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Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Roadbuilders Association

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year has brought some new changes to the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association one of which is the vision of where we would like to see our Association go in the future.

As part of our long term planning it was determined that the association needed to be more proactive with industry issues, therefore the board appointed Mr. Barry Hunter as Executive Director. After a short period in this position, due to unforeseen changes in his personal affairs, Barry was no longer able to continue his role as Executive Director for NSRBA. Since his departure, we are addressing all shortfalls administratively and executively and will have a sustainable system in place by the AGM.

The Department of Transportation & Public Works had a modest amount of funding for 2007. The estimated capital budget spent YTD is in the range of \$140 million a little short of the budgeted amount of \$150 million. This will fall short of the 2006 Capital Program of ~\$195 million. The Rural Infrastructure Maintenance (RIM) Program saw an increase, as expected, to bring it up to \$20 million for 2007 compared to \$16 million for 2006 and from \$12 million in 2005.

The Executive Board as well as some of the Past Presidents met with senior Transportation & Public Works staff as well as the Minister of Transportation in May of this year to discuss industry issues. The Atlantic Gateway was discussed, from a NSRBA prospective this would mean that both the federal & provincial government would invest a significant amount of money to upgrade the road & yard infrastructure. The Federal funding platform was discussed at the meeting. One funding called equal to jurisdiction funding was slated to be introduced in 2007. This funding is an equal payment structure of \$25 million per province and territory for the next 7 years. There is not likely enough time to get this money into 2007 budgets and will likely commence in 2008.

A recent change of cabinet ministers has brought a new minister to the Transportation & Public Works. On behalf of the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association, I wish to congratulate Mr. Murray Scott to his recent appointment as the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. I would also like to thank the former Minister Mr. Angus McIssac for his work and efforts in his past position.

This summer a joint meeting was held with Halifax Regional Municipality and Contractors starting the creation of the NSRBA Municipal Affairs sub-committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various topics and exchange information related to design and construction of HRM municipal infrastructure projects. Matters that were discussed included liquidated damages, 2007 specification changes, material testing and inspection, warranty, payment process and contract closeout, dispute resolution, impacted soils, trench reinstatement, award process, and safety.

We held a spring session with DFO, HRM, DOE, TPW, Navigable Waters and NSRBA to review the past year, any upcoming issues and to maintain open lines of communications. The agenda included an update on the status of the Pit Compliance Strategy, a presentation from Navigable Waters, HADD update (DFO), environmental specification update (TPW), harbour cleanup update (HRM), wetlands and permitting.

The board undertook discussions with education and training providers with intent to have students understand our industry career opportunities and training required by community colleges to satisfy the needs of NSRBA members. To date, discussions have taken place with high school guidance counselors and NSCC branches to understand the current situation. A high degree of concern was raised by our members that this area of our industry needs to be addressed.

The MLA Buddy System, which we started in 2006, was still on the Board's agenda for 2007. It was suggested that an e-mail sent out to MLA's might be an improved means of communication. It will contain information regarding subjects such as safety, budget expenditures vs. plans, current issues and other matter of interest. The NSRBA contact person is still available for correspondence if any questions arise from the MLA.

In April and October of 2007, we attended the Atlantic Road Builders Association meetings, which were held in Moncton and Halifax. The Atlantic Gateway, Federal Funding and Labor Shortages were amongst the most discussed topics at the meeting.

The Chronicle Herald Industry Insert was again a success in 2007, as well as our Fifth Annual NSRBA Charity Golf Tournament held at the Truro Golf Club. Thanks to Ron Legere and his team of volunteers.

The new Traffic Control Manual was introduced in April of 2007. It was a lot of work on the part of our membership to adapt to the new standards set forth in the manual. The course curriculum of the new manual for training the signers and traffic control person turned out to be much more difficult than in the past. DOT is currently looking for feedback on the manual to help better understand the issues, which our contractors are faced with daily.

I would also like to welcome the eight new members that have joined the Association this year.

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The 2007 Annual General Meeting was a success with an attendance, which surpassed the previous years. The 2008 convention on Wednesday night will have a silent/live auction and all proceeds will be going to the Children's Wish Foundation. Thursday night will still entail the banquet; however there will be no guess speaker.

