



WCR&HCA:

WHO WE ARE:

The Western Canada Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association (WCR&HCA) is headquartered in Winnipeg, and has four member Associations: the B.C. Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association, the Alberta Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association, the Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association of Saskatchewan, and the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association.

The WCR&HCA is an active member of the Canadian Construction Association (CCA); is a member of the CCA Roadbuilder & Heavy Construction Council and TRIP/Canada; supports efforts of the Coalition to Renew Canada's Infrastructure (CRCI); and is on the steering committee of the Transportation Awareness Partnership (TAP).



MANDATE:

The WCR&HCA has from its inception been concerned about the need to properly invest in Canada's municipal and transportation infrastructure. It maintains contact with a host of national, regional and provincial associations in pursuit of its National Infrastructure Policy objectives, and pursues those objectives with federal and provincial governments.



Building together for a better Canada

Founded in 1943,
what is now known as the Western Canada
Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association has
been instrumental in bringing about increased support
and funding for Canada's transportation and
infrastructure network.



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WESTERN CANADA ROADBUILDERS AND HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION





"The WCR&HCA has accomplished a lot over the years, but now that we have momentum on our side, the action we take in the years ahead will be critical."

OUR APPROACH:

The WCR&HCA has consistently maintained a focused attention on broad national infrastructure policy issues. In 1996/97 we adopted a National Infrastructure Policy, which targets its attention at three program components:

- 1. Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP)** to address core municipal (street, sewer, water, bridge) infrastructure investment deficits;
- 2. National Highways Program (NHP)** to address the national highways system requirements; and
- 3. Strategic Infrastructure Investments (SII)** aimed at creating new areas of economic activity and infrastructure improvements.

PRIORITIES FOR 2006-07:

- Continue advancing a three pronged federal policy approach supporting investment in municipal infrastructure, national highways and strategic infrastructure investments.
- Develop a strategy based upon the Western Transport Ministers Report to publicly promote transportation investment in western Canada.
- Commission a report documenting the anticipated reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as a result of transportation investment.
- Advance Aboriginal partnerships - pursue a national strategy.
- Advance skills training and recruitment for the heavy construction industry.

A History of Accomplishments:

The WCR&HCA:

- Has an established direct presence, link and influence in the Canadian Construction Association (CCA), which represents all of the construction industry in Canada.
- Was instrumental in the formation of The Road & Infrastructure Program of Canada (TRIP/Canada), a committee of the CCA that has been the public face of the heavy construction industry positions.
- Continues a very visible presence on the Roadbuilder & Heavy Construction Council (RBHCC), a CCA committee that manages all of the policy development and lobby strategies on behalf of the heavy construction industry in Canada.
- Was instrumental in the CCA adopting the three pronged approach supporting federal investment in municipal infrastructure, national highways and strategic infrastructure programs.
- Worked with the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) to call for and complete reports which culminated in the shaping of the National Highways System.
- For years has pressed the federal government to allocate a portion of the federal fuel tax towards the National Highways System, which played a role in the gas tax sharing agreements that began taking place in 2005.
- Has long advocated the value and need to research public opinion and press governments to act upon the findings.
- Established ongoing linkages with important think tanks, including the Van Horne Institute, WESTAC, Canada West Foundation and the Transportation Institute of Manitoba to broaden support for the policy objectives of the WCR&HCA.

"It has taken decades of driving home the message to all levels of government to reach the point we are at today, but by continuing to press forward we have every confidence that Canadians will start seeing the rewards of that hard work."

GET INVOLVED.

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Lots to be proud of - lots more to do!