



## **WMABC ANNOUNCES 2021 WINNERS of MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS**

**VANCOUVER, BC, April 2, 2021** – The Waste Management Association of BC (WMABC) was pleased to present the awards in the categories of Safety Matters, Environmental Awareness and Dedicated Service to Valley Waste & Disposal, Eco Waste Industries and Noel Massey, at our March 31st online member meeting

### **Safety Matters Award**

The recipient of the WMABC Member Recognition Safety Matters Award was awarded to Valley Waste & Recycling, a family-owned waste management and recycling company that has been serving the Fraser Valley for more than 20 years.

Valley has committed themselves to safety and not only for their employees but for their customers as well. They have adopted a safety objective of 'zero accidents' and 'full compliance' under the WorkSafeBC regulations. This company has created multiple levels of commitment and responsibility from their management team, supervisors, workers, and representatives to ensure that health and safety is a priority throughout the workplace.

They have recently become Safety Driven COR certified and are committed to maintaining safety as a keystone to their company policies.

### **Environmental Awareness Award Recipient**

The recipient of WMABC's Environmental Awareness Award was awarded to Eco Waste Industries which has operated in the waste & recycling sector for 50 years. Over the last 30 years they have added recycling activities such as yard waste into compost, clean wood into biomass and concrete into aggregate, into their operations.

Their vision to optimize C&D waste diversion through advanced and innovative technology aligns with the goals of the Ministry of Environment and regional leaders throughout BC. The results of their efforts will divert waste, reduce GHG emissions, extend landfill life for remaining waste after material recovery and recycling efforts and produce a low-carbon fuel alternative. By investing in modern sorting technology for the C&D sector, not only have they contributed to the robust C&D diversion rates in BC, but with their recent investments in new technology and infrastructure, they are positioned to expand upon current successes.

### **Dedicated Service Award**

The recipient the WMABC Dedicated Service Award is Noel Massey who started a recycling company in this region approximately 10 years ago, that provided a solution to an overlooked and difficult material to recycle. This was an innovative answer to the removal of this material from landfills and was what the region needed.

They had one mission; to provide a cost-effective solution to the ongoing and growing expanded polystyrene problem. The Company was Foam Only. Their finished product became feed stock to be upcycled into consumer items such as picture frames and door mouldings. Part of Foam Only's labour force was comprised of people who faced more challenges than most in life. They received recognition from the Rotary at Work &

Community Living Society for providing employment to individuals, some who were said to be “unemployable.”

In 2019 Foam Only had to close their doors but this award recipient persevered and changed paths to work with and help grow another company, and long-standing member of the WMABC, AJM Disposal.

During all this time, he was an active association member, then he stepped forward to sit on the board of directors, where he sat on committees, participated in many regional district meetings, and provided his knowledge to help guide association policy. He became association President for 2018 and 2019 where he helped to elevate the association to a seat at the Provincial table, to have our member’s voices heard. Today he still sits on the board as Past President and continues to sit on a committee and provides relevant questions and answers to calls with Metro Vancouver and the Provincial Government.

Despite adverse situations he has worked diligently for this industry and the community. A quote from his employer, “I will tell you this. He loves this industry and the people in it.”

Congratulations to our winners!

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