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OF THE PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



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PLCAC AT THE WORLD FEDERATION OF PIPELINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS MEETING



Representatives in attendance at the January 2025 WFPIA Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, USA

From left to right: Kevin Barrett, PLCA Executive Director, Josh Ramsey, PLCA Director, Mark Scherer, PLCAC President, Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director, Daniel Carson, DCA President, Yaser Giregiz, IPLOCA President, Robert Darden, DCA Executive Vice President; Georges Hage, IPLOCA Executive Secretary.

The World Federation of Pipe Line Industry Associations (WFPIA) serves as a global platform for industry associations involved in the construction of offshore and onshore pipelines. The WFPIA's focus is to facilitate the development and transportation of oil, gas, water and slurry pipelines across international and regional markets, promoting cooperation and knowledge exchange among their key stakeholders in the field.

The PLCAC President, Mark Scherer and PLCAC Executive Director, Kevin O'Donnell, represented the PLCAC members at the February 2025 WFPIA meeting held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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) engaged in a detailed discussion regarding the various regulatory challenges affecting the industry, reaffirmed their shared commitment to supporting the owner client and focused on fostering progress and innovation by members by actively highlighting achievements of those striving for effective change in the industry.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2025 in Banff, Alberta at the PLCAC Convention.



REMEMBERING JOHN KIRWIN (1966-2024)

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of passing of John Kirwin on December 30, 2024. John began his career with TransCanada Pipelines and Union Gas, he continued with Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline. John recently retired from Banister Pipelines, after over a decade where he was the Corporate Health, Safety & Environment Manager. Moreover, John was a member of the PLCAC Safety Committee for many years.

John was known among his family and friends for his sarcastic humour, storytelling and being a Bob Dylan fanatic. He will be missed by all who knew him.

John's celebration of life: **Sunday, July 20, 2025** from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 501 (Lambeth), 7097 Kilbourne Rd, London, ON N6P 1R2 - Lower level.

PLCAC ATTENDED THE 22ND ANNUAL BC NATURAL RESOURCES FORUM IN PRINCE GEORGE, BC

The Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council (CPAC), consisting of industry leaders from the Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC), and the four pipeline unions including the Labourer's International Union of North America (LIUNA); the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE); Teamsters Canada; and the United Association (UA Canada) attended the 22nd annual BC Natural Resources Forum in Prince George, BC from January 14 to January 16, 2025.

The BC Natural Resources Forum is a non-partisan arena for information and dialogue about the latest opportunities, partnerships and trends that make a difference in BC Resource Sector. It highlights the collaboration and alliances between First Nations, government entities and the resource sector in BC.

The PLCAC Executive Director, Kevin O'Donnell and CPAC hosted a reception attended by First Nations, industry and government delegates including the Honourable Adrian Dix, BC Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions.

CPAC was represented at the event by Lyall Nash, President of TESCTO Western Ltd.; Damien Stanley, International Representative, IUOE, and Larry Villeneuve, LIUNA National Director – Indigenous Affairs.



The Khast'an Drummers – Indigenous drumming group in Prince George, BC.



Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director; Honourable Adrian Dix, BC Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions; Damien Stanley, IUOE International Representative.

PLCAC WELCOMES 3 NEW MEMBERS

PLCAC Board of Directors have recently approved three Associate Members. We welcome these new members to the PLCAC!



Arrow-West Equipment Ltd., located in Acheson, AB, rents, sells and services attachments and equipment for heavy construction and pipeline industry.

For more information, contact Bill Briggs, General Manager, at 780-962-4490 or visit: www.arrowwest.com.



Celco Heavy Rents Inc., located in Nisku, AB, is a provider of heavy equipment rental & sales.

For more information, contact Chris Wilfort, CFO, at 780-910-5721 or visit: www.celcorents.ca.



MVS Design Inc., located in Bolton, ON, is a promotional item, safety and corporate apparel company.

For more information, contact Gary Vienneau, President, at 647-835-5823 or visit: www.mvsdesign.ca.

