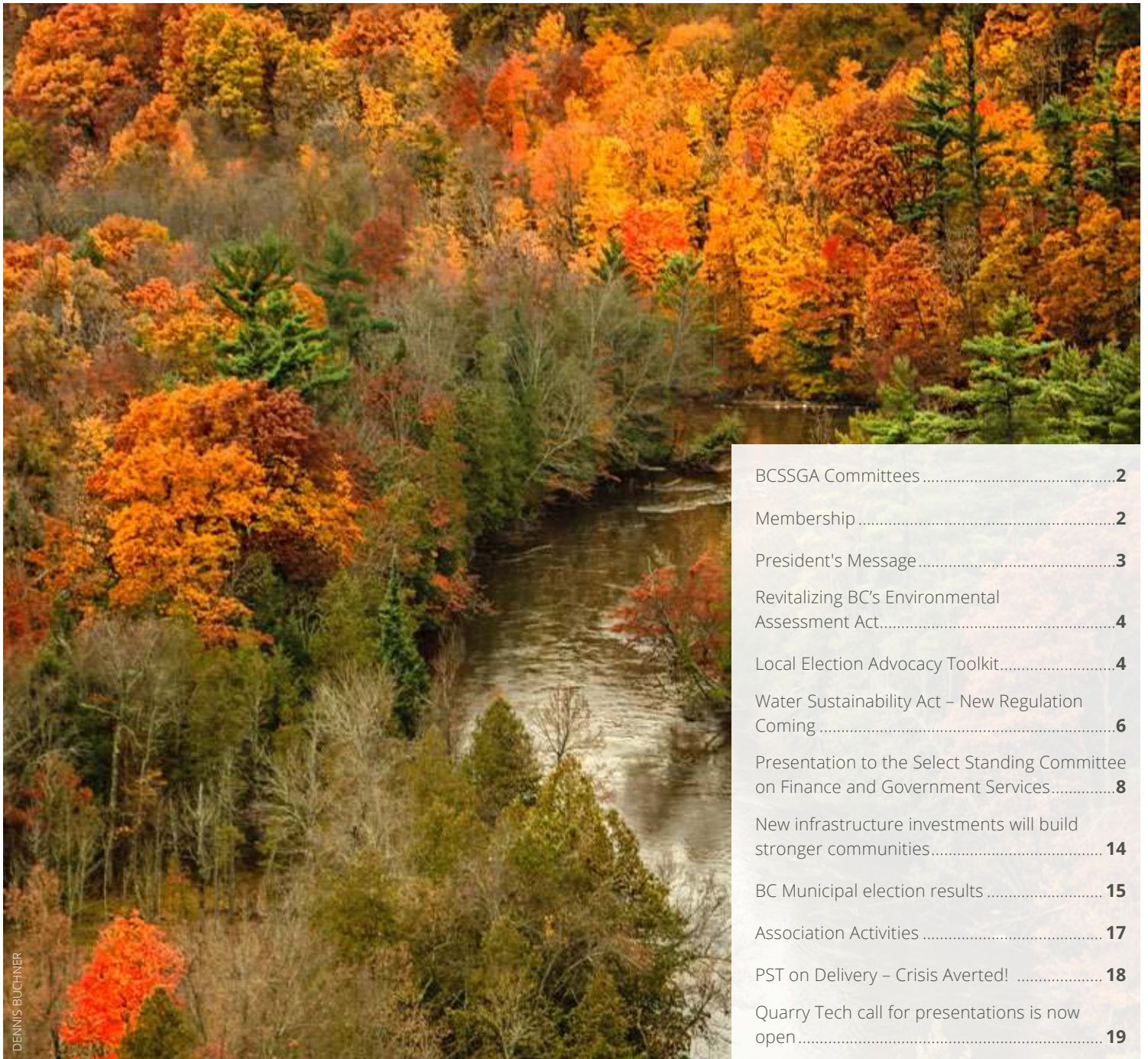


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Much has been happening at the BC Stone, Sand and Gravel Association over the last few months. Currently, the Association is focussed heavily on strengthening our communications activities and membership outreach. Following the redevelopment of the website, we are now engaging with British Columbians on social media — please follow us on **Twitter (@AggregatesBC)** and **LinkedIn** for ongoing updates about the industry and association.

