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Upcoming Events

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BCRB FALL CONFERENCE
Delta Hotels by Marriott
Grand Okanagan Resort Kelowna
September 19 – 21, 2021

AGM & HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS
Fairmont Empress, Victoria
December 2 – 4, 2021

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 54TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On February 4th, 2021 the Association hosted its first virtual AGM, featuring speakers across the sector, from leaders in the industry and government to reports and updates from Board Members updates. Kicking off the 54th annual BCRB AGM, President Kelly Scott welcomed attendees, followed by a welcome and blessing from Chief Harley Chappell of the Semiahmoo First Nation.

Keynote speakers included the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ken Peacock, Chief Economist at the BC Business Council presenting on the economic outlook for 2021, and Special Guest: Mary Van Buren, President of the Canadian Construction Association.

Throughout the AGM, winners were announced for the Prize Draw for a Big Screen TV courtesy of Norland Ltd, Dan Beaulac, Argo Group of Companies, and Tony Maida (Selkirk Paving) was the winner of the Registration Prize Draw (a \$250 gift card) sponsored by Westerra Equipment.

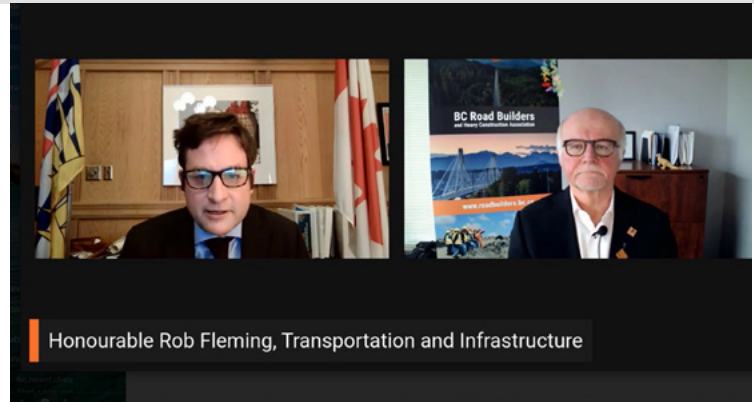
The 54th annual AGM closed with a revisit of the 2020 Virtual Year in Review hosted in December.

2020 Virtual Year in Review

The Association hosted its first ever virtual event on December 17th, 2020, presenting the 2020 Year in Review to BCRB members.

Starting with the Chair's Message from Sandi Paulson, updates were provided by each Sector and Committee Chairs, followed by a selection of guest speakers.

Tim McEwan, Senior Vice President, Policy & Stakeholder Engagement with the Independent Contractors and Business Association (ICBA) presented 'On the Horizon: A look at current topics in the Construction Industry,' followed by Guest Speaker Pamela Bragg, principal of Sarkany Management, Human Resources Consulting firm, who presented on 'Mental Health in Today's Workplace.'



