

2023 EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sarah Soprovich, P.Eng.



Sarah Soprovich, P.Eng., received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (Co-op with Distinction) in 2013 from the University of Manitoba, and her Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering in 2020 from the University of Calgary.

Joining Stantec in Winnipeg in 2012, Sarah's career has taken her to live and work in Calgary and Chicago before returning to Winnipeg in 2020. She is currently an Associate and the Bridge Team Lead for Stantec's Winnipeg Transportation Business Centre. Sarah has extensive experience managing design and construction of interdisciplinary projects from small bridges to large design builds. Sarah has a very strong background in structural design and has designed vehicular, pedestrian, and rail structures from functional planning through detailed design.

Her marquee project has been leading the design of the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization (LBMM) segment for the Chicago Transit Authority's Red and Purple Modernization design build project, a \$2.1 billion project revitalizing Chicago's transit system. The LBMM segment consists of over 2km of new twinned concrete box girder structures, four new stations, two temporary stations, and the associated structural, civil, rail, and systems works, with unique construction staging challenges. She is also particularly proud of her design of a two-span post-tensioned Nebraska University (NU) girder bridge over Airport

Trail in Calgary, as well as the work she has done replacing structures throughout rural Manitoba and seeing how the replacements affect the local communities.

Sarah is a member of the ACEC-Manitoba Technical Women in Consulting Engineering (TWICE) committee, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba's Engineering Changes Lives committee, the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering, and the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Structures committee. As an active member of TWICE, Sarah is a key contributor trying to increase diversity in the consulting engineering sector, and advocates for the increased retention of women in consulting, engineering, and the construction industry.

Sarah was the co-founder for Calgary's local chapter of Stantec's Developing Professionals Group, which drives the initiative of connecting employees across the company who are in the early stages of their career to engage with one another and provide mentorship.

Sarah also supervises a team of professional engineers and is a strong advocate for promoting mental health, leading by example by maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Sarah shows general care for all her team members and is immensely motivated by seeing their growth and success.

In recognition of exceptional achievement at the start of their career, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is pleased to present the 2023 Early Achievement Award to Sarah Soprovich, P.Eng.