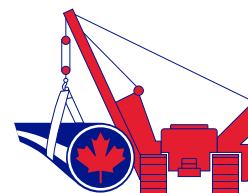


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Perseverance and Accomplishments in a Challenging Environment



*Mark H. Scherer
Senior VP of Operations
Aecon-Energy*

As we near the date of our 62nd Annual Convention in Charlottetown, PEI, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year and capture some of our key accomplishments amidst what turned out to be — and remains — a tremendously challenging industry environment.

It is only appropriate to begin with safety and this past year the first safety video of a series entitled “Field Level Hazard Awareness” was completed and made available online for everyone to use to help keep our workers safe.

Throughout the year we met various times with clients and labour to negotiate and establish partnerships for major pipeline projects in efforts to secure tomorrow's work for our members today.

In order to provide a higher level of support to our contractors' labour relations needs we added a dedicated position — Manager, Labour Relations and welcomed Kellie Gamble to the team.

In December, we successfully secured a new three-year Distribution Pipeline Construction Collective Agreement with the UA providing stability for our members, labour and owner clients across Canada. We also look forward to equally successful negotiations with our remaining three Union partners.

We count these accomplishments as significant when set against the backdrop of the year that was, namely plummeting oil prices coupled with an equally frail Canadian dollar that wreaked havoc for our industry and many of our members.

To our long-standing PLCAC members, I'd like to thank you for your continued loyalty during some formidable times. We look forward to seeing all of you in Charlottetown May 29th to June 2nd and tackling our 63rd year together with strategic focus and fortitude.

Mark H. Scherer

Link-Line Contractors Ltd. Announces Name Change



Link-Line Contractors Ltd. will change its name to NPL Canada, effective May 2nd, 2016. The change comes 18 months after Link-Line was acquired by NPL Construction Co. in October of 2014. The name change is part of a corporate re-branding strategy and more closely aligns Link-Line with its U.S. counterpart, NPL Construction Co.

Changing Link-Line's name and aligning the company's brand with NPL will provide increased industry recognition

and benefits gained from co-marketing. "Link-Line's focus on safety, quality and building lasting relationships is unchanged," says President and COO Rick Delaney. "We will continue to provide the same level of dedication, cooperation and service as we have through the years – under our new name of NPL Canada."

NPL Construction Co. and NPL Canada are part of Centuri Construction Group, Inc. and together create one of the largest energy services contractors in North America with a workforce of more than 5,500.

Vivian Krause: Needed — A Fair Deal for Canada!



Vivian Krause

Even though everybody uses oil, it is increasingly viewed as bad. The engine of this shift in public opinion is a multi-billion dollar campaign against fossil fuels.

Gone are the days when activist campaigns were amateur operations run by volunteers. Today, the shakedown of the oil industry is a multi-billion dollar business. The twin engines of the climate movement are Climateworks and the Energy Foundation, both based in California. Since 2010, these two organizations alone have spent more than \$1 billion to fund smaller groups that campaign against fossil fuels (primarily coal, oil and natural gas). And as we've seen, the whipping boy of this campaign is Alberta oil.

For nearly ten years, a group of U.S. foundations, notably The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the Tides Foundation has been providing millions of dollars to environmental and First Nations organizations that campaign against the development and export of Alberta oil. Since 2010, Tides alone has made more than 360 payments totaling US\$ 30 million to activist groups in the U.S., Canada and Europe. The average payment was \$80,000. That is no small amount.

The U.S. funders of the campaign against Alberta oil have run a multi-million dollar campaign to restrict fossil fuel development in Canada thus keeping Canadian energy exports out of global markets.

The U.S. produces three times more oil than Canada and has sharply increased production, causing over-supply contributing to a global price war. Furthermore, far from "keeping it in the ground," the U.S. has lifted its ban on crude oil exports and yet these funders turn a blind eye to the oil boom in their own back yard.

The campaign to bottleneck Canadian energy exports is far from over but a new chapter has begun. The campaign against TransCanada's Energy East and Enbridge's Line 3-R will follow the same course as the campaigns against Keystone XL and Northern Gateway.

What the energy sector needs to fight for is a fair deal for Canada so that we can get full value for our energy products on overseas markets. What the federal government needs to do is bring about a public opinion context in which they have greater incentive to break the U.S. monopoly and choose Team Canada.