Minister Rob Fleming MOTI; Kelly Scott BCRB



Sandi Paulson – Argo Road Maintenance – Past Chair

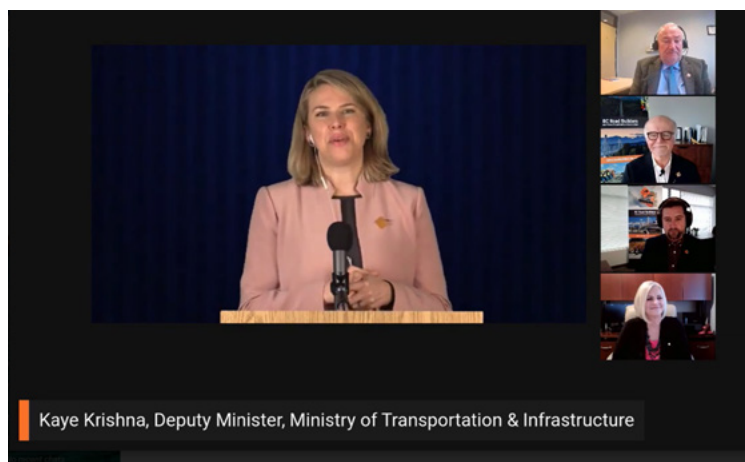


Paul Simpson – Hall Constructors – Chair BCRB

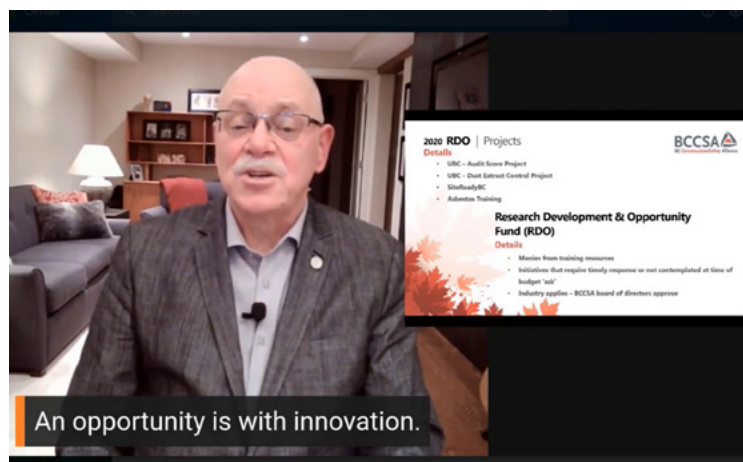


Chief Harley Chappell – Semiahmoo First Nation – Welcome address

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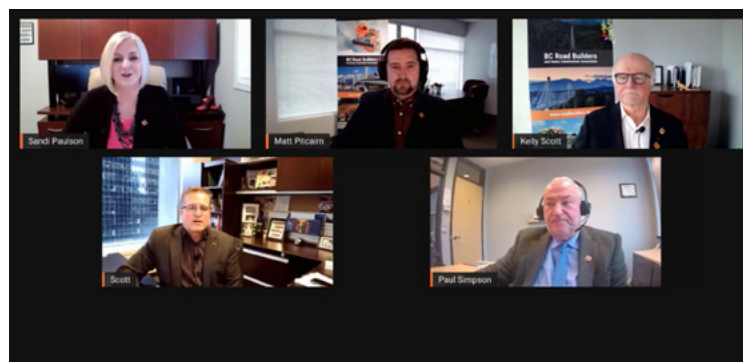
Kaye Krishna – Deputy Minister – MOTI



Joe Wrobel – JPW Earthworks – Director BCRB, Chair CCA



Kevin Richter – Associate Deputy Minister – MOTI



Left to right; top to bottom:
Sandi Paulson, Argo; Matt Pitcairn, BCRB; Kelly Scott, BCRB;
Scott Griffin, Renaissance Group; Paul Simpson, Hall Constructors.

INTRODUCING NEW DIRECTORS AND FAREWELL TO OUTGOING DIRECTORS

Thank you to our Departing Directors

The Association would like to say thank you for your dedication and leadership.

Todd Strynadka, Past Chair

Chad Tenney, Past Chair

Thank you for your invaluable contributions, and your hard work and dedication in supporting our industry and the Association.



Todd Strynadka

Jacob Bros Construction
Past Chair BCRB



Chad Tenney

Hall Constructors
Past Chair BCRB

Welcome New Directors

Introducing Grayson Doyle and Robert Hasell.



Grayson Doyle

Kiewit – Director BCRB



Robert Hasell

Emil Anderson Group
Vice Chair BCRB

CCA Pays Tribute to Departing Chair Joe Wrobel



During the Canadian Construction Association's 'Virtually Unstoppable' annual conference March 23rd - 25th 2021, the CCA paid tribute to outgoing 2020 Chair Joe Wrobel, thanking him for his tremendous leadership during one of the most challenging years on record. The tribute to Wrobel at the CCA conference took note of his impressive 32-year career in the industry.

