



OUR 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

On behalf of the Interior Logging Association's Board of Directors and staff, I would like to once again thank everyone for attending the ILA's 60th Annual Conference and Trade Show, many of whom have been attending for decades. Your continued support and participation directly contributes to the success that it was. Also, special thanks to Nancy Hesketh who works so hard each year to bring it all together and ensure it runs smoothly. The move to the City of Kamloops and Tkemlúpste Secwépemc First Nation Powwow Grounds was well received, resulting in increased trade companies' participation in the indoor and outdoor shows.

We were pleased to host Minister Donaldson, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development at our Friday luncheon, where he announced the Forest Service Providers Compensation Fund will get a cash injection of \$500,000, bringing the fund to approximately \$8 million. We also hosted Premier Horgan at our Saturday luncheon, where he expressed his support for the challenges facing the logging industry.

The ILA Board of Directors together with TLA Board members had an opportunity to meet with Minister Donaldson and Premier Horgan prior to each luncheon to share our industry-related concerns, including training and the skilled

labour shortage, as well as address questions regarding the much anticipated Contractor Sustainability Review.

Director Announcement

ILA Board Chair, Randy Spence, is pleased to announce the appointment of Lennard Joe as a new ILA director for a one-year term. As Joe continues to serve as president and director on several other local and provincial First Nations, aboriginal and indigenous boards, he will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Association.

ILA Scholarship Deadline

As a reminder, ILA Scholarship applications are due by the end of July. A total of

ILA members have been attending the annual convention and trade show for decades:

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Gary Inwood | Inwood Trucking Ltd.
Quesnel, BC | Attending for 45 years



Bill McDonald | Big Mac Trucking Ltd.
Tappen, BC | Attending for 47 years



Reid Hedlund | Mid-Boundary Contracting Ltd.
Midway, BC | Attending for 19 years



Marcel Payeur | Quadco South Star
Vernon, BC | Attending for 43 years



Rob Halstead | Western Financial Group
Kelowna, BC | Attending for 20 years



Keith Balcaen | Balcaen Consolidated Contracting Ltd.
Vernon, BC | Attending for 40 years



L-R: Fred and Carol Lowe | Nadina Logging Ltd.
Merritt, BC | Attending for 47 years

Dennis Cook | Dennis Cook Holdings Ltd.
Princeton, BC | Attending for 40 years

\$5,000 in scholarship funding is available, including: \$2,000 for forestry, \$1,000 for business administration, \$1,000 for trades and \$1,000 for a general scholarship. For more information or to apply, please go to our website interiorlogging.org.

I would like to thank the TLA for attending the ILA conference and participating in our discussions with the Minister and Premier. We look forward to working together in the coming months to implement the resulting recommen-

dations from the Contractor Sustainability Review.▲

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