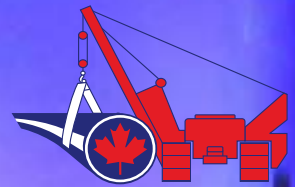




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2023 Annual Convention

The PLCAC celebrated its 69th annual General Meeting & Convention in Victoria, BC from May 14 to 18, 2023. Approximately 350 delegates assembled for this exciting, memorable, and informative reunion in Victoria. The convention was held in the beautiful Fairmont Empress Hotel.

Representatives from PLCAC's Regular and Associate members, the four craft pipeline unions, and sister associations, were in attendance at the convention. The delegates exchanged ideas and expanded their pipeline construction contacts while attending the many events and working sessions.

The PLCAC had many networking opportunities planned for delegates and their families. The business sessions were held in the morning, which included a motivational speaker and a distinguished Canadian economist. The annual Golf Tournament was at the beautiful Olympic View Golf Course in Victoria, the activities included a Whale Watching tour, Victoria City tour, and "The Victorian Daze" theme party was a night to remember. The delegates enjoyed exploring the beautiful city of Victoria all week long.

A very special thank you to all the delegates who attended and to all the sponsors for making the 69th PLCAC Annual General Meeting & Convention a very special and memorable event.



PLCAC Officers and Directors 2023-2024



*Back row (left to right): Kevin O'Donnell, Nick de Koning, David Douglas, Blake Shultis, Paul Schultz, and Michael Prior.
Front row (left to right): Wesley Waschuk, Lyall Nash, Mark Scherer, Neil Waugh and David Johnstone.*

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Outgoing President's Address

On May 14, 2023, Russell Keller joined the Board of Directors meeting via video conferencing because he was unable to attend the PLCAC AGM & Conference this year. He sent his message to all the delegates attending the 69th Annual General Meeting and Convention.

President Keller started by welcoming all the delegates that have been part of the PLCAC for years and the new members for their decision to support the PLCAC. He mentioned that working with the extraordinary members for the benefit of the pipeline industry has been a grateful experience for him this past year. The world is rapidly changing. The PLCAC

Board of Directors continually works to help members navigate the changes because one constant remains – “the world needs energy”.

The PLCAC members have been and continue to be “competitive, reliable, innovative and best-in-class in the Canadian pipeline industry.” He emphasized that successful endeavors are done collaboratively, and working with union partners through the Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council (CPAC) has done just that.

He wished everyone an enjoyable time in Victoria and how the city is a symbol for Canada itself because it's beautiful, welcoming and exciting. He concluded with “Many people say, “the world needs more Canada,” and in many ways that is true. But, the world not only needs more Canada, the world needs more Canadian oil and gas; and Canadian pipelines can get it there.”

Wesley Waschuk Appointed 2023-2024 PLCAC President at Annual Convention

On May 18, 2023, Wes Waschuk, President of Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd., was appointed President of the PLCAC for the 2023-2024 term.

Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. is a Canadian company started in 1966 with its head office in Red Deer, Alberta. It is an efficient and specialized company in pipeline, oil and gas production facilities constructions. Wes has been the President of Waschuk Pipe line Construction Ltd. for 30 years. He was born into the pipeline family and grew up in the industry.

Wes has been on the PLCAC Board of Directors since 2018. He has been part of the Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council and served on the mainline negotiating committee, and membership and promotion committee.



Jeff Rubin – An Economic Outlook

On May 17, 2023, Jeff Rubin, former Chief Economist at CIBC World Markets and bestselling author, addressed the delegates at the PLCAC's 69th Annual General Meeting & Convention in Victoria, BC during the General Business Session.

The delegates listened attentively as Mr. Rubin discussed the world economic state and where it is heading. He emphasized that economic growth requires energy and transit fuel. Also, how the sun has not set on the oil industry, we only have the future to see the truth of that.



Scott Stratten – Millennials Are Not So Different

On May 17, 2023, during the Executive Development Session, Scott Stratten addressed the delegates. Scott Stratten is an author and was a music industry marketer, National Sales Training Manager and a College Professor. He is the founder of Unmarketing Inc.

He is a passionate and energetic speaker. Using humor and dramatic effects, he grabbed the attention of the delegates. He emphasized

how millennials and other generations are not so different no matter how we see it, and the importance of allowing people to be who they are.

PLCAC hosts the World Federation of Pipeline Industry Associations meeting

Incoming PLCAC President, Wes Waschuk and PLCAC Executive Director Kevin O'Donnell, hosted members of the World Federation of Pipeline Industry Associations (WFPIA) meeting held at the Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria, B.C. on May 14th, 2023.

PLCAC President, Wes Waschuk welcomed delegates from sister organizations including: Distribution Contractors Association – US (DCA), International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA), and the Pipeline Industries Guild – UK.

Important topics addressed included: ongoing regulatory challenges in North America and the political strategies required to rationalize policy for long term energy transition; wholesome updates on safety initiatives deployed to remain best in class associations; and updates on current trends in each market regarding carbon capture and hydrogen technology.

