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## BCSSGA Mission Statement

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA STONE SAND AND GRAVEL ASSOCIATION** is committed to affordable, sustainable development of BC's aggregate resources, providing information to the public, ongoing input to the province, and maintaining government regulations while fostering positive constructive communications with aggregate industry members and mining related associations across Canada.

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## Current BCSSGA Committees

COMMITTEE NAME	CHAIR
Government Relations	Tyson Craiggs gr@gravelbc.ca
Safety Committee	David Rogalsky safety@gravelbc.ca
Sustainability Committee	Mike McDonald sustainability@gravelbc.ca
Membership Committee	Richard Hannah membership@gravelbc.ca

## Upcoming Dates 2020:

**March 5th**  
 Langley, Coast Hotel  
**May 6th and 7th**  
 Vernon, BC, Predator Ridge (AGM)  
**July 9th**  
 Langley, Coast Hotel  
**September 24th**  
 Location: TBD  
**November 19th**  
 Vancouver, Fasken Offices





## President's Message

Hi Everyone:

I am writing this reflecting on the enormous progress we have made in the last few years as an Association. As stated in the theme of this quarter's issue of Screenings, "a rolling stone gathers no moss", the BCSSGA is moving forward at a rapid pace in many areas. I urge you to stay actively involved and keep up with the issues that matter most to you as they are most likely as relevant to fellow members in the Association as they are to your everyday business.

During my presidency, I want to stay focused on the issues I see as important to all the members. These are: government relations, competitiveness for all companies big or small, industry awareness and membership growth.

Your Government Relations committee is doing very important work as they stay abreast of policy and decisions at every level of government. They work hard to make sure that before new regulations are passed that decision makers have listened to your needs through meaningful engagement. We are seeing great uptake on this from all levels of government but we need to stay relevant by continuing our strategy of regular meetings in Victoria, and driving home our message that we need a transparent regulatory process with effective, efficient timelines. If you're going to invest your hard-earned money in this province, you need to know you're going to get a decision in a timely manner.

Competitiveness is critical to a strong, resilient industry and we are facing new challenges every day. I believe that by members staying focused on competitive business strategies, the Association bringing forward to government competitive taxation models and fairness initiatives and of course continuing our fight against unworkable regulation we can achieve this. As a whole we need to stay focused and continue to push these fundamentals so no matter what size your company is, you can compete and deliver aggregate products to all British Columbians at a reasonable market value.

Industry awareness is something we started on in 2017 by undertaking a perception audit. What the audit told us was a bit surprising and refreshing. Public perception of our industry as a whole is positive and people do understand the need for aggregate. But what it also told us was that we can do a better job

with modernization through technology, community relations and talking about the hard work we all do for environmental protection. I would

like to say to all of you, continue to build those grassroots relationships in your community because it makes a huge difference to our industry's sustainability. When you look at the thousands operations in every corner of British Columbia and what those operations do in the communities where they operate, it's quite amazing to see how interconnected, ingrained and intertwined your companies are in your specific areas. "Aggregates Build BC" is our message and make sure people never forget that! As we transition to a lower-carbon economy, it's going to be even more essential that we have the products, especially that we produce locally here in B.C, for infrastructure. The closer pits and quarries are to the construction site the lower our carbon footprint. The industry needs to grow to sustain the development and infrastructure we need for a rapidly growing population and we as members of the BCSSGA need to ensure that we do it in the most responsible way. From my travels around the province I believe overall our members are doing a great job of that.

Membership is growing at a rapid rate and that trend needs to continue. There are 4000 mine permits in BC with roughly 2000 as active operations. So when comparing our current Association numbers to the total we have room for major growth. We have an ambitious goal to eventually include every operator as a member of the Association and to double our current membership in 2020. Our current members account for 80 percent of the aggregate produced in the province so although we don't show the strength in numbers we have the strength through production. In our first meeting with Deputy Minister Dave Nickolejsin two years ago, his first question was "how many members do you have?". So to drive home my point we need all of you out there telling your competitors, neighbors and friends the benefits of being a part of the BC Stone

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Sand and Gravel Association. Please contact the BCSSGA office for the membership package so you can pass it along. We have the strength in production now we need it in numbers.

We are moving this Association and the industry forward in a positive way. We are always working hard on your behalf and will never gather any moss! All the best to you and yours in 2020.

Sincerely,



Tyson Craiggs, President



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## BCSSGA Meeting Recap and Highlights

### Victoria Meeting (Hotel Fairmont Empress)

With over sixty in attendance at the Fairmont Empress Hotel this past November it was certainly the largest, most well attended meeting in recent history. The Hon. Michelle Mungall, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, addressed the group with a keynote speech and joined us for lunch.

