

In the Capital Regional District

PUBLIC WATER WORKS!

Just ask waterworks operator Haiden Earle:

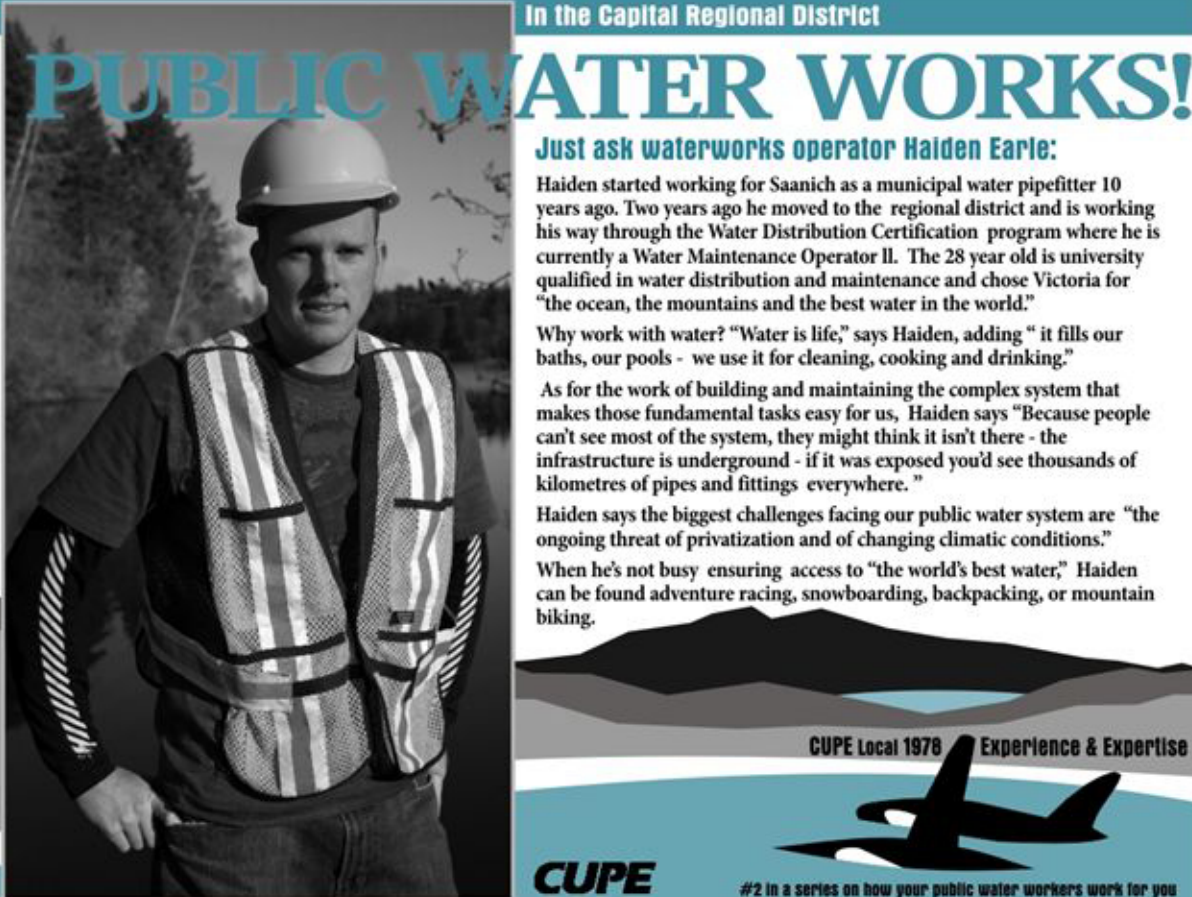
Haiden started working for Saanich as a municipal water pipefitter 10 years ago. Two years ago he moved to the regional district and is working his way through the Water Distribution Certification program where he is currently a Water Maintenance Operator II. The 28 year old is university qualified in water distribution and maintenance and chose Victoria for "the ocean, the mountains and the best water in the world."

Why work with water? "Water is life," says Haiden, adding "it fills our baths, our pools - we use it for cleaning, cooking and drinking."

As for the work of building and maintaining the complex system that makes those fundamental tasks easy for us, Haiden says "Because people can't see most of the system, they might think it isn't there - the infrastructure is underground - if it was exposed you'd see thousands of kilometres of pipes and fittings everywhere."

Haiden says the biggest challenges facing our public water system are "the ongoing threat of privatization and of changing climatic conditions."

When he's not busy ensuring access to "the world's best water," Haiden can be found adventure racing, snowboarding, backpacking, or mountain biking.



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