

The GRADUATE-submitted by Bob Buckland.

Doug Vance, employed by the City of Coquitlam since 1992 as Plumbing & Gas Inspector, presently & since 2010 Manager of Building & Plumbing Inspections



Doug Vance

Red Seal Plumbing Trades Qualification (TQ) and Class B Gas License since 1983. Initial training at Pacific Vocational Institute, (PVI), Vancouver, B.C.

Doug was born on February 8, 1960 at Vancouver, attended John Oliver High School

and following attended trades training at (PVI). Doug has 3-children, 2-daughters, Jadyn-16-years, Jessica-15-years, and 1-son-Devon, 13-years. He supports his children's interest in their sport activities, and competes annually himself in the Men's Slo-pitch Softball World Championships in Las Vegas.



Doug plays Slo-pitch Softball

Doug's most interesting private building industry employment was a partnership in a plumbing business for a period of six years which was mainly with design and installation of building plumbing and heating systems.

Doug's present career with the City of Coquitlam is managing and guiding a staff of 17 including building and plumbing inspectors. He also composes and writes necessary reports to City council, is responsible for interview of possible staff hiring, assists in preparation of department budgets; and perhaps most important of all, also deals with day to day department business.

Continuing interest in the building industry and learning has always been an asset in Doug's career. He is an active member of the following organizations:

- POABC (Plumbing Officials Association of British Columbia) member since 1992
- BOABC (Building Officials Association of British Columbia) member since 2007

Achievements:

- Recently; member of Modernization Advisory Group and Building Officials Qualification Working Group (consulting for Building and Safety Standards Branch), worked on the plumbing official's exams with the International Codes Committee (ICC) to adopt POABC exams into the ICC format,
- POABC Executive from 2005 – 2011 (President from 2007 – 2011)
- On behalf of the members of the POABC, signed the original Memorandum of Understanding between the BOABC/POABC in June of 2011 that led to the current organization. Level 2 Plumbing Official, Level 1 Building Official
- Current member Building Code Appeal Board and Building Code Interpretation Committee
- Was responsible for delivery of many plumbing code workshops and Code Change Seminars. Revised all plumbing code workshops into digital format as well as creating new material for Level 1 and 2 Workshops, much of which is still currently used
- Member of technical committees: Exam Committee for POABC in revising exams to international Code Council format
- Modernization Advisory Group and Building Officials Qualification Working Group (consulting for Building and Safety Standards Branch)

Comments: **Doug Vance**

In my 25 years as a member of the POABC, and 10 years as a member of the BOABC, it has been my pleasure to create and present exams and educational materials to hopefully enhance and further all people's knowledge in relation to the

regulations that oversee construction in British Columbia, especially as it relates to plumbing installations. I have had the pleasure to present workshops as far away as Whitehorse and to organizations such as APEG. During all these years, I have met many individuals who truly care about consistent and common interpretation of Building and Plumbing Codes and who have committed countless volunteer hours towards these goals. I would just like to say "thank you" to those people who give their time towards this end and to encourage younger members of the BOABC to become involved with the important, necessary work done by the organization. Although the Plumbing Officials Association of British Columbia exists now within the BOABC it is my hope that the legacy of all those who gave so much to that organization will not be forgotten.

Comments: **Bob Buckland**

I had the good fortune to meet and work with Doug Vance, Plumbing Inspector, City of Coquitlam, in 2002/2003 when I had been working for that City as a contractual temporary Building Inspector.

As my past experience as a Building/Plumbing Inspector was mainly working for the City of New Westminster I was used to working with a much smaller staff than that of the City of Coquitlam. While I found all of Coquitlam's Building/Plumbing staff to be very competent and helpful to me in my daily questions related to fulfilling my employment, I found Doug Vance to be one of the most personable and helpful.

As I presently write a GRADUATE column regarding Doug's career and experience in the year 2017, I am very impressed with his present interest and experience in his profession.

Respectfully:
Bob Buckland