The Provincial Government continues to roll out an ambitious agenda and the BCSSGA is working hard to ensure the interests of our members is represented through the numerous consultation processes underway. To that end, the BCSSGA submitted formal responses to the Government on Environmental Assessment Revitalization, Water Use Measurement and Reporting regulation under the Water Sustainability, proposed changes to Crown Land Policy: Aggregates & Quarry Materials. The Association presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on October 10th. Highlights from that submission can be found in this edition of Screenings.

On the community level, local general elections are underway across the province. We are encouraging all of our members to reach out to candidates in their communities to raise awareness about the importance of the aggregates industry to communities across the province. We developed a local government advocacy toolkit to provide members with key messages about the industry recommended activities to be active participants in the election of our community leaders. You can download the toolkit from our website: [www.gravelbc.ca](http://www.gravelbc.ca). For its part, the BCSSGA represented the membership at the Union of BC Municipalities Annual General Meeting. More than 1,800 mayors, councillors and provincial and community leaders attended the annual event where we had the opportunity to raise awareness about the value of BC's aggregate industry.

Our priority for the Fall is membership engagement and strategic planning. Please reach out to me at [president@gravelbc.ca](mailto:president@gravelbc.ca) to share your thoughts and feedback on the direction of the Association. We look forward to continuing to serve you.

**Derek Holmes**

## BCSSGA Mission Statement

**TO ENCOURAGE** the formulation of Government policies that support investment in the sustainable development of British Columbia's Aggregate Resource.

**TO PROVIDE** a network for the effective exchange of information within the Aggregate Industry throughout British Columbia.

**TO COMMUNICATE** the economic importance and environmentally responsible nature of the Aggregate Industry to the Public and to Government.

**TO PROMOTE** the exchange of information between the various mining-related associations throughout Canada.

**TO PROVIDE** cost effective services to a broad range of Industry Members within British Columbia.





## REVITALIZING BC'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

The Ministry of Environment is in the final stages of its robust 'revitalization' of BC's Environmental Assessment process. The revitalization is being undertaken 'to ensure the legal rights of First Nations are respected, and the public's expectation of a strong transparent process are met' (*Mandate letter to Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, George Heyman*).

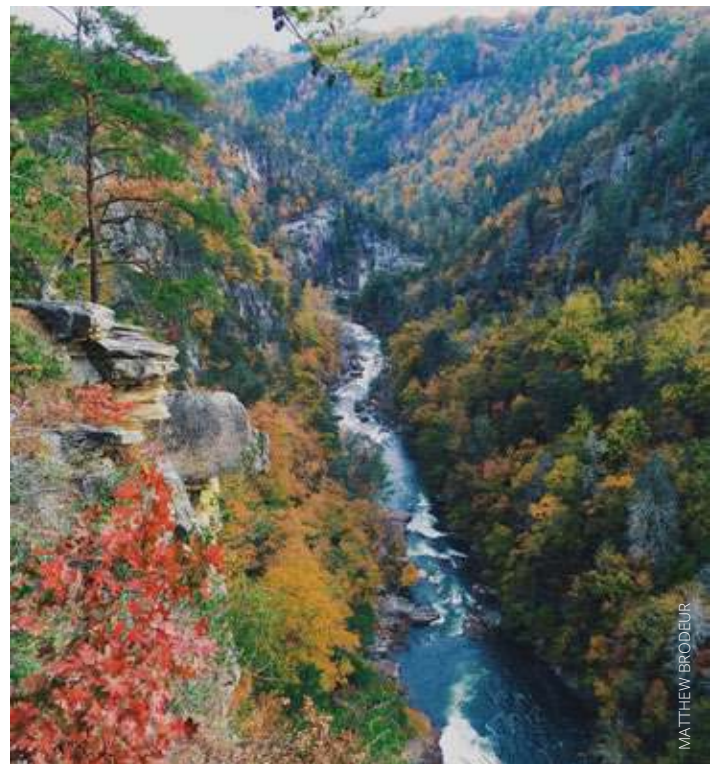
The BCSSGA is closely monitoring the revitalization process given its importance to our sector. Over the summer months, BCSSGA provided comments in response to the Province's **Discussion Paper** on the Revitalization, and our comments were cited in the '**What We Heard**' document issued by the government in September. More recently, the province posted the **Environmental Assessment Revitalization Intentions Paper** which signals some critical changes to the *Environmental Assessment Act* that will affect our members when it takes effect.

