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Support the Salvation Army this Christmas... and throughout the year!

Last Christmas, we held a 50/50 draw at our Christmas Party to support the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family program for needy local families. We were able to raise over \$2700, and inspired by the generosity of the BA Team, we are looking forward to repeating that success again.



This year, our BA Blacktop Christmas Party will be held once again at the Seymour Golf and Country Club, on Saturday, December 14. Make sure to bring some cash along to take part in the 50/50 draw and share the Christmas spirit with those less fortunate members of our community.

This year we are making a dedication to match every dollar donated by our employees to this very worthwhile charity. You have the ability to make a tax-deductible donation through a payroll contribution, which BA Blacktop will match dollar for dollar for the entire year. The contribution per pay period can be as little as \$25 by you and \$25 by the company, and is only deducted for active pay periods, and can be directed to your desired location. Look for a donation form with your pay stub.

Did you know... This year, the Salvation Army in BC will provide-

- 1,587,443 meals for the hungry
- 554 shelter beds for the homeless
- 374 transitional housing beds
- 334 assisted living and long term beds for seniors
- 39 family community service locations
- 25 beds for domestically abused women and children
- 17 vehicles for community crisis response
- 10 beds for victims of human sexual trafficking



BA Blacktop receives VINCI Safety Award

BA Blacktop received the Safety Award at the 2013 VINCI Innovations Award Ceremonies on October 9 in Miami, Florida, for the transfer box securing mechanism.

Joe Gentile and Emmanuel Rose received the award from Eurovia Chairman & CEO Jacques Tavernier.

from left to right: Joe Gentile, Emmanuel Rose, Jacques Tavernier, Kees van der Werff, Kim Percy.

Celebrating Project Milestones

Significant progress is being made on both the RBRC Combo and 232 Overpass projects in Surrey and Langley. Our project staff and crews recently celebrated project successes with some key invited stakeholders. On September 20, an BBQ lunch was held at the Combo site under decent weather conditions (photos below) A similar event took place on September 27 at the 232 Overpass location in Langley.



TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Submitted by Simon Daniels, Design-Build Manager

With the completion of the design phase, civil works at the Powell Street Overpass site in Vancouver are proceeding in preparation for the commencement of overpass construction. The photo at right shows the major utility relocation and replacement underway at the site, with a critical phase of work involving installation of utilities across the rail track during a five-day window, working around the clock. The track was shut down and removed for the deep storm (6 meters under ground), sanitary sewer and watermain installation.



The Combo project reached a major milestone at the 196 Street site, with the completion of storm sewer and service connections, followed by the wrap up of paving on the 196 Street



overpass and approaches. (See photo at left) Work continues to progress on the 192 Street and 54 Ave structures and approaches as well. The girder lift at 192 Street took place in mid-September. BCH cabling and Telus works are wrapping up at 192 St. The footings are in for the east embankment at 54 Avenue and Lock-block walls are going up.

The 232 overpass is starting to take shape on the ground, with the erection of girders in early September. Prep work for the EPS footings is now underway and Wall panel installation on the north side has begun. The roundabout has been fully functional for some time now, and 232 Street traffic continues to be diverted around the overpass site.

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



Our Still Creek Project in Burnaby is well underway (see photo at right). We have completed the majority of utility work and have completed excavation, light weight fill, base gravels and base lift paving of the first phase.

We recently completed paving on the Highway 1 Truck Climbing Lane between 232 Street and 264 Street for Jakes Construction. We will have one more mobilization to complete paving of 248 Street once the new bridge has been completed.

The Martens paving crews continue to provide assistance on PMH when at all possible. Our utility and grades crews are assisting on the Combo and 232 projects.

The remainder of 2013 is proving to be very busy and we look forward to a strong finish. Our success is based on the efforts and hard work of all BA / Martens employees who have put in long shifts to ensure that we meet our schedules. The continued support and understanding of these demands by our employees and their families is much appreciated.



Coquitlam Ridge Activities

Submitted by Lyle Johnson, Manager

Over the past three months Coquitlam Ridge has been continuing its work on the Surrey Combo Project and the 232 Street Overpass.

The 5-span 196 Street Overpass of Hwy 10/RBRC is complete and the final works on the 54 Avenue Overpass are well underway. During the second week of September, crews erected the girders for Spans 2 and 3 of the 192 Street Overpass.

The RBRC 232 Street Overpass Project is progressing rapidly. Girders have been installed on the overpass and the approach-works are well underway.

CRC continues planning, preparations, and offsite fabrication for the Powell Street Overpass in Vancouver.