"Let's leverage the lessons learned to continue to strengthen the Association, improve the industry and build a better Canada," said Wrobel in his departing address, passing the leadership on to incoming 2021 CCA Chair Ray Bassett.

Wrobel joined the CCA Board of Directors in 2011 and has also served on the executive and board of the BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association, the

BC Construction Safety Alliance, and the BC transportation career development association, transCDA. He currently acts as President and General Manager of the JPW group of companies, which provide highway and bridge infrastructure construction and maintenance, this includes JPW Road and Bridge Inc, JPW Earthworks Inc, and Traction Innovations Ltd, located in the North Okanagan area of British Columbia.

In addition to thanking Wrobel, Bassett announced his focus for 2021 as incoming Chair for the Association in his welcome address, including creating an opportunity for greater discussion among CCA members, stakeholders and partners using virtual technology.

"In a tough and unpredictable year, there've been some great successes and there have been some lessons learned. As we move into this new year the promise stands to look for opportunities, to keep improving the ways CCA works and leverage the strengths of our Association, where the many voices of our industry feel they are heard and involved."

INTRODUCING NEW BCRB VICE PRESIDENT MATT PITCAIRN

Get to Know —

Matt Pitcairn, Vice President at BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association



Matt Pitcairn stepped into the role of Vice President at BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association in January 2021, having previously served as President and CEO of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce for five years, and recently running for office in Richmond-Steveston in Fall of 2020.

Matt brings a wealth of experience in local government and business to the Association, previously advocating for the needs of approximately 1000 members at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. “The advocacy skills and connections I fostered have been put to work right away at BCRB and HCA,” says Matt, “and I strive to champion the needs of our sector. I have always had an interest in contributing to build healthy vibrant communities and I believe a strong economy and forward-looking policy is the best way to achieve results. I am honoured to serve a membership which keeps goods and people moving across our vast province, 365 days a year— rain, or snow.”

In his youth, summers spent on road trips across the province inspired a deep appreciation for the infrastructure that connects our communities. “As a proud British Columbian, I spent every summer on road trips with my family, exploring our beautiful province. This is a tradition I continue with my family and it is only possible because of the world class infrastructure that connects our communities.” Outside of work, you’ll find him spending time with his family. “During the summer we love to take road trips with our trailer, and when I have some time to myself, you will find me in my kitchen or at the grill, working on my Michelin star rating.”

Born and raised in Steveston, Matt completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of British Columbia, and established a career focused on serving the community. “I first became professionally aware of the fantastic work done by the BCRB and HCA when I worked at the Legislature during the Gordon Campbell era.

Later in my career I worked directly with the BC Road Builders as the CEO of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. The work performed by the industry is second to none, and the outstanding reputation precedes the Association.”

Dedication for supporting local business and improving his community led him to run for office in 2020 in the Richmond-Steveston riding when former MLA John Yap announced he would not be running for re-election. “Since I was very young, I was always driven by a duty to serve my community. Although my election run did not turn out in my favour; the campaign gave me valuable experience, one I’ll never forget.”

Acknowledging that COVID-19 is a top concern for all sectors, including road building and heavy construction, Matt believes it is more important now than ever to ensure that government understand the challenges the industry faces and the immense proactive measures taken by members to ensure safety in their workplaces, and support for frontline healthcare workers.

“I am committed to supporting the Board to accomplish the goals of facilitating sustainable economic growth, ensuring fair regulation, safe workplaces, community engagement and continued investment in our infrastructure,” says Matt, “as we move through 2021, we will begin to shift our mindset to a post-COVID world. Like previous economic downturns, our sector is looking to continue its partnership with all levels of government to rebuild Canada’s economy. In order to do this, we need to ensure that we are committing to a long-term infrastructure strategy.”



Profile: Honourable **Rob Fleming**
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure



The Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure previously served as the Minister of Education from July 2017 to October 2020. Before his election to the Legislature, Rob served two terms as a Victoria city councillor, having first been elected to represent the riding of Victoria-Hillside in 2005.

