

SAFETY... ALWAYS LOOKING FORWARD!



By Collin Pullar, President, Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association

2014 has been incredible! This year, I became President of your Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association (SCSA). Looking back over this period, I am amazed that Saskatchewan has continued its phenomenal growth in the construction sector, and with that growth a renewed effort by industry leaders to drive and support a strong safety culture on Saskatchewan worksites. Evidence of this is seen

through the record number of safety training requests and demand from companies seeking to qualify for the Certificate of Recognition (COR™) program, the nationally recognized standard in safety management certification.

2014 has been a time of new transitions within the SCSA and the world of safety in general. We have started to see a

shift in business culture where more and more companies are beginning to see the benefits of strong safety programs to protect their human assets in a tight labour market. Many are beginning to capitalize on this as they proudly display their long term commitments to safety and are able to be more confident in controlling avoidable losses due to injury or property damage. Your SCSA has begun

to adjust its focus on higher engagement with clients, developing expertise and ensuring the programs, services, and business model through which we deliver continue to be relevant, cutting edge and of high value to the industry. As an example, we are excited to be beta testing a new electronic safety audit tool with some of our members. The SCSA developed this tool with our members and is proud that it is the first of its kind amongst Canadian construction safety associations.

In the last several months, leaders in the construction industry have also taken steps to initiate a process to establish an industry accepted training standard for companies that deliver fall protection training in Saskatchewan. While this project is still in the embryonic stages, it marks a collaborative effort by our industry partners to make improvements to safety while reducing individual business costs and duplication. The SCSA is excited to be facilitating this work as we know it can only assist companies in becoming safer, strategic and more competitive in bringing high value to their clients.

We look forward to what will unfold over the next year. The association will be celebrating its 20th year with a gala formally recognizing the volunteer contributions of Saskatchewan's construction industry leaders who have made an impact

on lives of workers, performance of companies, and competitiveness of the entire industry in this province. Please join us at this incredible event: Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association's Evening of Honour Gala – Celebrating 20 Years of Industry Driven Commitment to Safety on May 1, 2015 at the Delta Hotel Regina. Watch for event information coming soon.

Finally, we know to win big in safety in 2015, we will need to work even harder at collaborating with key industry partners such as the Saskatchewan Construction Association, Regina and Saskatoon Regional Home Builders Associations, Saskatchewan Building Trades Council, Saskatchewan

Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission, Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board and many others to continue to raise awareness and move a culture of safety forward in Saskatchewan.

Collin Pullar is the President of the Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association, an industry driven enterprise with nearly 9,000 homebuilding and commercial construction member companies in Saskatchewan. Its mission is to provide high-quality safety training and advice to construction employers and employees that will lead to reduced human and financial losses associated with injuries.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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