



THE VOICE

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EVENTS CALENDAR

FALL CONFERENCE

September 17-19, 2017
Delta Hotels by Marriott Grand
Okanagan Resort, Kelowna

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & WINTER CELEBRATIONS

December 7-9, 2017
The Fairmont Empress, Victoria

CCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 12-15, 2018
The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff

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48th Annual Ivan Hanchard Charity Golf Tournament raises \$25K for BC Children's Hospital and \$5K for Betty Spalton Scholarship Fund



The BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association held its 48th Annual Ivan Hanchard Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, May 5th at Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey. Although it was a wet day, we had 360 registered golfers and about 330 of them braved the weather.

The Association hosts the charity golf tournament to provide members with an opportunity to come together to network as well as raise funds for two great causes. \$5,000 of the funds raised is going to the Betty Spalton Scholarship Fund which offers up to two \$1,500 scholarships annually to those people pursuing educations that will lead to careers in the road building and heavy construction industries. In addition, the Association will be donating \$25,000 to the BC Children's Hospital which this year is going to be used specifically to purchase a much-needed patient monitor for the oncology unit. This monitor can make all the difference in a child's treatment and recovery by monitoring every small change in oxygen levels, breathing patterns, and heart rhythms/rates.

Since 2001, the Association has donated over \$400,000 to the BC Children's Hospital! It was a great event and we appreciate the support of our members and partners, and especially our generous sponsors!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DAY'S BEST GOLFERS!

Ridge Winners (Lowest Gross Team – Score 58)

Chris Clark, *Nilex Civil Environmental Group*
Jason Sherwood, *Atlantic Industries*
Rob Hasell, *Emil Anderson Maintenance*
Ross Gilmour, *Peter Kiewit Sons*
Ken Davies, *Roadway Traffic Products*

Canal Winners (Lowest Gross Team – Score 59)

Phil Jackman, *Valley Traffic Systems*
Ross McLean, *Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure*
Peter Mihalech, *B&B Contracting*
John Ryan, *Nechako Group of Companies*
Debbie Russell, *Nechako Group of Companies*



Save the date for BC Road Builders' Fall Conference taking place in Kelowna from September 17 to 19

Remember to mark your calendars for the BC Road Builders' Fall Conference taking place at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre from September 17 to 19. This is a great conference that provides unique opportunities to network and learn. The conference will once again consist of:

Sunday, September 17

- Annual Worm Burners' Invitational Golf Tournament
- Service and Supply Sector sponsored Welcome Reception

Monday, September 18

- Chair and ADM Updates
- Sector Meetings
- Annual BC Road Builders' Fall Classic Golf Tournament
- Fall Banquet Dinner with Kal Tire Reverse Draw

Tuesday, September 19

- Construction Leaders' Breakfast
- Rapid Fire Workshops



We will also once again have our popular tradeshow exhibits (registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis once the registration information is released). Stay tuned for the registration package which will be released at the end of July.

President's View: History tends to repeat itself and we will be ready



by Kelly Scott
*President, BC Road Builders
and Heavy Construction Association*

It is a great honour and privilege to be leading the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association into its next 50 years. Looking at our history book published last year and our *Transportation Infrastructure in BC* magazine, it is interesting to note how the changes and challenges we faced in years gone by continue.

As we go to print, our province is facing uncertain governing times. What is certain is that for BC and Canada to continue to grow economically, we need to invest in transportation infrastructure. The federal and provincial

governments have both been in agreement on this issue. They understand that a safe, reliable and efficient transportation network allows other sectors and industries to prosper.

With all opportunities, there will be challenges. The proposed ramp-up of major projects will bolster our industry's workforce significantly. Our challenge will be finding the right people for the right job at the right time.

As noted by BuildForce, "It's potentially the most rapid rise we've seen in BC's construction workforce in the past decade...the pace and magnitude of many of these proposed projects will require the steady recruitment of new workers from the local workforce and from outside construction or outside the province to meet labour demands, especially in remote locations."

We have been here before and if history repeats itself we will rise to the challenge.



GET INVOLVED IN THE CONE ZONE CAMPAIGN

Every day tens of thousands of workers work alongside our BC roadways. To help keep these workers safe, the Work Zone Safety Alliance is launching the 2017 Cone Zone Campaign, an annual road safety awareness initiative to encourage drivers to pay attention and reduce speed when driving through a Cone Zone.

We encourage you to be a part of the campaign by engaging your organization, stakeholders and community. Here are a few simple things you can do to get involved – download and distribute Cone Zone posters in your workplace, share information on your website/or create a Cone Zone ad with your customized logo on it.

To download the campaign resource, visit conezonebc.com/campaign-resources/promoting-the-cone-zone-campaign/.

For more information visit ConeZoneBC.com or contact Anita Deiter, Cone Zone Strategy Manager at anita.deiter@roadsafetyatwork.ca or 604.786.9566.