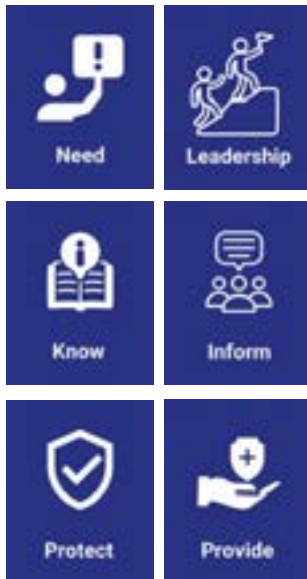
Pipeline Safety Leadership

CANADIAN PIPELINE ADVISORY COUNCIL



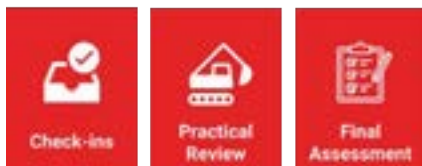
Developed using the expertise and knowledge of the member organizations of the Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council, this **two-day in-person** course is designed for **frontline supervisors** working in the Canadian pipeline construction context and is an ideal training program for organizations wanting to ensure a **safe working environment** for everyone involved in pipeline work.

Topics included:



Upon course completion, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the impact of incidents and a supervisor's role in preventing them.
- Identify essential leadership skills and styles.
- Identify hazards, assess risk and implement appropriate safety controls.
- Locate and cite occupational health and safety legislation in different jurisdictions of Canada.
- Utilize communication tools and strategies to improve crew members' safety awareness.
- Develop approaches for protecting workers, the public, the environment and themselves from harm.
- Implement strategies for assessing competency, coaching and managing performance.



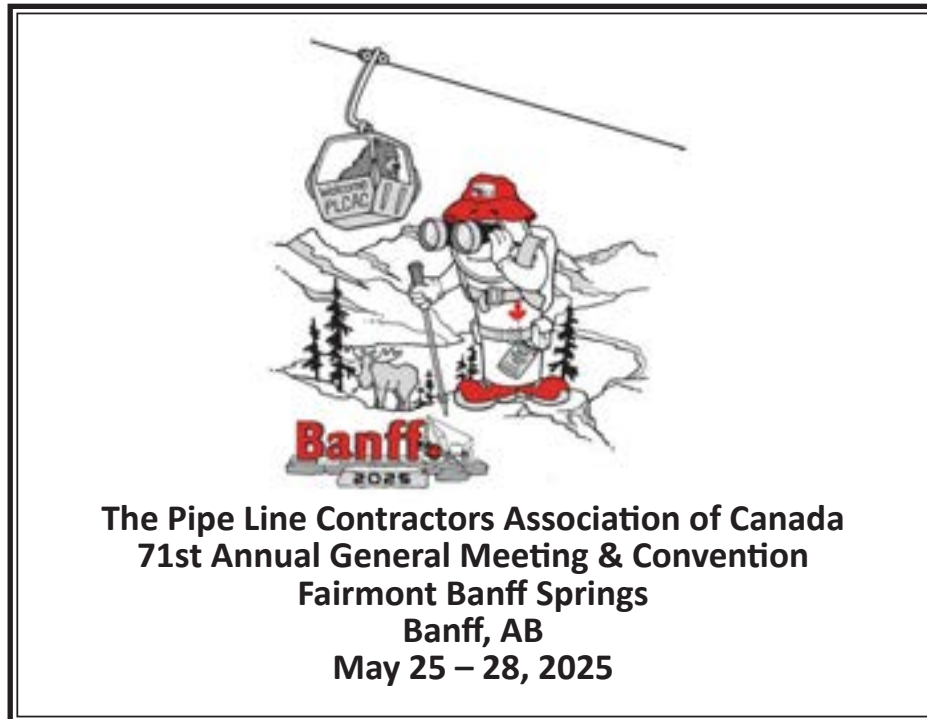
Participant understanding is assessed through informal check-ins throughout the course.

Formal assessments: Practical review & application (Pass/Fail), Final written assessment (100%)

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This year's AGM & convention is in Banff, AB at the beautiful Fairmont Banff Springs hotel which is referred to as the "Castle in the Rockies". This 4-day event provides networking opportunities for industry leaders, contractors and stakeholders to discuss key issues, innovations and challenges facing the pipeline sector.