Key components of the new Act include the requirement for Indigenous consensus, Indigenous consent at key points in the EA process, the need for early Indigenous and public engagement prior to entering the EA process, and the opportunity for Indigenous nations to undertake their own EA, or work in collaboration with the Environmental Assessment Office on a joint EA. Enhanced compliance and enforcement provisions are also expected.

The new *Environmental Assessment Act* will be introduced in the coming weeks, and will fully come into force in Fall 2019. Supporting regulations and policies will be developed in the new year that will bring the new legislation into force. The

legislation will contain transition provisions that will cover existing Certificates, as well as projects that are either in the EA process, or about to enter the EA process.

We continue our active engagement on your behalf on this file, paying particular attention to Notification provisions, Indigenous decision-making, fees, and dispute resolution provisions that will support the new legislation. We will provide you with more updates and seek your input at key points in the coming months.



## LOCAL ELECTION ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

British Columbia Stone Sand and Gravel Association has developed a local election advocacy toolkit, to provide guidance and direction to its members on how to profile the industry during the 28-day local election campaign. We are encouraging our members to be engaged in the local elections and to help raise awareness about the important role our sector plays in job creation, economic development, and building communities

The toolkit includes suggested messaging when speaking to candidates or local media, the importance of local elections, information on finding your local candidates, and tips and tools on effective advocacy during the campaign.

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## WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT – NEW REGULATION COMING

When developing the current Water Sustainability Act, the Ministry of Environment (MOE) undertook extensive stakeholder consultation to seek input into areas of greatest interest and priority to British Columbians. When the legislation was introduced in 2016, the government committed to phasing-in supporting regulations over time.

One of the biggest priorities that was identified by the public was the need to measure and report on water use under the Act. To that end, MOE has embarked on the development of regulations to address industrial water use measurement and reporting. MOE is in the early stages of this initiative and undertook some initial targeted engagement with select sectors. BCSSGA took the initiative to submit comments in response to this initial engagement. MOE is now preparing an Options Paper that will set out various considerations for future regulations. This paper is expected at the end of this year, and it will be open for public comment. BCSSGA intends

to provide a formal submission on this file on behalf of our members.

New regulations are expected in mid-2019, and we look forward to providing you with updates as this new regulation takes shape.



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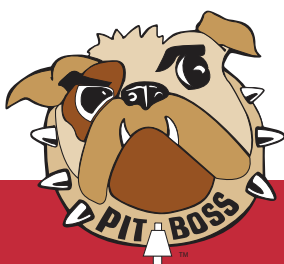


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## PRESENTATION TO THE SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services is one of nine permanent all-party committees of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. Each fall, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services holds province-wide public consultations on the next provincial budget.

The BCSSGA met with the elect Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on October 10 and will be submitting a written response as part of the public consultation period.

The BCSSGA submission recognizes British Columbia's natural resources and related industrial developments are the

backbone of our province's strong and sustainable economy.

Crucial to our province's growth is a solid transportation and logistics infrastructure to link our province's rich resource endowment to its trade destinations. This infrastructure is also an integral link to our Province's ability to deliver the services that British Columbian's count on.

Consistent with the Province's Transportation and Infrastructure Plan, and aligned with your government's Strategic Plan, BCSSGA recommend to the Select Standing Committee that the Province continue to invest in core infrastructure projects, including augmenting our integrated transportation network. This will support our Province's



Derek Holmes presents to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.



position as a leading gateway to Asia-Pacific, while supporting communities across British Columbia.

