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## AGM

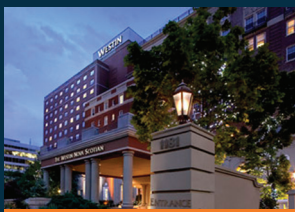
69TH ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING  
January 25th & 26th, 2017.

Be sure to register early for our upcoming 69th Annual General Meeting to be hosted once again at the Westin Hotel. The NSRBA is pleased to be able to offer on-line registration for the upcoming AGM in January. Simply go to [www.nsrba.ca](http://www.nsrba.ca) and go to the "upcoming Events" tab, and click on "Event Registration". As in previous years, space is limited so register as soon as possible.

It is very important to include the names of the participants you are registering, as we will again be providing name tags to each individual.

AGM Curling will be taking place once again at CFB Halifax Curling Club at Windsor Park on the morning of Thursday, January 26th, 2017.

Make sure to  
register early.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Gary Rudolph*



It has been a true honor to have served as your President over the past year. Our Association is comprised of many hard working and talented professionals. It has been an absolute pleasure to have been part of such a dynamic and forward thinking group. As 2017 approaches, there will be new challenges and new opportunities, but the comradery and compassion for the betterment of the industry will undoubtedly remain strong.

Throughout 2016, the Board has worked very hard on many fronts. Thank you very much for your personal commitment to the NSRBA and your many efforts throughout the year. Our Association has been fully engaged on a variety of issues with several key departments including but not limited to NSTIR, NSE, NSDOLAE and DNR. I would like to thank Minister MacLellan and his staff for their outstanding commitment to progressively working with our Association on many important issues and opportunities to improve.

One of the key attributes of a healthy industry is the relationship with NSTIR and the Specifications by which the work is undertaken. We have worked closely with the Department to promote the importance of project pre-engineering, clarity of specifications and contract language and ultimately have available to all parties the required communication links and tools to ensure fairness and consistency remains front and center in all contracts, province wide.

The NSRBA Executive and Board have devoted many hours and constructive dialogue to ensure the industry and the future remain strong. As an industry, we may very well be on the brink of a once in a lifetime construction initiative. The potential for a major highway twinning initiative is real and the Association has worked diligently to better quantify and communicate how important our industry is to the Province. Our messaging is clear. This industry has good paying jobs, has a very skilled workforce, has invested heavily in their respective businesses and cares about the safety of its employees and the motoring public.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*Grant Feltmate*



The industry finds itself in an interesting point as we wait to see if and how the potential large twinning activity may unfold. Should it go forward in a major way, it would be a game changer for our members. At the time of this writing, we are in a waiting pattern. The province has pushed back its timetable for public consultations on twinning/tolling until early in the new year. Hopefully it will unfold in that timetable and with positive results to allow a real start to this initiative. It has been interesting to see a significant amount of public support for the twinning to go forward from areas such as Barney's River and the South Shore.

The above topic of twinning is not separate from our thoughts about where the "regular" provincial road building budget may go. As you are well aware we have had relative stability in our budgets in the \$200M range (including Federal portions) for the last several years. Yes, we appear to continue on with a very competitive marketplace, but at least it has been stable. This stability is crucial to maintaining a healthy industry. We will watch carefully to see what if any affect the twinning activity may have on our "regular" budget. We have emphasized to the province that our "regular" budget needs to stay at current levels.

Of particular note on the twinning topic we contracted a significant Economic Impact Assessment study by Canmac Economics Ltd. to give us an objective indication of the impact the projected twinning would have on the provinces' economy. They used a total 15 year timeframe for their work i.e. an original 5 year period for the original construction and then an additional 10 years for operating the then built highways. The jobs impact alone is huge (following is the total for that 15 year period)

• **Direct employment of 10,471 and total employment of 17,096**

We have been supportive of this potential work and not only from an economic perspective, but also from the safety implications and additional economic development that should come from the much improved infrastructure.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)**

The storied history of our Association will confirm that change in our industry can actually be seen as a constant. From site conditions to project specifications, from competitive bids to helping one another get our projects done, from sub-committees to liaison meetings, together we have worked as one on many fronts. I am very humbled to have been given the opportunity to be part of such a great Association.

