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HAPPY HOLIDAYS EDITION – 2025

Happy Holidays

President's message:



In 2025, the Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC) continued to play a crucial role in representing pipeline contractors across the country. The association maintained its emphasis on collaboration, safety, and adaptability to evolving regulations and technologies within the pipeline sector. By promoting responsible pipeline construction, the PLCAC worked to balance economic growth with the realities of fluctuating market prices and mounting scrutiny regarding social and environmental concerns.

Safety remained a top priority for the PLCAC throughout the year. The association advanced this commitment by offering comprehensive training programs, updating operational guidelines, and supporting research initiatives aimed at enhancing practices and minimizing workplace accidents. Notably, the PLCAC released six new safety videos—five addressing mental health and one focused on safety best practices. In addition, a new supervision course was developed to foster leadership excellence, along with an industry-specific “train the trainer” program. Both initiatives have begun implementation on job sites, reflecting the association’s ongoing dedication to a culture of safety and professional development.

The PLCAC recognized the importance of building strong relationships among contractors, unions, workers, governments, Indigenous groups, and local communities. These efforts ensured the upholding of fair labour practices and the advancement of inclusive projects across the industry, reinforcing the association’s commitment to collaboration and community engagement.

Through resilience and innovation, the PLCAC has remained a vital contributor to Canadian infrastructure. Looking ahead to 2026, the association aims to further strengthen partnerships, advocate for clear and effective policies, and uphold Canada’s leadership role within the global pipeline industry through sustained progress and cooperation.

As the holiday season approaches, it is important to honour the achievements and teamwork that have propelled the pipeline industry’s success in Canada. On behalf of the Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada, I would like to wish everyone a joyful holiday surrounded by loved ones, let us use this time to reflect and approach 2026 with renewed optimism and dedication.

Paul Schultz
2025-26 President, Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada

A New Era for Canadian Energy

What Ksi Lisims LNG and PRGT mean for pipeline workers and the nation's economic future



For too long, Canada has relied heavily on the United States as our only customer for natural gas. We now know that must change. We have a unique chance to strengthen our nation, our economy, and our industry by supporting projects that create jobs and secure our energy independence. To do this, we need to speak up about what we do best.

Today, with two major infrastructure projects, Ksi Lisims LNG and the PRGT pipeline, we are entering a new era, one defined by economic opportunity and a critical moment for Canada's energy future.

If we want to keep Canadian jobs in Canada, we must champion the projects that create them. Ksi Lisims LNG and PRGT are exactly that—nation-building investments that will deliver long-term economic benefits and energy security.

For pipeline workers, this is a moment of opportunity. The scale and scope of these projects mean sustained demand for skilled trades, engineering, logistics, and environmental monitoring—offering long-term career prospects in a sector that's evolving toward sustainability and Indigenous leadership.

This infusion of economic activity will ripple across industries, from manufacturing and transportation to education and community development. These are good-paying, boots-on-the-ground jobs for hardworking Canadians, jobs that put food on the table, support families, and build communities.

This is a proud moment for Canada's pipeline and energy industries. Like, follow and share to spread the word. Let's celebrate the future we're building—one pipeline at a time.

KSI LISIMS LNG

The Ksi Lisims LNG project, a liquefied natural gas facility located in northwest British Columbia, is being spearheaded by a unique partnership between the Nisga'a Nation, Western LNG, and Rockies LNG.

Designed to be one of the lowest-emission LNG facilities globally, powered by hydroelectricity, it will produce 12 million tonnes of LNG annually to export energy to Asian markets, positioning Canada as a key player in global energy security.

Feeding this terminal is the PRGT pipeline, a 750-kilometre natural gas transmission line stretching from northeastern B.C. to the coast. Recently acquired by the Nisga'a Nation and Western LNG, the PRGT pipeline promises to deliver not only energy but also thousands of jobs and contracting opportunities for Canadians.

Total construction employment will be over 12,000 workers, with over \$1.5 billion towards the purchase of labour, goods and services throughout construction.



