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Upcoming Events

IVAN HANCHARD GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 8th, 2020
Northview Golf & Country Club
Surrey BC

BCRB FALL CONFERENCE

September 20-22, 2020
Marriott Grand Okanagan Resort
Kelowna BC

BCRB AGM & HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

December 3-5, 2020
Fairmont Empress, Victoria BC



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Every new year provides new opportunities and fresh challenges for the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association, and 2020 promises to be a busy year for our industry and our members.

The Association has a long-standing reputation for hosting exceptional, well-attended events throughout the year for our members, partners and stakeholders. This year we continue the tradition, the Association will kick off the year with the Road Builders of the West Conference in Maui this February, followed in the spring and fall by our annual charity fundraising and networking events such as the Ivan Hanchard Golf Tournament and the Fall Conference. In addition to this, the Association plans to launch the first ever Road Builders at the Legislature event on April 23rd 2020, to spark a greater discussion about ways to move our industry and the concerns of our members forward in 2020 and beyond. Our partnerships are a key part of our mission, and we look forward to once again collaborating with industry partners such as the BC Construction Safety Alliance, the Construction Industry Training Network, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and many more, helping promote a strong safety culture within our industry, while protecting our members and their employees by informing the public how to safely navigate work sites and protect travellers on our roads.

As many of you know we made immense improvements to our Communications efforts over the last year, with a major focus on digital pathways, including launching a new website, Connecting BC campaign and continuing our weekly newsletter and industry magazine, *The Voice*.

BC's road builders are paving the way for a brighter future in the industry in 2020. Looking forward to a new year of paving the way for a stronger industry, and connecting with our members and supporters throughout the year.

— Kelly Scott, President of the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association



The BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Alliance held its 53rd Annual General Meeting and Holiday Celebrations at the beautiful Fairmont Empress Hotel and Victoria Conference Centre last December, ringing in the holidays and closing out another eventful year with cheer in Victoria, BC.

To kick off the 2019 AGM, the Victoria Middle School Choir sang “Oh Canada,” and George Taylor from the Kwakwaka’wakw Nation performed a traditional Singing and Drumming Welcome. During the Leader’s Luncheon Keynote, Jim Harris challenged BC Road Builder members to become more agile in their operations and “take advantage of changing trends,” allowing them to “see opportunities and threats differently” going forward.

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and MLA for North Island Claire Trevena also addressed seeing opportunities in a new light, observing that BCRB members and partners are an instrumental part of our provincial government’s goal “to create a better BC” by ensuring goods continue to be moved safely.

In addition to the Sector Meetings, Awards and networking events, the AGM and Holiday activities included fun, light-hearted and cultural activities like Afternoon Tea at the Empress Hotel, Morning Wellness Yoga, a Terrarium Workshop, as well as lunches, breakfasts and of course, the gala dinner & dance.



THE BCRB 2019 SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS



THE BCRB 53RD AGM HIGHLIGHTS



As usual, the Royal BC Museum Grand Reception was one of the largest and most memorable events of the AGM! The Grand Reception kicked off the major events of the weekend and gave attendees the opportunity to greet old friends and colleagues and meet some new ones.

BC Road Builders President, Kelly Scott, and other board members provided important Year End, Financial, Sector and Committee updates at the AGM. New board members were welcomed and we bid farewell to Dan Beaulac.



THE BCRB 53RD AGM HIGHLIGHTS

There were some big winners at the **BC Highways Awards Luncheon** on Friday afternoon. Award recipients and nominees included:

BRIDGES & STRUCTURES

Eurovia British Columbia Inc.

Formula Contractors Ltd [Winner]



GRADING

Jacob Brothers Constructions Ltd.

MacKay Contracting [Winner]



PAVING

Arc Asphalt Recycling Ltd.

BA Blacktop Ltd. [Winner]



ROAD & BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Mainroad Mid-Island Contracting LP

Yellowhead Road & Bridge (Vanderhoof Ltd.) [Winner]



AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Selkirk Paving Limited



THE BCRB 53RD AGM HIGHLIGHTS



The Jingle Bell Ball had us all singing along to the Road Builder's version "12 Days of Christmas" and "Plow the Roads" to the tune of Deck the Halls. The weekend closed with a special Champagne Brunch on Saturday morning, where a surprise guest dropped by to hand out presents, Santa!



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Founded in Surrey in 1988 F.A.S.T. First Aid & Survival Technologies Limited is a grassroots Canadian company promoting safety by helping businesses with custom safety, security and emergency management solutions for over 30 years. They offer quality solutions in a wide range of safety and emergency management products and services which include emergency preparedness and first aid product lines, custom safety sewing and manufacturing. The company's head office and manufacturing plant is now located in Delta, British Columbia, and they have been a proud Supply and Service Sector member of BCRB&HCA for over 20 years. In fact, F.A.S.T. President Dee Miller is a past-chair of BCRB&HCA and served on the board for many years.

PRODUCTS AND MANUFACTURING

F.A.S.T. provides regulated, custom sewn safety apparel, such as high visibility safety vests/clothing, identification and incident command vests and other safety gear. They also offer WorkSafeBC-compliant first aid kits as well as custom-manufactured safety gear such as emergency vehicle kits, burn kits and spill kits.

F.A.S.T.'s business practices are centered on sustainability, ethics and premium quality. As more and more factories relocate off-shore, F.A.S.T. has become the only Canadian safety company with a manufacturing facility located in British Columbia. All manufacturing is done on-site by talented textile employees. Raw materials are procured from North-American sources, whenever possible, and all of their products boast the most rigorous certifications. F.A.S.T. holds a Medical Device Establishment License (MDEL) from Health Canada, which is legally required to manufacture and sell first aid kits, and we are the only Canadian company to manufacture

emergency food and water rations to Transport Canada and SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) certification.