My experience this year as president was an enjoyable experience. Since my involvement with the board, I have accumulated a wealth of knowledge and understanding of our association and the industry. I would encourage all members to volunteer and take part in board activities and subcommittees.

Regards,
Don Maillet, P.Eng.

New Members for 2007 HERE WE GROW AGAIN

Once again we have had positive growth in our Membership and we would like to welcome 1 New Ordinary Member, Cumberland Paving & Contracting Limited, 3 New Affiliate Members, Costin Paving & Contracting Limited, B. Spicer Construction Ltd., M.R. Martin Construction Inc. and 4 New Associate Members, Pol-E-Mar Inc., Trans East Trailers Ltd., Ormac Industrial Supply Inc. and Serco Distribution to the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association. With this continued growth it clearly demonstrates that we are a strong spokesmen in the road building/infrastructure industry. Collectively we have increased the Membership over the past two years by 12 percent or 18 New Members. Below is a short Bio of our new members and we look forward to working with them and extend them best wishes in the oncoming years.

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Bruce Spicer, the president of B. Spicer Construction Limited has been working in Nova Scotia's construction industry for over 30 years. He is pleased to be working with his 3 sons: Jesse, Craig and Kirk as they all take on challenges that the industry presents today. For more information or estimates you can contact Jesse at the office Tel: 902.665.4302 fax: 902.665.4051

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Golf Tournament

Once again Ron Legere and his team have pulled another successful "Rabbit out of the hat" by putting together a well organized event for all to enjoy. This is a well attended event and a big task to complete especially with the growth we are experiencing in our Membership. **REMEMBER THE EARLY BIRD (Response) GETS the WORM (Tee-off).** A special thanks to Ron's helpers this year Bill Lake, Guy Kendziora, Wally Caldwell, John Fleming, Don Maillet, Tony Kendziora, John MacLean, Ian Palmeter and John Horshnell. This was another record year with 160 participants turning out to play. The winning team this year was: Ian Palmeter, Bob Trainor, Rene MacKay and Jonathan Garron.

Again with the generosity of our Membership the event raised \$6,000.00 for Charity. The recipients for this year were The Turkey Club Society \$1,000.00 and The IWK Children's Hospital \$5,000.00.

Congratulations everyone!

Our Website Update - WWW.NSRBA.CA

This year your association has done an investigative review of our existing website's operational set up and have discussed with various members and board directors as to the direction this site should be developed. It was generally agreed that the majority of the Membership currently use websites and prefer e-mail communication. Many would like to see a more user friendly, up dated and informative website to promote our Association. The intent of the Association is to gradually communicate more thru e-mail communication, however hard copy documents will still be faxed to those requesting this service. It is important that all of our Membership review who the contact name is for their respective companies and advise us by e-mail so our records can be kept current. This Newsletter can also be viewed on the website and will be e-mailed to those that have contact e-mail addresses on file. Your opinion and suggestions for improvements to the structure of the website are welcomed, just E-Mail us!

Coming Soon Our 61st Annual General Meeting - January 23-24, 2008

Once again The Westin Nova Scotian Hotel will be hosting our 2008 Annual 61st AGM and Convention. We encourage all to register early, as "space is limited". The "convention committee" has an exciting & informative agenda. **Three items of note on the Wednesday, January 23rd's agenda are the time change of the Associate Members meeting (9:15am), the East/West Challenge Cup Hockey game (January 23rd, 4:00pm to 5:30pm.) & the Children's Wish Auction.** The hockey game is at the Metro Centre and the curling again will be held at the CFB Halifax Curling Club (455-1444). Please register early for the Thursday "curling event" as Ron Legere will be hard at work again making up the team schedules. Your early response by fax will be greatly appreciated.

4th Annual East/West Challenge Cup

Once again the Metro Centre is the location but the Date and Time for the Hockey Game has changed to allow more members to come out and support their favorite team. **This year it is on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2007 – 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.** Come out and enjoy the action as the Atlantic Explosive Bulldogs attempt to unseep the defending champion Atlantic Tractor Cats. All are encouraged to attend and support this event to cheer on your fellow membership players. For more information and possible participation in playing, please contact John Flemming via e-mail: john@oceancontractors.ca or by phone (902) 435-1291.



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