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BCSSGA President Tyson Craiggs with Hon. Minister Michelle Mungall in Victoria



Tyson with L. John Alexander

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L. John Alexander from Cox Taylor presented on local government and the Mines Act specifically recounting the Cobble Hill Holdings v. Cowichan court case. Matthew MacLean, Regional Director Southwest, gave the group an update on the status of 5 year mine plan updates and plans for the Ministry on this matter moving forward.

### Fort Saint John (Northern Grand Hotel)

The very first regional meeting in the northeast took place on a very cold (-35C) morning this January. We hosted 30 guests and members at the conference and introduced the Association to those in attendance. Heather Cullen, Regional Director of Mining Operations, from the Ministry made a great presentation to the group highlighting organization changes, strategic direction, FAQ's and then took questions from the floor. After lunch the group loaded up for a guided tour of the Site C Dam project nearby. A big thank you to the AFDE (Aecon, Flatiron, Dragados, EBC) partnership for arranging this and in particular Scott Marshall and Troy Van Bostelen for this unbelievable opportunity.



*From L to R: Tyson Craiggs, Heather Cullen, Derek Holmes and Dani Miller in Fort St. John*



*Fort Saint John meeting and Site C Tour Group*

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# Ministry of Energy and Mines Update

## Premier John Horgan shuffles Cabinet



New Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, Hon. Bruce Ralston

Hon. Michelle Mungall is now Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Competitiveness trading jobs with Surrey-Whalley MLA Bruce Ralston. Below is a link to his bio from his website:

<http://bruceralstonmla.ca/about/>

The BCSSGA would like to thank Minister Mungall for all her hard work as Minister of Energy, Mines

and Petroleum Resources and welcome Minister Ralston to his new role.

## New Mining Audit Division created within Ministry

Hon. Minister Michelle Mungall during Parliamentary question period made the following statement

regarding new staffing for the Ministry specifically with respect to the new Audit Division within the Ministry:

“We put \$20 million into the mines health, safety and enforcement division. That \$20 million has allowed us to create this new division that’s going to be able to ensure that health and safety, for example, on our mine sites is being met — we all know the importance and value of that — and then making sure that not just health and safety for the workers but also for our land base....

Something that occurred that upset everyone in British Columbia was the disaster at Mount Polley. It was one of those learning opportunities. If you read the Auditor General’s report, she went on at quite a length on why we need to take that learning opportunity and why it’s a good example of creating an independence with the compliance and enforcement side of the permitting process — or, once the permit is issued, then the compliance and enforcement of those permits.

I think we’ve done the right thing. I think it was on the trajectory that was originally initiated by

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recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General.”

The BCSSGA has been meeting regularly with the Audit Division leads to better understand the implications of these changes and to ensure that Members stay updated on progress. Many of the changes required to authorize the Audit Division to have the statutory authority needed to be effective will be introduced in Parliament this spring as changes to the Mines Act are debated. The Charter and Operational plan for the Audit Unit are available on their [webpage](#) as well as other pertinent information.

### Five Year Mine Plan Renewals

One of the most frustrating parts of the ongoing renewal process for Members has been the difficulty in applying for and receiving timely feedback on the mandatory five year renewals to Mines Permits. We have heard from all over the Province how each mining region is treating the applications and the lack of consistency throughout. While the Ministry is aware of the various issues with Front Counter and within the Ministry of Mines they are actively working on solutions



*Hon. Minister Michelle Mungall*

to the problem in consultation with the BCSSGA. Heather Cullen, Regional Director, made a presentation on the matter at the Fort St. John Meeting and we will update Membership on the outcomes as they become available. Matthew MacLean will be providing Membership with the next Ministry update at the March 5th meeting in Langley.

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## Welcome New Members!

