

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

When you opened this issue of *Truck LoggerBC*, I'm sure you noticed it's a bigger magazine than usual. At almost 100 pages, it's actually the biggest magazine in over 10 years. So I want to take a moment to thank our advertisers for making this possible. It's their advertising copy that allowed us to grow the Winter2018 issue.

The TLA is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2018 and in this issue we have an article that looks back over the TLA's 75 year history. The TLA got its start when a group of loggers came together because they felt their voices weren't been heard at government and industry tables. Today, the TLA is still making sure the voice of the independent timber harvesting contractor is heard.

Anniversary celebrations aside, there are some informative articles in this issue that will appeal to a wide range of readers.

In Business Matters, Chris Duncan tackles how to best structure your business to work well with First Nations tenure holders. This is part three of his four-part series on structuring your contracting business. Our Safety Report focuses on the Professional Log Truck Driver Competency Program being piloted across BC right now. We hear from contractors involved in developing the program and what they hope it will achieve.

In our feature articles, we dig into a real cross-section of issues. One feature asks, what does First Nations capacity

building look like in 2018? While everything evolves over time, I think natural resource capacity building within First Nations communities has changed a lot over the last 10 years and will change even more in the near future. Another feature looks at communications between consultants, contractors and licensees. Logging contractors don't know all the regulations restricting the forest industry and consulting engineers don't always understand how their decisions impact loggers' safety and productivity. Our other two features focus on waste wood left behind post-harvest and what should be done with it and how BC can support both log exports and local mills at the same time. Both these issues have multiple factors at play and we hope these articles can lend some clarity to the discussion.

As you can see, we have an interesting line-up of articles for you to read in this issue. As always, we hope you enjoy the magazine and find it informative. If you have any feedback or comments, please contact Brenda Martin, Director of Communications, at 604.684.4291.▲

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