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President's Message

We're looking ahead to a productive 2019 at the BC Stone, Sand and Gravel Association. Since the New Year, the BCSSGA has hosted a members meeting in Prince George in coordination with the BC Natural Resource Forum, met with government in Victoria in the days after the provincial budget was introduced, and held a strategic board meeting in Vancouver in concert with QuarryTech to further refine and advance the interests and advocacy of the aggregate industry in BC.

Looking ahead, we'll be hosting our first major conference to align with the BCSSGA Annual General Meeting at Predator Ridge, in Vernon BC, from May 8th to 10th. I hope to see all of our membership represented and I look forward to passing on the mandate of this fantastic organization to the incoming board.

The BC Stone, Sand and Gravel Association continues to advance the message that aggregate is the foundation of an affordable and prosperous British Columbia. We will continue to meet with all levels of government and advocate on behalf of our membership.

It has been a pleasure to serve as President for the last two years and I feel the organization well positioned to grow and represent the interests of our dynamic sector. I look forward to continuing to work with you on what is shaping up to be one of the best years for the BC Stone, Sand and Gravel Association yet.

Thank you,

Derek Holmes, President
BC Stone, Sand and Gravel Association

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.





2019 AGM & SPRING CONFERENCE

May 8-10, 2019 • Predator Ridge Resort, Vernon BC



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AGM Highlights

Join us as we host our upcoming Annual General Meeting from May 8 – 10, 2019, held at the beautiful Predator Ridge Resort in Vernon.

Show off your golfing skills by joining our Golf Tournament happening on the first day and cap off the night with some cocktails at our Networking Reception.

If golfing is not your cup of “Tee”, Predator Ridge offers other various amenities including but not limited to: off-site excursions and adventures that include hiking trails, zip lines and custom wine tours.

The rest of the event will be filled with helpful workshops, hearty meals and inspiring talks from our keynote speakers.

Discover what’s happening in the industry by walking through the trade show that will be set up throughout the entire event. Registration will be sent out in emails to follow so keep your eyes peeled and excited to see you all there!



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2019 BC Mine Safety Award Highlights

Last February 26, 2019 the Mining Association of BC hosted the BC Mine Safety Awards in Victoria. We would like to take this moment to recognize the quarries and mines who have done an excellent job at keeping our workers safe.

With a minimum of 15,000 worker hours and a zero lost-time accident frequency rate, the Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Abbotsford Gravel Sales, Butter Brothers Supplies Ltd. (Keating Cross Road Pitt), CertainTeed Gypsum Canada Inc. (Windermere Mining Operation), Mainland Construction Materials (Jamieson Quarry), Peace River Coal Inc. (Trend-Roman Mine, and West Ridge Quarries.

The Stewart/O'Brian Safety Award, that recognized those who had a minimum of 35,000 but less than 200,000 worker hours and the lowest lost-time accident frequency rate, was awarded to 532470 BC Ltd. (Ward Road Quarry), Lafarge Canada Inc. (Central Aggregates), Earle Creek, and Pitt River Quarries, and Polaris Minerals (Orca Sand and Gravel). This year, all recipients have zero lost-time accidents.

BCSSGA Meeting Schedule

2019

May 8 – 10 VERNON

July 11 FRASER VALLEY

September 24 VANCOUVER

November 21 VICTORIA

Conuma Coal Resources Ltd. (Wolverine) received the Edward Prior Safety Award, while Taseko Mines Ltd. (Gibraltar Mine received the John Ash Safety Award. Lastly, New Gold Inc. (New Afton Mine) took home the Large Underground Mines Award.

It is through your dedication to safety that we owe the success of excellent safety standards and values in our industry here in British Columbia. Congratulations to all the recipients!

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BCSSGA Government Relations Update

The BC Legislature has reconvened for the spring session and the NDP government introduced their second Speech from the Throne and Budget.

The Speech from the Throne, delivered February 12th, continues to implement the policies introduced by the government in the previous year, and the budget delivered only a few new substantial items as the NDP appears to be working towards implementation of its mandate as opposed to creating new initiatives.

2019 Speech from the Throne

The Throne Speech highlights included promises to unveil a poverty reduction strategy, implement universal daycare, maintain a freeze on ferry fares and protect British Columbians from being gouged by ticket scalpers, predatory payday lenders and require transparency in cellphone billing.