*On behalf of the BCSSGA we want to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have recently joined the Association. Membership gives the Association a stronger voice and we appreciate your support.*

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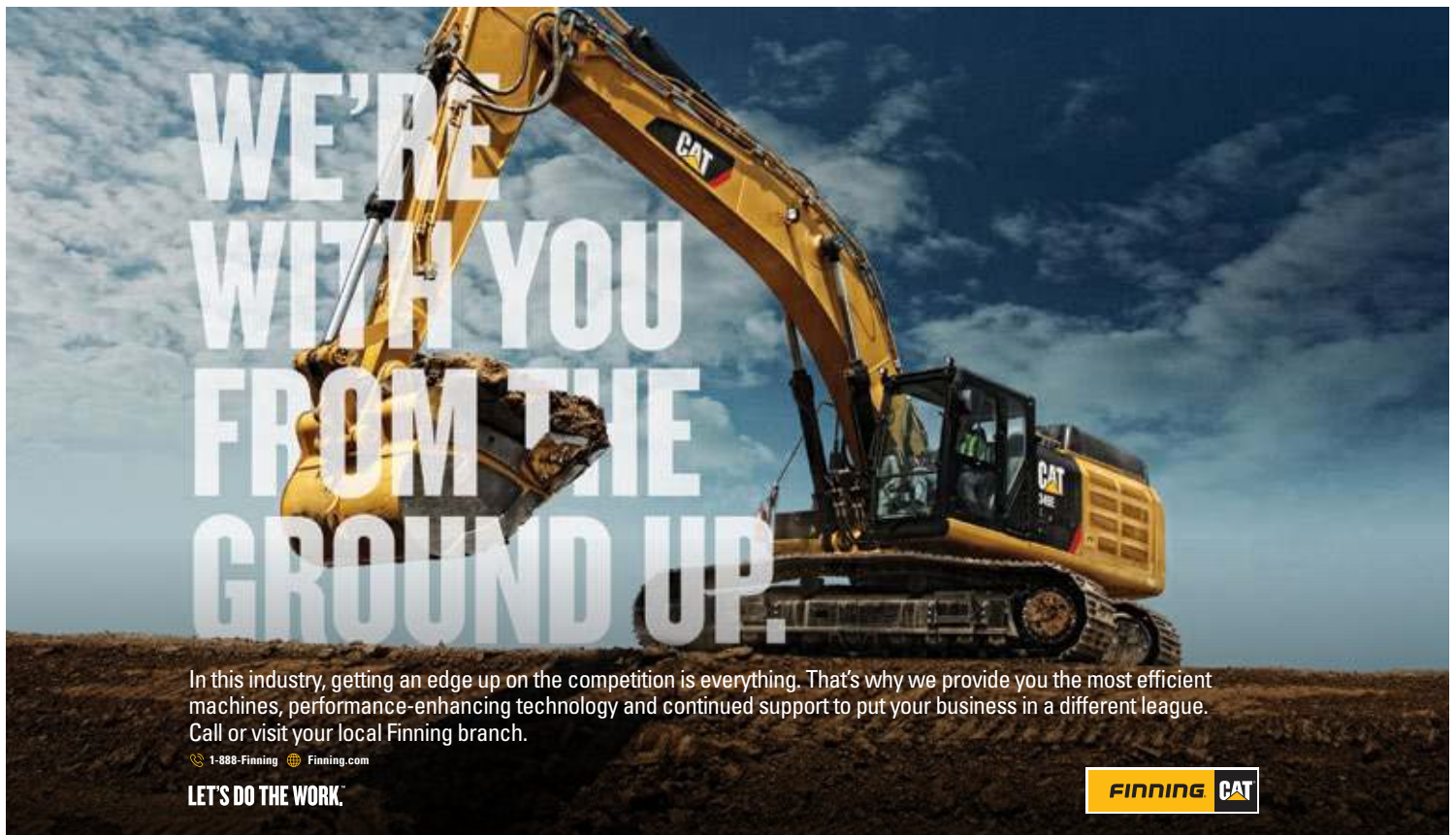
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## Awards

The following awards will be presented at our Spring AGM in Vernon.

**PAUL ALLARD AWARD** - Recognizing an outstanding volunteer in the Association over the course of many years. This is a new award that will be presented for the first time at our AGM by our former Executive Director and honorary life member, Paul Allard. Stay tuned for more information on this award and how to nominate a candidate.

**DEPUTY MINISTER'S AWARD** - This award honours the outstanding contribution the aggregate industry provides to communities across the province, showing that the industry in our province that our companies do impactful work that helps people all across the region in multitudes of ways.

The award recognizes that contribution takes a variety of forms, from volunteering labour and equipment for community projects and events to supporting local organizations.

**BCSSGA SAFETY AWARD** - This is a new award recognizing exemplary safety in an aggregate operation and will consist of awards in two categories:

### Categories:

Small Operator: 10 or less employees  
Prize: Plaque and gift cards by FuelEx

Large Operator: 11 or more employees  
Prize: Plaque and gift cards by FuelEx

### Eligibility:

Producer Member in good standing for 2019 and has no previous record of fatalities. Applications should be in by March 1st and we will use the same injury frequency rate graph for time loss accidents as the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

More information and nomination forms for this award will be available on our [website](#) in February.

