Editor's Message

Environmental public health can encompass many items that impact on human health, and many of the conversations I have with professionals across Canada reflect this fact. Many are exploring the future direction of environmental public health, while others are rightfully explaining the current emphasis is challenging enough without expanding our role.

In this issue of the *Environmental Health Review*, we explore two areas that may not be considered traditional, although not really that far outside of our base. A study exploring the noise levels in public pools is interesting and one many of us can relate to as we have spent many hours either using an indoor pool or observing kids taking swimming lessons in this environment. The NCCEH have produced another excellent article about plastics and food. Both articles stretch our current roles.

I recently was reviewing the statistics and the most read article over the past few months has been the *Prioritizing professional*

competencies in environmental public health: A best–worst scaling experiment paper by Wallar et al. Full disclosure as I was a co-author of this paper. Obviously, I am not the only PHI wondering what the requirements of today and the future are for environmental public health professionals.

I am always encouraged to see the breadth of papers submitted to our Journal. The more information we continue to publish, the more we can share stories about successful or interesting environmental public health practices. This increases the knowledge level of all involved.

We are continuing to seek high-quality articles for publication. I am always happy to discuss your potential submission at any time.

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