

Honorary Life Membership Award

Arnold Permut, M.Sc., P.Eng.



Arnold Permut has been registered with the Association since 1977 and has been a continuous member for 36 years. Arnold graduated from University of Manitoba in 1974 with a BSc (Civil Engineering) and MSc (Environmental Engineering) in 1976.

Mr. Permut worked for an engineering consulting firm from 1976-1978. During this period he was involved in several environmental impact studies related to energy projects in the arctic. He has been working with the City of Winnipeg Water and Waste Department since 1978 in a variety of engineering related design and planning positions. He was Manager of the Laboratory Services Division from 1987 to 2004. Part of the responsibilities as Lab Manager included monitoring the safety of

Winnipeg's drinking water. During this period he was also responsible for Industrial and Hazardous Waste Control with emphasis on enforcement of Sewer By-Law provisions.

Arnold has been working as Wastewater Systems Planning Engineer with the Water and Waste Engineering Division since 2004. In this capacity he has been involved with projects such as: Upgrading and Expansion of the City's South End Water Pollution Control Centre, the Upgrading and Expansion Master Plan for the North End Water Pollution Control Centre, and a Master Plan for the treatment, handling, and disposal of bio-solids. A common element of these projects is the reduction of phosphorous, and nitrogen release to the environment. He also coordinated the recent revision the City's Sewer By-Law which included extensive public consultation prior to approval. Ongoing activities include the establishment of a long term program to prevent future major process upsets at Winnipeg's wastewater treatment facilities such as occurred in the fall of 2011. He is part of the team to develop a proactive plan for rapid recovery should another process upset occur. Arnold takes great pleasure in the mentoring of young engineers so they can expand their horizons and thereby become integral to the Department's succession planning process.

Arnold has served many years on various APEGM committees. He served on APEGM Council for eight years and was APEGM President in 2004. He has been chair of the Board of APEGM Foundation Inc since 2005. Mr Permut is a "Fellow of Engineers Canada". He is also a member of the American Waterworks Association; the Water Environment Federation; and the Western Canada Water and Wastewater Association.

Arnold has been married to Susan (a registered nurse) for the last 37 years. They have a daughter Janie (Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Resident) who is married to Jeff (a Chartered Accountant) and a granddaughter Zoe.

In recognition of his dedicated service to the engineering profession and prolonged voluntary service to APEGM, The Association is pleased to confer Honorary Life Membership on Mr. Arnold Permut.