



THE VOICE

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EVENTS CALENDAR

2016 FALL CONFERENCE

September 18-20, 2016
Delta Grand Okanagan Resort & Conference Centre, Kelowna

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

December 1-3, 2016
The Fairmont Empress & Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria



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Fun, fellowship and fundraising at the 47th Annual Ivan Hanchard Charity Golf Tournament

The BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association held its 47th Annual Ivan Hanchard Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, May 6 at Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey. We once again had a great event selling out with fivesomes on both the Canal and Ridge golf courses.

After a sunny, warm day of golf, over 400 people joined us for dinner where we raised money for our two charities of choice – the BC Children's Hospital and the Association's Betty Spalton Scholarship Fund.

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 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 is used to support the purchase of life-saving equipment, research into the treatment, prevention and cure of childhood diseases, recruitment and educational programs for caregivers and programs in communities throughout the province. Since 2001, the Association has donated over \$390,000 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 57 (-15))

David Chan, *Aplin & Martin c/o Tybo Contracting*
Mike Klotz, *Tybo Contracting*
Mark Minson, *TransLink*
Scott Neuman, *City of Surrey*
Shane O'Donnell, *Tybo Contracting*

CANAL WINNERS (LOWEST GROSS TEAM – SCORE 54 (-18))

Jevin Dusanj, *Wells Fargo Equipment Finance*
Jordan Michael, *Wells Fargo Equipment Finance*
Peter Mihalech, *B&B Contracting*
Kyle Stevens, *BA Blacktop*
Jason York, *B&B Contracting*

Also, congrats to Keith Mitchell of Flatiron Constructors who won the Countdown Draw grand prize 50" TV!





SAVE THE DATE! BC ROAD BUILDERS' FALL CONFERENCE

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 18 to 20. This is a great conference that provides unique opportunities to network and learn.

The conference will once again consist of:

- Annual Worm Burners' Invitational Golf Tournament and Service and Supply Sector sponsored Welcome Reception on Sunday, September 18
- Chair and ADM Updates, Sector Meetings, Annual BC Road Builders' Fall Classic Golf Tournament and Fall Banquet Dinner with Kal Tire Reverse Draw on Monday, September 19
- Construction Leaders' Breakfast and Rapid Fire Workshops on Tuesday, September 20

Stay tuned for the registration information which will be released in July.



President's View: George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project is Necessary

BY JACK DAVIDSON



It gets quite frustrating when with every new, important infrastructure announcement it seems the media focuses on the naysayers and their negative aspects of the project instead of the many positive ones.

This is no different with the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project. We keep hearing about the large cost and potential environmental factors, however it's important to also highlight and promote the many positive elements of this much needed infrastructure project.

The population only continues to increase with more people moving out to the Fraser Valley and surrounding areas so unsurprisingly, the 1950s built George Massey Tunnel has become the worst traffic bottleneck in BC. The replacement project will save up to 30 minutes a day for rush hour commuters, reduce idling by one million hours and remove 9,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases (GHG) each year. Collisions will be reduced by an estimated 35% and the replacement bridge will dramatically improve safety in the event of an earthquake.

While opponents may complain that there has not been enough consultation, three full rounds of public engagement over three years were held with more than 3,000 participants. Over 3,600 pages of project information were publicly released on the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's (MOTI) website. There have been more than 20 meetings each with

Metro Vancouver and TransLink over the past three years to discuss various project aspects including traffic, land use, transit and air quality. The MOTI has had more than 70 meetings each with Richmond and Delta over the past three years. Both municipalities have provided valuable comments that have shaped the project scope.

Some are saying the project will not benefit the environment. Current congestion at the tunnel creates an estimated one million hours of idling a year. Keeping traffic moving will undoubtedly reduce GHG emissions. A free-flowing bridge will include more transit and cycling options and provide better connections to existing transit services which will take cars off the road.

The project specs have committed to no net loss of agricultural land and is working with farmers to achieve a net gain in quality farmland in Richmond and Delta. Farmers will also benefit from reduced congestion, improved travel times and improved access between farms on both sides of Highway 99.