In particular, the Speech from the Throne outlined:

- A commitment to eliminate Medical Services Premiums (MSP) entirely in 2019
- A continuation of the government's 2018 investment

of \$7 Billion over 10 years to expand the housing supply

- Significant reforms to ICBC and car insurance, including "new laws, new systems and a new independent tribunal to resolve insurance disputes"
- A continuation of the \$1 Billion investment in 2018 for child care spaces and a commitment to "set the foundation for the full implementation of B.C.'s affordable child care program"
- A commitment to bring forward implementation measures in Budget 2019 for the recently announce CleanBC Plan
- A continuation of support for the LNG Canada project in Northwestern British Columbia going forward with a particular focus on ongoing work towards reconciliation with First Nations
- Taking action on recommendations from the Mining Jobs Task Force, "including improved oversight, more support for innovation in mining and mineral exploration and promoting Indigenous partnerships"

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- A commitment to designate lands purchased in ecologically-sensitive areas on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, in the Okanagan and in the Kootenays as class A parks
- A continuation of exploring the feasibility of an ultra-high-speed corridor, connecting B.C., Washington and Oregon
- A commitment to invest “in infrastructure projects throughout B.C., including schools, roads and transit improvements”, which signals further funding in the 2019 Budget

B.C. Liberal Opposition Leader Andrew Wilkinson, responded to the Speech from the Throne by saying, “There’s nothing of any substance in the Throne Speech on how to make life better for British Columbians, except a few token things like cell phone bills that are purely federal jurisdiction and an attempt to reduce the cost of concert tickets.”

B.C. Green Party Minority Leader Andrew Weaver, stated, “It seemed to be a laundry list of populist items – but what it really lacked is a vision, there was nothing substantive.”

2019 BC Provincial Budget

On February 19th, Finance Minister Carole James tabled her Provincial Budget for 2019/2020, projecting British Columbia to continue leading Canada in economic growth. Surpluses are forecast to increase in each of the three upcoming years of the fiscal plan with surpluses of \$274 million in 2019-20, \$287 million in 2020-21, and \$585 million in 2021-22. The budget maintained the focus outlined in the Throne Speech on affordability, consumer protections, expanding government services, and engaging in reconciliation with First Nations communities throughout B.C.

We are pleased to note the government’s commitment to improvements in permitting and safety with the inclusion of \$20 million in additional funding to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Budget 2019 introduces the B.C. Child Opportunity Benefit, expected to provide \$400 million to B.C. families with children, starting October 2020.

The government will also continue with the planned elimination of Medical Services Plan (MSP) premiums to come into effect January 1st, 2020.

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Effective immediately, all B.C. student loans will stop accumulating interest. The government is also committing an estimated \$3 billion over the next 25 years for the largest revenue-sharing agreement with First Nations in the province's history.

CleanBC, the province's new environmental protection and emissions reduction plan, will receive \$902 million, this will be implemented through the Clean Energy Vehicle Program, incentives for energy-saving home improvements, a net-zero building code and programs to help communities transition to cleaner energy sources. This initiative was developed in consultation with the B.C. Green Party caucus as committed to in the Confidence and Supply Agreement.

The B.C. government also plans to invest \$20 billion over three years on an expansion of public infrastructure including hospitals, schools, and transportation networks. The Province has also outlined more than \$800 million in business tax reductions over the next three years which the Finance Minister claims will support investment in new plants, machinery and equipment, in partnership with the Government of Canada. The B.C. government also plans to:

- Add \$111 million over three years to continue strengthening the Province's efforts to combat and prevent wildfires
- Provide over \$902 million for CleanBC, putting B.C. on the path to a cleaner, brighter, low-carbon future. This will reduce air pollution and save families money through the Clean Energy Vehicle Program, incentives for energy-saving home improvements, a net-zero building code and programs to help communities transition to cleaner energy sources
- Provide over \$39 million in new funds over three years to ensure B.C.'s bridges and roads keep people and goods moving, and an additional \$4 million to improve commercial-vehicle safety by increasing inspection station hours and targeted enforcement
- Making a historic \$20-million investment to fund a fair, independent oversight body in the mining sector
- Provide nearly \$14 million over three years to transform B.C.'s employment standards for protections and enforcement, keeping people safe at work

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- Spend on schools, hospitals, roads, bridges, hydro-electric projects and other infrastructure is expected to total \$31.1 billion over the three-year fiscal plan
- Tax Payer-supported capital spending on hospitals, schools, post-secondary facilities, transit and roads is forecast to be \$20.1 billion, the highest level ever, over the three-year fiscal plan
 - The three-year total is \$4.3 billion higher than Budget 2018 mainly due to new capital spending in the areas of health, education, and transportation
- \$6.6 billion over three years for transportation investments, including:
 - Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project
 - Constructing Broadway Subway
 - Four-laning Highway 1 through Kick Horse Canyon
 - Replacing the RW Bruhn Bridge
 - Implementing interim George Massey Tunnel safety and reliability improvements
 - Realigning and grade separating Highway 16 and CN 28 Mile level
 - Replacing Parsnip River Bridge near Mackenzie
 - Realigning a section of Highway 4 near Ucluelet-Tofino junction
 - Improving Mountain Highway, Lillooet/ Mount Seymour and Main Street/Dollarton interchanges on Highway 1 and other improvements to North Vancouver transportation infrastructure
 - Five-laning Highway 13 near Aldergrove Border Crossing
 - Construction of new transit facility in Abbotsford

