



THE VOICE

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2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

CCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 12-15, 2018

The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff

ANNUAL IVAN HANCHARD CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 4, 2018

Northview Golf & Country Club, Surrey

FALL CONFERENCE

September 16-18, 2018

Delta Hotels by Marriott Grand Okanagan Resort, Kelowna

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS

December 6-8, 2018

The Fairmont Empress, Victoria

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Save the date! BC Road Builders' Annual Ivan Hanchard Charity Golf Tournament taking place May 4th

Remember to mark your calendars and start planning your teams for the BC Road Builders' Annual Ivan Hanchard Charity Golf Tournament taking place on Friday, May 4th at Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey.

The registration package for the tournament will be available by mid-March, and **this event sells out so do not delay in registering!** This year we are moving to an online registration system that should simplify and streamline the process. A few important things to remember:

- Registrations and sponsorships are taken on a first come, first serve basis
- You are encouraged to get in touch with other members you wish to golf with to confirm their availability before you list them on your team
- Please plan to sponsor a hole(s) or donate a fantastic prize for the charity silent auction taking place during dinner

This year, we will once again be raising money for two great causes, BC Children's Hospital and

the association's Betty Spalton Scholarship Fund. Over the last fifteen years, we have donated over \$420,000 to the BC Children's Hospital to purchase new equipment and aid with the hospital expansion campaign. In addition, the association raises funds to award up to two scholarships each year to individuals pursuing educations that will lead to careers in the road building and heavy construction industries.

There are once again opportunities to sponsor holes/contests. Members are encouraged to get creative and think of unique silent auction items.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS RECAP

The BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association held its 51st Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Seasonal Celebrations from December 7 to 9 at the Fairmont Empress and Victoria Conference Centre.

The conference had a fantastic turnout as always with almost 670 registered participants including members and partners from government and other associations.

As always, the AGM Conference events, including the Leaders' Lunch, Grand Reception at the Royal BC Museum, AGM, Deputy Minister's Contractor Awards Luncheon, Gala Dinner and Dance (celebrating Canada's 150) and Champagne Breakfast were all very well-attended events that provided great networking opportunities for members and industry partners.

SOME NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS:

Thursday, December 7

- Leaders' Luncheon included a keynote address from Vaughan Palmer who provided his colourful and interesting insights into BC politics and industries.
- Construction and Maintenance Sector Meetings were well-attended.
- Member partners had a great time enjoying a traditional Fairmont Empress high tea.
- This year's Grand Reception at the Royal BC Museum was once again a popular networking event.

Friday, December 8

- Delegates started the day at the Construction Safety Breakfast followed by the association's 51st Annual General Meeting.
- Member partners participated in painting festive wine glasses.

- Members were recognized by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure at this year's Deputy Minister's Contractor of the Year Awards Luncheon (see winners list on page 5).
- The Service and Supply Sector held its year-end sector meeting and discussed ideas for the upcoming year's events and conferences.
- The Westcoast Canada 150 Gala Banquet Dinner and Dance was great fun with traditional toasts, caroling and presentations.

Saturday, December 9

- The conference concluded with the wind-down Champagne Brunch.

Thank you to all our members and partners who sponsored elements of the conference, and to all delegates for participating in this year's conference.

BC Road Builders supporting CCA and others in École Lakay project



At this year's AGM, the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association decided to answer the call of the Canadian Construction Association along with its partners, the British Columbia Construction Association, Builders without Borders and the Association de la construction du Québec to re-build École Lakay, a Port-au-Prince, Haiti, based trade school damaged by the January 2010 earthquake.

Besides having an opportunity to learn a trade, students receive a hot meal three times a day, can take a bath, have clean clothes supplied and a safe place to sleep. While the original school's capacity was only 80 students, the new school will span 2,100 m² and be able to accommodate 200 students. This school will train the tradespeople who will be there to re-build in the aftermath of future earthquakes and storms.

The École Lakay project is nearing completion and the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association is pleased to contribute \$50 on the behalf of each of our member companies from our transportation infrastructure fund and are challenging associations across Canada to do the same to help support this worthy project.

BC Road Builders' 2018 Strategic Work Plan

The 2018 board of directors met in January to develop the association's strategic goals, priorities and government asks for this year. The two-day strategic planning retreat took place at the Fairmont Chateau in Whistler bringing together staff and the board of directors.