The current calendar of events was reviewed and revised. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2023 in Vancouver, B.C. at the IPLOCA convention.



(Left to Right) Robert Darden – DCA Executive Vice President, Kevin O'Donnell – PLCAC Executive Director, Juan Arzuaga – IPLOCA Executive Secretary, Adam Wynne Hughes – PIG Governance Director, Wes Waschuk – PLCAC President





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Stanley Okpara joins the PLCAC staff

Effective March 13, 2023, Stanley Okpara joined the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada's team in Oakville, ON.

Stanley is the Staff Accountant at the PLCAC. Reporting, analyzing and preparing financial statements are a few of Stanley's key duties in the office.

Stanley started his accounting career in 2010 after obtaining his university degree in business accounting. He worked in the oil and gas industry in Nigeria for over ten years.

With his knowledge of the energy sector and accounting, Stanley has fit in very well as part of the team in the Oakville office.

Stanley has been a big part of streamlining the accounting process and helping meet the organization's financial goals. He is looking forward to getting to know the PLCAC members and helping as much as he can.



Ryan Broderick, O.J. Pipelines Canada, Receives 2023 Jack Cressey Future Leader Award



The Jack Cressey Future Leader Award was established in 1995 in memory of Jack Cressey, board member and past president of the PLCAC, who was known as a strong leader with vision, integrity and drive.

This award recognizes leadership and is open to all regular PLCAC members' employees from any segment of the company, who have not yet attained executive status and has demonstrated leadership qualities to their company.

Ryan Broderick or "Big B" as he is known on site at O.J. Pipelines Canada was presented with the Jack Cressey Future Leader Award on May 17,

2023, during the General Business Session at the 69th Annual General Meeting and Convention in Victoria, British Columbia.

Ryan started at O.J. Pipelines Canada as a laborer and quickly moved into a QC role with more responsibilities. "Ryan shows incredible leadership in his role, has strong work ethics and sets a positive example with his calm demeanor and professional attitude. He is considered a very valuable member of the O.J. Pipelines team", said Tom Patocka, Construction Manager, O.J. Pipelines Canada.

2022 James L. Abraham Safety Performance Awards of Excellence

Annually, the PLCAC recognizes member companies who have distinguished themselves with exemplary safety performance and safety records over the past year through the James L. Abraham Safety Performance Awards of Excellence Program. These awards are based on lowest lost time incidents (LTI) frequency rates. The winners for 2022 are:



MAINLINE PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION:

Michels Canada Co.

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): Aecon, Pacific Atlantic Pipeline Construction Ltd., Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited, SA Energy Group and Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd.



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Aecon

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): NPL Canada Ltd., Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited and T.W. Johnstone Company Limited.



PIPELINE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE:

NPL Canada Ltd.

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): Aecon, Michels Canada Co., Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited and Summit Pipeline Services ULC.



SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR TRANSPORTATION (over 20,000 hours worked):

Mykyte Transportation Services, Inc. (MTS Canada)



SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR OTHER (over 20,000 hours worked):

Glacier Blasting

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): Aecon, Lonestar Vacuum Inc., M-Roc Ltd., McCaw's Drilling and Blasting, Michels Canada Co., Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited, TESTCO Western Ltd. and The Tunneling Company.



SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR OTHER

(under 20,000 hours worked):

KMI Field Services Ltd.

Adding to the Traditional Drilling & Blasting



The bygone era of a helper with a wooden stick to lay pattern and the driller drilling a hole based on the nearest muddy stake anywhere from 10 to 20 meters away is no longer sufficient. Now, with the rising demands for new pipelines and twinning aging facilities, improved environmental and regulatory requirements, and a more stringent safety culture has forced the drill & blast industry to re-evaluate the very basis of how our work is performed. To meet these demands, McCaw's Drilling & Blasting Ltd. has built and delivered complete drill & blast solutions for complex jobs. This was achieved by establishing relationships and partnerships with various stakeholders, including First Nation Groups, equipment vendors, explosives companies and engineering firms. This saves time, money, and resources for the client to focus on their own work scope.

In the past, the focus has always been on the drilling and blasting aspects themselves and occasional engineer involvement for blast design. This method leaves too much dependency on the drill crew to accurately produce holes to achieve the desired results without providing adequate tools to do so.

Over the years, as the pipeline industry has progressed to meet the continuous evolving requirements of stakeholder expectations, we have learned many lessons. The most important being the reengineering of our operations. By utilizing the facets of Engineering, Survey, Drilling, and Blasting, we have been able to achieve a new business platform that has been anchored by a robust quality control program.

With the addition of providing services such as excavators to perform the rock stripping and laying blast mats, rock trucks to transport blast mats from site to site, and on-site rock crushing has allowed McCaw's to fill in the gaps the client was not even aware existed. Providing protection against down time, cost over run, and schedule overflow has resulted in timely completion of projects.

