



GETTING TO KNOW YOU BCRB MEMBER PROFILE

The profile shares information about a member company and some of the activities it is currently involved in. If you would like to have your company profiled in a future issue, please contact Parveen (parveen@roadbuilders.bc.ca).

THIS MONTH'S PROFILE: **Minds Inc.** **Pierre Vidailiac, President and Co-founder**



What are the principle activities of your company?

Minds has two lines of products: plant control systems and tracking technologies. The plant control system line covers drums, batches and combo hot mix plant as well as concrete and emulsion plants. The tracking technology line covers assets and product tracking using GPS and RFID delivered on a web based platform.

What is your role with the company?

The road construction industry has been employing my family for 3 generations and I remember accompanying my father on Barber Greene plant tours in Africa at the age of 12! When I finished my studies, he and I partnered to combine his knowledge of the industry with my fresh knowledge of computers. I am now running our company while he is retired.

What are some of the current projects underway?

We opened our BC office in September last year and have been busy at building a team of people able to offer and support our line of products for the construction companies on the westcoast.

What is the size and location of your organization?

Minds has 2 offices in Canada and 3 in Europe with a total of 24 people dedicated to road construction. Our BC office is in Kelowna and opened in September 2008.

What is your favorite thing about working there?

The best part for me is being able to innovate and introduce new technologies. I also take more and more pleasure at growing the company and seeing new people join the team. Minds is run with a family kind of approach and having happy customers and happy employees is what matters to us.

In your opinion, what's the best benefit of being a member of the Association?

Being able to access a wealth of industry news and information and keeping in tune with the sector. We also appreciate the ability to raise our profile in the province with sponsorship and advertising opportunities, which connects us with the key players in the industry.

For more information, visit www.mindsinc.ca.

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JAN

18th

BC Road Builders Lunch & Learn – Location to be confirmed

FEB

12th - 28th

2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games

MAR

7th - 10th

Western Canada Road Builders Conference – Scottsdale, Arizona

MAR

16th - 22nd

Canadian Construction Association 92nd Annual Conference (Caribbean Cruise) – Fort Lauderdale

MAY

7th

41st Annual Ivan Hanchard Charity Golf Tournament – Northview Golf & Country Club, Surrey

SEPT

12th - 14th

BC Road Builder's Annual Fall Conference – Delta Grand Okanagan, Kelowna

DEC

2nd - 4th

BC Road Builder's Annual General Meeting & Seasonal Celebration – Fairmont Empress, Victoria

For additional details on these events, visit www.roadbuilders.bc.ca.

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The Voice



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE MAINTENANCE SECTOR AT THIS YEAR'S BC ROAD BUILDERS AGM AND SEASONAL CELEBRATION

NOV / DEC 2009



Over 420 people were in attendance for the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association's Annual General Meeting and Seasonal Celebration that took place November 26 to 28 at the Fairmont Empress and Victoria Conference Centre. Here's a summary of this year's convention:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

The event kicked off with welcome remarks from **Chair Steve Drummond** before CCA representatives, including **Chair Brad Greene** and **President Michael Atkinson** provided an update on the priorities and goals of our national construction association. This presentation was followed by a presentation from **Ian Jarvis, Interim President and CEO of TransLink** who talked about the progress that has been made on BC's transportation plan.

Premier Gordon Campbell once again attended a popular luncheon in his honour and brought along several MLAs. He expressed appreciation for the continued support of the association and its members. The association also took this opportunity to recognize former Transportation **Minister Kevin Falcon** and **Deputy Minister John Dyble** for their hard work and commitment to the industry over the years.

The Service and Supply, Construction and Maintenance Sector meetings took place where members reviewed progress from the past year, identified ongoing priorities/issues and elected their 2010 representatives. The day ended with lots of networking, good food and fun at the grand reception at the Royal Museum.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The morning kicked off with the Construction Safety Network's Annual General Meeting which was followed by the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association's AGM. Year end highlights reports were provided by **Chair Steve Drummond, President Jack Davidson, and the sector Chairs/Representatives**. In addition, the 2010

board of directors was formally elected.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure also held its annual Deputy Minister's Transportation Awards ceremony where **Minister Shirley Bond, Deputy Minister Peter Milburn, and Assistant Deputy Minister Mike Proudfoot** recognized road building and heavy construction excellence. Congratulations to all of the winners and nominees.