Fleming chaired the city's finance committee and represented Victoria at the Capital Regional District, the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, the Capital Region Housing Corporation and Tourism Victoria. As a city councillor, Rob was a leading advocate for public transit and affordable housing. He was instrumental in the creation of the Capital Region's Affordable Housing Trust and the region's transportation plan.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Victoria, worked in research and communications and was a research and policy analyst for the Ministry of Advanced Education. Throughout his career he has been involved in many community organizations and travelled to El Salvador to monitor elections there.

Fleming lives in Victoria with his wife Maura, daughter Rory and son Jack.

Profile: Minister of State for Infrastructure
Bowinn Ma



The Honourable Bowinn Ma was appointed Minister of State for Infrastructure in November 2020. First elected as the MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale in May 2017, Ma is also a licensed Professional Engineer and certified Project Management Professional, holding a Masters degree from the UBC Sauder School of Business. Before being elected MLA, she managed terminal expansion and redevelopment projects at the Vancouver International Airport.

Bowinn is a strong advocate on the issues of housing, transportation, and child care. Her degree in civil engineering and background in transportation engineering are foundational to her continued efforts to improve transportation on the North Shore and throughout the Lower Mainland.

Bowinn previously served as the Parliamentary Secretary for TransLink and worked on several cabinet and parliamentary committees, including Treasury Board, Housing Working Group, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations. The Canadian-born daughter of two Taiwanese immigrants, Bowinn has worked as a consultant, geological technician and labourer in the central Yukon, and was at one point enrolled with the Canadian Armed Regular Forces.

Deputy Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure **Kaye Krishna**



Kaye Matheny Krishna, formerly Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, was appointed Deputy Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in December 2020.

Previous to assuming a Deputy Minister role, Kaye was the General Manager of Development Services, Buildings and Licensing for the City of Vancouver for nearly three years, with the mission of overhauling Vancouver's permitting and licensing processes to improve service and turnaround times for applicants. She was instrumental in shaping the City's housing strategies, including a focus on enforcement against owners of single-room-occupancy hotels and updating municipal liquor and marijuana dispensary regulations to correspond with provincial and federal governments in her tenureship at the City of Vancouver.

Kaye was a consultant at a real estate and planning firm prior to moving to British Columbia, working with cities across the United States, including Los Angeles, Boulder, Colo. and El Paso, Texas, as well as acting as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commissioner of Strategy and Operations for the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

She currently resides in Victoria, BC.

Political outreach and active advocacy for the industry are a key part of the Association's mission, and this winter (Q1) our team has liaised with the following policy makers to advocate for our industry.

- Minister Rob Fleming: Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- MLA: Michael Lee: Official Opposition critic for Transportation, Infrastructure and TransLink
- MP Terry Beach: Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
- MP Rob McKinnon: Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam, British Columbia
- MP Sukh Dhaliwal: Surrey—Newton, British Columbia
- MP Randeep Sarai: Surrey Centre, British Columbia
- MP Patrick Weiler: West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country, British Columbia
- Minister Anne Kang: Advanced Education and Skills Training
- Minister Katrina Chen: Minister of State for Child Care
- Minister Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

The Association is a strong organization due to the commitment of our members, and we are pleased to extend a warm welcome to our newest members.

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PROFILE ON 2020 BETTY SPALTON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2020 Betty Spalton Scholarship Recipients: Ashley da Silva and Emma Rose

Betty Spalton was an industry and Association leader who made important contributions to our sector. The Betty Spalton Scholarship provides financial support to individuals obtaining an education in fields associated with the road building and heavy construction industry.

In 2020, the scholarship was awarded to 25-year-old Thompson River University business student Ashley da Silva and 22-year-old University of British Columbia engineering student Emma Rose.

About Ashley da Silva

Thompson River University business student Ashley da Silva is currently in the process of completing a Bachelor of Commerce Business Degree via TRU's online degree program, and plans to pursue the business/management side of the heavy construction industry.

