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Happy Holidays



President's message:

As we wrap up another remarkable year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and growth we've seen across the Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada. This has been a year of progress, collaboration, and meaningful strides forward.

In 2024, we welcomed five new members into the PLCAC family, strengthening our collective voice and expanding our expertise.

This year, PLCAC also had the privilege to engage Members of Parliament in Ottawa. In a positive and constructive dialogue, we underscored the crucial role the pipeline industry plays in Canada's economic landscape and the responsibility we bear in ensuring energy security and sustainability.

Safety remains a top priority for PLCAC, and in 2024, we reinforced our collective safety culture with the release of four new safety best practice videos, alongside an environmental best practice video. These resources are designed to equip our members with tools to uphold the highest safety standards, helping us protect our workforce and our environment alike. Together, we are building a safer, more responsible industry that meets today's demands and anticipates tomorrow's needs.

Looking ahead to 2025, Canada — and the world — faces a growing need for affordable, reliable energy. We have the resources, the skilled workforce, and the innovation necessary to provide solutions to global energy challenges, and each of us plays an essential role in meeting that need. Our commitment to safety, sustainability, and excellence in our work, positions us to be leaders in this vital mission.

As we enter this holiday season, let's celebrate the milestones we've achieved and the friendships that strengthen our work. Through our shared vision and unwavering support for one another, we continue to make a positive impact on the pipeline industry in Canada.

On behalf of the Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada, I extend my warmest wishes to each of you for a joyful and peaceful holiday season. May it be filled with love, laughter, and the companionship of cherished family and friends. Let's recharge our spirits and welcome 2025 with renewed optimism and determination to shape a brighter future for our industry.

Warm regards,

Mark Scherer
2024-25 President, Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada

PLCAC THANKS OUTGOING DIRECTORS



*Nick de Koning, Executive Chairman
of Robert B. Somerville Co. Ltd.*

Nick de Koning, Executive Chairman of Robert B. Somerville Co. Ltd., has officially stepped down from his position on the Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC) Board of Directors, effective September 30, 2024. A long-standing member of the PLCAC, Nick has served on the Board since 1993. Over the course of his tenure, he held the role of PLCAC President multiple times, including terms in 1997-1998, 2003-2004, 2011-2012, and 2019-2020. His sustained leadership and wealth of experience have been critical in guiding the PLCAC's vision and ensuring its long-lasting success.

Russell Keller, President of O.J. Pipelines Canada, has also made the decision to step down from the PLCAC Board of Directors as of September 30, 2024. Russell became a member of the Board in 2018 and served as President during the 2022-2023 term. Throughout his time on the Board, he has been instrumental in contributing to the ongoing growth and effectiveness of the PLCAC, bringing valuable industry knowledge and a strong leadership presence to his role. He was pivotal in promoting PLCAC's mission and building strong partnerships throughout the industry.

Mark Scherer, current PLCAC President, and Kevin O'Donnell, Executive Director of the PLCAC, along with the entire Board of Directors, wish to convey their profound appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to both Nick de Koning and Russell Keller for their outstanding service and dedication to the association.



*Russell Keller, President of O.J.
Pipelines Canada*

PLCAC WELCOMES NEW DIRECTORS



*Paul Mease, President of Robert B.
Somerville Co. Ltd.*

Paul Mease, President of Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited, and James Nixon, Project Manager at O.J. Pipelines Canada, will complete the remainder of Nick and Russell's unexpired terms.

Paul comes to the PLCAC Board of Directors with an extensive background in operational and contracting field services. He was the 2001 recipient of the Jack Cressey Future Leader Award.

James Nixon has an extensive amount of experience in the energy sector. He has been a Project Manager at O.J. Pipelines since 2017 and previously was a manager at TransCanada.

The PLCAC welcomes Paul and James to the Board of Directors team, confident in their future contribution to our organization.



*James Nixon, Project Manager at O.J.
Pipelines Canada*

PLCAC ATTENDS IPLOCA'S 56TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SORRENTO, ITALY



*Left: Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director; Mark Scherer, PLCAC President; John Stuart-Robertson, APGA President; Rob Darden, DCA Executive Director; Mark Albert, DCA President; Adam Wynne Hughes, P.I.G. Governance Director
Right: Kevin Barrett, PLCA Executive Director; Roberto Castelli, IPLOCA Past President; Georges Hage, IPLOCA Executive Director; Andrew Ball, J Murphy & Son Ltd. Sector Director - Energy*

From September 9 to 13, 2024, the President of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC), Mark Scherer and the Executive Director, Kevin O'Donnell, were in attendance at the annual convention of the International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA) in Sorrento, Italy.

