

CANADIAN Pipeliners

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



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Coming full circle in Canadian pipelining



The PLCAC has its roots in Canadian contractors coming together out of the original Trans Mountain Pipeline project, completed 70 years ago, to serve as collective bargaining agent for a made-in-Canada pipeline supply and service sector. Over the decades PLCAC and member firm leaders have established a justifiably proud legacy. Recent reports of upstream energy company CEOs, however, suggest the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) may be the last major liquids pipeline Canada builds in support of export diversification. If we are possibly coming full circle in Canadian pipelining, then what's next?

First, Canada's pipeline facilities are not going away anytime soon. That said, the landscape for Canadian pipeliners is poised for significant change. In 2022, the Canadian Energy Regulator (CER) commenced a major review of the Onshore Pipeline Regulations (OPR). Signals in the OPR Review discussion paper suggest the Canadian pipeline industry should expect major changes in the regulating and operating environment as it relates to the status and roles of Indigenous peoples and pipelines.

It is predictable this will further shape and focus pipeline owning firms in their relationships with Indigenous rights holders, which in turn will impact contractors and the supply chain. Some Member firms have seen the writing on the wall, starting in earnest with their first Reconciliation Action Plans (RAP). Other firms have been participating in the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB), Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program as a voluntary standard as well as in CCAB campaigns such as the Supply Chains Supply Change initiative.

Second, our industry will need to do two or more things well amid growing complexity. We will need to continue to service and maintain an aging and expanded infrastructure for traditional liquids and gas, while additionally shifting to an unwavering focus on adaptability and responsiveness for a low carbon world.

The 2014 Paris Agreement requires a 90 per cent reduction over baseline emissions. Canada's major upstream players are taking this seriously through the Pathways Alliance and other measures, including expecting suppliers to carefully examine and reduce supply chain "Scope 3" emissions. Traditional facility operations are becoming subject to a more aggressive focus on methane emission mitigation through real-time leak surveillance, detection and rapid response and materials innovation for better sealing of pumps, compressors and flanges and vapor-recovery.

As pipeline owners de-risk and optimize existing assets from potential "stranded assets" to "adapted assets," for growth products such as hydrogen, Member firms are well-positioned to participate as industry collaborators in research and development of new protective coatings and linings for pipe interior walls, better addressing service-life by reducing hydrogen embrittlement. The Pathways Alliance has also recently announced a major carbon capture and storage network linking some 20 oil sands facilities, which includes a 400 km carbon dioxide transportation line.

As PLCAC Members come full circle approaching 70 years of helping Canadians live, work and play through accessible, cost-effective energy, this is a time to ask: We may have been doing things right, but are these still all the right things to do? Where is the new value to be added? How can we be forward-looking and solution-focused? What are practical, innovative solutions? How do we continue to be nimble and adapt in doing many more things well and all at the same time, in an era of tightening skilled labour and capital, with much more complexity in regulation?



International Union of Operating Engineers local unions provide Hurricane Fiona relief



As has long been tradition, the International Union of Operating Engineers ("IUOE") stepped up to assist Canadians in need during devastating times.

Hurricane Fiona was one of the most powerful storms, if not the most powerful, to ever strike Canada by barometric pressure and the amount of rainfall. The scale and scope of the disaster made the response all the more challenging and complex.

Through the generosity of Canadian locals, the IUOE raised \$69,572 for the Canadian Red Cross in its Hurricane Fiona relief efforts. These funds were matched by the federal government, for a total contribution of \$139,144 to immediately assist Canadians who were displaced or otherwise impacted by the storm.

In total, more than 96,000 eligible households benefited from assistance distributed by the Canadian Red Cross. Over 1,000 volunteers mobilized to provide over 5,700 emergency items to displaced persons, including hygiene kits, cots, blankets, and teddy bears for children. The Canadian Red Cross sent out 22 mobile outreach teams to impacted communities, including Burgeo, Burnt Island, Charlottetown, Port aux Basques, Sydney, and Rose Blanche, in order to provide direct financial assistance. Mobile outreach teams also worked with 14 First Nations who were impacted by the storm.

Photos Courtesy: Canadian Red Cross

Thanks to the generosity of Operating Engineers from across Canada, displaced Canadians who were forced from their homes were provided with the shelter, food, basic necessities, and psychosocial support needed to help rebuild their lives. Operating Engineers are proud to take action to protect the health and safety of fellow Canadians when disasters occur and help is desperately needed.





PLCAC News

Karman Jiri joins the PLCAC staff

Effective December 19, 2023, Karman Jiri joined the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada's executive team in Oakville, ON.