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Facebook.com/PRGTProject



MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, JOHN ZERUCELLI, VISITS THE PLCAC OFFICE



On Friday, October 24, 2025, Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director, met with the Honourable John Zerucelli, Canada's Secretary of State of Labour, at the PLCAC office. The meeting served as an important opportunity to discuss the association's commitment to being the national voice of Canada's unionized pipeline constructors.

During the meeting, Mr. O'Donnell provided an overview of the PLCAC's 70-year history of successful labour relations through collaboration, trust and shared responsibility with its union partners. Discussions also emphasized the PLCAC's commitment to promoting safety in the workforce, advancing workforce development through apprenticeship programs, and national leadership on Indigenous relations.

The meeting further emphasized the importance of safe, rational, and balanced energy policy to ensure Canada's energy infrastructure remains strong and globally competitive.

PLCAC ATTENDS IPLOCA'S 57TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN IZMIR, TURKEY



*Saji Khoury, IPLOCA President
2025-2026*

From September 15 to 19, 2025, the President of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC), Paul Schultz and the Executive Director, Kevin O'Donnell, attended the annual convention of the International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA) in Izmir, Turkey.

One of the significant highlights of the event was the induction of Mr. Saji Khoury from Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) as the new President of IPLOCA for the term 2025-2026.

The members of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada extend their sincere wishes to Mr. Khoury as he assumes the role of IPLOCA President. We are confident that his leadership will further strengthen global partnerships, promote collaboration and encourage innovation among pipeline and offshore contractors worldwide. His guidance and vision will be instrumental in continued progress and unity within the international industry.



Andy Miller - DCA Vice President, Yasar Giregiz - IPLOCA President 2024-2025, Georges Hage - IPLOCA Executive Director, Kevin O'Donnell - PLCAC Executive Director, Rob Darden - DCA Past Executive Vice President, Paul Schultz - PLCAC President 2025-2026.

POWERING CANADA'S FUTURE: INVESTING IN AN ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY STRATEGY



Canada stands at a defining crossroads. The choices we make today about energy policy will determine not only how we power our homes and industries—but whether we can secure true economic sovereignty for generations to come.

For LiUNA's more than 150,000 proud members, this isn't theory. It means boots on the ground, shovels in hand, building the pipelines, power stations, transmission lines, nuclear facilities, and renewable energy projects that keep our country running.

Canada's path to economic sovereignty depends on one thing, energy independence built by Canadian workers.

LiUNA members are hard at work powering Canada forward. From LNG projects fuelling export capacity, on nuclear refurbishments securing clean baseload power, on pipelines moving Canadian energy safely to market, and on the transmission lines connecting every community coast to coast. You name it, our members are there.

An "all-of-the-above" approach to energy isn't just smart, it's essential. From traditional energy sources like oil and gas to emerging power such as hydrogen, nuclear, solar, and wind, Canada must harness every tool at its disposal to maintain affordability, reliability, and independence. Each sector complements the other, creating balance in a rapidly shifting global landscape.

Energy security is national security. It drives investment, anchors jobs, and shields Canadians from volatile global markets. Every megawatt generated by Canadian hands, by LiUNA members in Ontario's nuclear sector, by energy labourers in Alberta's heartland, or by construction crews modernizing hydro and transit infrastructure, is a step toward resilience and self-reliance.

But it's not just about projects. It's about people.

Behind every kilometre of pipeline and every turbine rise are trained, certified workers. Union members who make safety, quality, and community their daily mission. LiUNA training centres across the country are modernizing to meet this moment, integrating cutting-edge technology and simulation to prepare the next generation of energy builders.

Canada cannot afford to delay. The world is moving fast, and our competitors are investing aggressively in domestic capacity. While others debate, LiUNA members are building. The federal government must match that urgency with policies that incentivize investment, streamline approvals, and recognize that sustainable growth means more than one energy source, it means all of them working together.