"Growing up I was always surrounded by construction because of my dad, ever since I was very little I always had a passion for building things. At the moment I am a project coordinator but eventually I'd like to transition into more of the business and operation side of things."



Ashley da Silva

About Emma Rose

Emma Rose is in her third year of a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering.

at the University of British Columbia. Last summer she completed a co-op term working on site as a project coordinator for Emil Anderson Construction.

"I was particularly interested in surveying, laying out the construction according to plans and drawings, in the future I think I would like to be involved in the design aspect of construction projects. The HR person at my co-op job encouraged me to apply for the Betty Spalton scholarship."

Building a brighter future for tomorrow's road builders and heavy construction workers is a key part of our mission. Applications are open for the 2021 Betty Spalton Scholarship, any student entering or continuing studies leading to a career in road building, road maintenance, or heavy construction may apply.

Applications are due by May 31st, 2021. Find out more about the scholarship [here](#).



Emma Rose

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SHERINE INDUSTRIES

Established in 1973, family-owned business Sherine Industries provides quality products for the traffic sign industry. Located in Surrey, British Columbia, the business operates out of an 18,000 square foot production facility. Initially focusing on aluminum sign blanks, Sherine has diversified over the years and now offers a wide range of finished traffic signs, traffic safety products and other industry related products, supplying signage and traffic safety products for many of the highway maintenance contractors, road builders, paving and traffic control companies in Western Canada. Sherine is an approved sign supplier for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and has held a supply contract for MoTI for over a decade.



Q&A with Steve Hocaluk, Sherine Industries President

Q: What current projects do you have underway?

Steve: One of our bigger projects at the moment is new signage for the Centerm Expansion Project. There are a number of large overhead extruded aluminum signs that we will be producing in the custom burgundy colour scheme used by the Vancouver Port Authority.

Sherine recently completed a massive signage project for one of our US partners where we supplied thousands of square feet of parking signage for the Honolulu airport, and we also have the supply contract with the Province for the C-035 project signs.

Q: Road building and maintenance are essential services for public infrastructure— how do you see the future of the industry in the Province over the next few years?

Steve: Infrastructure is a critically important part of a thriving economy. I believe that the next few years are going to be very busy for everyone in our industry. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how important it is for the government to keep projects moving forward and to drive the economy with new ones so that British Columbians can keep working.

Q: What products are you the most proud of at Sherine?

Steve: In 2010, Sherine was the first traffic sign company in North America to begin producing regulated traffic signs via digital printing. For decades, traffic signs were produced with either layers of cut lettering or by silk screen printing using very heavily solvent based inks.

With digital printing, we are able to very quickly produce signs that are far more durable and offer more in the way of design flexibility. It's very important to me that Sherine stay at the forefront of sign production technology.

Traffic safety is critical for all of us and by utilizing the very latest technology available, we aim to provide traffic signs and safety products that help all of us get to where we need to go, as safely as possible.

Q: Sherine is a family-owned and operated business, how has that shaped the company?

Steve: In today's world, the locally-owned family business is becoming far less common. We recognize that there is no substitute for quality and customer service, and I believe that's one of the main reasons we have had success over the years.

My staff and I are committed to building long-term business relationships. Quality, expertise and timely project execution ensure the success of our customers and the communities they serve.

Visit <http://www.sherineindustries.com/> to learn more about Sherine Industries.

ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2020, it was more important than ever that the Association remain a trusted industry advocate with the advent of COVID-19, through dedicated leadership, the able assistance of the Association's Board of Directors, the hard work of our committee chairs and members, and the support of stakeholders, the Association was able to work with the provincial government to declare road builders and heavy construction an essential service in a year where every industry across the British Columbia faced new challenges in response to COVID-19.

As departing Chair Sandi Paulson stated in her yearly AGM Report, "2020 was a year of CAN DO. MoTI is known as the "Can Do" Ministry and Road Builders are proud of our "Ready, Willing and Able" attitude." Through a collaborative and communicative approach, the Association and its members were able to continue our work to ensure the economic health of our industry in BC, and safe infrastructure and transportation for frontline health care workers and British Columbians.