The face of the pipeline industry, which had lacked the skillset and expertise from those of different races and genders, has changed. We value diversity by welcoming those who bring forward the beliefs that fit our corporate culture; a culture based on inclusion, integrity, transparency, and embrace those who can contribute to our growth. Our people and the relationships we have built with the communities we work in are our greatest assets.

McCaw's has worked in a very focused manner to replace the guess work by adding science into drilling and blasting. This has resulted in providing services with greater confidence to ensure the end product meets the requirements of all the stakeholders involved. McCaw's is proud to be a partner in forging this new path.

*Sent by Shari Charlton – Manager – HSE & Project Administration – McCaw's Drilling and Blasting
Mar. 14, 2023 email: Charlton.shari@mccawdrilling.com*

Responding in a Turbulent Energy Transition

Canada's pipeliners continue to encounter and navigate considerable turbulence in the business operating and regulatory environment. In April, the Canadian Energy Regulator (CER) released a "What We Heard" report about the current, preliminary Onshore Pipeline Regulations (OPR) review, which focuses heavily on the pipeline sector's relationship with Indigenous peoples post Bill C-15, the Implementing UNDRIP Act. In mid-June, the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-50 in the House of Commons, the Canadian Sustainable Jobs Act, formerly known as the Just Transition initiative, which establishes a legislative framework for transitioning well-paying traditional energy sector jobs towards a NetZero economy.

These significant regulatory developments are taking shape at time of continued demand for a skilled pipeline workforce capable of completing large new pipeline construction projects. Enbridge and TC Energy have recently been bullish in public statements about new west coast projects associated with exporting more LNG to Asia to displace coal for electrification, including the Ksi Lisims LNG project of the Nisga Nation and partners.

To this end, Enbridge is signaling intent to revive the Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission project, an 850 – 870 km new construction project of 36" to 48" pipe, with up to five compressor stations. Not to be sidelined, TC Energy has not yet completely abandoned its proposed 900 km Prince Rupert Gas Transmission project, where both projects as currently envisioned, would cross the Gitksan Nation's unceded traditional territory in the service of Indigenous equity-led LNG projects on the west coast. The common theme underlying these projects is Indigenous self-determination and equity participation as table stakes in getting new LNG projects built to Canadian tidewater.

While talk of traditional gas transmission new construction continues, upstream member firms of the Pathways Alliance are inching towards a Fall 2023 regulatory application for the new and novel proposed 400 km pipeline and associated facilities linking some 20 oil sands facilities into a network, to enable industry-wide carbon capture and storage, with a storage hub proposed for the Cold Lake, Alberta area, noting no final investment decision has been made as of yet.

In April, member companies of the Pathway Alliance consortium reinforced if the Government of Canada is serious about climate change emission reduction targets, then regulatory permitting which is seamless and relatively swift needs to reflect prized federal emission reduction aspirations. This while the Canadian Chamber of Commerce reinforced a message Canada is developing into a nation with a "gauntlet of regulation" which drags on year after year resulting in a reputation for needlessly tying up capital and hindering Canada's investment competitiveness in a global context.

Where does this leave Canada's pipeliners? First, there is the matter of completing the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) and Coastal Gas Link (CGL) projects. There has been rumbling in public by project proponents about cost and scheduling issues. This has a back to the future feel of the early 1980s, when the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources Canada commissioned the Task Force on Pipeline Construction Costs, resulting in the Pipeline Cost Task Force report in 1983.

This is also a time to be investing time learning about the changes to the ways pipeline work will evolve in a post Implementing UNDRIP business environment, and focusing on building internal capacities and front line and corporate leadership bench strength for the turbulent energy environment. The Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business (CCAB), Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program and Supply Change™ initiative have useful frameworks to help get underway.

The goal of attaining and sustaining a Responsible Pipelining brand for our industry also requires intention, attention and shared communication with elected officials at all levels of government and Indigenous leaders. PLCAC member firm representatives and staff are encouraged to reinforce these messages and other concerns over the coming summer months by connecting with officials at major community events in constituencies, while finding other opportunities to engage and educate officials while they are back home over the summer months in constituencies, while moving forward with Reconciliation Action Plans.

The PLCAC Board of Directors
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Action Dates

2023

International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA)

55th Annual Convention

Vancouver, BC

September 11 – 15, 2023

www.iploca.com

Australian Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA)

55th Annual Convention

Perth, AU

October 14 – 17, 2023

www.apga.org.au

2024

21st Annual BC Natural Resources Forum

Prince George, BC

January 16 – 18, 2024

www.bcnaturalresourcesforum.com

Pipe Line Contractors Association (PLCA)

76th Annual Convention

Grand Hyatt Baha Mar

Nassau, Bahamas

January 30 – February 3, 2024

www.plca.org

Distribution Contractors Association (DCA)

63rd Annual Convention

Kohala Coast, HI

February 12 – 17, 2024

www.dcaweb.org

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC)

70th Annual Convention

Sheraton, Niagara Falls, Ontario

May 12 – May 16, 2024

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