

STA Member Profile

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What is your role with Conestoga College?

My role with Conestoga College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning is Manager of Physical Resources. The Department has Building & Grounds Maintenance, Health/Safety & Security Services, Shipping/Receiving, Mail & Courier Services, related Contract Service Administration (i.e. Housekeeping, Food Services). There are five campuses located in Kitchener, Guelph, Waterloo, Cambridge and Stratford. The annual operating budget is 6.4 million dollars.

What kind of team do you work with?

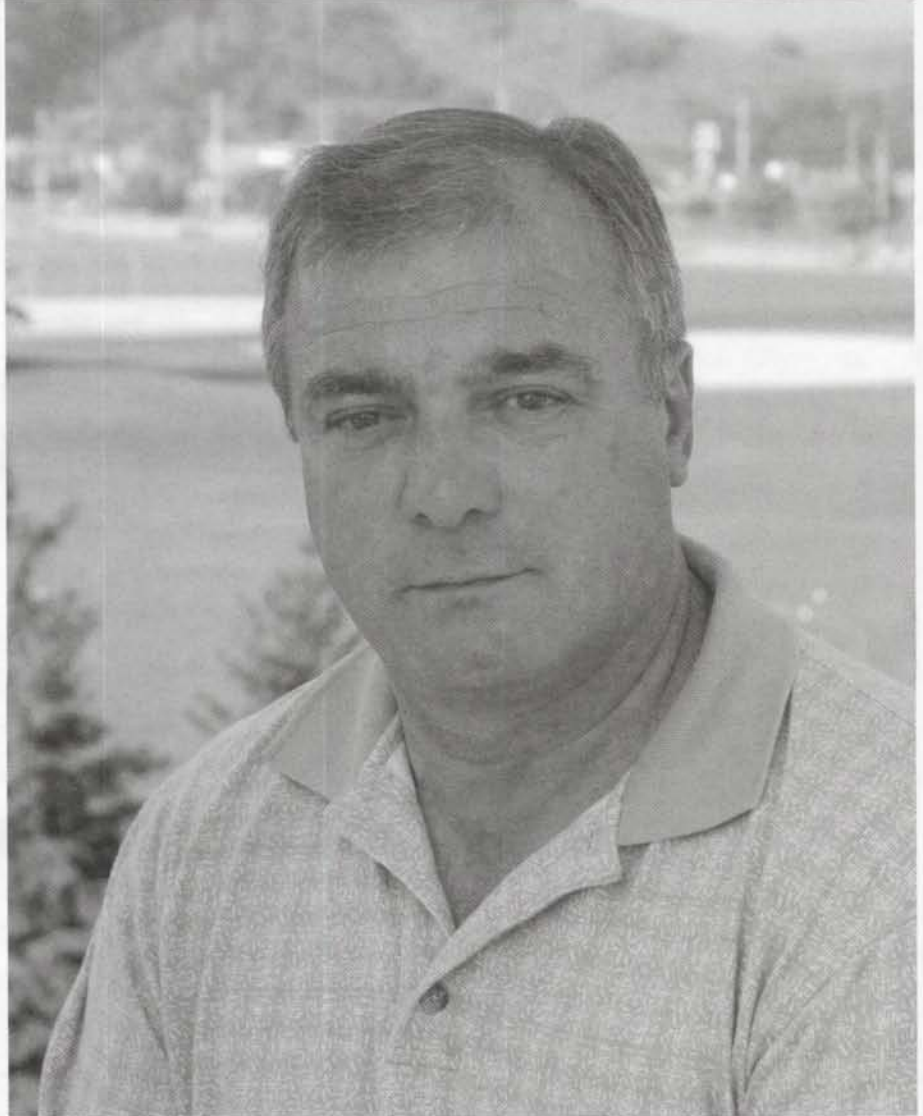
I work with a very diverse team. With the various areas of responsibility, there is a need to have many talents within the department. The cost to operate is below the provincial average on a square foot basis. Conestoga College has been ranked the number one college in the province for the past 7 years. It is because of such a strong committed team that Conestoga has been able to remain a leader in the province.