One of the significant highlight of the event was the induction of Mr. Yasar Giregiz from Fernas Construction Company as the new President of IPLOCA for the term 2024-2025.

The members of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada extend their best wishes to Mr. Giregiz as he assumes the role of IPLOCA President. We are confident that under Mr. Giregiz's leadership, IPLOCA will continue to build strong ties and foster collaboration among pipeline and offshore contractors on the international stage. His leadership will be crucial in encouraging innovation, advancing progress, and promoting unity within the global industry.

PLCAC 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

The 2024-2025 Membership Directory for the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada were mailed to members in early fall. The directory provides up-to-date contact information of all regular and associate members and serves as an important resource to current members and those who have recently joined the PLCAC. All members have access to the online version of the directory at www.pipeline.ca.

For your convenience, the online version of the Membership Directory is updated throughout the year as we are notified of internal changes.

If you did not receive a hard copy and would like to, or have any revisions, please contact the PLCAC office by email: plcac@pipeline.ca.

UNITED ASSOCIATION CANADA LOCAL 488 – WELDER TRAINING AND UPGRADING



On behalf of UA Local 488, we would like to express our gratitude to the PLCAC (Pipeline Contractor Association of Canada) for approving the grant for welder training and upgrading.

Thanks to your support, we successfully completed two high-level training courses for our members. First, our 4-week Downhand Welding course trained eight highly skilled young welders in basic downhand procedures. These members were eager to learn from our top-notch instructors, making this class one of the most successful to date. They are already demonstrating the skills they've acquired and proving to be valuable assets to Local 488 and, in turn, to the PLCAC as a whole.

Additionally, we were able to train and upgrade an extra 30 members in the RMD welding process. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of this training, as this process is rapidly becoming the industry standard.

We would also like to thank the staff and instructors at RMS Welding Systems for organizing this first-class event. The real-world setup provided our members with the skills and confidence they needed the moment they hit the right of way.

The appreciation and positive feedback from these members regarding the training have been a joy to witness. Thank you once again for your continued support, both now and in the future.



PLCAC STAFF MESSAGE



As 2024 comes to an end, we want to extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. We are truly grateful for your continued support and membership throughout the year.

2024 brought both opportunities and challenges. While we had a quieter year in construction, we were busy executing many elements of our strategic plan. We advanced our industry relations with several successful meetings and joint initiatives with our client owners, we successfully produced several safety videos, welcomed new members, initiated a

strategic approach to government relations resulting in meetings with multilevels of government, and hosted a memorable 70th AGM & Convention in Niagara Falls.

We are excited for the New Year and look forward to seeing you at the 71st AGM & Convention in Banff, Alberta!

Once again, we appreciate your membership and look forward to a wonderful New Year with you. Here's to a peaceful and relaxing holiday season, and an exciting and prosperous New Year ahead.

Happy Holidays from Kevin O'Donnell, Brian Butler, Karman Jiri and Stanley Okpara.

Calling PLCAC Regular Member Employers – The PLCAC Jack Cressey FUTURE LEADER AWARD

The Jack Cressey Future Leader Award, established in 1995 in honor of industry leader Jack Cressey, recognizes emerging talents in the pipeline construction industry. PLCAC invites executives from Regular Member companies to nominate individuals with strong leadership potential from any department, such as accounting, sales, or field operations, who have not yet reached executive status.

This award highlights future leaders and elevates both the individual and their company within the Canadian pipeline industry. The winner is honored at the PLCAC Annual Convention and featured in PLCAC communications.

PLCAC member representative will be contacted in early February to request nominations for the PLCAC Future Leader Award.

The Most Recent Recipients of the Jack Cressey Future Leader Award:

2024: Caleb Trumble – Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited

2023: Ryan Broderick – O.J. Pipelines Canada

Sneak Peek!