The association and MOTI also partnered and presented all provincial maintenance contractors with certificates of recognition on the 20th anniversary of the sector. The Transportation Awards Lunch wrapped up with an entertaining presentation from **Meg Soper** who used humour to talk about work life balance and how to deal with stressful situations.

The annual Christmas dinner and dance was as always a grand event. **Chair Steve Drummond** recognized **President Jack Davidson** who celebrated his 10th anniversary with the association and also inducted incoming **Chair Mike Jacobs**. The Annual Ladies Charity Draw also took place where **Joanne Bale** of BA Blacktop and **Jan Barr** of VSA Highway Maintenance were the lucky winners. \$500 will be donated to both of their respective charities, the BC Cancer Agency and the Make A Wish Foundation.

The night concluded with Christmas caroling and great door prize draws which included two men's 2010 Winter Olympic gold medal hockey tickets (lucky winner was Pat Burkart from TRG Group Benefits & Pensions). In following up to feedback received at last year's AGM Convention, this year we welcomed **Dr. Strangelove** who rocked the night away with a great mix of music.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

As always, the festivities wrapped up with the popular champagne brunch. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all of the sponsors who help make this first class event possible (see insert for listing).



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TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM KENT ORROCK



As planned, the BC Road Builders has shifted its training programs to the new industry training organization, the Transportation Career Development Association (TransCDA). So after

four amazing years, my time with the BC Road Builders has come to an end. I'll be moving on but not too far as I have taken a consulting contract which will allow me to create a Provincial Supervisor/Foreperson program for our industry.

We have achieved a lot in a short period of time, including the creation of the Provincial Road Building and Heavy Construction Foundation Program and three Provincial Apprenticeships, one of which will be moving to a Red Seal status.

In addition, we have moved the Heavy Equipment Operator Program into the K-12 school system, created a process that will allow employers to deliver full apprentice programs to their own employees and have delivered a BC Apprenticeship Program offshore in Korea.

I have made some great friends and acquaintances over these past four years. I couldn't have worked with a better bunch of

people and I most definitely could not have accomplished as much as I did without your help. For this, I thank you with all my heart.

There is still work to be completed. The Abbotsford School District will be delivering the second annual Heavy Equipment Operator Apprenticeship Program for fifteen grade 12 students starting on February 1, 2010. The Abbotsford School District will need industry assistance for the practical portion of this course taking place from March 29 to April 9, 2010.

You can help by donating the use of heavy equipment and other incidentals for this two week period. In particular the school district will need the use of:

- 2-3 excavators (21,000 weight class or above)
- 2 loaders
- 1-2 dozers and
- 1 articulated haul truck

For more information or to get involved, please contact:

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As mentioned above, TransCDA will now be responsible for assisting the road building and heavy construction industry with apprenticeship and training questions and can be reached at:

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In addition the ITA Customer Service branch is also responsible for assisting industry and apprentices with any questions and can be reached at:

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I am moving on but I hope I will not be forgotten. I will be available for consulting work regarding training and development, HR, needs assessments, industry assessments and project management. Should you need to contact me in the future my contact information is:

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SAVE THE DATE - BC ROAD BUILDERS LUNCH AND LEARN EVENT

The BC Road Builders is pleased to be hosting a special Lunch and Learn Event which will feature a discussion on the Gateway Program's Port Mann / Highway 1 Project. Come mix, mingle and network with other members while we learn about the road and bridge improvements that are well underway.

The Port Mann/Highway 1 Project includes construction of a new 10-lane Port Mann Bridge, widening the highway, upgrading interchanges and improving access and safety on Highway 1. The project spans a distance of approximately 37 kilometres from the McGill Street Interchange in Vancouver to 216th Street in Langley.

Frank Margitan of Peter Kiewit Sons Co. Ltd. will discuss the innovative construction methods and unique challenges of this important project.



