



ACEC British Columbia

Newsbrief

November 2012



President's Message

Steve Fleck, P.Eng, MBA

This November we held the annual Past Presidents and CEO's dinner, and we were joined by Bruce Ralston, MLA and Opposition Critic for Finance and Public Accounts.

Mr. Ralston's remarks were encouraging. He indicated that the NDP understands the importance and need for consistent and predictable capital spending. He answered a number of questions, including a line of questioning on the Gateway pipeline. He indicated that the NDP's position opposing this development was not likely to change. However he spoke strongly in support of natural gas development, pipelines and LNG terminals.

The addition of a speaker to the annual event underscores the continuing emphasis ACEC-BC places on government relations.

Enhanced government relations efforts continue to be our number one priority. We will continue to position the business of consulting engineering as a key and critical stakeholder in provincial affairs.

I view this dinner as an important "check in" with membership. With decision-makers in the room from a broad representation of our membership, the feedback received during the evening is instrumental to the policy formulation and action of the association. I encourage those of you who were unable to attend to make an effort to participate at our next Past Presidents and CEO's dinner (the Executive Committee is considering a suggestion to hold these dinners more frequently).

With plenty of work still left to do and an election looming, we look forward to hearing your thoughts and opinions on where the association needs to focus its energy during the upcoming months. Your guidance will help us continue to advocate for the business of consulting engineering in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Steve Fleck, P.Eng
President, ACEC British Columbia

Upcoming Events

December 7

**ACEC-BC Awards
Intent to Submit Deadline**

Details at www.acec-bc.ca/awards

January 15

YPG Breakfast Seminar

details to be announced

January 17

YPG Victoria Breakfast Seminar

details to be announced

January 30

**Delivering the Goods
Transportation Conference 2013**

Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver

April 6

ACEC-BC Awards Gala

Vancouver Convention Centre

Awards Road Show

November 27 - December 14

Kelowna City Hall

January 30

**Delivering the Goods
Transportation Conference 2013
(Fairmont Waterfront Hotel)**

 www.acec-bc.ca/awards.aspx



Delivering the Goods Transportation Conference 2013

A one day conference focusing on transportation infrastructure for goods movement across the Pacific Gateway.

Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver

Delivering the Goods is a transportation conference hosted jointly by ACEC-BC, the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and TransLink. The conference takes place on **Wednesday, January 30, 2013** at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver.

Delivering the Goods will offer presentations and panel discussions in two main streams,

Northern Connections

- Northern Corridor to Prince George
- Cariboo Connector
- CN Expansion to Prince Rupert
- Port of Prince Rupert Upgrade

Southern Links

- History of Roberts Bank Rail Corridor
- The Combo Project
- South Fraser Perimeter Road
- Expansion of DeltaPort

A morning cruise ship tour, led by Port Metro Vancouver staff, will visit port facilities along both shores of Burrard Inlet.

Luncheon keynote speaker **Jacquie Dawes**, ADM Policy & Planning, BCMoTI will present on the *Gateway Strategy*. We'll also hear presentations on *movement of LNG*, and *TransLink's long term strategy for goods movement*.

Following the technical presentations and panel discussions in the afternoon, the conference wraps up with a networking reception, and the Deputy Minister's awards dinner. New for 2013 is a fifth Awards category for transit related projects.

Registration for the conference is now open. For more information, see:

www.acec-bc.ca/events/transportation-conference.aspx

Delivering the Goods 2013 Sponsorship Opportunities

Suppliers, contractors, engineers, geoscientists, agencies and service providers will gain valuable recognition as conference sponsors. For detailed information about conference sponsorship, please see the Sponsorship Guide at

www.acec-bc.ca/events/transportation-conference.aspx



Canstruction® Vancouver 2013 Kickoff Meeting

Canstruction Vancouver is an annual design/build competition that is part of a worldwide anti-hunger campaign originating in New York, now spanning more than 180 cities globally.

Canstruction Vancouver has raised over 1.15 million cans since 2002. 100% of the food raised is donated to sustain our local Food Banks.

The Canstruction Vancouver 2013 kick-off meeting takes place on Wednesday, **December 5th** from **5:30 pm to 7 pm** at the **Chartwell Room, Four Seasons Hotel**, 791 West Georgia Street, Vancouver.

Join Presenting Sponsor **Fortis BC**, Founder **MET Fine Printers**, and the Amazing Can Crew to launch the 2013 Event. Dates, locations, participants, partners and some great NEW twists will be unveiled. Here is where you learn how to: make a team, get involved and meet some great people.