BCCSA's Silica Control Tool now "live!"

by Jackie Brown on behalf of the BC Construction Safety Alliance



Walk onto any construction site and you're bound to encounter silica dust, well recognized as a potential occupational disease hazard. Until recently, controlling exposures to the substance had been kind of hit and miss; contractors knew it was a problem but weren't always sure when, how or even if they had to deal with it.

Now, thanks to generous support from the BC Construction Safety Alliance's (BCCSA) Research Development and Opportunity Fund, companies have access to a free, made-in-BC computerized solution that can be used to quickly and easily assess the risks and identify precautions required to protect workers.

Developed by the BCCSA in conjunction with WorkSafeBC and researchers from the University of British Columbia, the first-of-its-kind web-based Silica Control Tool (ST) brings into one place existing monitoring data gathered from an array of industry surveys and studies on worker exposures to silica dust. As users enter project-related information (including such variables as weather conditions and existing control mechanisms) into the online platform, the ST draws on the extensive database to create an exposure control plan (ECP) that fits the job and affords worker protection in line with WorkSafeBC regulations.

The ST, which can be accessed via computer or smartphone, is available at www.silicacontroltool.com. After creating a password, users have full access to all its features.

"We are very pleased and proud to announce the release of the Silica Tool, which has been three years in the making and offers easy-to-generate, real-time solutions to a long-standing issue for the construction industry," said Mike McKenna, Executive Director of the BCCSA.

"Silica is everywhere but managing it can be challenging, especially for projects of shorter

durations. This tool will go a long way towards removing the uncertainty."

Although it's only been "live" since April 10, all indications point to the ST being a winner when it comes to quickly, easily and concisely managing silica dust exposure. Among its proponents so far is Anita Riddell, Safety Manager of Scansa Construction in Victoria, who had been "eagerly awaiting" the roll out of a tool that promised to take the guesswork out of silica planning.

"Prior to the ST, we used standardized forms to develop ECPs for each project, but there was always a chance of missing a step in the controls and information process," says Riddell. "With the ST, everything is in one place and it's impossible to advance to the next level until the previous one has been completed. As a concrete-based company, we will be using this tool as part of our daily planning."

Echoing Riddell's positive assessment is Gina Huber, Health & Safety Coordinator for Conroy Exteriors in Kelowna. Huber put the ST to the test for the first time on a recent project that involved cutting fiber cement siding. "We got clear statements about the risks, exposure levels and precautions we needed to take," she said. "The ECP was easy to read and follow — especially for the installers—and navigating the site was super easy. This is going to save a lot of administrative time because I can simply go online when we have a new job, fill out the information and print off the ECP for workers to review and take to site."

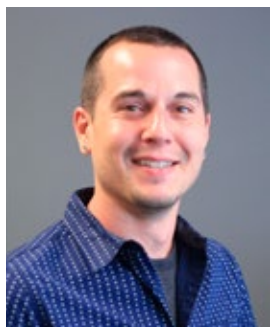
For both Huber and Riddell, the ST performed beyond pre-launch publicity and expectations. Indeed, it is expected to be a game changer for many companies.

The release of the ST—a first of its kind in BC and Canada—coincides with and was driven by WorkSafeBC's May 1, 2017 update of the OH&S Regulation to clarify employer requirements for protecting workers from silica dust and allow creation of ECPs based on existing monitoring data.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU BCRB MEMBER PROFILE

If you would like to have your company profiled in a future issue, please contact Parveen Parhar (parveen@roadbuilders.bc.ca).



Rexroth Bosch Group

Jared Verbeek – *Bosch Rexroth*
www.boschrexroth.ca/compu-spread

What are the principle activities of your company?

Hydraulic system design and supply for mobile equipment; spreader controls for winter maintenance vehicles (sold under Compu-Spread brand name).

What is your role in the company?

Customer support from sales through to implementation and training.

What current projects do you have underway?

Significant customization of our control platform for City of Calgary in order to operate multiple pieces of equipment, on one chassis, from one control point. For this project, we are partnered with Fort Garry Industries.

What is the size and location of your company?

We employ roughly 350 people across Canada, with sales offices and service facilities in most provinces. Our plant is headquartered in Welland, Ontario. Our Port Coquitlam office has 15 staff including 4 service technicians.

Why do you like working at this company?

Working for a technology leader like Bosch provides constant exposure to new and creative projects. We have a culture of continuous improvement and that fits well with me and keeps me motivated.

What do you hope to achieve through your membership with the BC Road Builders?

I believe this will provide insight into trends and legislation that is developing across industry. To be successful, it is important as a company that we understand what decisions are being made at the highest levels. To be prepared is the only way to remain at the forefront. BC Road Builders provide this forum and opportunity.



The 2017-18 Blue Book is coming!

The 2017-18 Blue Book Equipment Rental Rate Guide is in production and will be available in July. All members will receive one complimentary copy and can pre-order extra copies from our website at www.roadbuilders.bc.ca/bluebook.php.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 48TH ANNUAL IVAN HANCHARD CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

