



**Robert Haller** is the executive director of the [Canadian Water and Wastewater Association](#), which is THE national voice of the water and wastewater sector in Canada. Robert took on this national leadership role after almost 20 years as a senior municipal administrator - most of those years serving as a CAO for small and medium sized communities.

With a Geography degree from Carleton University and a Masters in Public Administration (MPA) from University of Western Ontario, he now serves as the spokesperson for the Canadian water sector at the national level. He admits he relies heavily on his many members for their expertise and support; especially on technical matters of treatment methods. Robert's interests lean more toward the utility management and financing issues and facilitating national dialogue and information sharing.

Robert serves as a municipal advisor to the RBC (Royal Bank) Blue Water Program and represented the water and wastewater sector as an advisor to the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card. Robert coauthored a report titled "Public Attitudes" as a starting point for public education plans around infrastructure. Robert, on behalf of the CWWA, represents Canada to the world as Secretary of the Canadian National Committee of the International Water Association.

Robert has been very active in efforts to address the problems caused to sewage systems by disposable wipes and the improper use of toilets as garbage cans. He represented Canada and the CWWA in Washington, DC as part of negotiations with the wipes manufacturers' association (INDA) to develop a revised Code of Practice and labeling protocol for items labeled as 'flushable'; as well as a Guidance Document to set standards for the dispersibility of products marketed to be flushed. The CWWA has supported work on the development of an international (ISO) standard for flushability and the formation of the International Water Services Flushability Group (IWSFG) to develop a definition of flushability that is acceptable to the wastewater (sewage) management sector.