

## Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors BC Branch Continuing Education Fall Webinar Series 2013

### What does the future look like for an EHO/PHI

October 10, 2013 from 09:00 - 10:00 (PDT)

Northern Health is in the process of restructuring their Public Health Programs so that they can better meet the individual needs and challenges of each unique community while moving towards an upstream approach focusing on the social determinants of health.

EHOS/PHI roles in Northern Health are changing from the stereotypical inspection role to working with their communities in a partnership role. Focusing on some nontraditional health protection duties which will change the way EHOs are perceived in the future.

### Crystal Brown, Environmental Health Officer, Northern Health Authority



Originally from Nova Scotia, Crystal graduated in 2004 from Cape Breton University with a Degree in Biology and Environmental Health. After graduation, Crystal moved to Northern BC where she accepted a position as an Environmental Health Officer with Northern Health. Working as a generalist with Northern Health has given Crystal opportunities that she may not have had in other areas. Crystal has done everything from food, drinking water, swimming pools, communicable disease, sewage, and land use, to the healthy built environment, radon, oil and gas, collaboration with numerous agencies on special projects at the municipal, provincial and federal level and has recently finished up with the development of Northern Health's own in-house drinking water course.

In the fall of 2011, Crystal was elected as BC Branch President-Elect. Crystal is honored to represent the North and BC as she works both provincially and nationally with CIPHI to promote the mission statement and maintain the integrity of the Society while participating in initiatives that will help strengthen and advance our profession.