- \$100 million for the Northern Capital and Planning Grant in 2018/19 to 26 local governments along the LNG corridor and near Kitimat to help meet current and future infrastructure needs
- Accessible and Safe Transportation Network
 - Adds \$39 million over three years for the maintenance of BC's network of bridges and roads
 - \$3 million over three years is provided to enhance commercial vehicle safety and enforcement
- Provides an additional \$3 million over three years to enable the Industry Training Authority to increase hands-on support for apprentices, employers and Indigenous communities to engage and navigate through the trades training system

B.C. Liberal Finance Critic Tracy Redies critiqued the budget saying, "We're convinced this government continues to be the tax and spend NDP of the 1990s on overdrive."

Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver's statement on the budget read, "We are pleased the B.C. Green Caucus' impact on this budget is so evident. By funding core B.C. Green initiatives, including CleanBC, professional reliance reform, and increasing affordability for students, government demonstrates the value of our voice in a minority government."

Government Relations Committee Meetings and Advocacy

Following Throne Speech and Budget, and in line with the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources' Mine Safety Awards, the BCSSGA Government Relations Committee secured meetings with:

- Minister of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources Michelle Mungall
- Minister of Jobs, Trade, and Technology Bruce Ralston
- Minister of Labour Harry Bains

With the goal of introducing the BCSSGA to the Ministers and their staff to advocate on key policy issues such as administrative and regulatory overlap between municipal and provincial regulation and permitting, and to raise the importance of the aggregate sector as the foundation of BC's continued economic growth.

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- Letter of nomination and supporting information

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- Nominations will be evaluated by the
Ministry of Energy, Mines and
Petroleum Resources

BCSSGA Member Spotlight: Elrus Aggregate Systems



ELRUS Aggregate Systems manufactures and distributes a full line of processing equipment for the aggregate and mining industries, developing and delivering reliable crushing and screening solutions.

Since their inception in 1975, ELRUS has grown into a global supplier of aggregate equipment that's utilized in all kinds of climatic conditions and delivered crushing and screening spreads on five continents.

Operating across Canada and the US, and the Alberta-based company has been serving customers in British Columbia for many years.

ELRUS opened their first branch office in Surrey in 2009, and moved to their present location in Mission in 2016 to be more accessible to their customer base and allow easier access for transporting heavy equipment. Their customers work on road building and infrastructure products throughout BC, including the largest earthworks project in Canada, Site C.

Being a leader in innovation and design for the equipment is a source of pride for the company. Many of the industry changing innovations have been developed by ELRUS have become industry standards and are used throughout the industry.

ELRUS has also earned the distinction as a member of the Canada's best Managed Companies (BMC) award program. It's been awarded the BMC designation every year since 2011.

"It's great to be a part of an organization that wants to help customers thrive and prosper. Our goal is that people that trust and choose us are more prosperous and safer than if they chose otherwise. Membership in the BSSSGA allows us to communicate with the industry in BC and gives us insight into events and happenings that are relevant to the BC marketplace.

— **Mike Wikdahl**, ELRUS BC

Visit www.ELRUS.com to find out more.

Q1 Association Activities

January

- January 10 – GR Committee Meeting
- January 17 – AGM Planning Meeting
- January 21 – Fraser Valley Producers Meeting
- January 22 – Prince George Members Meeting
- January 22-23 – Natural Resource Forum
- January 24 – Meeting with Fraser Valley Regional District
- January 31 – AGM Planning Teleconference

February

- February 7 – Committee Meetings
- Safety Committee Meeting
- Membership Committee Meeting
- Sustainability Committee Meeting
- February 12 – ConcreteBC Meeting
- February 19 – Budget Lock-up
- Budget Briefing Note
- February 22 – Meeting with Trucking Association
- February 26 – GR Committee Meeting
- February 26 – Soil Remediation Webinar
- February 26 – Meetings with Provincial Government
- Minister Bains: Labour
- Duncan Williams & Jeff Sheldrake: Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
- Minister Mungall: Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources
- Meeting with Minister Ralston: Jobs, Trade and Technology
- February 26 – Mine Safety Awards

March

- March 6 – Board of Directors' Meeting
- March 6 – QuarryTECH
- March 7 – Council of Construction Associations Meeting
- March 8 – AGM & Spring Conference Registration Open
- March 12 – ConcreteBC Board of Directors Meeting
- March 19 – Community Service Award Nominations Open
- March 29 – GR Committee Meeting