

## Community of Practice - Lunch and Learn

## **LEAN WORKSHOP**

The Aquatera Way was initiated based on best practice Lean philosophy and aligned with Aquatera values of teamwork, safety, quality and respect. Aquatera demonstrates how, with a small, motivated, focussed and flexible team, they established an entire shift in its culture over a very short period of time with the adoption of the Lean philosophy and practices.

In 2017, Aquatera won the International Continuous Improvement Excellence Award for our progress and success with Lean.

This workshop will introduce you to the journey at Aquatera and have an open dialogue on both our successes and failures along the way. By understanding the principles of Lean, business owners and managers can begin to lead change in their organization, get employees engaged in solving problems, and begin to integrate continuous improvement thinking into their corporate culture. This will result in improved productivity and a happier customer.

This interactive workshop will help to familiarize you with the principles of Lean by:

- Thinking about your work differently and how it can dramatically improve productivity.
- Understanding the foundation, principles, and goals of a Lean organization.
- Gaining general understanding of Lean tools including kaizen, continuous improvement, recognizing waste, pull and one-piece flow and much more.

No matter what your organization does, Lean will help you do it better. Lean methodology is being applied in a broad range of enterprises including manufacturing, processing, construction, health care, engineering, banking and government services.

We are hosting this **FREE** event to determine if there is an interest in Grande Prairie to set up a Community of Practice for Lean where we would meet informally to discuss our Lean journeys and learning. Space is limited. To reserve a spot, please email <a href="mailto:mpilkington@aquatera.ca">mpilkington@aquatera.ca</a>

## **FACILITATORS**

Meredith Pilkington has worked with Lean methodology for over 20 years in manufacturing and supply chain. She has her Lean Black Belt in Supply Chain Management and is the Champion for "The Aquatera Way". She has sponsored and led many



Lean projects over the years including her Black Belt project to standardize and stabilize the Safety program at Aquatera.

Rick Owen has been practicing Lean in excess of 23 years. He has implemented Lean in many industries, including restaurants, postal services, computer programming, health care, air traffic control and higher education. Rick's



education in business and computer technology enhances his understanding of Lean concepts as they relate to real business opportunities and obstacles. Rick is a Lean/Six Sigma black belt that has trained and mentored in excess of 500 yellow and green belts through Lean courses and in the job mentoring. Rick brings his varied experience along with his in depth knowledge of Lean to assist companies in reaching their financial and developmental goals.