Vivian Krause is a Vancouver-based researcher and writer

Somerville Aecon JV & Waschuk Review Successful Completion of 3-Year IPL Project



With the clean-up finished and the project completed, Somerville Aecon Joint Venture (SAJV) and

Waschuk Pipelines reviewed the accomplishments of successfully completing the Inter Pipeline Foster Creek Cold Lake Expansion in Alberta. The project consisted of over 800 km of mainline pipeline including 10 pumping and metering facilities exceeding \$1 billion in commercial contracts and more than 6 million man-hours of work for the PLCAC contractors.

Throughout the course of the project, a collaborative partnering approach was used between Inter Pipeline and the contractors to deliver high results in safety performance, environmental protection, Aboriginal employment and project execution. Although the project involved an increased degree of complexity with urban work, dual-line single-ditching and high proportion of winter construction, Waschuk, SAJV and Inter Pipeline were thrilled with the overall results and credited the strong collaborative teamwork approach to their success.

Overall praise for these projects was given by Inter Pipeline's President and CEO Christian Bayle in a company news release where he stated "They were completed on-schedule with an outstanding safety record during an extremely active construction window in our industry."



Michels Leads World With Most Direct Pipe® Installations



Michels has ended 2015 on a strong note by completing the most Direct Pipe® installations of any single company in the world.

Michels completed its 11th and 12th installations on Friday, Dec. 11th, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The latest installations were 1,300 feet of a 42-inch pipe and 823 feet of a 36-inch pipe. Michels is capable of using Direct Pipe® on diameters that range between 36 and 60 inches and to lengths of more than 4,000 feet.

Direct Pipe® is a one-pass system for trenchless installations that combines a thruster with a steerable microtunneling machine. Michels has the experience and equipment to simultaneously complete multiple Direct Pipe projects throughout North America. In addition to completing the longest Direct Pipe® installation in North America, Michels has successfully used Direct Pipe® on projects that cross under levees, rivers, rail lines and international borders.



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Student Award Program

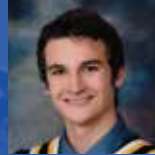
PLCAC
2015–2016
Student Award Program
Recipients



Melissa Arseniuk
*University of
Ottawa
Law*



Tiana Cortina
*McMaster
University
Psychology*



Ryan De Iaco
*University of
British Columbia
Electrical
Engineering*



Erika Eberhardt
*Mount Royal
University
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Administration*



Cristian Frincu
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University
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Winner of Two Awards

The recipient of the Wayne McArthur Memorial Award as well as a Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada Award is **Laura Lane** who is currently attending Brock University pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy degree in Education.

Laura has demonstrated a unique talent in the field of education as a researcher and educator. She has been the recipient of university, provincial, and national awards for her academic excellence and research accomplishments and has acted as her program's student representative for two consecutive years. She has been involved in numerous volunteer activities and currently volunteers with the Canadian Association for Studies of Adult Education. The PLCAC member parent is Neil Lane of Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada.



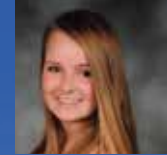
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Alexandra Smith
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University
Nursing



Vanessa Wittstruck
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Northern British
Columbia
English/History



Taylor Woodfine
University of
Ottawa
Francais Langue
Seconde



Taylor Yeomans
King's University
College
Sociology/French
Db major



Johnathan York
University of
Alberta
Spec. in
Biochemistry



Jiawei Zhao
University of
Calgary
Health Sciences

The Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada allocates financial awards to a number of students annually.

To qualify for this award, students must be enrolled in a full-time program at a recognized college or university and be a son or daughter of a person whose principal income is through employment by, or have a history of employment with a firm who is a member of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada.

Since 2010, the PLCAC has also recognized a student who contributes to their community along with academic excellence by awarding them with the Wayne McArthur Memorial Award.

Congratulations to the 2015 – 2016 Student Award winners!

R.B. Somerville Utilizes Expertise to Break into Calgary Infrastructure Replacement



This winter R.B. Somerville successfully completed two substantial contracts with Atco Pipelines to replace aging infrastructure within the City of Calgary. This urban pipeline replacement project consisted of installing 16.7 km of 24" pipe and 8.7 km of 30" pipe including 7 valve stations and 21 directional drill segments located on the North and East sides of the city.

President Nick de Koning commented that "Our longtime experience working distribution within cities combined with our history of big inch expertise made this job a perfect fit for our company with the added benefit of providing new jobs for pipeliners in Calgary who wanted to work near their home."

Both jobs were executed concurrently and at peak time employed a workforce of over 280 people.



Update: Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Program



Recently, Enbridge announced a delay in the planned start of construction of the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Program (L3RP), the largest project in Enbridge history.