Furthermore, every aspect of British Columbia's community and transportation infrastructure, from schools, parks, hospitals, residential developments, public transit and roads relies on our province's stone, sand and gravel resources. As communities undergo an increasing pace of growth, the demand for these strategic infrastructure investments will increase, as will the demand for aggregates.

The province's ability to make these resources available to support these infrastructure demands is critical to ensuring that the supply of aggregates is matched with the need - in terms of timing, quality and quantity. Effective planning with municipalities, coupled with enabling efficient regulatory processes will support this outcome.

Aggregate operations, from construction, operation to closure and remediation, require assessments and multiple permits issued through an array of processes that span several

ministries. Several of these processes are currently under review and revitalization, while new regulations are being developed. This increasingly complex regulatory framework not only increases cost and time burden to proponents, it places an increased demand on the Province's manpower resources.

BCSSGA acknowledges the experience, commitment and calibre of our public service members. However, our sector continues to experience extensive delays in the permitting process, with direct impact on the timing and availability of community-building materials. While system and process improvements are advantageous, we believe that the availability of manpower is essential to addressing the near-term pressures facing our statutory decision makers and their teams.

BCSSGA further recommended to the Select Standing Committee that the Province allocate additional resources to ensure that the regulatory framework that supports the aggregates sector can operate in an efficient manner, and allow for timely, clear and transparent decision-making.

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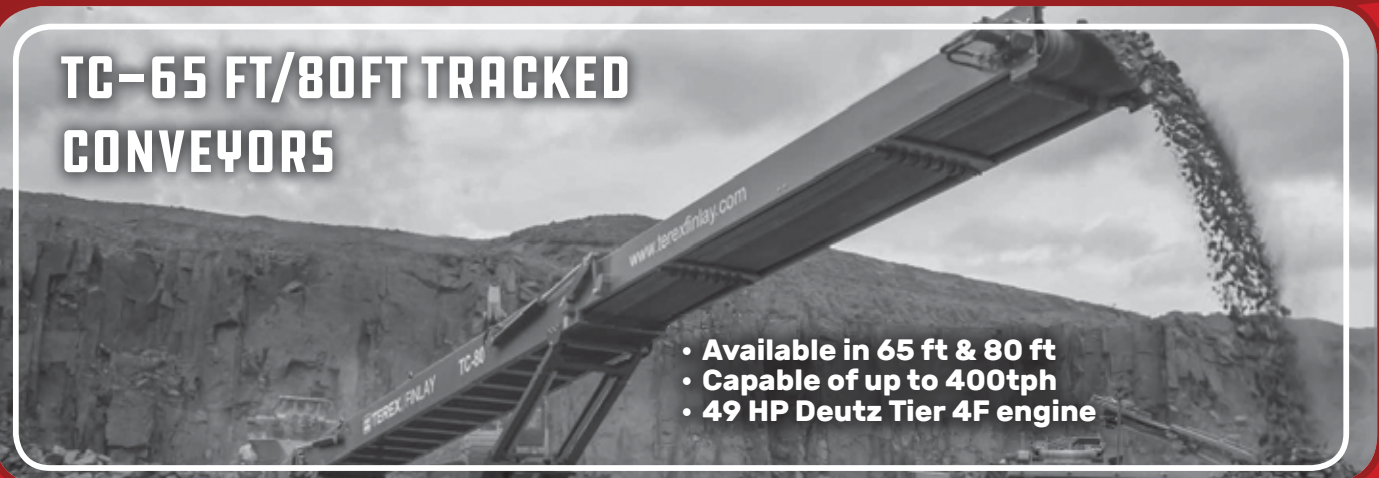
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# NEW INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS WILL BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES

BY MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, BC GOVERNMENT NEWS

The federal and provincial governments are working together to deliver everything from new recreation centres to better internet, with two new infrastructure programs that will build up communities in every part of British Columbia.