As 2016 comes to a close, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Carol and Grant. As a Team, their professionalism and contributions have been instrumental to the success and spirit of our Association. Trusting that 2017 will be safe, successful and rewarding, thank you once again for the opportunity to work on your behalf.

*Gary Rudolph, 2016 NSRBA President*



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (continued)**

We continue to have many meetings with a variety of Provincial departments to attempt to accurately and effectively represent the industry. TIR would have the majority of those meetings. We have added an initiative to meet with District Directors this past year, have found that a very positive effort and would certainly intend to keep that as part of our regular schedule going forward.

We also continue to stay in good contact with DNR, Environment, Labour and Municipal Affairs. No doubt we may add slightly to that group next year.

We finalized the establishment of a dispute resolution process with TIR this year and will continue efforts to improve the contractual documents between TIR and our contractors going forward – with an emphasis on fairness for both parties.

The addition of significant work for the industry with Parks Canada was a nice addition to our volume this year. This Parks program should continue for a few more years to come.

We had a very successful Asphalt Laydown Technician course in the Spring of 2016. We had a large number of participants and feedback from all involved was excellent. As we have done once previously, we will take a hiatus for 2017, based on demand and then come back again for 2018.

Our ongoing cooperative efforts with the Atlantic Concrete Association for our customized Flatwork course continues to be another success story which we will keep going.

We continue to work very closely with organizations like CANS, ACA, MANS, Merit, CCA and ARBA. Our experience over the last several years has clearly shown us that the strength in numbers that this cooperative approach uses is extremely effective.

As always I like to emphasize that the secret to our success is the quality and effort of our Board members and in particular the President. This year has been no exception with great contributions from a number of Board members and Gary Rudolph as President.

*Grant Feltmate, Executive Director*



**Congratulations to the 2016 NSRBAGolf Winning Team**



Steve Hogan, Ken Thomas, Larry Harding (Dexter Construction), Blair Faulkner (Bell Mobility)

**NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 2015-2016**

**BIRRETTE EAST UNIACKE  
ROCK QUARRY**



**NEW PROVISIONAL MEMBER 2016-2017**





## Giving Back To The Community

The Nova Scotia Road Builders Association realizes how important it is for business to give back to the province where their livelihood is made, both as individual companies and under the umbrella of the Association. Beginning in 2008, the NSRBA has had an initiative at the AGM to raise funds and donations with proceeds to be donated to local charity as selected by the current President.

The first year, the Association held a live auction with the proceeds going to the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. This formal evening raised more than \$80,000, one of the largest that the charity had ever received from third-party event.

The next year, the format changed to a silent auction, a tradition of which continues to this day. Some of the charities which have benefited have included the Truro Star Program for disabled children, The Bedford Sackville Developmental Centre, Laing House, Tearmann House, Third Party Transition House, the Canadian Association for Community Living, and the RK MacDonald Nursing Home.

At the AGM this past January the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association raised and donated \$33,905 for the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society from the proceeds of their live auction. The Charity was chosen by immediate Past President Pam Sullivan with funds to be directed to the Jason Fahey Legacy Fund within the hospice society. The Colchester East Hants Hospice Society provides care and support to families as they face serious illness, death and grief. Hospice volunteers and professionals work closely with the Palliative Care team under a philosophy of care that values quality of life until death and in putting the patient at the centre and in control their own lives and care.

In the summer, members of the NSRBA gather in Truro for another fundraising opportunity by means of their hugely popular golf tournament. Historically the charity of choice for this event has been the Turkey Club. Last year's tourney attracted more than 144 players and raised \$6,000. The Turkey

Club was founded by the late Jack Cruikshank as a means of providing families in need with the fixings for a turkey dinner during the holidays.

Past President Ron Leger has been the driving force behind this event and charitable initiative. Ron recalled the time when: "I was playing golf with the late Jack Cruikshank and three others from the club and they told me about the work of the Club, which raises money all year round so people can have a Christmas dinner. They give out at least 1,000 turkey dinners with all the fixings ever year."

Additionally in 2016 the NSRBA also made a \$1000 donation last year to TAPA Cat Rescue Society, ensuring its charity extends not only to the residents of the province but to animal friends as well!



