



ACEC British Columbia

Newsbrief

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President's Message

Steve Fleck, P.Eng, MBA

It's back to work for all of us after a good summer. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summertime and had a chance to rest up and relax before we head into our fall events season.

Over the summer, the committees and secretariat have planned a schedule for the next seven months featuring events, mixers and golf tournaments that will be of interest to all members and their employees.

Kicking off the new season in September are two mixers, three Young Professionals Group events and golf tournaments on Vancouver Island and in the Okanagan. For the most up-to-date information and to registration, please visit the ACEC-BC website.

While providing valuable events to our members' continues to be a priority for us, it is but one of many of our activities. One of my priorities is to raise our profile and contact with government, media and the public. We are putting more resources towards improving awareness of our association and the industry in general.

Our profession generates more revenue for the province than highly visible industries like fishing, film production or agriculture. That a significant portion of this revenue comes from work outside our provincial borders shows an appreciation and appetite for the skills British Columbia engineers possess. We should all be proud of this.

By increasing public, media and government awareness of our organization, our voice will be heard on the many issues facing our industry.

Welcome back and buckle up for another great events season with ACEC-BC.

Sincerely,

Steve Fleck, P.Eng
President, ACEC British Columbia

Awards Road Show

August 13 - September 3
DNV Municipal Hall

September 4 - September 25
Township of Langley Municipal Hall

October 8 - October 26
Coquitlam City Hall

November 1 - November 23
UBC Okanagan

www.acec-bc.ca/awards.aspx

Register now for ACEC-BC Golf Tournaments in September



ACEC British Columbia is pleased to announce two upcoming tournaments in the month of September –

Vancouver Island Golf Tournament

September 21, 2012
Olympic View Golf Club, Victoria

Okanagan Golf Tournament

September 28, 2012
The Harvest Golf Club, Kelowna

For more information, see the Events page at www.acec-bc.ca/events.aspx

ACEC Welcomes New Chair, Murray Thompson



The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada (ACEC) is pleased to announce that Murray Thompson, P.Eng., of URS Canada Inc., was elected Chairman of its Board of Directors for 2012-2013. Mr. Thompson is a recognized leader

in the Canadian consulting engineering industry. He has served on the ACEC Board of Directors since 2008 and was appointed to the Executive Committee as Vice-Chair in 2009.

On June 23rd, during the association's annual general meeting in Prince Edward Island, Mr. Thompson outlined his goals and priorities for the year ahead. In his remarks, Mr. Thompson stressed the need for the industry to look forward and to prepare for major changes to the industry.

Mr. Thompson is preceded by Herb Kuehne, MBA, P.Eng., of Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd.

 www.acec.ca

APEGBC Annual Conference

The 2012 Annual Conference and AGM will be held in Victoria, British Columbia from October 25-27, 2012 at the Victoria Conference Centre. The Annual Conference and AGM are sure to offer participants valuable opportunities to network with leading professionals.

The comprehensive program includes two days of professional development sessions, an extensive Trade Exhibition and numerous social events that will give you the perfect opportunity to network with colleagues and suppliers while enjoying scenic Victoria.

 www.apeg.bc.ca/ac2012/



Federal government hears advice on new long-term infrastructure plan

Courtesy of Canadian Consulting Engineer

The federal government has wound up its discussions on how to shape a new long-term infrastructure plan.

Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and Steven Fletcher, Minister of State, Transport, held a series of roundtables in June and July to discuss how the government should develop a new long-term infrastructure plan to replace the Building Canada plan which expires in 2014.

The government consulted the provinces, territories, municipalities and stakeholder groups about what shape a new plan should take. Minister Lebel said in a press release: "We have heard that there is a need for strong and sustained federal support for infrastructure and that we need to continue to work in partnership as we move forward." He also said they would explore long-term investment programs, including public private partnerships.

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies (ACEC) requested seats at five roundtables in different regions. As a result, individuals representing provincial consulting engineering associations were at roundtables in P.E.I., Quebec City, Toronto, Kenora, and Edmonton.

The seven-year, \$33-billion Building Canada Plan that was introduced in 2007 and expires in 2014 was Canada's first ever long-term infrastructure plan.

For additional background information, see the ACEC position paper, *The Benefits of Infrastructure Investment*.

ACEC members will also benefit from a new report that provides a snapshot of federal government departments, agencies and crown corporations with infrastructure funding programs or functions, as of April 2012 – *Infrastructure Investment in Canada 2012-2013: Opportunities for the Consulting Engineering Sector*.