#essentialservices4u

COVID-19 Response Success

Members adapted quickly to Covid-19 constraints and helped develop and implement work protocols and practices that observed or exceeded all public health office recommendations and orders. As a result, thousands of men and women in BC were able to continue to work safely.

Alongside the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Association formed a COVID-19 Task Force that continues to meet regularly to communicate, share information, and address any and all emerging issues together.

- BCCSA developed COVID-19 specific Exposure Control Plans that demonstrated our commitment to implementing protocols and best practices to meet or exceed all Provincial Health Office orders and recommendations, preserving our essential service designation.
- Created the #EssentialServices4U hashtag once essential services designation was confirmed for our industry.
- Worked with the Ministry to identify works throughout the province in preparation for additional funding and continue to deliver the message that we are "ready, willing and able."
- Through REAC (Regional Engineers Advisory Committee) we continue to communicate to all stakeholders the need to get engaged and to keep working to be positioned for all economic stimulus opportunities from all levels of government.

ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- BCRB moved meetings online, including the Member's Update, 2020 Year In Review and AGM, and continued including Keynote speakers.

Strategic Goals Accomplished:

- Essential Services designation confirmed for our industry, enabling us to continue working and preserve the industry's economic health.
- Engaged with a broader group of key government decision-makers to showcase the activities of the BCRB & HCA and learn more about how we can help the government achieve its goals.
- Advocated for long-term core transportation funding plans to support and maintain the training of a skilled and diverse workforce.
- Support pipeline and LNG project construction, respecting the conditions imposed by the government.

COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

THE ASSOCIATION'S 2021 COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL TASK FORCES

Construction Sector

1. Grading Committee

Will Hoban, Enviro-Ex Contracting
Lincoln Kyne, LaFarge Canada
Shane O'Donnell, Tybo Contracting
Paul Simpson, Hall Constructors
Colin Taylor, Emil Anderson Construction
Brad Tangjerd, Norland Limited
Patrick Wilson, Peter Kiewit Sons ULC

a) Bridge Committee

Brian Atwell, Emil Anderson Construction
Chris Clark, Atlantic Industries Limited
Lyle Johnson, Eurovia BC
Chuck Potter, Surespan Group
Jeremy Woodman, Kingston Construction

b) Municipal Committee

Glen Barker, Jacob Bros Construction
Garret Blom, Dawson Group
Serafino Vignone, Eurovia BC
Troy Walsh, Norland Limited

c) Paving Committee

Collin Blonarowitz, Emil Anderson Construction
Joe Cuzzocrea, Peters Bros. Construction
Mike Darby, Lafarge Canada
Lenny Kazakoff, Dawson Group
Ray Pledger, Island Asphalt Company
Shawn Rokosh, Terus Construction
Al Rorison, ARC Asphalt Recycling
Jamie Stothert, Green Roads Recycling
Randy Zbytnuik, OK Aggregates

d) Major Projects Committee

Jason Block, Peter Kiewit Sons ULC
Blair Brandon, Aecon Group
Rafael de la Barreda, Dragados Canada

Lyle Johnson, Eurovia BC
Martin Landry, Acciona
Brad Mytko, Ledcor Canada
Steve Small, Parsons
Carlos Planelles, Acciona

Maintenance Sector

Steve Drummond, Capilano Highway Services
Yves Lacasse, Dawson Group
Stephen McNeil, Yellowhead Road and Bridge
Sandi Paulson, Argo Group of Companies

Service and Supply Sector

Chris Clark, Atlantic Industries Limited
Chris Moore, McLean & Armstrong LLP



COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Special Task Forces

Blue Book

Ray Pledger, Island Asphalt
Will Hoban, Enviro-Ex Contracting

Master Municipal Construction Documents (MMCD)

Glen Barker, Jacob Bros Construction
Serafino Vignone, Eurovia BC

BC Construction Safety Alliance

Joe Wrobel, JPW Earthworks
Skip Stothert, Green Roads Recycling

Cdn. Council of Independent Laboratories (CCIL) BC Certification Program Admin. Committee (CPAC)