**TAPA Cat Rescue Society**

LEFT TO RIGHT: Gary Rudolph - NSRBA President, Angela Miller - President of Tapa Cat Rescue Society & Grant Feltmate - NSRBA Executive Director



Those present for the presentation were Doris Fahey (Jason's mother), Bridget Fahey (Jason's sister), Craig Johnson (ED Hospice Society), Pam Sullivan (NSRBA Past President), Gary Rudolph (NSRBA President), Peter Fahey (Jason's brother), Andrew Lake (NSRBA Past President), and Grant Feltmate (ED NSRBA).



**NSRBA 2016 Turkey Club Donation - Thanks to all our sponsors!!**

LEFT TO RIGHT: Left to right: Grant Feltmate-NSRBA Executive Director, Doug MacArthur-Volunteer Executive Director of The Turkey Club, Humphrey Longard-Director/Volunteer & Gary Rudolph-NSRBA President



## Moving Forward

### Highway twinning enhances safety, builds legacy

The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is studying the concept of ramping up the twinning of highways to address traffic volumes and dangerous sections. The NSRBA is supportive of this initiative on many levels.

Grant Feltmate, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association says: "A major investment in twinning would have significant economic value and importance to the provincial economy."

The NSRBA believes that thousands of jobs will be created both short and long term. "This bodes well for anyone working in the construction industry out west who wants to come home." Feltmate stated. "These are good paying jobs in Nova Scotia."

Gray Rudolph, President of the NSRBA says that the social impact is equally important. "Lives are saved when highways are twinned and good jobs are created. These job opportunities are located in rural Nova Scotia. This is of huge importance for our families living in small towns throughout the province." Rudolph goes on to say that "any significant twinning project would be beneficial to the provinces GDP and simply would boost the economic climate, however, saving lives remains most important driver."

When the NSTIR receives their final report on the twinning, Feltmate says "we are sure that they will assess all aspects of

the initiative from saving lives to ease of travelling to the positive economic impact. We are sure they will diligently identify construction scenarios and timelines, ultimately select the most cost effective means to move forward and undertake the work.



"All Nova Scotians can relate to the peace of mind when travelling on a twinned section of the highway. It is safe, it is efficient and it is good for the economy," Feltmate stated. There are eight sections of highways under consideration for fast tracking of twinning. They include high volume sections highway 101, 103, 104 and 107.

"NSTIR acknowledges that safety is a major driving force," says Feltmate. Through conventional funding, it is estimated that twinning these sections of highway would take decades. A concentrated effort and effective funding model could see these same sections completely twinned in less than 10 years.

In summary, the proposed twinning projects could give a huge financial boost to the province and leave a legacy of assets that will greatly improve the quality and productivity of where we live.

## 12TH ANNUAL NSRBA HOCKEY CHALLENGE



In 2017 four teams will be battling for the honor and bragging rights of the NSRBA Hockey Champions. The teams will consist of Wilson Equipment, Atlantic Explosives, Bluewave Energy and the Atlantic Cats.

All teams will be on the ice at noon (12:00 pm) Tuesday January 24th with the Championship and consolation games taking place at 2:30 pm at the BMO Centre in Bedford, NS. Bus transportation is scheduled to leave the Westin at 10:00 am and return after the Championship game.

Although the stakes are higher than they have ever been, the competition is friendly and everyone is welcome.

If interested in playing in this year's tournament, please email the below information to Peter Doucet of Atlantic Explosives Limited at pdoucet@atlanticexplosives.ca before December 18, 2016:



## Recognizing Ron Legere



### Past President receives NSRBA Honorary Member Status

On January 21, 2016, Ron Legere was awarded Honorary Member status at the 69th annual Nova Scotia Road Builders Association general meeting held at the Westin in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

In 2011, Legere became a member of the Canadian Construction Association. In this capacity he quickly made his mark on the Road Builders Council and as a pivotal member of the Gold Seal Committee. His dedicated attendance record at CCA meetings and conferences as the NSRBA representative gave Legere the authority to promote effective communications between the two organizations.

In 2011 these efforts were recognized once again when he was awarded the Canadian Construction Association Award of Recognition. Our thoughts are all with Ron now as he makes his way back from a recent health issue. Get well Ron.



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