Please RSVP to Alison Clay at

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... or call ☎ (604) 254-4201

www.canstructionvancouver.com



ACEC-BC welcomes you to the 24th Annual Awards for Engineering Excellence, Saturday **April 6, 2013** at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

The Awards Gala celebrates the technical excellence, creativity and innovation in the BC consulting engineering industry. This is your opportunity to participate in one of the most exciting events in the industry's calendar.

Awards are granted in five categories:

- Buildings
- Municipal
- Transportation
- Natural Resource, Energy and Industry
- Soft Engineering

For each of these categories one Award of Excellence and at least one Award of Merit is presented every year.

All entries in the competition are displayed through the year, in public locations across the province, as part of the ACEC-BC Awards Road Show.

The deadline for Intents to Submit has been extended to **December 7, 2012**. Final submissions are due on **February 5, 2013** (by 11:00 a.m.) along with the Entry Fee of \$900 + HST (Total = \$1008) per submission.

For more information, see

www.acec-bc.ca/awards.aspx

Something You'd Like to See in Newsbrief?

As a member of ACEC British Columbia, Newsbrief belongs to *you*. If you have any ideas for content you'd like to see in this newsletter, please let us know by contacting the ACEC-BC office...

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Your feedback is appreciated!

Neil Cumming Honoured with 2012 Beaubien Award



Neil A. Cumming, F.A.C.I., P.Eng., of Levelton Consultants Ltd., is the recipient of the 2012 Beaubien Award. The award was presented by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada (ACEC) at the 2012 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards on October 23rd. The Beaubien Award recognizes individuals for their lifetime contributions to the advancement of the consulting engineering profession and industry.

Neil A. Cumming is a recognized expert in the field of construction materials engineering and concrete technology. He is also known for his contributions to the consulting engineering industry as a businessman, educator and mentor.

Neil joined Levelton Consultants Ltd. in 1977 and has held a number of management positions within the firm, including President and CEO. In 2007, Neil took on the role of Executive Vice President, the position he holds today.

Neil has championed the interests of the industry through his participation in ACEC and other professional associations. He has been an active participant in ACEC British Columbia, serving as President in 2003-2004. He has played a key role in our efforts to see BC's ultimate limitation period (ULP) reduced, and to have the start time clearly defined. These efforts came to fruition earlier this year with the passing into law of Bill 34, which reduces the province's ULP from 30 years to 15 years.

Neil has been the ACEC representative on the Canadian Construction Documents Committee and has participated in the association's Contracts Committee.

Neil has been a member of the American Concrete Institute for 30 years and has served on several technical committees. He is a long-standing member of the Canadian Standards Association Committee on Concrete Materials and Methods of Construction and served as Chair for five years.

As an industry educator, Neil is a regular speaker at technical conferences. He has authored over 50 technical presentations and papers, and has lectured on construction materials technology at the University of British Columbia. Neil's role at Levelton includes mentoring younger employees.

Neil is the recipient of other industry awards and recognition, including Fellow of the American Concrete Institute, ACEC-BC's 2011 Meritorious Achievement Award and the Canadian Standards Association's Award of Merit.

As recipient of the 2012 Beaubien Award, Neil is recognized by his peers for his outstanding contributions to ACEC, the consulting engineering industry and the engineering profession.

Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards

The 2012 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards were presented October 23rd at the Ottawa Convention Centre. Over 200 guests were in attendance including industry leaders and other dignitaries.

Of the nearly 80 projects entered, twelve received awards of excellence and two received special awards: the Schreyer Award for technical innovation and the Tree for Life Award for environmental stewardship.

The winning projects are:

SCHREYER AWARD

Photocatalytic Gas Treatment (PGT), Moncure, North Carolina, U.S., by **exp**

TREE FOR LIFE AWARD

The Jim Pattison Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Building Technologies and Renewable Energy Conservation - Okanagan College, Penticton, B.C., by **The AME Consulting Group Ltd.**

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Buildings

The Jim Pattison Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Building Technologies and Renewable Energy Conservation - Okanagan College, Penticton, B.C. by **The AME Consulting Group Ltd.**

Biodiversity Centre, Université de Montréal, Montreal by **Bouthillette Parizeau & Associés inc.**

VanDusen Botanical Gardens Visitor Centre, Vancouver by **Fast + Epp**

BC Place Revitalization, Vancouver by **GENIVAR** and **Geiger Engineers**

Vale Living With Lakes Centre, Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario by **J. L. Richards & Associates Limited**