As Office Manager, Karman will be the first point of contact for the Association and is responsible for a wide variety of administrative activities as well as liaising with members and with consultants providing services to the Association.

Karman brings experience to the PLCAC with a degree in Literature and Urban Studies from York University, over a decade of managerial experience including 10 years teaching experience at King George International College, and 5 years of office management in the advertising industry.

Efficient and diligent, Karman is proving to be a great addition to our team. She looks forward to getting to know PLCAC members and to be readily available to assist with any inquiries they may have.

Ella Matteucci embarks on new career

Many of you will remember the enthusiastic smile greeting convention attendees at the PLCAC conventions. Ella Matteucci began her career with the PLCAC in June, 2016 and resigned from this position in August, 2022 to pursue her lifelong dream; to serve as a firefighter.

Ella has successfully completed the rigorous training and recruitment process and is now beginning her firefighting career in Burnaby, BC with the Burnaby Fire Department.

We know she will be an asset to her new community bringing a long list of skills and accomplishments to the profession. She has traveled the world with Team Canada competing in baseball and hockey and continues to be involved in a number of professional and recreational sporting activities.

In 2021, Ella's hometown of Fruitvale BC, voted to name a park after her, recognizing her commitment, determination, accolades and awards at every level of sports.

The PLCAC extends congratulations to Ella on this achievement and wishes her success and happiness in her new position and new home.



CPAC attends the 20th BC Natural Resources Forum



The 20th Annual BC Natural Resources Forum was held in January 18–20, 2023, offering a positive, non-partisan arena to discuss and learn the latest news, trends, and opportunities within the resource sector in BC and across Canada.

Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council (CPAC), a sponsor for this event, is a co-operative joint labour & management group of senior pipeline craft union representatives and officers of the PLCAC. Representing CPAC at the event were Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director; Brian Butler, PLCAC Labour Relations Manager; Lyall Nash, President of TESTCO Western Ltd. and CPAC and PLCAC Board Member; and Tony Pietrangelo, LiUNA Assistant Regional Manager and CPAC Board Member.

It was an excellent learning opportunity with strong industry networking and information sharing. The conference provided excellent value for all our representatives to network with the various participating groups, including CAPP, Enbridge, Coastal GasLink (TC Energy), CER, LNG Canada, and many others.

Lyall Nash, on behalf of CPAC, gave a thank you speech for the Fireside Chat “LNG Export – Putting Canada on the Map” discussion with panelists Jason Klein, CEO of LNG Canada, Bevin Wirzba, President, Coastal GasLink and Moderator Margareta Dovgal, Managing Director, Resource Works.



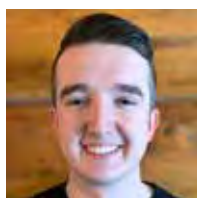
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Student Award Program

2022–2023 Recipients



Khloe Webber



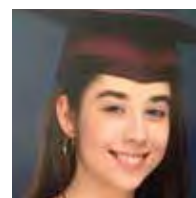
Sean Bressette
Physics



Sarah Butler
Sociology



Heather Cadigan
*Education &
Indigenous Studies*



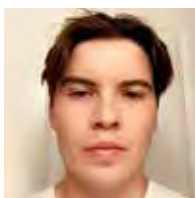
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Criminology



Madyson Campbell
Science



Olivia Cava
*Medical Radiation
Technologist*



Caelen Collett
*Bachelor of Applied
Science*



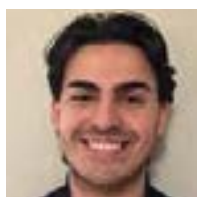
Cordell Collett
*Music–Digital Audio
Arts*



Natalie Connors
*Chemical
Engineering*



Tiana Cortina
*Counselling
Psychology*



Lucas De Vellis
Law & Society



Lauren DeJong
Education



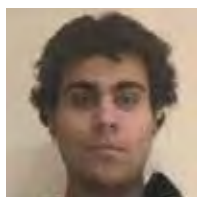
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Business



Kaley Dzik
Communications



Jaimee Grimm
Biology



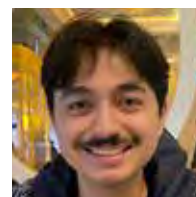
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*Heavy Equipment
Technology*



Ethan Jackson
*Welding Engineering
Technology*



Sophie Jackson
*Business
Management*



Adam Jansen
Computer Science



Erika Jansen
Nursing

Wayne E. McArthur Memorial Award Winner — Khloe Webber

This year the PLCAC would like to congratulate Khloe Webber on being selected as the 2022 – 2023 recipient of the Wayne E. McArthur Memorial Award. The award is kindly sponsored by Grainger Canada, and as per Wayne's legacy, recognizes a student who is not only achieving academic excellence, but is already well on their way to becoming a community leader.