The annual AGM on Tuesday, May 27, will provide members information on membership matters, financial reporting, policy and strategy updates, and more.

The speakers will be leaders from the industry who are experts in pipeline construction, innovation and sustainability.

Furthermore, the tours and activities during the week will highlight the breathtaking mountain landscapes and outdoor experiences. The activities will definitely be memories of a lifetime.





PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA STUDENT AWARD PROGRAM 2024-2025 RECIPIENTS



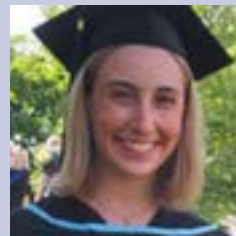
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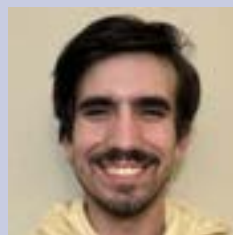
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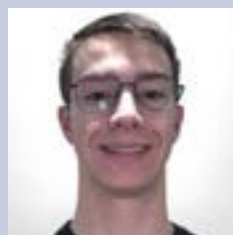
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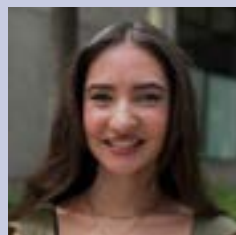
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Siobhan Marie
Indigenous Studies



PLCAC Top Achiever Award Winner – Siobhan Marie

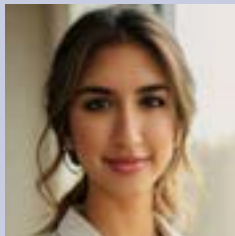
This year, the PLCAC would like to congratulate Siobhan Marie on being selected the top 2024-2025 recipient of the Top PLCAC Award. This award recognizes a student who is not only achieving academic excellent, but is already well on their way to becoming a community leader. This is Siobhan's second year being awarded this top honor.

Siobhan is currently a second-year student at Trent University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in the Teacher Education Stream, holding a 94% average. In addition to her academic pursuits, Siobhan volunteers as a founding leader of various programming to establish greater pathways for youth in her community, such as through her program 'Stepping Stones'. The 'Stepping Stones' program supports local youth by providing them with access to recreational opportunities free of cost, provides schools with groceries for their breakfast programs, as well as care packages to support students and families in need. Also, she created her community's Indigenous Literacy Revitalization project. This project has encouraged the students in her community to think critically about their roles in reconciliation, positively showcased Indigenous cultures and has positively impacted their understanding of Indigenous experiences in Canada. On a provincial level, she has served in senior leadership positions for the Ontario Student Trustees Association for over three years to support student advocacy across Ontario as Vice-President of Policy & Research, Chief Operating Officer and now Chief Executive Officer.

Siobhan is passionate about making a positive impact through non-profit management, advancing equity in education, and fostering philanthropic community development. She believes education can transform the lives of young people and is dedicated to enacting this belief through her involvement in education on local and provincial levels. After post-secondary, Siobhan hopes to continue working in the non-profit sector as well as continuing to pursue her humanitarianism through a career in education.



Charlotte Markovsky
Business



Tanya Naderi
Communications



Haley Presant
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Applied Science in
Environmental Applied
Science & Management*



Ella-Jayne Schmidt
Sciences



Ryan Thompson
Neuroscience



Taylor Thompson
Psychology



Duncan Waugh
*Civil Engineering & AI
Systems Engineering*



Lauren Woodbeck
Biological Sciences



Nicholas Yemm
Accounting/Finance



Imran Yousuf
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 500 students since the award program was established in 1974.

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



Action Dates

Pipe Line Contractors Association of
Canada (PLCAC)

71st Annual Convention

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
Banff, Alberta
May 25-28, 2025
www.pipeline.ca

International Pipe Line & Offshore
Contractors Association (IPLOCA)

57th Annual Convention

Swiss Hotel
Izmir, Turkey
September 15-19, 2025
www.iploca.com

Pipe Line Contractors Association
(PLCA)

78th Annual Convention

Arizona Biltmore Resort
Phoenix, AZ
February 11-15, 2026
www.plca.org



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