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2008 Review

The Roadbuilder and Heavy Construction Association of Saskatchewan continues to move through a transition period.

In September of 2008 a new President was hired to fill the position that had been vacant since April. During the last few months there has been an incredible amount of work done on re-evaluating the Association's resources and steps are being taken to look at new ways to improve the Association's presence with government and other stakeholder groups.

The province of Saskatchewan continues to show a strong economic outlook, which has had favourable results for the construction and road building industry. A recent poll conducted by the province indicates that there is strong support in Saskatchewan for increased infrastructure spending as well as increased need for the Premiers and governments of the Western provinces to work together to protect the interests of the west.

The Association's events were all very successful in 2008 and continue to be one of the most valuable benefits of membership.

The location for the 2010 Annual Western Canada Conference has been chosen. Saskatchewan will be hosting Western Canada at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale Arizona. More details on the resort amenities and activities will be announced at the 2009 Conference in Ixtapa, Mexico.

2009 Objectives

Association development and membership initiatives continue to be a top priority for the association moving into 2009. A detail business plan has been prepared and key priorities have been defined.

The goals of the association include initiatives to maximize the strategic value of the board and staff, build awareness of the association and the new role of the president, develop programs and initiatives to increase member engagement and benefit, and continue to foster and develop strategic government relations strategies.

A detailed work plan is currently being developed which will include a review of Association's capacity and allow for accountability mechanisms to be put into place.

The Association will continue its work on the certification program for Heavy Equipment Operators.

The Association continues to advocate for early tender schedule releases and quick contract awards. We are pleased to note our efforts along with the economic growth in Saskatchewan have resulted in the largest Phase 1 tender release in the Ministry's history of 168.6 million. This plays an important part of the long-term planning of our industry as well as for the communities and business that will benefit from improved corridors.

We look forward to continued growth in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association of Saskatchewan.

Ron Smith, Chairman