Compared to a new tunnel, a bridge is safer, has less impact on agriculture, is less expensive to construct to modern seismic standards and will have less of an overall environmental impact. A lot has changed in the 57 years since the original Massey Tunnel was built. A 10-lane bridge is the best option now and for the future.



HEO-ACE IT Program A Great Success in Abbotsford

For the seventh year in a row, the Abbotsford School District once again offered the Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) ACE-IT Apprenticeship Program to fifteen grade 12 students. The goal of the HEO ACE-IT Program is to safely train high school students in the practical and functional skills needed to become Heavy Equipment Operators.

The program teaches safety on and around heavy equipment, including articulated trucks, backhoes, dozers, excavators and loaders. This year's fleet of heavy equipment has been generously donated by Inland Group and SMS Equipment.

This is the only program of its kind in Canada and has become quite popular. The Abbotsford School District receives 40-50 applications annually and only has space to accommodate 15 students. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn a Certificate of Qualification - Level 1 in HEO and will be in a position to start an apprenticeship with potential employers to gain the required work-based training hours.

The BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association proudly worked with the Abbotsford School District to establish this popular program in 2009.

"Some kids know from the get-go that becoming a heavy equipment operator is a great career path that is both lucrative and fulfilling. This is a great program to train new, young workers who are excited to join our industry," said Jack Davidson, President of the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association.

On April 7, this year's HEO ACT-IT class received their certificates of completion and parents were able to come see their kids show off their practical skills.



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE BC ROAD BUILDERS TRAINING COURSES LATELY?



A reminder to all BC Road Builders' members to take a look at the training section on our Association's website. In addition to the Roadbuilders and Construction Safety Training Systems that we offer through the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA), we are also now a distributor for BuildForce Canada courses through our affiliation with the Canadian Construction Association (CCA).

Members are encouraged to contact us if they are interested in sending employees to any of the following BuildForce courses:

- Construction Industry Ethics
- Communication, Negotiation, Conflict Resolution
- Construction Project Management
- Introduction to Construction Estimating
- First Level Supervisor Training Program
- Confined Spaces Safety Awareness
- Pipeline Construction Safety Training

By registering through the BC Road Builders, the Association will coordinate set-up and process payment directly.

For more information, visit: www.roadbuilders.bc.ca/training.php



GETTING TO KNOW YOU BCRB MEMBER PROFILE



Will Wilson, Rob Bailey, Cory Johnson, (name not provided), Phil Galonski, and Sean Flynn



www.cubexltd.com

What are the principle activities of your company?

We sell and service road building equipment:

- Roadtec
- Leeboy / Rosco
- Atlas Copco – Dynapac
- Road Widener

What current projects do you have underway?

Cubex has started equipment demonstrations with our 10' Roadtec RP-195e Paver with Carlson-IV Screed and a Roadtec RX-600e Mill with 2.2m Kennametal Drum. We want to showcase the equipment to all interested contractors in the province so they can experience Roadtec quality and understand why current Roadtec users are having such success in the province.

What is the size and location of your company?

Cubex BC is located in Delta where we have a full service shop and parts centre to support our products.

Why do you like working at this company?

The company has been an equipment dealer for 45 years in Canada, and is still owned and run by the founders. Their “customer first” mentality instilled from the top down is what each Cubex employee embodies. The quality of the equipment we sell is a great compliment to the attitudes of the employees.

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

Cubex Ltd. wants to build on the success that we have had in the past year. We want to be known for the quality of equipment we supply, and most importantly the quality of support we give to those using our equipment. We will achieve this through continued involvement in the BC Road Builders, and getting to know the needs of our current and future customer base.

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



Welcome to Our New Office Administrator!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new office administrator to the BC Road Builders' family, **Roxanne La Claire**. Roxanne moved to BC earlier this year and used to work as

an Administrative Assistant with the Edmonton Construction Association. Prior to that Roxanne worked as an office temp and in retail. We are excited to have Roxanne join the team!



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Double Hole



"Quality Construction By Quality People"



Single Hole





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