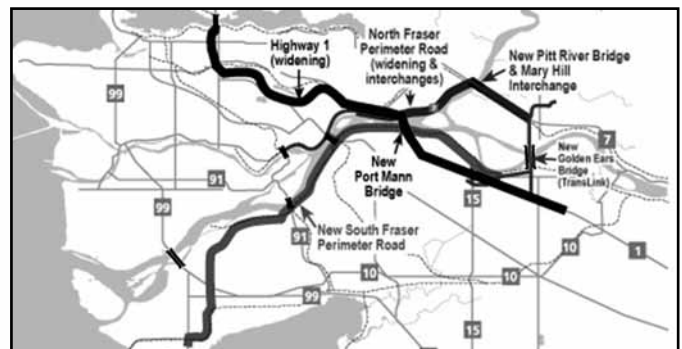
SAVE THE DATE AND RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT

Monday, January 18, 2010 at 11:30am

Location: To be confirmed

Cost: \$30 per person

RSVP to jackson@roadbuilders.bc.ca



27 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO RECEIVE FUNDING ACROSS THE PROVINCE

On November 27, the Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway and the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure announced funding for 27 new infrastructure projects that will stimulate B.C.'s regional economies through job creation. The federal and provincial governments are together investing over \$145 million, and when combined with investments from local governments and partners, the total is more than \$150 million.

"As part of our Economic Action Plan, we are investing in new projects – such as roads, highways, sewers and ports – that will create B.C. jobs during these tough economic times," said Minister Day. "Working together, we can build the infrastructure that will help British Columbia and the economy to thrive now and in the future."

"From cruise ship terminal improvements in Victoria, to highway improvements in the Kootenays, these infrastructure dollars are flowing to communities all over the province," said Minister Bond.

"These improvements to the province's highways are important for continued safe travel and trade," said association president Jack Davidson. "Every dollar that flows into our road network helps to improve our competitive advantage as Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway."



PROJECT NAME	PROJECT CATEGORY	TOTAL COST	FEDERAL SHARE	PROVINCIAL SHARE
Highway 16 - Hungry Hill and 6 Mile Truck Lanes	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Highway 1 - Oregon Jack 1km South of Jct Hwy 97C	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000
Highway 97C - Coldwater Interchange to Brake Check (Hamilton Hill)	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 1,970,000	\$ 985,000	\$ 985,000
Highway 97 - 15th Ave to 43rd Ave and 27th Ave to Pleasant Valley Rd	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,150,000
Highway 5 Great Bear Snowshed	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 825,000	\$ 825,000
Highway 14 - Port Renfrew Area	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
2009 Spring Freshet Damage Repair and Drainage Improvements	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
Siphon Creek Road	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
Highway 19 A - 17th Street Bridge Right Turn Lane	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
Highway 99 South Surrey Cable Barrier	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000
Highway 1 - Lake of the Woods Left Turn Bay	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
Highway 11 - Mission Bridge Railing Improvement	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Highway 3 Hosmer-Olsen Passing Lanes	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000
Highway 16 - Holy Cross Hill Climbing Lane	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Highway 3A - Nelson Westbound Passing Lane	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 3,250,000	\$ 3,250,000
Highway 97 - Zinkmantle Passing Lane	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
Highway 97 - Deadman Passing Lanes	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
Highway 3A - Yellow Lake Safety Improvements	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Highway 101 - Sechelt Improvements	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000
Blockline Road Climbing Lane	Highway Infrastructure	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000
Castlegar Air Tanker Base		\$ 1,300,000	\$ 606,000	\$ 695,000
West Kootenay Arrow Zone Base		\$ 1,922,000	\$ 914,000	\$ 1,009,000
Langley 202 Street Park and Ride		\$54,613,000*	\$ 19,159,000	\$32,705,000
Spirit of 2010 Trail		\$ 2,131,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,131,000
Mackenzie Connector		\$ 10,750,000	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 5,500,000
Ogden Point Deep Sea Terminal pier expansion (Victoria)		\$4,700,000**	\$ 900,000	\$ ***
Maple Ridge Sewer Extension		\$ 9,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 6,000,000

* Remaining amount of \$2,750,000 to be provided by Translink toward eligible project costs

** Remaining amount of \$2,300,000 to be provided by the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority toward eligible project costs

*** Province of BC has already contributed \$1.5 million