The \$7.5-billion L3RP will fully replace 1,660 km of Line 3 with modern pipe materials utilizing state-of-the-art construction methods from Hardisty, AB to Superior, WI.

The delay is due to two factors: an extension to the permitting process in Minnesota and recent changes to the Canadian federal government review process. This delay would cause a shift to the in-service date by one year, to early 2019.

DCA Elects New President



The Distribution Contractors Association (DCA) inducted Dale Anderson as their new President at the DCA 2016 Annual Convention in Naples, Florida. Dale is the Executive Vice President for Miller Pipeline and is responsible for companies in

the Eastern and Great Lakes operations. You will be able to meet Dale at our convention in Charlottetown PEI in May.

PLCA-USA Elects New President



Bernie Bermack was inducted as President at the Pipe Line Contractors Association-USA (PLCA) Annual General Meeting in Scottsdale in February 2016. Bernie is the General Manager of Pe Ben USA in Houston Texas. Bernie will be attending our

Annual Convention in Charlottetown PEI at the end of May. Please offer him a warm welcome.

Pipeline Construction: Foundations of Leadership Training Program



The PLCAC, in collaboration with the PLCAC Education and Training Committee, offers leadership training specific to contractor members. The Pipeline Construction: Foundations of Leadership Program is a four course program offered in two sessions — winter and fall. It is a program designed to provide essential foundations in leadership for foremen, supervisors and professional staff.

The leadership foundation program provides a strong foundation of developing a culture of accountability, building and leading teams, communication for impact, and coaching for results.

The most recent program successfully graduated approximately forty five (45) leaders demonstrating the

PLCAC’s commitment to maintaining a high standard of quality and excellence in our leadership capacity for the pipeline construction industry.



New PLCAC Members

PLCAC’s Board of Directors recently approved membership applications from two new Associate Members. We welcome these new members to the PLCAC!

Associate Members



Emsco, located in Regina SK, rents and services pipeline construction equipment. For more information contact Rob Schaffer, Vice President of Operations at 306-537-2283 or visit www.emsco.ca.



R & D Trailer Rentals Ltd. rents trailers of many sizes and types from offices in Edmonton and Calgary AB and Winnipeg MB. For more information contact Dennis Keefe, Manager at 780-447-1918 or visit www.rent-a-trailer.com.

World Federation Meeting in Scottsdale AZ



PLCAC met with representatives of the World Federation in February 2016 to review global issues affecting the pipeline industry. The agenda included future projects and labour demands, labour negotiating, safety and training initiatives.



From left to right: Kevin Barrett (Houston) PLCA, Neil Lane (Canada) PLCAC, Rob Darden (USA) DCA, Juan Arzuaga (Switzerland) IPLOCA

2016 PLCAC 62nd Annual Convention Delta Prince Edward PEI May 29 – June 2

We are counting down the days to the 2016 PLCAC Annual Convention in Charlottetown, PEI at the Delta Prince Edward, where delegates can network with Canadian mainline, distribution and specialty contractors; pipeline construction suppliers, and the numerous stakeholders involved in the exciting Canadian pipeline industry.



The convention's business sessions provide insight on future projects and developments in the pipeline industry and are complimented with enjoyable, exciting activities and events for all attendees. For a list of those attending the convention, information on events and the helpful "What to Wear" please go to www.pipeline.ca and click on convention information.

*If you are a "Lighthouse Lover," you are coming to the right place.
Lighthouses of many shapes and sizes dot the coastline of PEI.*

Action Dates

May 29–June 02, 2016

Pipe Line Contractors
Association of Canada
62nd Annual Convention
Charlottetown PEI
Contact: Neil Lane
905.847.9383 www.pipeline.ca

September 12–16, 2016

International Pipe Line &
Offshore Contractors Association
50th Annual Convention
Paris France
Contact: Juan Arzuaga
41 22 306 02 30 www.iploca.com

October 8–11, 2016

Australian Pipelines & Gas Association
48th Annual Convention
Perth, Australia
Contact: Steve Dobbie
02 6273 0577 www.apga.org.au

February 11–12, 2017

Arizona State University HDD Academy
Tempe AZ
Contact: Vicki Miner
330.467.7588 www.benjaminmedia.co

February 06–11, 2017

Distribution Contractors Association
56th Annual Convention
Maui, HI
Contact: Robert Darden
972.680.0261 www.dcaweb.org

February 14–18, 2017

Pipe Line Contractors Association (US)
69th Annual Convention
Scottsdale, AZ
Contact: Pat Tielborg
214.969.2700 www.plcac.org

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