



ACEC British Columbia

# Newsbrief

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The Awards have grown more prestigious since the inception of the program 24 years ago, raising the profile of the recipients to new heights. They provide ACEC British Columbia members the opportunity to showcase their projects and their firm to the consulting engineering industry.

Awards are granted in the following categories:

- Buildings
- Municipal & Civil Infrastructure
- Transportation & Bridges
- Energy & Industry
- Natural Resource & Habitat
- Soft Engineering

Recognizing the important role our members play in the natural resources sector, we have added a new category, Natural Resource & Habitat, which recognizes all engineering related to the protection or enhancement of natural resources and habitat.

For each of these categories one Award of Excellence and at least one Award of Merit is presented every year. As mentioned above, the Lieutenant Governor's Award will be given to the submission that excels in all areas of the rated criteria.

The Awards Gala attracts over 500 leaders in the consulting engineering community, as well as distinguished guests from client groups, governments and other sectors. It

is a great venue to connect with old friends, meet potential partners and to celebrate excellence. Don't miss out on this event! Register today at:

[www.acec-bc.ca/media/28759/acecbcGala14.pdf](http://www.acec-bc.ca/media/28759/acecbcGala14.pdf)

Keith Sashaw  
President & CEO, ACEC British Columbia

## Message from the President

Keith Sashaw

Excitement is building for this year's Awards of Engineering Excellence Gala, which is taking place at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Saturday, April 12th. The theme of this year's program, Swing into Spring, promises to be a lot of fun as well as inspirational as we recognize innovation in engineering that is simply a cut above the rest.

We are very pleased that the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, will be joining us this year to personally present the Lieutenant Governor's Award. This award is given each year to the project that excels in all areas of the rated criteria, and will be chosen from among the Award of Excellence recipients.

## Building Code Stakeholder Engagement Survey

Does your work require you to use BC's building codes? Would you like to be kept in the loop as building codes change? Do you want to input into the code change process? Then this survey is for you.

The **Building and Safety Standards Branch** whose mandate is to develop and administer the BC Building and Plumbing Codes is looking for the best ways to inform, consult and engage with you as building codes evolve. As someone with a vested interest in the built environment, your input is important. To complete this brief survey please click on the link below:

[Building Code Stakeholder Survey](#)



## 2014 AWARDS FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

Swing into Spring at the 25th Annual Awards for Engineering Excellence Gala, Saturday **April 12, 2014** at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The Awards celebrate the technical excellence, creativity and innovation in BC's consulting engineering industry. This is your opportunity to participate in one of the most exciting events in the industry's calendar. Registration is now open – [register now](#) to reserve your seat, or table at the Awards Gala.

✉ [info@acec-bc.ca](mailto:info@acec-bc.ca) 📞 (604) 687-2811 🌐 [www.acec-bc.ca/awards.aspx](http://www.acec-bc.ca/awards.aspx)

### Keith Sashaw to speak at 9th Annual BC Power Summit

ACEC-BC President and CEO Keith Sashaw will be speaking at the 9th BC Power Summit May 7-8, 2014 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver.

BC's rapidly evolving energy landscape ensures it is and will remain a central point of focus for government, companies and customers alike. In the past year, the provincial government has shared its goals of accelerating the development of BC's natural gas resources through the announcement of its LNG and other natural gas strategies. At the same time, the new provincial requirements for BC Hydro's electricity self-sustainability ensure that electricity and power generation issues remain of interest to British Columbians.

The speakers at the BC Power Summit have all played a leading role in these issues and are well-positioned to offer valuable insight into each of them. Conference attendees will have opportunities to pose questions and engage in informal discussions during the event.

ACEC-BC members receive a 10% discount on their conference registration when they enter the promo code **SPK949**.

🌐 [www.insightinfo.com/9th-bc-power-summit/](http://www.insightinfo.com/9th-bc-power-summit/)

### ACEC-BC Spring Reception in Victoria

Come join ACEC-British Columbia in the Capital for an evening of discussions and networking with senior staff from key Ministries, Vancouver Island municipal and regional staff and elected officials, and representatives of other key client groups and industry associations.

This event will provide a unique opportunity to share your thoughts on the state of the industry with key stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds.