The newly launched programs — the Community, Culture and Recreation fund, and the Rural and Northern Communities fund — are part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

“Communities have been waiting too long for help building the arenas, community centres, and transit and energy infrastructure that people want and need,” said Selina Robinson, B.C.’s Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “Together with the federal government, we are investing in infrastructure that will build up communities, strengthen local economies and create opportunities for people in every part of the province.”

The Community, Culture and Recreation program will provide access to funding for projects that upgrade and build sports facilities, trails, local community centres and spaces for arts and culture. It will also support health and educational facilities that uphold the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action.

The Rural and Northern Communities fund will ensure the unique needs of British Columbia’s small, rural and remote communities with populations under 25,000 are met. The fund will support communities’ wide range of infrastructure priorities, including broadband connectivity, efficient and reliable energy, Indigenous health and educational facilities, local public transit and reliable road, air or marine infrastructure, as well as improved resilience to natural disasters and environmental quality. For communities of 5,000 people or less, combined provincial and federal funding will cover up to 100% for eligible projects.

“The Government of Canada is pleased to see another part of this important funding agreement being put into action across B.C.,” said François-Philippe Champagne, federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. “Together with the Province, we are investing in infrastructure to strengthen local economies, improve public health and safety, and

create greener, more socially inclusive communities where everyone has the chance to succeed.”

The Province is partnering with the federal government to invest up to \$95 million toward an initial intake under the Rural and Northern Communities Program and more than \$134 million toward an initial intake under the Community, Culture and Recreation Program.

“Investing in local infrastructure gives people better access to the services they need and helps build thriving communities,” said Claire Trevena, B.C.’s Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. “With access to this new funding, people across B.C. and in northern and rural communities can stay connected and provide the important services people rely on to make life even better.”

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program will inject \$3.9 billion into projects throughout B.C. over the next 10 years. In addition to these two funds, the program offers two other funding streams:

- Green Infrastructure
- Public Transportation Stream

“The programs announced today provide a further step towards closing the infrastructure gap in B.C.’s communities,” said Wendy Booth, Union of B.C. Municipalities president. “Both funds will contribute to the renewal and expansion of the services provided by local governments. I am very appreciative of the continuing investments by the federal and provincial governments in community infrastructure.”

Beginning Sept. 12, 2018, local governments and Indigenous communities, as well as eligible for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, are encouraged to submit applications for these programs through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - B.C. program website: [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program)

Approvals are expected to be made public in late 2019.



## BC MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

**THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018, WHICH RESULTED IN A GENERATIONAL CHANGE AT THE LEVEL OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT, WITH MORE THAN HALF OF METRO VANCOUVER MUNICIPALITIES' MAYORS NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION.**

There are 16 new mayors in Metro Vancouver's 21 municipalities. Of the 40 local politicians who sit on Metro Vancouver's board, only 15 were re-elected; and on the mayor's council, 17 of its 23 members will be replaced.

Nanaimo, Nelson, Tumbler Ridge, Penticton, West Kelowna and Vernon also elected new mayors.

Elsewhere in the province, incumbents were re-elected in Victoria, Kelowna, Prince George, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Cranbrook and Kamloops.

### VANCOUVER

Kennedy Stewart, a former NDP Member of Parliament for Burnaby South, was elected mayor of Vancouver. It is the first time in more than three decades that Vancouver has elected an independent mayor. Stewart will preside over a mixed group on council, with no one party having a majority, including five councillors representing the NPA, three Greens, one COPE and one OneCity. Former Vision Vancouver mayor Gregor Robertson did not seek re-election.

### SURREY

Doug McCallum and seven of his coalition councillors were swept into power, ending Surrey First's decade-long dynasty on council. McCallum, was the city's mayor from 1996 until 2005, beat out his closest competitor. Safe Surrey Coalition candidates Brenda Locke, Jack Hundial, Laurie Guerra, Allison Patton, Steven Pettigrew and Mandeep Nagra were elected to council. Surrey First elected only one council candidate.