Khloe is currently enrolled in the Education program at Northwestern Polytechnic in Grande Prairie, AB and aspires to continue her education by committing to graduate school after her undergraduate studies.

Khloe is active in her community by being involved with Alberta SURF, a youth soccer program which introduces physical literacy and the fundamentals of soccer to aspiring youth athletes. She also worked with low-income families to provide after school sports with a program called YQU Sport 4 All. Moreover, she is the co-captain of Northwestern Polytechnics Women's Soccer Team.

The PLCAC member parent is Jason Webber of Banister Pipelines.



Evan Keefe
*Computer Engineering
Technology*



Chloe Lunde
Psychology



Kyle McLeer
Law



Aislynn McMillan
Criminal Justice



Julaine McMillan
*Health & Physical
Education*



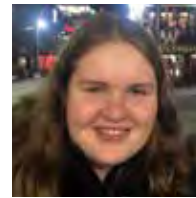
Kalum Mucenski
*Co-op Civil
Engineering*



Adam Pezoulas
*Electrical
Engineering*



Alyssa Purdy
Human Kinetics



Caylin Purdy
Accounting



Dar'ya Semenova
Medicine



Alyssa Storning
*Diagnostic Medical
Sonography*



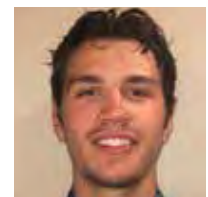
Ryan Thompson
Film Production



Duncan Waugh
Civil Engineering



Khloe Webber
Education



Nicholas Yemm
Accounting

The Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada Student Award Program works to assist students entering post-secondary education programs.

The Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada allocates awards each year to a son or daughter of parents or guardians who derive their principal income from pipeline construction.

The PLCAC Student Award Program has assisted over 450 students since the award program was established in 1974.

For program information and rules visit www.pipeline.ca.



PLCAC welcomes a new

PLCAC's Board of Directors have recently approved membership applications from two new Regular Members:

New Regular Members:



Marathon Underground Constructors Corporation, with head office in Greely, ON, provides trenchless drilling, microtunnel operations, shaft design and construction.

For more information, contact David McPhedran, Chief Executive Officer, at +1-613-791-3020 or visit www.marathonunderground.com.



Silverstone Contracting Ltd., based in Spruce Grove, AB, provides oilfield heavy haul services.

For more information, contact Tom Nichol, Owner, at +1-780-887-9052 or visit www.silverstonecontracting.ca.

New Associate Members:



Advance Technology Co Ltd., located in Etobicoke, ON, provides products for field joints and coatings, pre-insulated pipelines for oil and district heating, and related consulting services.

For more information, contact Sean Haberer at +1-416-904-9043 or visit www.advance-tech.ca.



Backwoods Energy Services LP, located in Edmonton, AB, manufactures, leases and sells 3-ply bolted access mats and related products.

For more information, contact Ross Morrison at +1-780-237-6678 or visit www.backwoodsenergy.ca.



Cascade Geotechnical Inc., operating out of Edmonton, AB, distributes erosion control products, safety and snow fencing and other related products.

For more information, contact Lander Denman, Sales Manager, at +1-780-454-2400 or visit www.cascade.ca.



Coquip Limited, located in Toronto, ON, supplies consumables, materials and logistics to pipeline contractors.

For more information, contact Stephen Lecuyer at +1-416-930-6327 or visit www.coquip.com.

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ular Member and ten new Associate Members. We welcome these new members to the PLCAC!



D. Blizzard Integrated Services Inc., located in Saint Augustine-De-Desmaure, QC, provides 3rd party engineered access solutions minimizing environmental impacts on wetlands and peat bogs.

For more information, contact Daniel Blizzard, President, at +1-418-878-0009 or visit www.blizzardaccesssolutions.com.



Dynamic Leasing Canada Inc., located in Burlington, ON, provides short and long term fleet management and vehicle leasing solutions.

For more information, contact Michael Mastromarco, President, at +1-905-315-8946 or visit www.dynamicleasing.com.



Royal Camp Services Ltd., located in Edmonton, AB, has extensive experience providing workforce accommodation services to the PLCAC contractors under the Canadian Pipeline Camp Standard Agreements.

For more information, contact Jon Warren, President, at +1-780-463-8000 or visit www.royalcamp.com.