Upcoming Events

September 19

YPG Breakfast Seminar
ACEC-BC – Advocacy and the Importance of Being Engaged
Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver

September 21

YPG Victoria Breakfast Seminar
Client Relationships and Management
The Union Club, Victoria

September 21

Vancouver Island Golf Tournament
Olympic View Golf Club, Victoria

September 27

YPG Okanagan Breakfast Seminar
ACEC-BC – Advocacy and the Importance of Being Engaged
Coast Capri Hotel, Kelowna

September 28

Okanagan Golf Tournament
Harvest Golf Club, Kelowna

October 2

Fraser Valley Mixer
Ramada Plaza, Abbotsford

October 10

Richmond-Delta Mixer
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October 24

YPG Breakfast Seminar
Hyatt Hotel, Vancouver

October 24

Burnaby-New Westminster Mixer
Vancouver Hilton Metrotown, Burnaby

November 1

Vancouver Island Mixer
details to be announced

November 2

YPG Victoria Breakfast Seminar
details to be announced

November 6

North Shore-Squamish Mixer
details to be announced

November 14

Government Relations Days
details to be announced

November 21

YPG Breakfast Seminar
Hyatt Hotel, Vancouver

YPG Update

2012-2013 Breakfast Seminars

The Young Professionals Group of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of British Columbia (ACEC-BC YPG) is pleased to announce a new year of Breakfast Seminars!

We plan to have six Breakfast Seminars in Vancouver, five on Vancouver Island, and three in the Okanagan.

The first Breakfast Seminars in each region are as follows:

Sep 19 (Vancouver)

ACEC-BC - Advocacy and the Importance of Being Engaged

Steve Fleck, P.Eng., MBA, Stantec Consulting

Sep 21 (Victoria)

Client Relationships and Management

Peter Ferguson, P.Eng., McElhanney Consulting Services

Sep 27 (Kelowna)

ACEC-BC - Advocacy and the Importance of Being Engaged

Steve Fleck, P.Eng., MBA, Stantec Consulting

Breakfast Seminar Season Passes

Based on the success and positive feedback regarding the Breakfast Seminar Season Passes, the program is expanding this year.

A Season Pass provides registration to Breakfast Seminars at a reduced cost. The Season Pass lets a representative from your company attend every YPG Breakfast Seminar in the specified region for the year. For example, a Vancouver Season Pass provides six Breakfast Seminar tickets. The Season Pass is not tied to just one person, and different people may attend different Breakfast Seminars on the same Season Pass. The cost can be even further decreased by purchasing a block of five Season Passes.

A block of five Season Passes enables your company to send five young professionals to all of the YPG seminars scheduled in your region, at a reduced cost per attendee.

Please see the following table for a cost breakdown (prices do not include applicable taxes).

YPG Breakfast Seminars 2012-2013 Cost Summary

Registration Type	Cost per ticket	No. of seminars	Total Cost
Lower Mainland			
Member	\$65	1	\$65
Season Pass	\$55	6	\$330
Block of 5 Passes	\$50	6	\$1500
Vancouver Island			
Member	\$65	1	\$65
Season Pass	\$55	5	\$275
Block of 5 Passes	\$50	5	\$1250
Okanagan			
Member	\$65	1	\$65
Season Pass	\$55	3	\$165
Block of 5 Passes	\$50	3	\$750

2012-2013 Breakfast Seminar Topics

Vancouver Group

- ACEC-BC - Advocacy and the Importance of Being Engaged
- Preparation for Expert Witness Testimony and other Legal Obligations
- Communications – Presenting to the Public
- Mentorship – Why it's Critical to your Career and Case Studies (Part 1 of 2)
- How to get Effective Mentorship and how to be a Good Mentor (Part 2 of 2)
- Conflict Resolution

Vancouver Island Group

- Client Relationships and Management
- Major Project Delivery (with an update on ACEC-BC)
- Conflict Resolution
- Record Keeping (Legal Aspects)
- Engineer to Manager – What you need to succeed (Legal Aspects)

Kelowna Group

- ACEC-BC - Advocacy and the Importance of Being Engaged
- Communications
- Leadership

More information on Breakfast Seminars and Events can be found online in ACEC-BC's Events page

 www.acec-bc.ca/events/

Young Professional Liaison

To better keep your company and yourself informed about ACEC-BC YPG events and updates, we are looking to each member firm to select a Young Professional from their company to act as a liaison between their company and ACEC-BC YPG. If you would like to volunteer yourself for this position, please discuss with other people in your firm. When your firm has chosen a representative, please let us know by emailing

 ypg@acec-bc.ca

The Consultants' Contraption

On November 10 at the Park Royal Shopping Centre in West Vancouver, ACEC-BC YPG will be hosting a charity event to raise funds in support of GEERing Up! Summer Camps by building a Rube Goldberg Machine called the Consultants' Contraption. ACEC-YPG would like to invite YOU to construct a part of this machine!

