



BENJAMIN KUSUGAK

Plumber Journeyperson

MEADOWBANK, AGNICO EAGLE

Benjamin is currently a journeyman red seal plumber at Meadowbank. His certification process started out with him being a level one apprentice plumber in 2015, which included him working his way through four years of trade school while working as a plumber for an Iqaluit-based company. The Nunavut apprenticeship department accredited him with hours he had worked in the past to enable him to complete his journeyman ticket more quickly than he had originally anticipated.

He joined the Agnico Eagle team after, starting out working spud barge security in Baker Lake, which he recalls as a beautiful community.

Once he completed the terms of his contract, he joined the site service team at Meadowbank as an apprentice plumber. Benjamin's day starts out at six a.m. with his team's tool box meeting, where he is given his work tasks for the day, including thawing frozen lines, pipes, and frost fighters. He loves how broad and challenging the scope of work is. Because the job changes everyday, there is always a new challenge with different 'puzzles' for him to solve.

Benjamin feels that attaining his red seal was his biggest accomplishment, as he never gave up on it. Doing so allowed him to be where he is today; a father raising a smart, beautiful daughter, all while having a career he loves at Agnico Eagle.



JOB GOALS

- Read blueprints, drawings, and specifications to determine layout of plumbing system, water supply network, and waste and drainage systems
- Install, repair and maintain domestic, commercial, or industrial fixtures and systems
- Troubleshoot, maintain, and repair industrial, hydraulic, and pneumatic control systems

SKILLS THAT PLAY A PART

- Mechanical and mathematical abilities
- Ability to read and interpret blueprints, as well as complicated instructions
- Good work ethic, positive attitude, ability to work in a team
- Strong English communication ability (written and oral)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDED

- Red Seal journeyman plumber certification
- Minimum of 6,000 hours as a plumber