



# FLIC LEADER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2024

## PATRICK DARDIS SUNCOR



Patrick is a Senior Project Manager at the Suncor – Syncrude site, overseeing the Infrastructure Management Program which works to improve asset integrity of oily water sewers, fireproofing, under ground pipe crossing / road crossings, and oil storage vessels. Pat communicates the ongoing risk of the assets and works to secure annual funding and plan the annual maintenance scope.

Pat began as an electrician on the Suncor Millennium Project. From there he moved to the Shell Muskeg River Project where he was introduced into project quality control and assurance. Pat worked on the Syncrude Upgrader Expansion UE1 Project where he became a quality manager and then proceeded to work on CNRL Horizon as a quality assurance inspector. In parallel with work responsibilities, he focused on professional development to become a Certified Quality Auditor and took courses from the Project Management Institute.

This experience led Pat to a new challenge at Syncrude with the SERP (Sulphur Emissions Reduction Project). During this time Pat inquired about what opportunities were available after SERP. Pat took advantage of an opportunity to take additional turnaround training, after which he was loaned to Syncrude as a Turnaround planner. It was this opportunity that led to full time employment and a career with Syncrude as a planner. Pat was subsequently promoted to project manager in charge of Infrastructure Management Program.

Pat believes that one of the significant challenges in our industry is attracting skilled workforce to support Canada's climate goals. The transition of the industry towards achieving net-zero emissions requires a substantial amount of tradespeople and professionals. The critical question is whether we can effectively attract, develop, and offset the retiring workforce that is expected in the next 5-10 years. As his chapter at Syncrude ends, he looks forward to potential opportunities to support the next generation of project professionals.

Pat has fond memories in the energy/construction industry, particularly of his time working closely with exceptional individuals who have become lifelong friends. The camaraderie and experiences have left a lasting impression on Patrick, making those memories truly cherished.