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64TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 26
to Thursday, January 27,
2011.

Be sure to register early for our upcoming 64th 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 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. You will not be able to register online unless you include these names and events they will be attending.

AGM Curling will be taking place once again at the CFB Curling Rink on the morning of Thursday January 27th, 2011. Be sure to register for the curling at the time of registration".



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brad Scott



The 2010 construction season is winding down. Most will agree our season is short and seems to progress very quickly. We are fortunate to have had an early spring and great weather throughout the year. Our members once again met the challenges of an elevated provincial capital program. We should all be proud to have delivered an adequate level of capacity and resources.

My term as President of NSRBA has been very rewarding. I feel the Association is in a solid position administratively, operationally and strategically. I would like to recognize the efforts of our dedicated Board, Executive Director (Grant) and Administrative Assistant (Carol). All have worked on behalf of our members to keep the NSRBA in good order.

This fall/winter will see the continuation of our strategic plan and two more board meetings. Schedules are being finalized for meetings of the Joint Specification Technical Teams. We intend to meet with NSTIR more regularly throughout the year to monitor specifications.

Planning is also underway for the 2011 AGM in January. I encourage all to register early and provide sponsorship support for the various functions. The success of the AGM is dependent on us all.

Our revised By-Laws should be completed soon and the 2010-2011 membership notices will be sent in December. Any questions regarding the notices can be directed to the NSRBA office, Grant or any of the Board members.

The industry is anxiously awaiting the Province's 5 year capital plan proposed for this fall. This prospective approach should provide us all with significant planning benefits. I hope everyone had a successful season and good luck securing work for 2011.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Grant Feltmate



We are nearing the end of a second historically large road building year in Nova Scotia.

This year's Provincial budget was approximately \$310M, which follows up on last year's amount of \$325M. These larger amounts included significant federal stimulus spending of a combined total in the \$170M range over these last two years.

The road building industry is closely watching where the budgets for upcoming years will be headed with the ending of the Federal stimulus program. Maintaining a reasonable level of spending on road building within the Province is essential primarily because we have a significant deficit in spending on this area relative to the need. Road building is also a very important economic driver for this province creating much employment while producing essential infrastructure. The current Government has promised to implement a 5-year rolling capital plan for road building. This is an approach that the NSRBA enthusiastically supports, as it should allow both the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and members of the industry to plan much more effectively. In particular it should allow much better opportunity for TIR to do early tendering. The latter is a theme of all significant interactions between TIR and the NSRBA.

There has been a great deal of Association work carried on by various members and committees over this past year. The Association has a very committed and hardworking board as well as many other members who make great contributions to the Association on a volunteer basis. Some of that effort is highlighted under the strategic plan update.

The NSRBA experienced a very successful Annual General Meeting this past January and plans are already well underway for the 2011 event on January 26 – 27, 2011.

The NSRBA continues to be an active member of the Atlantic Road Building Association where all four Atlantic Province road building associations join to share information and work on projects of mutual benefit.

Caucus presentations to all Provincial parties were again delivered this year. These presentations are well received and are an important piece in making sure these key individuals are knowledgeable about our industry.



NSRBA Charitable Events

Since its founding in 1947 the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association (NSRBA) and its members have played an integral part in building the province, its roads, and its infrastructure. A non profit organization, the NSRBA also helps build good will in the local community by giving back to it through charitable donations. Every year the association shows its support by donating surplus funds to many different charitable groups and causes.

At the NSRBA's annual general meeting in January 2008, the association put on a formal evening and held a live auction with the proceeds going to the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. The event raised over \$80,000 dollars. The donation is one of the largest that the charity has ever received from a third-party event.

In 2009 a smaller version of the auction was held, with the proceeds going to a charity of the NSRBA president's choice: the Truro STAR program. For this charity the NSRBA raised more than \$8,000. The STAR program is a non-profit organization that relies solely on fund-raising and donations. The first session of STAR took place in January 2004 and the organization has continued to grow each year. It provides much needed support to special needs children in our community.

2010 was another banner year for charitable works of the NSRBA. The AGM charity auction raised \$15,370 for The Sackville Bedford Developmental Centre. The centre offers programs for children with additional needs. Anne Weagle, program director stated "It is absolutely awesome. It is so timely, they will never know how timely it is."

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2010 NSRBA 8th Annual Golf Tournament

More recently, on July 9, 2010 the NSRBA held its eighth annual golf tournament at the Truro Golf Club. Each year the event attracts more than 140 players and raises funds for the Turkey Club Society.

This year's tournament raised \$2,500. The cheque was presented to Jack Cruickshank, Chairman of the Turkey Club. His sincere thanks for the generous donation was extended to us in November.

"It is difficult to find the words to fully express our appreciation but I hope that you will accept the sincerity of our thanks. Please pass these sentiments on to those at the Association who may have been involved in the decision to give so generously."

The NSRBA takes great pride in supporting charitable initiatives. We are able to make these donations because of the great support and generosity of our members. Thanks so much to each one of you.



Thanks to all our sponsors for their generous donations to the 2010 NSRBA Golf Tournament on July 9th!

2010 Golf Tournament Winners (left to right - David Brien, Roger Scott, Rob MacKinnon and Dave Johnson) Congratulations!! Good Job!