What are you and your team responsible for?

To ensure safe, clean and well maintained campuses to enhance the learning experience for our students.

What is the biggest challenge in your job?

Accommodating the changing needs of new training/learning programs. Ensuring the students have the facilities to conduct their studies and participate in recreational activities. This is done by working with the Space Planning Committee and the Athletics Department.



What is the most satisfying part, what makes the job worthwhile for you?

I enjoy being around the students. They bring so much energy to the campus each September that it is difficult to not feed off it. Having students work part-time within the department during their time at the college and watch them walk across

the stage at convocation. They grow so much during their time at Conestoga.

What is the biggest misconception about your job?

A number of people do not understand what is involved with facility management. There is considerable work that is not seen behind the walls or on grounds.

The facilities and grounds are maintained in good repair, resulting in few breakdowns or cancellations.

What is your educational/employment background?

I am a graduate of Humber College in the Arena Management Program – 1973. I have also completed many in-service training programs through the Ontario Arenas Association (ORFA) and Conestoga College Continuing Education Schools related to my field (Municipal Clerk/Treasurer, Construction Project Management, Construction Estimating, Certified Health & Safety, Canadian Emergency Planning Program). I am a Past President of the Ontario Arenas Association Inc. (ORFA), a founding member of the Canadian Recreation Facilities Council, Past Chair of the Grand River Building Managers Association, and former Executive Member of the Colleges Facilities Administration Committee.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married to my wife Pat for 32 years. We have a son and daughter who are in their twenties. We live in Guelph, Ontario.

What do you enjoy doing outside of the workplace? Hobbies, favorite past times?

Spending time with my family. I am currently restoring a 1955 Chev. I enjoy going to automotive flea markets.

What direction(s) would you like to see the industry, as a whole, move towards?

I support the various associations continuing to work together to enhance knowledge of all members.

What do you consider to be the biggest benefit of being a member of the STA?

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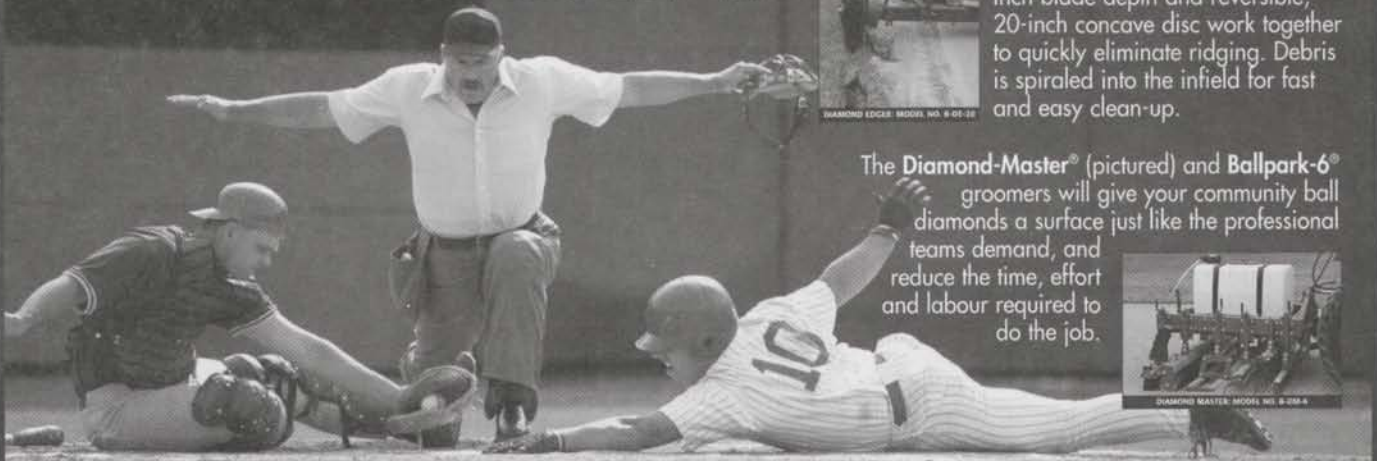
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