus on safety is a great example of how water utility staff go above and beyond to protect public health and the environment."*

At the May 9 Council meeting, Mayor Andy Adams congratulated and thanked Travanut and the City's entire water and wastewater departments for their dedication to providing this vital local government service.

*"On behalf of Council and the citizens of Campbell River, we extend a hearty congratulations and thank-you to Ed for his professionalism and organizational skills, which have enhanced our water department's performance and improved the control and reliability of the City's water assets," says Mayor Andy Adams. "Campbell River's drinking water is exceptional, and we all rely on Ed and the entire team to do the best job they can, and we are grateful for the improvements they make to keep taps running with safe, high quality drinking water in our community."*

Nathalie Viau, the City's water supervisor, nominated Travanut for this award, citing his proactive and preventive maintenance planning, which has helped extend the operation of some critical assets, allowing the City to defer costly replacement of water assets. She also praised his leadership skills, his calm, logical approach to problem-solving and his commitment to safety – both to his coworkers and the public.

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*Photo caption: Ed Travanut, the City's water facility foreman II received the 2016 Excellence in the Water and Waste Industry: Victor M. Terry Operator Award (Operator of the Year in BC) from BCWWA president, Mike Ippen.*