The board of directors did a current SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis for the association and determined seven general goals incorporating strategies, action items and government asks. The board also developed committees to help work on each of the goals. Members are encouraged to share their ideas and let us know if you are interested in becoming involved.

The board of directors will be using this strategic work plan as the basis for meetings with all stakeholders including representatives from the Premier's Office, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, municipalities, BC Hydro, TransLink, Port of Vancouver, Metro Vancouver, BC Construction Safety Alliance, Canadian Construction Association and others.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS



Photos (clockwise from top left):

President Kelly Scott addressing delegates at this year's gala dinner

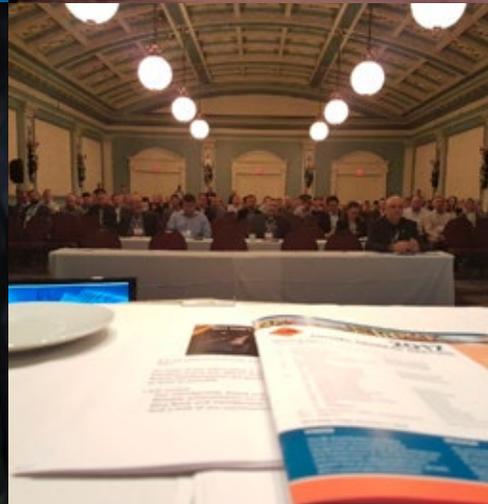
The choir from Central Middle School in Victoria kick off the conference with the singing of O Canada

2017 Chair Steve Drummond's view during the 51st Annual General Meeting

Great attendance at this year's Deputy Minister's Contractor of the Year Awards

Delegates enjoying the oxygen bar at this year's Grand Reception at the Royal BC Museum

2018 Chair Todd Strynadka presenting 2017 Chair Steve Drummond with the exclusive gold Chair's pin and plaque





THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SEASONAL CELEBRATIONS CONFERENCE SPONSORS





Betty Spalton Scholarship Awards applications are being accepted now

The Betty Spalton Scholarship Fund was established by the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association in 1999 to provide financial support to individuals obtaining educations in fields associated with the road building and heavy construction industries. As one of the goals of this fund is to encourage diversity in the industry, preference is given to females and/or members of minority groups.

The fund honours Betty Spalton, an industry and association leader who died after a brief illness in 1999. Betty began her career with BC's Ministry of Transportation and Highways. She later served as District Highways Manager in McBride and went on to become President and General Manager of the Okanagan South (Penticton) Division of Argo Road Maintenance. As an active member of the BC Road Builders' board of directors, she headed the maintenance sector and was an acknowledged expert in maintenance policy, standards, business management and construction in general. Betty's outstanding contribution to the association and the industry has been an inspiration to many in the industry.

OVER THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS:

- There have been 84 applications received
- 24 scholarships have been awarded amounting to \$36,000
- Roughly half the applicants and half the recipients have been women
- Applications have come from almost 30 different cities from across the province (as well as 1 from Alberta and 1 from Manitoba)

The BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association is now accepting applications for 2018. Please encourage any of your employees, family or friends who may be eligible to find out more about the Betty Spalton Scholarship Program (information is on our website at www.roadbuilders.bc.ca/education_fund.php).

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

The Deputy Minister's Contractor of the Year Awards recognizes excellence in the delivery of transportation infrastructure projects. Transportation contractors make seismic upgrades to keep roads safe, build relationships with local communities to minimize traffic flow disruption during construction, respond to emergency situations and work within short construction windows and sometimes adverse conditions to ensure roads and bridges are safe and reliable.

2017 AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Winner

Emil Anderson Construction (EAC) Inc. and **Emil Anderson Maintenance Co. Ltd.**

Honourable Mentions

Capilano Highway Services

Mainroad Lower Mainland Contracting LP

Selkirk Paving Ltd.