SITECH Western Canada Solutions Ltd., operates out of Edmonton, AB, provides sales, installation and support of technology hardware and software for the construction industry.

For more information, contact Stantton Pallister, Sales & Operations Manager, at +1-587-643-8348 or visit www.sitech-wc.ca.



Wajax Limited, operating out of Mississauga, ON, supplies industrial products and heavy equipment.

For more information, contact Stuart Auld, Chief Financial Officer, at +1-647-880-3344 or visit www.wajax.com.



X/Celerant Consulting, based in Calgary, AB, provides management consulting services to improve operational and financial performance.

For more information, contact Atul Kohli, Senior Vice President, at +1-519-497-6646 or visit www.xcelerantconsulting.com.



Sister Association News

Unexpected leadership transition underway at PLCA



Jim Summers was elected the 2023 President of the Pipe Line Contractors Association (PLCA) during the meeting of the PLCA Regular Members on February 10, 2023.

The PLCA recently reports Jim sadly passed away on March 12, 2023. He was the Vice President, Estimating & Construction, at Snelson Companies, Inc. and served on the PLCA Board of Directors from 2016 to 2023 and was his first elected an officer in 2020.

PLCAC President, Russell Keller, and the members of the PLCAC pass on sincere condolences to his family and members of PLCA.



Ray Swerdfeger elected President at DCA's 62nd annual convention



Ray Swerdfeger, President of K.R. Swerdfeger Construction LLC was elected president of the Distribution Contractor's Association (DCA) at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Ray grew up working in the family-owned civil construction company founded by his parents, learning all aspects of the industry. Ray has an extensive background in open cut and trenchless methods of rehabilitation of aging infrastructure.

PLCAC President, Russell Keller and the members of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada congratulate Ray on his new appointment and look forward to welcoming him to the PLCAC Annual General Meeting & Convention in Victoria BC.



PLCAC at the World Federation of Pipeline Industry Associations meeting



PLCAC President, Russell Keller and PLCAC Executive Director Kevin O'Donnell represented PLCAC members at the World Federation of Pipeline Industry Associations (WFPIA) meeting held at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida on Monday February 20, 2023.

Delegates from sister organizations: the Pipe Line Contractors Association—US (PLCA), the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC), the Distribution Contractors Association—US (DCA), and the International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA) were welcomed by the current DCA President, Ray Swerdfeger. Topics addressed ranged from the importance of running effective conventions, ongoing regulatory challenges in North America, current safety initiatives and their results. The group discussed global trends in energy production and consumption and how these will potentially effect each of our markets.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 2023 in Victoria, BC at the PLCAC convention.



Representatives in attendance at the February 2023 WFPIA meeting in Miami, FL.

From Left to right:

*Ray Swerdfeger, DCA President;
Rob Darden, DCA Executive Vice President;
Juan Arzuaga, Executive Secretary, IPLOCA;
Elisabeth Worrell, Managing Director PLCA;
Russell Keller, PLCAC President and
Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director.*

Remembering



George M. Oswald
1933–2023

George began his pipelining career at 16, going to work for Williams Brothers as a labourer. Over the years he advanced as a welder's helper, equipment operator, foreman and superintendent with Majestic Contractors. After working in Alaska on the Alyeska Pipeline with Majestic Wiley, a division of Perini Corporation, he was appointed Vice President, Canadian Operations of Majestic Wiley.

In 1984 he was made Senior Vice President, Pipeline Operations of Majestic Contractors and later that year was promoted to President. After Majestic was purchased by Marine Pipeline Construction, he was elected President then Chairman of Marine.

George served the PLCAC on the Board of Directors for seven years and was appointed President for the 1985-86 term. In 1999 he was inducted as an Honorary Member of the PLCAC. George attended many PLCAC conventions over the years.

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Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada

69th Annual Convention

Fairmont Empress Hotel

Victoria, BC

May 14th–18th, 2023

Action dates



2023

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada

69th Annual General Meeting

Victoria, BC

May 14–18, 2023

www.pipeline.ca

International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association

55th Annual Convention

Vancouver, BC

September 11–15, 2023

www.iploca.com

Australian Pipelines and Gas Association

55th Annual Convention and Exhibition

Perth, AU

October 14–17, 2023

www.apga.org.au

2024

Pipe Line Contractors Association

76th Annual Convention

Nassau, The Bahamas

January 30–February 03, 2024

www.plca.org

Distribution Contractors Association

63rd Annual Convention

Kohala Coast, HI

February 12–17, 2024

www.dcaweb.org

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