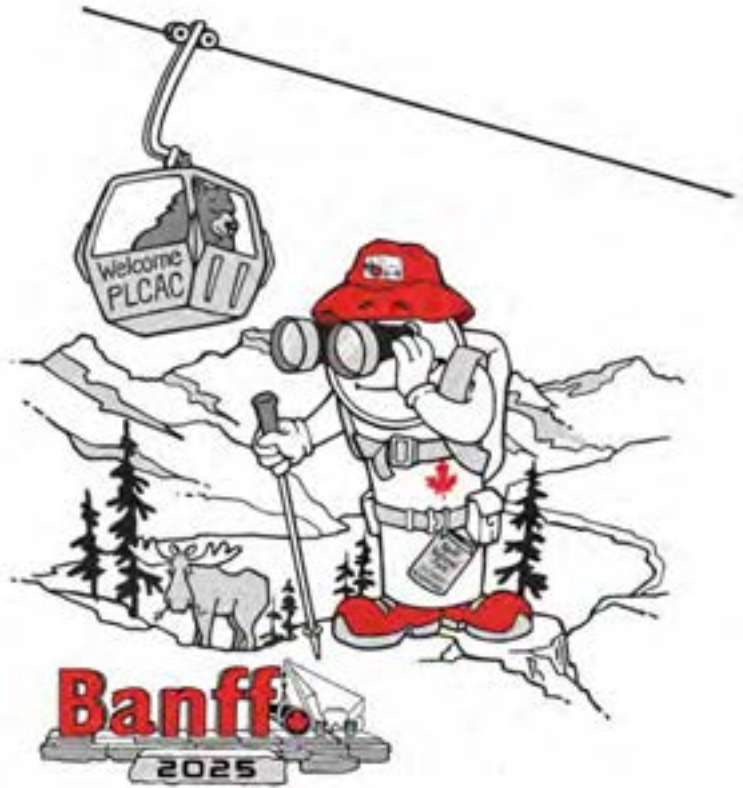
Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada 71st Annual General Meeting & Convention

Banff Springs Fairmont Hotel
Banff, AB
May 25 – 28, 2025

Preliminary Schedule of Events

Attendance at the PLCAC Annual Convention is restricted to members and their guests.

Stay tuned for more information, coming soon.



Sunday, May 25, 2025

Day begins for directors at 7:30 am

Registration and Welcome Reception begin at 4:30 pm

Board of Directors Meeting (directors)
Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council (CPAC representatives)
World Federation Meeting (by invitation)
Registration (all delegates)
Welcome Reception (all delegates)
Evening: President's Dinner (by invitation)

Monday, May 26, 2025

Golf requires pre-registration

Golfers' Breakfast & Lunch (pre-registered golfers)
Annual Golf Tournament (pre-registered golfers)
Evening: John Deere Kick-Off Party (all delegates)

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Day begins with breakfast at 8:30 am

Meetings begin at 9:30 am

Breakfast (all delegates)
Annual General Meeting (all delegates)
Associate Meeting (associate members)
Board of Directors Meeting (directors)
Evening: Caterpillar Theme Party (all delegates)
Reception, Dinner, & Entertainment

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Day begins with breakfast at 8:30 am

Meetings begin at 9:30 am

Breakfast (all delegates)
General Business Session (all delegates)
Optional Activities (pre-registered delegates)
Evening: Gala Banquet and Awards (all delegates)
Reception, Dinner, & Awards

Action Dates

Pipe Line Contractors Association (PLCA)

77th Annual Convention
JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort
Marco Island, Florida
February 5 – 9, 2025
www.plca.org

Distribution Contractors Association (DCA)

64th Annual Convention
The Fairmont Princess
Scottsdale, Arizona
February 24 – March 1, 2025
www.dcaweb.org

International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA)

57th Annual Convention
Swiss Hotel
Izmir, Turkey
September 15 – 19, 2025
www.iploca.com

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC)

71st Annual Convention
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
Banff, Alberta
May 25 – 28, 2025
www.pipeline.ca

ABOUT THE COVER



Our seasonal cover this year, as illustrated by Holly Todd Williamson, Comart Studios, extends warmest wishes from PLCAC president, Mark Scherer, Aecon's Executive Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, who can be found spending time on his farm and riding his tractor.

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