PORT MANN / HIGHWAY 1 UPDATE

Submitted by Emmanuel Rose, Field Operations Manager

The PMH1 project has seen a lot of changes in the last three months. Making the most of a beautiful summer, our paving crews laid more than 110,000 tonnes, passing the 200,000 tonnes mark for the year and the 700,000 tonnes mark project wide.

Congratulations to everyone involved including the plant crews, the milling crews and the paving crews from all divisions. We are now in October and the rain has shut down our operations for the last five days. However, there is still a lot of work to complete on the PMH1 project with the segment 1 section between First Ave. and Douglas Road that requires completion by the end of October. We can be sure that Kiewit Flatiron will schedule all crews to work every single dry night until this is done...

Please keep up the safe and smooth work!

SUNSHINE COAST UPDATE

Submitted by Les Riczu, Manager

The Coast is looking forward to a busy fall season, as the tenders are coming out on a regular basis.

Town of Gibsons Watermain Replacement Project was awarded to BA Blacktop and we are currently 70% complete. This project is exclusively night work since the work runs right down the center of the highway through Gibsons. Pratt Road Bicycle paths should be awarded soon. The large overlay in the Shores was finally given the green light. Ongoing tenders in Sechelt and Powell River will keep us busy for the fall if successful, along with bicycle path paving for the Regional District in October.

On the personal side, all of our thoughts and prayers are with Kim Page as her Father has had two strokes in the last couple of weeks. Gerry is a great guy and all of our crews know and love him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! July-September

James Anderson
Sheraz Ansari
Vincent Beale
Stephen Blakeborough
Sean Collier
Travis Crawford
Francesco Elmes
Alan Falconer
Nicola Fazio
Anthony Fortin
Robin Genovese
Brian Genovese
Jesse Griffith
Darcy Hagen
Sean Hannon
Tyler Hill
Pascal Hirsig
Rob Houle
Trevor Ingwersen
Drew Irwin
Les Janzen
Michal Kopal
Shane Leslie
Trevor Loewen
Derek Loewen
Martin Logan-Hill
Vivian MacLeod
Thomas Mason
Wendy McCarthy
Jean-Marc Morin
Jacek Neuman
Adam Nanson
Dustin Niemi
Dane Ogden
Nick Peters
Lance Peterson
Karl Peterson
Robert Postill
John Ribiero
Les Riczu
Richard Russell
Tyler Schuman
Jeffrey Scott
Jesse Sewall
Gordon Shields
Shane Smith
Nova Staples
Scott Stroup
Scott Titterington
Richard Van Der Werff
Shawn Ward
Brent Watson
David Watt
Devon White
Darrell Work
Janet Wylie
Ben Yuill

GOOD-BYES

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

- Pauline Garrett (Martens)
- Jeff Wylie (BA Blacktop)

Best wishes to our coop students on their return to studies for another year

- Alex May
- Blake Tabian

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for James Klement and his wife Jenn who welcomed Cash Bradley Klement into the world. Cash weighed in at a whopping 7 lbs.

As well, congratulations to Kevin Kroeker and Vanessa Pinto for the birth of their little girl, Hanna Lea Kroeker, weighing in at 5 lbs 13 oz.

North Vancouver Plant/Technical Updates

Submitted by Jason Herring, Technical Supervisor

The Technical Group has successfully completed six new asphalt mix designs under our CCIL certification of the North Vancouver lab. Since the last newsletter the North Vancouver plant has successfully placed 7200 tonnes of Warm Mix Asphalt using Evotherm on four different projects (streets) including the first project in BC to specify a foamed asphalt base stabilization with Warm Mix asphalt in the base and surface pavement lifts – 2013 Marine Way Road Upgrades.

Martens Asphalt's Chilliwack Plant is currently completing their second project of the year for the Ministry of Transportation utilizing Recycled Asphalt (RAP) – Hwy 1 EB Truck Climbing Lane (20,000t).

The Technical Group is also working on an alternate High Modulus Asphalt Mix which would allow pavement designs to reduce the base lift thickness and create a pavement structure that is easier for owners to maintain while still giving the stability and strength to support the ever increasing loads our roads are carrying.



Annual Christmas Party...Mark your calendar!!

Our BA Blacktop Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Seymour Golf and Country Club on Saturday December 14, starting with cocktails at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7. This is an event we all look forward to, with fantastic food and entertainment. You are invited to bring along your significant other for a memorable evening and an opportunity to share the spirit of the season with your fellow BA employees.

