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BA Blacktop 28th Annual Golf Tournament

Submitted by Sarah Skoda, Tournament Coordinator

A great day was had by all attendees at the BA Blacktop Tournament, held on Saturday, June 1st at Newlands Golf and Country Club in Langley. The weather cooperated, and we had a record attendance at this year's event. Golfers were awarded with a range of suitable prizes, including more than a few weed-wackers. You now have no excuses for letting the grass around your place get out of hand!



North Vancouver Plant/Technical Updates

Submitted by Jason Herring, Technical Supervisor

CCIL Certification of the North Vancouver Laboratory went very well and we are just waiting for official notification of our successful certification. See our lab in the photo at right.

Our delivery 10,000 tonnes of 19mm Class 1 Medium asphalt mix with 15% recycled asphalt (RAP) for the Ministry of Transportation Chilliwack Lake Road project went very well and the client is considering nominating it as the Paving Project of the Year.

We trialed Warm-Mix Asphalt for the first time on May 31, 2013 at the North Vancouver plant utilizing the additive Evotherm DAT-5 manufactured by Mead Westvaco in the US. The additive allows for a plant mixing temperature reduction of 30 to 50 C below conventional Hot-Mix asphalt reducing your plant emissions and fuel consumption while extending the compaction window and improving the workability of the mix. The tonnage was placed in the lower lift on Edgemont Blvd. from Ridgewood Drive to Capilano Road. A potential three more locations in North and West Vancouver are being considered for additional trials using this technology.



MOVING FORWARD ON THE PORT MANN / HIGHWAY 1 PROJECT

Submitted by Emmanuel Rose, Field Operations Manager

The good weather is finally here, and the Kiewit Flatiron team needs to make the most of it. We currently have three paving crews and two to three milling crews working seven nights a week on the project. At the end of June, BA Blacktop was even requested to schedule two paving crews and two milling crews for the long weekend. Thanks to our dedicated paving, milling and plant crews, 4,500 tonnes were produced and paved between Friday and Sunday nights on Segment One prior to Canada Day. Thanks a lot everyone!



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A total of 92,000 tonnes of mix have been paved in the first six months of 2013. This leaves about 145,000 tonnes for the remaining of the year with most of the work being completed by the end of October 2013. The summer of 2013 is going to be extremely busy and we should see some impressive changes on Segment One and Two with the highway getting wider and a smooth top lift slowly covering the intermediate quilt. To date, 612,000 tonnes have been laid on the PMH1 Project!



On July 2 and 3 we removed 11,000 m² of asphalt containing asbestos from the Old Port Mann Bridge. The removals were classified as a low risk hazard so we were fully suited up with tyvek suits, half mask respirators and rubber boots. The crew (Thomas Ernst, Ben Yuill and Tyler Wilson.) worked two 12 hour shifts and completed all removals without a problem.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Submitted by Simon Daniels, Design-Build Manager

Work progresses on the RBRC Combo project. The 196 Street bridge is nearing completion with the bridge deck and barriers finished and the surface gravels being placed on the EPS embankments. (see photo below). Road works from 54 to 56 Ave are complete and we will complete base paving this month. The 54 Ave. bridge structure is also nearing completion. Hydro relocation works are set to be complete by August, allowing the embankments and road works to proceed. The 3-Span 192nd Street RBRC Overpass has just started. 192 Street has been closed to through traffic to accelerate construction. Contaminated soil issues have impacted utility construction. Pile driving is underway at piers 3 and 4 with piers 1 and 2 foundations now under construction.

Work on the 232 Overpass in Langley is progressing well, with pilings being driven in preparation for the start of the overpass construction. The detour around the project site on 232 St and the roundabout at the junction of 232 St and 72 Ave are both in place, keeping traffic flowing smoothly through this busy area.



Evidence of the Powell Street Overpass Project is now visible to the public, with the closure of Powell Street between Hawks Avenue and Clark Drive on June 24. Our design has progressed to 90% and will reach 100% in July 2013 which will allow start of our permanent works. We have completed \$0.5M of preliminary works at Clark and Hastings with construction of an additional right turn lane and traffic signal enhancement to facilitate the Powell Street closure. BA Blacktop, and especially our foreman Dave Babcock and crew, worked extensive hours and over weekends to meet the deadline of completing all works prior to the scheduled closure of Powell Street.

News from Martens Asphalt *Submitted by Rob Telfer, Manager*

The local improvement project on Victoria Avenue in White Rock is nearing completion and we recently commenced utility work on our Still Creek Project in Burnaby. Tyler Hill will continue to look after these jobs as Project Superintendent.

We recently completed paving for MOTI on Chilliwack Lake project which consisted of 10,000 tonne of Class 1 Medium Mix. Our paving crew completed the work on schedule and received high regards from the MOTI staff for a job well done at the plant and onsite. *Thank You to Everyone Involved in the Project for a Job Well Done!*

The Martens Crews have been providing assistance to the Vancouver projects and we currently have crewmembers at the Combo, 232nd and PMH1 projects on a regular basis.