The Consulting Engineering Industry Evening takes place on April 28, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Hotel Grand Pacific, 463 Belleville St, Victoria. *There is no charge to attend this event.*

#### RSVP

Registration is not required, but if you plan to attend we would appreciate an RSVP by email to:

✉ [info@acec-bc.ca](mailto:info@acec-bc.ca)

Details of the event will also be posted on the ACEC-BC [Events Calendar](#) page. We look forward to seeing you in Victoria on April 28!

### 14th Annual Golf Tournament

Start planning ahead for sunnier days and fun on the links at ACEC British Columbia's Annual Golf Tournament, May 14th, 2014 at the Northview Golf & Country Club in Surrey.

The tournament offers a fun and relaxed networking environment for ACEC British Columbia members, clients and industry colleagues. We're joining forces again with Make-A-Wish® Foundation of BC and Yukon to help grant a wish for a child with a life threatening illness.

The two beautiful Arnold Palmer designed courses, Ridge and Canal, allow us to accommodate 288 golfers.

#### Register Early and Choose your Course!

This year, the first 100 golfers to register may choose which course they would like to be on! After this, foursomes will be placed based on availability.

Registration will open on **March 27**, and ACEC British Columbia members will be notified by email.

#### Sponsor – and Secure your Foursome!

A Sponsorship Guide is now available on the tournament web page:

🌐 [www.acec-bc.ca/events/golf-tournaments.aspx](http://www.acec-bc.ca/events/golf-tournaments.aspx)

All tournament sponsors will be offered first priority to additionally register up to one foursome. A **Pin & Play** sponsorship is a great way to secure your place in the tournament.

If you have any questions about the 14th Annual Golf Tournament, please contact ACEC British Columbia, 📞 (604) 687-2811,

✉ [info@acec-bc.ca](mailto:info@acec-bc.ca)

### BCWWA 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

The conference is BC's destination to share skills, knowledge, education and experience with the water and waste community – May 3-6 at the Whistler Conference Centre and Fairmont Chateau Whistler.

🌐 <https://www.bcwwa.org/events/annual-conference.html>

  
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## Upcoming Events

March 26

**Kamloops YPG Breakfast Seminar**  
Contract Language for Agreements  
Between Clients and Consultants  
Hotel 540, Kamloops

March 29

**YPG Social & Whitecaps Game**  
Bitter Tasting Lounge & BC Place Stadium

April 10

**Vancouver Island YPG Social**  
Ivy Ballroom, Fairmont Empress, Victoria

April 11

**Fireside Chat with ACEC-Canada**  
Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver

April 12

**ACEC-BC Awards Gala**  
Vancouver Convention Centre West

April 23

**Metro Vancouver Mixer**  
Holiday Inn Express Metrotown, Burnaby

April 28

**ACEC-BC Spring Reception**  
Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria

April 29

**YPG Breakfast Seminar**  
Insurance & Liability Boot Camp  
Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver

May 2 - 3

**MCABC Annual Conference & AGM**  
Four Seasons Hotel & Resort, Whistler

May 3 - 6

**BCWWA 42nd Annual Conference**  
Chateau Whistler

May 7 - 8

**9th Annual BC Power Summit**  
Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver

May 11 - 14

**CIM 2014 Convention**  
Vancouver Convention Centre

May 14

**Annual Golf Tournament**  
Northview Golf & Country Club, Surrey

May 28-31

**CSCE Annual Conference**  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

June 4

**Annual General Meeting**  
Terminal City Club, Vancouver

## Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards

### Call for Project Entries

Submit your project for national recognition!  
The deadline for your Notice of Intention to Enter is now **Tuesday, April 8, 2014**.

The Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards represent the highest honours for excellence in consulting engineering in Canada. Now in their 46th year, the awards are a joint program of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies (ACEC) and Canadian Consulting Engineer magazine. Winning projects are selected based on high quality engineering, imagination and innovation.

### National Recognition for Your Firm

The Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards provide a platform for ACEC member firms to showcase their talent and expertise. The list of winners is publicized nationwide and project details are published in a special issue of Canadian Consulting Engineer magazine. In addition, ACEC and CCE will jointly issue a press release to media in your local area.

### Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards Gala - Industry's Premier Networking Event

The awards are presented at a Gala Awards dinner in Ottawa on October 23, 2014. The Gala is a premier networking opportunity for ACEC members and a showcase for the accomplishments of the industry.