Yellowhead Road and Bridge (Central Kootenay)

2017 AWARD FOR ROAD & BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

Winner

Yellowhead Road and Bridge (North Peace) Ltd. Award of Excellence in recognition of excellence in road and bridge maintenance for Service Area 22 - North Peace

Honourable Mentions

Argo Road Maintenance in recognition of excellence in road and bridge maintenance for Service Area 8 - South Okanagan

Yellowhead Road and Bridge (Central Kootenay) Ltd. in recognition of excellence in road and bridge maintenance for Service Area 10 - Central Kootenay

2017 AWARD FOR BRIDGES & STRUCTURES

Winner

Knappett Industries (2006) Ltd. Award of Excellence in recognition of excellence in bridges and structures for Rees Bridge Replacement and North Courtenay Connector

Honourable Mentions

Forbes Industrial Contractors Ltd. in recognition of excellence in bridges and structures for Fort Nelson River Bridge

Surespan Construction in recognition of excellence in bridges and structures for Salmon River Bridge

2017 AWARD FOR GRADING

Winner

Emil Anderson Construction (EAC) Inc. Award of Excellence in recognition of excellence in grading for Pritchard to Hoffman's Bluff Four-Laning Phase 2

Honourable Mentions

Wyssen Avalanche Control in recognition of excellence in grading for Highway 1 Revelstoke West Remote Avalanche Systems Design Build

Copcan Civil Ltd. in recognition of excellence in grading for Galloway Passing Lane, Highway 3/93

2017 AWARD FOR PAVING

Winner

Selkirk Paving Ltd. Award of Excellence in recognition of excellence in paving for Highway 6; Highway 31A and Local Area Side Roads in the West Kootenays

Honourable Mentions

Peter's Bros. Construction Ltd. in recognition of excellence in paving for asphalt surfacing Merritt Area – Highway 97C, Highway 8 and Douglas Lake Road

Pittman Asphalt in recognition of excellence in paving for asphalt surfacing 2016/2017, Upper Fraser Road



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).



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What are the principle activities of your company?

We keep contractors out of legal trouble, but when it's inescapable we're there to resolve matters as quickly and painlessly as possible.

What is your role in the company?

I'm a partner. I previously ran criminal trials followed by commercial appeal work at the Supreme Court of Canada. My focus now is on solving disputes before they get to court because it's true that the best fights you win are the ones you never have.

What current projects do you have underway?

If it has anything to do with construction, we are involved – from transmission lines on the eastern seaboard to delayed highway extensions in the Okanagan to liens on home renovations and everything in between. Last year we took a case to the Supreme Court of Canada and we're waiting for judgment to see if there will be a change in the use of Labour & Material Payment Bonds across the country.

What is the size and location of your company?

We have 10 lawyers along with staff and articulated students located in West Vancouver.

Why do you like working at this company?

I like working with our clients because they are smart about business and know how to manage risk. What keeps me coming in everyday is none of the lawyers here ever wear ties; we are focused on providing value for clients and we let our work speak for us.

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

The line of communication has allowed me to better understand what the industry needs done: where are the problems and what are the best legal strategies to fix them. For example, I've enjoyed working with Kelly Scott and the BC Road Builders' organization to bring a constitutional challenge against municipalities' use of Reprisal Clauses to ban contractors from bidding on public projects simply because they've taken legal action against the municipality in the past.

President's Update: New Year, New Challenges



It's been a very busy time for the association and we are working on a number of initiatives. In addition to the strategic planning retreat that took place in January, the association has been actively working with representatives from the provincial government to stay informed on any project labour agreement and apprenticeship ratio changes that may be coming. The Ministry of Advanced Education Skills and Training (MOAEST) has been consulting with industry trying

to determine effective Red Seal apprentice ratios as well as increasing participation of equity-seeking groups in the skilled workforce.

We have also had numerous meetings with Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) Minister Claire Trevena's office as well as MOTI senior staff. In addition, our committees, including the Municipal Committee and new Partnerships Committee have met over the past few months with respective stakeholders. We have sent a letter of protest to WorkSafeBC

on the proposed changes to the Certificate of Recognition Program and are meeting with WorkSafeBC senior management in February to share our views.

The association is also working on its bylaws and governance structure so that we can ensure we comply to changes in the Societies Act by November 2018. We have formed a committee of Past Chairs including Mike Jacobs, Joe Wrobel, Chad Tenney and Kevin Higgins that will be working to help us develop and finalize updates.

Finally, I was pleased to represent the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association at Dave Byng's retirement party that took place in Victoria in early February. It was great to toast Dave for all of his work in government over a 37 year career with the BC Public Service, and more specifically for overseeing the development and delivery of the \$25 billion Pacific Gateway Transportation Strategy in his role as chief operating officer with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. It was great to see some friendly faces from days gone by including Dan Doyle, John Dyble, Peter Milburn, Shanna Mason and many more!