## PROPERTY FOR SALE

217 acre Aggregate Property  
for sale, lease to own or strictly  
a lease.



The executive summary states this property contains a minimum 3,000,000 m<sup>3</sup> of aggregate deposits with depths of 18 metres in specific areas based on the radar scan performed. Owners have a 12 phase 47 acre approved mining permit, which may be amended to include all 217 acres.

A previous company extracted aggregate including substantial quantities of over sized rocks on 16 acres of this property to 38 feet depths in certain areas and bedrock had not been reached.

The Radar Scan was performed after a professional survey of over 34,000 m<sup>3</sup> of aggregate stockpiles were produced. Owners would like both the aggregate property and their 104 acre residential property 5 km from aggregate pit to be negotiated as one unit.

Residential property has a 2,200 sq.ft Log home, 4,000 sq.ft coverall shelter, and various outbuildings. Both properties are located on a government maintained road north of Fort St. John at Pink Mountain British Columbia.

Aggregate property's coordinates are 57.021969 -122.833618.  
Residential property's coordinates are 57.031162 - 122.769791.

Photo contains corresponding lines of the Radar Scan on this 217 acre aggregate property. Lines 85, 86, 87 were of the Radar Scan done on pit floor after 21 feet of excavation. An additional 7 m of aggregate were detected on these lines.

**For more information on the properties owners may be contacted at 250-793-4742**



## Association Committee Updates

**SAFETY** - The safety committee has been busy reviewing and responding to requests from the Ministry about new initiatives and policies for the industry. One of the projects that will be completed this year is the Safety Toolkit. This resource is designed for all companies but specifically targeted at small operators looking to bolster their safety program. Specifics are detailed under the safety tab on our website [www.gravelbc.ca](http://www.gravelbc.ca).

**MEMBERSHIP** - Membership renewals are headed out for 2020. Please make sure you contact the office if your company has moved or you need to update your Member profile. As we look to increase membership and fully capture affiliate companies, the BCSSGA Board of Directors has initiated a request for companies to list any of their sister or affiliated companies and related emails so they can receive Association updates and important information. There is no additional cost to your membership to do this.

**SUSTAINABILITY** - The sustainability committee is focused on developing the teachers toolkit aimed at providing grade 5 teachers with resources that will help them add aggregates education to the current curriculum. An RFP has been sent out and the committee is currently reviewing submission. The committee is also responsible for the Deputy Minister's award and will canvassing members for applications.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS** - 5 year mine plan updates and the application and review process tops the list of current projects for this committee. We are also tracking the EA revitalization, local government bylaws and zoning in conflict with the Mines Act, the new Mines Audit Unit, recycling of aggregate on mine sites, Mines Act amendments in the spring session and the implications of the UNDRIP Act on mining regulation in BC.

## About the Association and Benefits of Membership

The BC Stone Sand and Gravel Association (BCSSGA) is a professional Association that represents all of the Aggregate Producers in British Columbia. Our members are Aggregate Producers, Associates who work with and supply to Producers, and we focus our efforts on issues that matter most to our members: government relations, sustainability and safety/training.

The aggregate industry is highly regulated with legislation and government policy developing quickly. Our strength is in our direct line of communication with the various levels of government who consult with our association whenever changes are considered in the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR) affecting mining in the province. We also engage with local governments on behalf of our members to help municipalities understand the challenges our industry faces and lobby for regulations that work for Producers.

Sustainability is not a new concept in the BCSSGA but

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has been re-branded to reflect how we are perceived in public and push initiatives that build a grassroots knowledge of the value of aggregates in our schools. The Sustainability Committee also manages the Deputy Minister's award that recognizes outstanding community relations by aggregate producers in the Province.

Safety and training are foundations of the aggregate industry and the Association makes sure that we inform our members about changes to the Health Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in BC. We have a seat at the table of the Code Review Committee to ensure that the Code works for all mines in BC, not just the large metal mines which only account for a small number of overall provincial permits. The safety committee is also dedicated to providing resources for small operators to ensure their business has the latest and most up to date information available for their safety program.

Becoming a member in the Association ensures we have the numbers and resources to stay relevant with government and non-government entities. Producers benefit by having a strong industry voice advocating for them so they can stay focused on their business and regular updates and meetings to share and learn from others. We have government representatives attend and speak at every one of our meetings. Associates benefit from the networking opportunities and meetings hosted by the BCSSGA during the year with access to key decision makers in the organization and the ability to advertise their business.

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