### Raise the Industry's Profile and Participate in ACEC's Parliament Hill Day

Representatives of winning firms are invited to participate in ACEC's Parliament Hill Day, where they will join an exclusive group of ACEC representatives for face-to-face meetings with high-ranking Parliamentarians on key issues facing the industry.

### Enter Now!

To showcase your firm's work, enter the 2014 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards by completing the form at...

 [www.canadianconsultingengineer.com/awards/forms.aspx](http://www.canadianconsultingengineer.com/awards/forms.aspx)



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## City of Kamloops adopts ACEC-BC recommendations for Standard Agreement

As part of a thorough internal review, the City of Kamloops invited input from ACEC-British Columbia on their procurement processes and standard professional services agreement. Based on feedback from local consultants working with the City, and model language found in the MMCD Standard Client Consultant Agreement, ACEC-BC developed a letter that focused on four key areas of concern:

- Indemnification and Limitation of Liability
- Dispute Resolution Process
- Intellectual Property
- Purchasing Agent Driven Procurement

We are pleased to report that these recommendations were recently adopted by the City of Kamloops in 3 of the 4 key areas. Further, the one item that was not adopted outright, Intellectual Property, is under consideration by the City.

ACEC-BC commends the City of Kamloops for making these improvements to their procurement processes and documents. We are confident that the use of fair and balanced terms and conditions will result in more effective engineering teams, and more successful projects for the City moving forward.

## CIM 2014 Convention

The CIM 2014 Convention takes place in Vancouver, BC, May 11-14, 2014.

The technical program will serve to draw over 5,000 participants who will meet to learn, network and exchange with peers and business leaders alike. CIM's 31st Exhibition will feature the latest equipment, technology, processes and services. Buyers, planners, engineers, researchers, technical experts, managers and directors can meet the best equipment and service suppliers focused on serving the needs of the mining and minerals industry.

 <http://vancouver2014.cim.org/>



May 11-14 | Du 11 au 14 mai  
Vancouver, BC

## YPG and VICA U40 team up to help Dandelion Society



VICA U40 Chair Daniel Behrens (left) and ACEC-BC YPG Chair Mark Byram (right)

The ACEC-BC Young Professionals Group (YPG) is continuing to collaborate with and support the efforts of Young Professionals within other organizations. On January 30th members of the YPG attended a Casino Royale Fundraiser organized by the Vancouver Island Construction Association (VICA) U40 group.

The event was attended by some 115 young professionals, and generated an \$8,000 donation to the Dandelion Society, a non-profit organization that *“fights physical poverty by coming alongside one person at a time. We do our work on the street, in hospitals, in jails and in all places that shelter those who are forgotten. We find value in one another and treat each other as equals. We advocate for those with no power.”*

### Stay connected to your industry

ACEC-British Columbia posts important engineering industry news and interesting articles to its Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn pages daily. This is a great way to stay up to date on future projects, learn more about soft skills and read about fascinating engineering projects from around the world. Start following us now!



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[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)  
– search for “ACEC-BC”

## Engineering students seeking 3 – 4 month full time unpaid summer practicums/internships

The University of British Columbia is hosting 100 science and engineering international students who are participating in the international Science Without Borders Program. The program requires students to complete academic study at UBC and to also complete a 3-4 month unpaid (35-40 hours per week, May to August) internship related to their area of study. Please note that this is not a Co-op placement.

The students are:

- In their 3rd or 4th year of study in a science or engineering discipline (mostly Electrical, Mining, Mechanical, Civil, Chemical, or Computer Engineering)
- Are international students with advanced English skills
- Have Canadian work permits
- Have student accident insurance coverage to protect our employers in case of injury

If you would like to host a student, the placement process is as follows:

- Send us a description of duties you would like that student(s) to perform along with a list of required qualifications
- We will post your position to the students and send you interested applicants approximately one week after receiving your posting
- Employers contact students to coordinate interviews
- Employers contact us two weeks after receiving the applications to confirm which student they would like to host, if any
- We confirm the placement with the student and coordinate start date and time with you directly

For more information about the program or students, please feel free to email or call Internship Coordinator Allan Dias at (604) 827-3467, [allan.dias@ubc.ca](mailto:allan.dias@ubc.ca)



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## Thank You Awards Sponsors!

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