

Creating Community: Lessons Learned through the BC Small Water Systems Community Network

WHAT IS THE BC SMALL WATER SYSTEMS COMMUNITY NETWORK?

The BC Small Water Systems Community Network is a free online platform that brings the small water system community of owners, operators, partners, supporters, volunteers, and service providers together from across British Columbia. While the platform is owner-centric, it is open to anyone who is involved or interested in small water systems – there are no barriers to entry.

LESSONS LEARNED

Working Together

- Collaboration between supporters, non-profits, and other organizations in the online platform creates greater opportunities for everyone.

Active Engagement

- When we encourage participation, there is a reciprocal effect.
- It is important to meet members where they are and to help guide them.

Education as a Tool

- Accessible education leads to increased knowledge, more informed questions, better discussion, and ultimately improved outcomes.
- It is important to provide information on a variety of formats (e.g. workshops, resources, articles, and upcoming events).

Creating Space

- Continually use feedback to adapt the space and allow for growth.
- Facilitate conversations through existing mechanisms and by creating new opportunities.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Learn more about the [BC Waste & Water Association](#) and join the [BC Small Water Systems Community Network](#).
- Take the '[Apparently I have a Small Water System...Now What?](#)' self-paced online course.
- Discover more [Freshwater Stewardship Community webinars and educational resources about freshwater management](#).
- Learn more about [Watersheds Canada's programs](#) and take action to protect the health of your local freshwater.

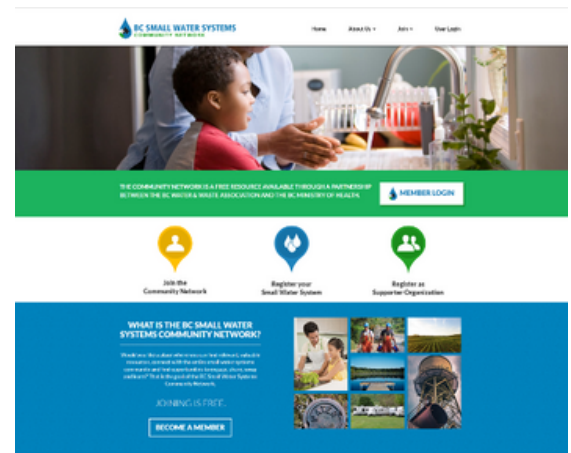


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