We need to stop pitting sectors against each other. Oil and gas development funds innovation in renewables. Nuclear technology provides baseload stability to power electric grids. Hydro, wind, and solar strengthen diversification. And every one of these relies on the skilled trades, on Canadian workers, to bring them to life.

LiUNA members have always powered Canada's progress. From roads to refineries, from hospitals to hydro, our workforce has been at the centre of every major nation-building project in our history. Today's energy transformation is no different.

If we get this right, if we invest boldly and inclusively, Canada will not only meet its climate commitments but also lead the world in responsible, reliable, and worker-driven energy production.

We can remain stagnant following the patterns of the lost decade, or we can lead with a bold commitment to invest in Canada's energy potential. LiUNA Members are ready.



REMEMBERING LEO ZIEHR (1940 – 2025)



Leo Ziehr passed away on September 27, 2025 in Stoney Plain, Alberta.

Leo served as a dedicated member of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC) Board of Directors for many years. He served as the President of the PLCAC in 1992-1993 and 1999-2000. A respected leader in the Canadian pipeline Construction industry, Leo was also the President of Marine Pipeline Construction. He earned respect for his knowledge, business acumen and dedication to his work.

Leo's passing represents a great loss to our community. Leo's contributions and legacy will endure through the many people he mentored, friendships he built and the projects he led over his long career.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda Heron, and sons Gary and Darrel. Leo will be deeply missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

PLCAC 2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

The 2025-2026 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.

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:

2025: Fraser MacKinnon – Michels Canada
2024: Caleb Trumble – Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited
2023: Ryan Broderick – O.J. Pipelines Canada
2022: Kyle Baker – NPL Canada Ltd.
2021: Benny Liu – Michels Canada Co.

PLCAC STAFF MESSAGE

As 2025 draws to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt wishes to you and your loved ones. We truly appreciate your unwavering support and membership throughout the year.

This year, we welcomed ten new members and hosted a memorable 71st AGM & Convention in Banff, Alberta.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the upcoming year and can't wait to see you at the 72nd AGM & Convention in beautiful Maui, Hawaii!

Once again, thank you for being a valued part of the association. Wishing you a peaceful and joyful holiday season, and an exciting, prosperous New Year ahead.

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



PLCAC CONVENTION SNEAK PEEK

Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa
Maui, Hawaii
April 20 – 24, 2026

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Preliminary Schedule of Events (Attendance at the PLCAC Annual Convention is restricted to members and their guests)

Monday, April 20, 2026

- Board of Directors Meeting
- Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council Meeting
- World Federation Meeting
- Registration and Welcome Reception
- Evening: President's Dinner (by invitation)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

- Annual Golf Tournament (pre-registered golfers)
- Optional Activities (pre-registered delegates)
- First Timers Networking Event
- Evening: Kick-Off Party

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

- Breakfast
- Annual General Meeting
- Associate Members Meeting
- Optional Activities (pre-registered delegates)
- Evening: John Deere Luau

Thursday, April 23, 2026

- Breakfast
- General Business Session
- Optional Activities (pre-registered delegates)
- Evening: Caterpillar Theme Party

Friday, April 24, 2026

- Breakfast
- Board of Directors Meeting
- Optional Activities (pre-registered delegates)
- Evening: Gala Banquet & Awards

Action Dates

Pipe Line Contractors Association (PLCA)

78th Annual Convention
Arizona Biltmore
Phoenix, Arizona
February 11 – 5, 2026
www.plca.org

Distribution Contractors Association (DCA)

65th Annual Convention
Trump National Doral
Miami, Florida
February 23 – February 27, 2026
www.dcaweb.org

International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA)

58th Annual Convention
Intercontinental Athens
Athens, Greece
September 28 – October 02, 2026
www.iploca.com

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC)

72nd Annual Convention
Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa
Maui, Hawaii
April 20 – 24, 2026
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, Paul Schultz, Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P. Senior Vice President, who can be found spending time fishing.

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