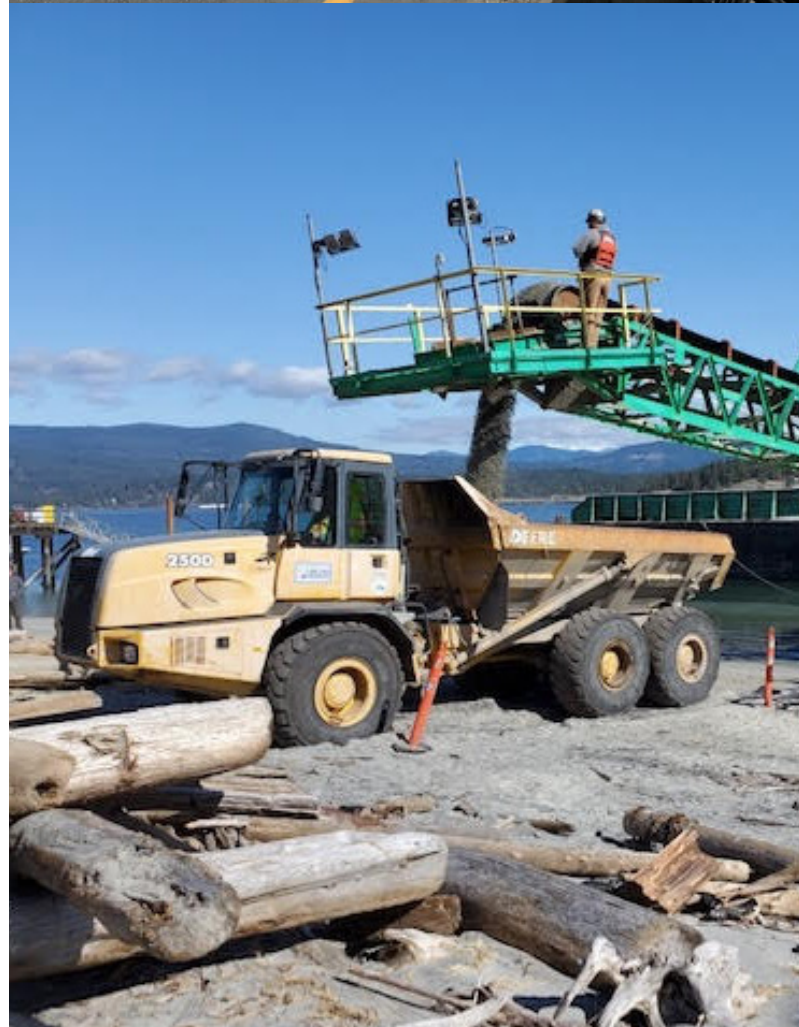
Andrew Bishop, Terus Construction
David Fu, BA Blacktop

Western Canada Road Builders

Grayson Doyle, Peter Kiewit Sons ULC
Steve Drummond, Capilano Highway Services

CCA - Civil Infrastructure

Steve Drummond, Capilano Highway Services



UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates and Virtual Events

Subject to Provincial Health Officer Orders

Subject to compliance with the current Public Health Order and safety recommendations, the Association looks forward to continuing our tradition of successful, well-attended events. Below are updates on regularly scheduled annual events and Save-the-Dates.

Fall Conference September 19, 2021
December AGM December 2-4, 2021

At this time it is too early to forecast the public health recommendations for the Fall/Winter 2021 season. If possible (subject to public health recommendations), the Association plans to proceed with both events in either an in-person format, a virtual event, or a potential Virtual/In-Person hybrid event.



Maui 2022
February 6-9, 2022

The Association is awaiting direction from the Federal government on the ideal time to plan a return to Maui. Based on the immense success of the 2020 Maui Conference, BCRB is planning a future Maui event whether it is 2022 or 2023. Save the date and stay tuned!





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