There is a donation entry fee of \$500 (all proceeds will go to GEERing Up!). Register early as space is limited due to size restrictions! For more information, please contact us at...

 consultantscontraption@acec-bc.ca

... and see the letter that was sent to ACEC member firms' voting members.

ACEC-BC YPG Social Events

The first Vancouver Social event will be on Tuesday, September 4 with the location to be determined. Look for more information on the web, through our twitter account (@acecbc), and by email in the near future.

Change of Venue for September 19 YPG Seminar

Please note that the September 19 YPG breakfast seminar will be held at the **Four Seasons Hotel**, 791 West Georgia Street, Vancouver.

Meet a Young Professional

Andrew Williamson, P.Eng.



Andrew Williamson is a professional engineer who has worked as an acoustical consultant for Wakefield Acoustics Ltd. since 2003. A native of Victoria, he obtained his Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from

the University of Victoria in 2003 and received his Professional Engineer designation from the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia in September 2009. Andrew has been a member of the ACEC Young Professionals Group since its inception and has enjoyed the breakfast seminars for their enlightening presentations and the opportunities they provide to meet other engineering consultants.

During his time with Wakefield Acoustics, Andrew has worked on a variety of projects in the fields of architectural acoustics design, building noise and vibration control, transportation noise, and community noise. In his spare time Andrew can usually be found outdoors amid the beautiful scenery of Vancouver Island either surfing, snowboarding, mountain biking, golfing or perhaps enjoying a leisurely game of croquet.

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2012 TAC Conference

Transportation: Innovation & Opportunities

Hosted by New Brunswick Transportation and Infrastructure, the 2012 Conference and Exhibition of the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) will offer delegates an unparalleled opportunity to broaden their horizons in the roads and transportation sector, at the Fredericton Convention Centre, October 14-17.

The 2012 TAC Conference features a wide variety of technical, social, professional and networking events over three and a half days.

🌐 www.tac-atc.ca/english/annualconference

FIDIC 2012 Conference

The consulting engineering industry's premier networking event takes place September 9-12 at the Coex Convention & Exhibition Centre, Seoul, Korea. Bringing together eminent international speakers representing clients, industry, government organisations, funding agencies, consultants, and engineers to discuss and debate how the consulting engineering industry can take the lead in planning and delivering sustainable solutions to the global challenges facing the world's infrastructure. Key themes for the conference are: *The Green Challenge in the Marketplace; Green Growth - New Perspectives; and Working Greener and Smarter: A Shifting Paradigm.*

🌐 www.fidic2012.org

MATI Community Planning for Local Government Professionals Registration Now Open!

September 30 to October 5, 2012, Kelowna
Join us September 30 to October 5, 2012 at the Lake Okanagan Resort near Kelowna for this popular MATI course designed to help you understand the world of community planning. Learn from leading community planning experts about: *what planning is and why we do it; planning law; regulatory tools and how to use them; planning for subdivision and the approving officer function; effective community engagement; building sustainable communities; what you need to know about hiring planning consultants; affordable housing solutions and much more.* Bring a planning challenge from your community and get answers on how to effectively address it and take home a planning toolkit you can use on Monday morning. For complete details on format, content, faculty, registration and fees, see

🌐 www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/mati-cp.asp

For information on funding assistance, see the [Board of Examiners](#) information sheet.

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20th Annual CCPPP National Conference and 15th Annual Awards

The Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships (CCPPP) presents a special two-day event in Toronto on November 26 and 27, 2012, marking 20 years of Canadian P3 innovation.

Over 20 sessions will take a bird's eye view of the market and a deep dive into the projects and issues on the ground in Canada and internationally. Networking opportunities with 1,200 public and private sector decision-makers will offer the chance to meet or reconnect with the leaders driving the P3 agenda.

To mark the 15th Annual Awards for Innovation & Excellence in P3, a special luncheon will honour the people and projects, both past and present, that have led P3 in Canada and are establishing the benchmark for future projects.

Applications are now available for the 2012 National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Public-Private Partnerships. Apply now for projects in the categories of Project Financing, Service Delivery, Infrastructure and "Other". For more information, see the About the Awards page or apply now. The deadline for applications is September 13, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. EDT.

🌐 www.pppcouncil.ca



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