Regulated safety apparel manufactured by F.A.S.T. meets all WorkSafeBC, CSA and MOTI standards. This means that our customers can have peace of mind knowing that they will not be in violation of WorkSafeBC requirements when wearing F.A.S.T.'s regulated apparel.





ACCOMPLISHMENTS

After the Boxing Day tsunami hit South-East Asia in December 2004, F.A.S.T. was contracted by the Canadian Red Cross to manufacture and supply 50,000 hygiene kits and 60,000 infant-care kits, hiring 500 people, they rented another warehouse facility and worked double-shifts to aid in the relief effort. In the course of the next 2 months, they filled seven 747s with emergency support kits.

Another major milestone came in 2018, when F.A.S.T. won a competitive bid to become the sole-source supplier to WorkSafeBC for regulated safety apparel, WorkSafeBC first aid kits and other custom safety products like hard hat kits and emergency vehicle kits.

We are 100% Canadian and the quality of excellence that F.A.S.T. has created and maintained in the safety industry is beyond compare.” says F.A.S.T. General Manager Carmen Elwes. “Our dedicated and talented employees make it a pleasure to go to work every day and our vision of “Making Your World A Safer Place” drives our passion to help customers in achieving their safety goals”.



Working in partnership with the BC Alliance for Manufacturing, F.A.S.T. also provides on-the-job industrial sewing machine training for new Canadians.

F.A.S.T. was recently featured on a segment of [CBC Radio Vancouver's "Still Standing,"](https://www.cbc.ca/radio/vancouver/2019/04/190415-fast-first-aid-survival-technologies-limited.html) and you can learn more about their company, products and services at <https://fastlimited.com/>



The BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association have partnered with the [Construction Industry Training Network](#) to provide training workshops and courses tailored specifically for BCRB members throughout British Columbia. Most courses offered are Gold Seal accredited, and BCRB members receive preferred pricing. There are lots of CITN training opportunities available for BCRB members for Winter/Spring 2020, check out what's new below!

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FROM CITN

Ground Disturbance Level II® BC (Global)

This one-day BC specific program is designed for any party that is supervising a ground disturbance, independently performing a ground disturbance, or issuing and receiving ground disturbance permits in British Columbia. The program ensures that Level II® personnel are familiar with, and fully understand, all the regulations and variances involved when a ground disturbance takes place.

*March 25 (Burnaby)
May 6 (Prince George)
May 8 (Fort St John)
May 28 (Victoria)
June 17 (Langley)*

Trenching and Excavation Safety Workshop

CITN's Trenching & Excavation Safety Workshop is one of the most popular courses. The workshop walks participants through a comprehensive program that includes a review of the WorkSafeBC Regulations and Guidelines, safe work procedures and important training on what to do if something goes wrong. The workshop covers shoring, benching, sloping and shielding systems. It also includes a section on location of underground utilities and the geotechnical and structural engineered documentation requirements. This workshop has several upcoming dates and locations:

*March 24th, 2020 (Burnaby)
April 28th, 2020 (Victoria)
May 5th, 2020 (Prince George)*

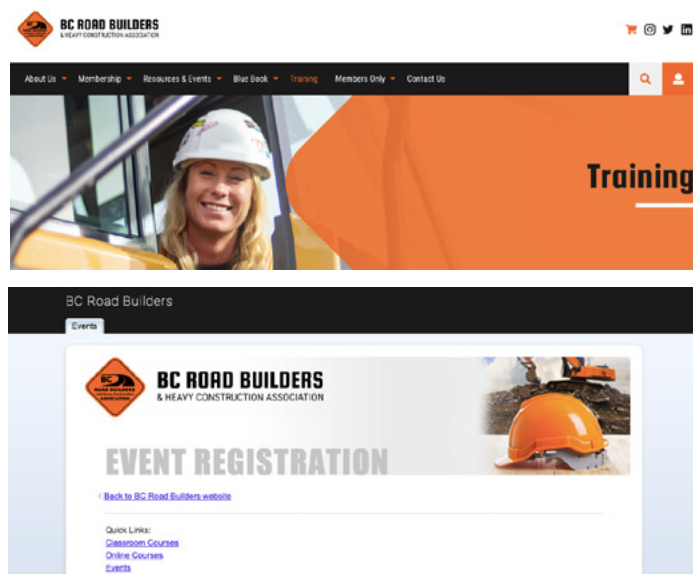
Civil Blueprint Reading

The Civil Blueprint Reading course teaches participants how to read a set of civil construction blueprints, drawing specifications and general notes. The course gives participants 1 Gold Seal Credit. Upcoming course dates are:

April 15th, 2020 (Langley)

How to Be a Better Foreman

*March 6th, 2020 (Victoria)
April 24th, 2020 (Langley)
May 29th, 2020 (Prince George)*



CITN recently added Ground Disturbance Level I® BC (Global) to the list of available courses. Other courses coming in 2020 include Leveling 101 and Site Leadership (March 16th, 2020 in Burnaby).

To register for any of the above courses or any others on the BC Road Builders training calendar, visit <https://www.roadbuilders.bc.ca/training/>

For more information about the training CITN offers, including private courses on your job site or to request a specific course be offered in your area, call CITN Training Coordinator Kerry Vital at 1-844-393-2339 or email info@trainingnetwork.ca