NSRBA 2010 Turkey Club Donation - Thanks to all our sponsors!!

The NSRBA is a proud sponsor of The Turkey Club Society which is a volunteer group dedicated to raising funds so that less fortunate families are able to enjoy a Christmas Dinner and a brighter holiday season. For more information on this organization please visit www.turkeyclub.org/

(Left to right: Brad Scott - NSRBA President, Jack Cruickshank- Chair of the Turkey Club and Ron Legere - NSRBA Past President)



NSRBA 2010 Donation to the Sackville Bedford Developmental Centre

(Left to Right: Guy Kendziora - McAsphalt Industries Ltd., Brad Scott - President of the NSRBA, Anna Weagle - Program Director and BJ Harvey - CAT Rental)





Strategic Planning Session

The NSRBA strategic plan of last fall has led to much current and ongoing activity. The workforce study, completed in cooperation with the Department of Labour and Workforce Development in the spring, has given impetus to ongoing efforts at developing our first industry specific training course, Asphalt Paving/Laydown Technician. It is hoped that our first offering will occur next spring. It will be based on a sponsorship model (i.e. participants will be aligned with an industry member). It will include both classroom and practical components. Industry members should start giving consideration to their participation. Also on the workforce front, efforts are beginning with regard to increasing awareness and the promotion of careers within our industry.

A very significant review of our By-Laws has been underway for some time and should be nearing completion soon. While there will be specific changes, particularly with regard to membership categories, the finished document should more accurately and coherently reflect the current manner in which the NSRBA operates.

Another direction given by the strategic plan was to continue to work on improving our relationship with TIR. Consistent effort has been made in this area including the commitment of both entities to a fixed schedule of joint meetings on an annual basis. The two parties are now committed to approximately 25 meetings per year. Examples of the type of interactions included in this schedule are meetings with the Minister, Deputy Minister and TIR executives, asphalt and subgrade/structure round tables and spec. committees.

Work is about to begin on another direction from the strategic plan, that of creating a value proposition for membership in the NSRBA. The goal is to establish a clear, accurate and convincing message that indicates why being a member of the NSRBA is so valuable to those that join.

Our efforts directly support our core purpose of being the collective voice of the road building industry in Nova Scotia.



2010 NSRBA Board of Directors & Staff

Back - left to right: John Flemming, Yuri Power, Steve MacKenzie, Trevor Chisholm and Andrew Lake
Front - left to right: Donald Chisholm, Grant Feltmate - Executive Director, Ron Dunn - Vice President
 Brad Scott - President, Carol Ingraham - Administrative Assistant, Pat Gray and Rick Bezanson
Absent: Ken Thomas - Immediate Past President and Greg MacDonald

NSRBA Website www.nsrba.ca



The website is proving to be a valuable tool as the association moves progressively forward.

The association decided some time ago that a new website would be an important tool to increase our public profile, send a clearer message about who the NSRBA is, and to better support our members in the efficient and accurate transfer of information.

The association is utilizing this crucial tool now to advise its members of upcoming events, allowing them the ability to pay online for events and membership registrations electronically, and the ability to view recent tender postings. The site also hosts a useful and up to date membership listing with information on all of our 144 member companies.

The site will continue to evolve and develop over time as the association determines what other functions the membership would like to see added or expanded.

Please be sure to check your own member profile to confirm that the information listed is up to date and accurate.

NSRBA also encourages you to continue to update your corporate information. Be sure to check the site out at www.NSRBA.ca

NEW ASSOCIATE NSRBA MEMBERS

Soleno Inc.



Capital Cad Supplies Ltd.



On Grade Inc.



Castonguay



Safety First-SFC Ltd.



Norquip Supply Ltd.



Northeast Equipment



Gary Parker Excavating Ltd

Steel Ford Lincoln



Fairley & Stevens



East Coast International Trucks Inc.



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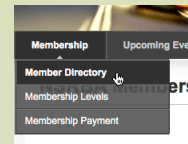


NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Atlantic Road Construction & Paving Ltd.

Allterrain Contracting Inc.

For a complete members listing, visit us at www.nsrba.ca, and click on the **Member Directory** link



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2011 HOCKEY CHALLENGE TEAM UPDATE

2011 Hockey Challenge Team Update

The expansion of the 2010 hockey challenge was such a success, it will continue again in 2011 with four teams battling for the honour and bragging rights of the NSRBA Hockey championship. The teams will consist of Wallace Equipment Ltd. / NSTIR, North Atlantic Explosives, Bluewave Energy and defending champions, South Atlantic Cats.

Big plans are in motion to upset the defending champions (John Flemming's South Atlantic Cats)!

All games are to be played in the afternoon of Tuesday, January 25th at the new BMO Centre in Bedford.

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

If you are interested in playing in this year's tournament, email the following information to Yuri, yuri.power@wallaceequipment.com before December 18, 2010.

- 1.) Name
- 2.) Company
- 3.) Phone number
- 4.) Email address

Your team captain will email you in early January once the rosters have been set.

If you would like more information about the tournament please call Yuri at (902) 754 2468 or email yuri.power@wallaceequipment.com.