Paving of 18,000 tonnes is scheduled to commence on the Hwy #1 Eastbound Truck Climbing Lane between 232nd and 264th interchanges in early August, 2013. The remainder of 2013 will be busy and the industry promises to remain competitive. As the Manager of Martens Asphalt, I would like to thank all BA Blacktop / Martens Employees for their continued support of our BA Blacktop Safety Policies and Procedures. We have proven that our positive attitudes, continued input and feedback provide a safe work environment that our families can enjoy and count on.



Coquitlam Ridge Activities

Submitted by Lyle Johnson, Manager

Over the past 3 months Coquitlam Ridge has been extremely busy devoting 100% of its resources to work on the Surrey Combo Project.



In the coming weeks, CRC will be mobilizing to the RBRC 232nd Street Overpass Project. Work on the two-lane single-span overpass will be completed in the fall of this year. CRC is in the planning stages for the Powell Street Overpass in Vancouver and is looking forward to getting works started there towards the end of the year.

Lastly, CRC would like to thank Travis Crawford for the efforts he put forward over the past year working as a Project Coordinator on the Combo Project, and wish him best of luck in his new role as HSE Manager for the BA Blacktop Group of Companies.



Shop News- our latest addition to the fleet!

Submitted by Tim Teichrob, Manager

With the weather starting to improve we are starting to get very busy with services and repairs. The shop started an afternoon shift to look after equipment during the summer season.

Our new service truck has arrived. (Photo at right.) Scott was very anxious to start using it!



SUNSHINE COAST UPDATE

Submitted by Les Riczu, Manager

After a fairly good start, the summer holidays have set in. The work is a little slow right now but looking very optimistic. We are bidding a lot of work in a very tight market. On the last two sizable jobs, we came in second on both.

We are currently in negotiations with the new Waste Water Treatment Plant for a sizeable amount of work and are just starting negotiations on a new Design-Build for a school in Gibsons. Also, the Town of Gibsons has a new watermain project out to tender that we will be bidding on and hoping to win.

With North Vancouver's workload reaching a peak, we look to having our crews keep busy by occasionally supporting the Mainland forces. On the personal side, we have no new babies and no weddings this year, but lots of Birthdays to celebrate. We are holding true and strong knowing we will be extremely busy this fall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! April-June

Daniel Abbate
Carey Atchison
Albert Bertholet
Lee Boese
Rhonda Camarda
Glenn Dawson
Don Devlin
Brian Dirks
David Eastman
Thomas Ernst
Nicholas Eyford
Gennaro Ferlino
Levon Filipponi
Trevor Fisher
Neil Fourchalk
David Fu
Guy Gauthier
Mark Genovese
Brad Gordon
Jessie Gordon
Phillip Gordon
Shelley Haddleton
Christopher Harland
Jason Herring
Lyle Johnson
Lennerd Kanters
Brian Kingston
John Ledgerwood
Larry Lewis
Allan Malynyk
Mike Mayo
Jordan McBain
Sheldon Medford
Jim Miller
Kyle Myers
Jeremy Newman
Dominic Palmieri
Dean Parsons
Jesse Percy
Jeff Perry
Murray Pike
John Postill
Les Riczu
Jason Remillard
Ashur Safar
Robert Schmidt
Kevin Shields
Richard Smith
Tony Sousa
Andrew Strelley
Tyson Stroup
Brad Telfer
Kees Van Der Werff
Jeff Wawryk
Rose Wong
Leslie Work

GOOD-BYES

We offer the following people our sincere thanks for the contributions they made to the BA team during their time with us:

- Steve Rundle and Joe Leblanc (Martens Asphalt)
- Dylan Jago (BA Blacktop shop)
- Andrea Villongco (BA Blacktop office)
- Keith Lee (RBRC Combo staff)

Welcome to the BA team

We are pleased to welcome several new hires over the past few months:

- Pauline Garrett- Martens Asphalt -Receptionist/Office Assistant
- Brennan Eyles- BA Blacktop -Safety Officer
- Dee Daya- BA Blacktop -Design Build Group- Administrator
- Nick Peters, Matt Scardillo and Trevor Long - Martens Asphalt -Paving Crew
- Sheraz Ansari (RBRC Combo staff)

Congratulations!

Three future BA Employees were recently brought into the world.

Greg and Hayley Regier gave birth to their first child, Dillon Davis Regier, Born May 7th weighing in at 7 lbs 14 oz. Greg is insisting his life won't change. Good luck with that!!



Marsha & Murray Pike are pleased to announce the birth of Nolan Albert Pike on May 16, 2013 @ 11:14am born at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, weighing 6 lbs 15 oz.

Denis and Shauna Labelle welcomed Genevieve Inna-Marie Labelle, born June 9th, weighing in at 8 lbs, 10 oz. Denis is planning his 4th (Not sure if he has told Shauna yet).



Company Picnic

BA Staff and their families enjoyed a get together at Little Cates Park in North Vancouver on Saturday, July 20 to celebrate summer and enjoy some outdoor fun at our annual company picnic.

The weather could not have been better, and great food and beverages supplied courtesy of BA Blacktop rounded out the day.



While we have all been busy this year, and some staff members were working on that day and unable to attend, please remember that your families are more than welcome to take part, even if you can't! We'd really like to see more of our BA staff and families out for this event.