La Maison symphonique de Montréal, Montreal by **SNC-Lavalin Inc.**

Water Resources

Eastern Wastewater Treatment Facility, Saint John, N.B. by **CBCL Limited, Consulting Engineers**

Sherbourne Common, Toronto, Ontario by **The Municipal Infrastructure Group Ltd.**

Environmental Remediation

Burnaby Lake Rejuvenation, Burnaby, B.C. by **Associated Engineering**

Natural Resources, Mining, Industry and Power

Vancouver City Central Transmission, Vancouver by **Golder Associates Ltd.**

Innovative Tailings Management - Greens Creek Mine, Admiralty Island, Alaska by **Klohn Crippen Berger**

Community Outreach and In-House Initiatives

Haiti Prototype Schools, Haiti by **Blackwell Bowick / Halsall Associates / Quinn Dressel Associates / Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.**

The distinguished jury of twelve was chaired by Maud Cohen, ing., past president of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ). The jury included eminent professional engineers and others from the construction industry and academia.

Thank You Awards Sponsors!

The ACEC-BC Awards Gala owes much of its success to the participation of our Sponsors. To date, confirmed Sponsors of the 2013 Awards for Engineering Excellence are:

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Matcon Civil Constructors
McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.

For information about participating as a sponsor of the ACEC-BC Awards for Engineering Excellence, please see

www.acec-bc.ca/awards.aspx

November in the Okanagan!



Members of the Okanagan YPG Steering Committee are getting into the spirit of November! Left to right, they are: Nathan Rosin, Focus; Cory Sivell, UBCO Liaison; Garrett Hamilton-Smith, EMPAC; Stephen Horsman, AECOM. *There will be an Okanagan YPG Social on **December 7** (about 7 pm), upstairs at Doc Willoughby's Pub, 353 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna.*

OQM Certification Process Now Accepting Applicants

APEGBC's Organizational Quality Management (OQM) Program has been developed to improve the quality management of professional engineering and geoscience practices at the individual and organizational level. This voluntary program offers certification to participating organizations. Requests for participation in the OQM program are now being accepted.

The OQM Program offers organizations employing APEGBC professionals the opportunity to implement or adapt in-house quality management policies and procedures consistent with the requirements of the Engineers and Geoscientists Act and Bylaws. An organization can elect to participate in the program in a variety of ways. They can use policies and procedures already established by the organization that are consistent with the basic quality management requirements that APEGBC members and licensees must meet under the Engineers and Geoscientists Act and APEGBC Bylaws; adapt existing policies and procedures to be consistent with the basic quality management requirements; adopt APEGBC's OQM Manual as-is; or adapt the APEGBC OQM Manual to meet the particular needs of the organization while remaining consistent with the basic quality management requirements.

OQM certified organizations will be identified as adhering to an APEGBC-endorsed quality management program, and will be listed on the APEGBC website. Employees from these organizations will be exempted from APEGBC's Practice Review Program. The first OQM certifications will be issued in early 2013.

To initiate your participation in the OQM Certification process, or for any inquiries regarding OQM certification, contact oqm@apeg.bc.ca. More information on the OQM program is available at

www.apeg.bc.ca/pppractice/oqm.html

A number of resources are also available for viewing or download, including the OQM manual, the APEGBC Quality Management Guidelines, and webinars on the six Quality Management Guidelines.

City of Vancouver Engineering Roundtable - Call for Participants

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies BC is inviting its membership to consider submitting a proposal to participate in a roundtable discussion with the City of Vancouver Engineering Staff. The theme of the discussion will focus on municipal sustainability initiatives, the City's Greenest City 2020 Action Plan and the recently adopted 2040 Transportation Plan. The purpose of the discussion is for member firms to inform the City about innovative projects, products, techniques, services and benefits. Participants submitting proposals may also be selected to participate in other ACEC-BC Municipal Mixer events held throughout 2013/14.

The following are a sampling of topic areas the City wishes to consider for the event:

- Sustainable Streets and Neighbourhood Greenways
- Sustainable Concrete and Pavement Options
- Green Infrastructure Design
- Energy Conservation through Street Light Design
- Sustainable Financing and Funding for Green Initiatives
- Neighbourhood Energy Utilities
- Waste to Energy Recovery Options

Take advantage of this opportunity to share the industry's best practices, highlight projects and network with colleagues and City of Vancouver engineering staff. The roundtable will be held in the spring of 2013. Proposals are due by January 17th, 2013 at 3pm.

For submission guidelines and details related to this exciting opportunity please contact Mr. Brian McAskill, Communications and Policy Analyst of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – British Columbia

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