### BURNABY

Burnaby elected Mike Hurley, a retired Burnaby Fire Department captain, upset long-time incumbent mayor Derek Corrigan. Hurley served as the president of the B.C. Provincial Firefighters Association from 2008 to 2016. Despite losing the mayoral campaign, the Burnaby Citizen Association retained seven council seats, which means they still hold a majority on council. The Green party also elected a member on council, with Joe Keithley filling the eighth spot.

### ELSEWHERE IN THE LOWER MAINLAND

Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie, who has held the position since 2001, was handily re-elected.

Delta elected a new mayor George Harvie, replacing long-time mayor Lois Jackson. Harvie served as the city's chief administration officer from 2001 to 2017.

Jonathan Cote was re-elected mayor of New Westminster.

In Maple Ridge, Mike Morden beat former mayor Ernie Daykin, who held the office from 2008 to 2014. Mayor Nicole Read did not run for reelection.

In Pitt Meadows, councillor Bill Dingwall defeated incumbent mayor John Becker. Councillor Brad West won the mayoral race in Port Coquitlam and Rob Vagramov beat incumbent Mike Clay in Port Moody, becoming the two youngest mayors in the Lower Mainland. Richard Stewart was re-elected in Coquitlam.

Langley City residents elected one-term council member Val van Den Broek to replace retiring mayor Ted Schaffer. Peter Fassbender, a former education minister under the B.C. Liberals, failed in his attempt to return as mayor to the City of Langley, where he had been mayor from 2005 to 2013.

Abbotsford re-elected incumbent mayor Henry Braun to a second term, while Chilliwack opted for a new mayor in Ken Popove.

North Vancouver city and district both elected new mayors.

### NANAIMO

Veteran MLA Leonard Krog won Nanaimo's mayoral race Saturday, setting the stage for a crucial byelection that could decide the fate of B.C.'s minority NDP government. Krog, 65, has said he will resign his provincial seat upon winning the mayoralty. Krog's win will drop the NDP's seat count from 41 to 40. The party was only able to form government last year by courting the support of BC Green Party's three MLAs. If a B.C. Liberal candidate wins the Nanaimo byelection, the B.C. Liberals will have 43 seats, which could allow them able to block provincial legislation. Premier John Horgan has six

months to call a by-election. Nanaimo has voted NDP in 13 of the last 15 provincial elections.

### NORTH AND INTERIOR

In the Northeast, Keith Bertrand was elected mayor of Tumbler Ridge, beating the opposition in a four-way race. Bertrand defeated incumbent Mayor Don McPherson by only 13 votes. Dale Bumstead remained mayor of Dawson Creek. Bumstead handily defeated Trenten Laarz with 1,780 votes to Laarz's 291 votes. Fort St. John also retained its mayor, Lori Ackerman, by acclamation.

In the Northwest, Mayor Carol Leclerc was acclaimed to serve her second term as mayor in Terrace and Philip Germuth will return as the mayor of Kitimat.

In Penticton, mayoral incumbent Andrew Jakubeit lost his bid to former city councillor John Vassilaki. The loss is largely touted to be a result of a botched and controversial business development plan for the Skaha Lake waterfront.

Kelowna's incumbent mayor, Colin Basran, won handily to claim

his second term with 56% of the vote. In West Kelowna, Gord Milsom, a former city councillor (2007 – 2014) and financial planner, was elected mayor. Milsom campaigned largely on improving roads, better water quality and a more pro-active approach towards development. Former mayor, Doug Findlater, opted to run for council.

In Vernon, Victor Cumming was elected as mayor, following his second run for the seat. Outgoing mayor, Akbal Mund, decided to run for a council seat.

In Nelson, voters also opted for an almost entirely new city council, and elected former mayor John Dooley as mayor. Dooley had previously served three three-year terms as Nelson's mayor and two terms as councillor. He beat out one-term incumbent Deb Kozak on Saturday.

Sparwood has a new mayor in David Wilks who replaces outgoing Cal McDougall. Cranbrook incumbent Lee Pratt held onto the mayor's chair, uncontested.





## ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

### July/August

- Government Relations Committee Meeting
- GR Committee Meeting with David Caughill, Senior Inspector, EMPR
- Members Meeting in Victoria
- Submission on Environmental Assessment Revitalization
- Social Media platforms established
- Meeting with Canadian Association of Radon Scientists & Technologists
- Submission on Water Use Measurement and Reporting regulation under the Water Sustainability
- Submission on proposed changes to Crown Land Policy: Aggregates & Quarry Materials
- Letter to Ministry of Finance regarding PST on Delivery Charges
- BCSSGA Weekly News Clipping Service launched
- Published Screenings Summer 2018

### September

- Government Relations Committee Meeting
- Attended BC Road Builders Fall Conference
- GR Committee Meeting with Rick Adams, Senior Inspector, EMPR
- Members Meeting in Vernon
- Design and creation of new BCSSGA Communications Collateral
- Sponsorship & attendance of Union of BC Municipalities
- Final Review of Stone, Sand and Gravel Field Guide to the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for BC Mines
- Industry Perception Audit
- Local Government Advocacy Toolkit Developed
- Meeting with BC Construction Safety Alliance
- Meeting with Council of Construction Associations

### October

- In-person presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
- Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session
- Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
- Meeting with Alberta Sand and Gravel Association
- Meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Published Screenings Fall 2018

## PST ON DELIVERY – CRISIS AVERTED!

In March 2018, the Ministry of Finance released a revised interpretation of the *Provincial Sales Tax Act* in relation to Delivery Charges, that took effect on April 1, 2018. This change requires that PST be charged on the total purchase price of goods, including delivery charges arranged with the seller at the time of purchase, which would put BCSSGA members at a competitive disadvantage to third party transporters who aren't required to collect PST on delivery charges. BCSSGA promptly wrote to the Minister of Finance and her deputy to outline the implications of this revised interpretation to our members, and to recommend changes to the revised interpretation of the Act.

Within weeks, the Minister of Finance responded: "In recognition of the concerns you and your colleagues in the

aggregate industry have brought forward to the ministry, we can advise that changes have been made to the provincial sales tax exemption and refund regulation."

The exempts optional delivery charges for in-province deliveries from PST, and applies specifically to quarry material (e.g. gravel, sand and crushed stone) or fill that is ordinarily used in the construction and maintenance of civil and structural projects (e.g. buildings and roads).

A win for our members and our sector!





## QUARRY TECH CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS IS NOW OPEN

Quarry Tech's call for proposals is officially open! This is your opportunity to submit presentation proposals for Rock to Road's upcoming Quarry Tech forums taking place in Richmond, B.C. and Moncton, N.B. Quarry Tech is a one-day workshop focused on the latest technologies designed for optimizing quarry and pit operations.

This one-day event exclusively for quarry and pit owners and operators will offer attendees case studies and panel sessions presented by industry experts covering a wide variety of topics.

Presentation proposals are currently being accepted for the following topics:

- Reclamation best practices;
- The future of autonomous vehicles;
- The latest in crushing and screening technologies with case studies showing how they are lowering costs/increasing production;
- Innovative safety processes being implemented in aggregate operations;
- Tips for reducing dust and noise in pits and quarries;
- The latest in washing technologies with case studies showing how they are improving operations and water conservation;
- The latest technologies and techniques to keep your hauling fleet running smoothly;
- Getting the most out of your telematics data; and
- Innovative scale solutions.

Deadline for presentation proposals: December 1, 2018.

Speakers selected to present at Quarry Tech will be notified by December 15, 2018.

Any questions regarding presentation proposals can be sent to Rock to Road editor Andrew Snook at [asnook@annexweb.com](mailto:asnook@annexweb.com).

### QUARRY TECH DATES AND VENUES:

Richmond, B.C.

March 6, 2019

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marine Drive Golf Club

Moncton, N.B.

April 25, 2019

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Royal Oaks Golf Club

Seats are limited so register now! For information or to register, visit [www.quarrytech.ca](http://www.quarrytech.ca).

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