



## 2025 OWWA Treatment Seminar

### Trusting the Media: Filtration and Media in Drinking Water Treatment Presented by the OWWA Treatment Committee

Thursday, March 20 2025

Mississauga Grand Banquet & Event Centre  
35 Brunel Rd, Mississauga ON L4Z 3E8

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| 8:30 am  | <b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>  |
| 9:00 am  | <b>Opening Remarks</b>   |
| 9:15 am  | <b>GAC Regeneration – How Communities are Optimizing Media Life</b><br>Brent Tippey, East Region Drinking Water Market Sector Leader, HDR  |
| 9:45 am  | <b>Insights into Filter Maintenance</b><br>Brett Hambley, Technical Services Specialist, AWI   |
| 10:30 am | <b>Networking Break</b>  |
| 10:50 am | <b>PFAS Removal with GAC: Experience at a Community Well System</b><br>Jed Rode, Process Engineer, City of Ottawa  |
| 11:15 am | <b>Removing Manganese and Other Contaminants Using Biofiltration</b><br>Dr. Martin Earle, Carollo Engineers  |
| 11:45 am | <b>Halton Region: Roadmap to (Partnership for Safe Water) Excellence</b><br>Jon Simaitis, Water & Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, Halton Region   |
| 12:00 am | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 1:00 pm  | <b>It's Called Chemically Assisted Filtration for a Reason: Balancing Design and Operation for Enhanced Filter Performance</b><br>Kalani Sachinthana De Silva, University of Waterloo, Water, Science, and Technology Policy Group |
| 1:30 pm  | <b>Extending GAC Filter Cap Lifespan for Taste and Odour Control</b><br>Maeva Che, University of Toronto, Drinking Water Research Group  |
| 2:00 pm  | <b>Networking Break</b>  |
| 2:20 pm  | <b>Membrane Gravity Filter – From Concept to Water Production</b><br>Teo Kochmar, Manager, Engineering - Water Treatment & Facilities and Numair Uppal, Operations/Capital Team Lead, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA)            |
| 2:50 pm  | <b>Assessment of Ultrafiltration Membrane Ageing in Drinking Water Treatment</b><br>Dr. Robert Andrews, University of Toronto, Drinking Water Research Group   |
| 3:20 pm  | <b>Closing Remarks</b>   |



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- Non-Members\*: \$239 (+HST)
- OWWA Young Professional: \$79 (+HST)
- OWWA Student Member: \$49 (+HST)

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·Attendance is by advance registration only.

·Seminar participants may be eligible to receive CEUs upon attending. Please provide your WWOCS number on the registration form.

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