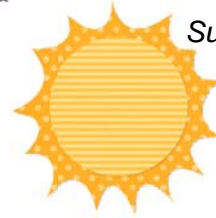




CFBA News

Newsletter of the Canadian Farm Builders Association

Summer 2014 Newsletter



President News,

The winds of change blows through all our souls, it may be a change in jobs, life styles, or the old car you just can't give up, even a corporate takeover there are decisions that have to be made as a person or collectively as a group. Change is for our good, it makes you grow as an individual or helps organizations and/or groups and companies come together to be stronger as a team. Doors do open with great opportunities new people will add inspiration a better outlook in our fast changing times.

We, here at the CFBA are now experiencing the winds of change, for the past 9 years Mike Parker has dedicated his knowledge and time to the CFBA board of directors in taking care of day to day business. Mike has decided to retire and enjoy the role of being a grandpa and spend more time with family and friends. Mike you will be missed and we "Thank-you". This position was put to the board to recruit a new candidate to oversee the duties for CFBA and "that was no small task."

We are now excited to announce the position has been filled with a highly qualified person, "Sally Akroyd-Bombino". Sally presented her qualifications to the board and was voted in as the new General Manager. I would like to welcome Sally in the new GM position and we all look forward to the next meeting with Sally managing our ongoing day to day business and events.

"Welcome Sally"

For all you golfers keep in mind our golf day being held at Grey Silo send in your "4" some for a great fun golf day with prizes and dinner.

There is nothing permanent except change



*Mark Cook
CFBA President
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CFBA Golf Day

Wednesday, August 13th



... save the date!!



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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our association is only as good as its members, so we need to know what you would like to see in this Newsletter.

We want to make this newsletter very informative to our members, so if there is a topic that you feel would help you or something that you could benefit from, please let us know.

We appreciate all the input that we have received in the past, but we need to keep the ideas flowing.

Thank you



CFBA Concrete Contractor Day

The Canadian Farm Builders Association and the Ready Mixed Concrete Association of Ontario held organized a joint half day educational seminar and concrete demonstration in Listowel and Parkhill on April 9 & 10. The seminar portion of the program focused on agricultural concrete specifications, proper concrete placing and finishing, advances in admixture technology, self-consolidating concrete and the use of structural fibres in concrete.



The presenters at this event were:



- Ross Monsour – RMCAO
- Robert Madore –
Grace Construction Products
- Bart Kanters – RMCAO

The demonstration portion of the program focused on the placement and finishing of both, a stamped and coloured concrete slab, and an exposed aggregate finish.

Special thanks to the staff of Donegan's Haulage & Ready Mix and Lafarge for supplying the concrete plants and the contractors who completed the concrete demonstration projects.

If you have any topics that you would like the CFBA to conduct a half day educational event around, please submit your ideas to the executive director of the CFBA.



COCA REPORT:

Due to the election call, almost all government legislative committees have come to a halt. Progress on initiatives for Prompt Payment, which had all Party agreement, did not make it to third reading for adoption. With agreement from all Parties in the new Legislature the Prompt Payment may be reintroduced for passage into law. Don't hold your breath, as these things seem to take on life of their own. The Annual COCA kickoff for the Construction Season at Queen's Park was cancelled once the election date was set. The "House" is now empty of MPPs, so there was little point in the very successful annual COCA event taking place.

The Ontario College of Trades is still very much top of mind with many construction Associations represented at COCA. The concerns expressed by many, including that of COCA Chair, Mr. Don Gosen, who in on the OCOT Board, and others, have caused the College to put a hold on the process of determining the application for Mandatory Trade status. The application for making carpenters a *mandatory trade* was very controversial. The process for this determination was seen as being unrepresentative of the construction industry's best interests.

The good news from the WSIB is that there is a surplus this past year. There now is a discussion going on within the WSIB as to what to do with this surplus? The options considered by some in the industry include passing on a slight reduction in rates, or adding new benefits for claims, or to use the

surplus to pay down the huge unfunded liability.

It should be noted that the present objective is to pay off the UL by 2027. By using the surplus revenues to pay down the debt would make it possible to pay the debt sooner. The WSIB is going through a serious review of its methodology about rates, benefits, and operations. On another matter, there is some concern that the Board of the WSIB continue to be run by professional insurance professionals. This Board is responsible to create policies that generate benefits for its members based on sound insurance based long term sustainability. The appointment recently of a political person, without solid professional credentials in the accounting or insurance industries, may be a forecaster of things to come. WSIB is changing and is showing signs that good management can create successful outcomes. There is a long way to go, but now is not the time to use board positions as political rewards.

I would urge our members to search through the COCA web site for detailed information on what is going on in Ontario in the Construction Industry. www.coca.on.ca COCA is the VOICE of CONSTRUCTION in Ontario. Be involved, be informed, and be successful.

Gary Van Bolderen
COCA REP. for the CFBA

Design and Construction of Agricultural Buildings

An Engineers Perspective

By: Steven Adema, P.Eng., Principal, Tacoma Engineers

BUILDERS FORUM, MARCH 2014

INTRODUCTION:

Tacoma has been providing Ontario with structural consulting services since 1980. Tacoma has been involved in the agricultural sector for over 30 years, and has proudly participated in the evolution of farm structures. The CFBA, (Canadian Farm Builders Association) have also been involved in the agricultural sector. This organization is a group of builders, suppliers, consultants, building officials and other affiliate members who share a passion for farm buildings and promoting the agricultural sector.

NATIONAL FARM BUILDING CODE:

Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes published the NFBC in 1995 as a National Model Code. The NFBC provides accommodations with respect to design loads, building materials, means of egress, building separation and size and exterior access. There has been a Task Force established to update the NFBC. The codes have not kept up with the requirements of the farming industry. But there is a big concern from the western provinces that the Provinces will lose confidence with the existing 1995 national model code.



Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs states that the NFBC may not adequately address the fire safety risks. Publication 837 examines the major causes of farm building fires and what can be done to reduce the risks. Some of the factors found were: Building Access and Water Supply; Combustible Material, Spatial Separation, Appliances, and Unrestricted Fire Spread.

COLLAPSE INVESTIGATIONS:

Most collapses are linked to the issues of

- Inadequate bracing during construction.
- Inadequate permanent bracing.
- Natural causes (wind, snow, etc.)
- Long term deterioration
- Construction shortcuts



CONCLUSIONS:

- Practical solutions
- Education
- Cooperation
- Effort
- Support CFBA





CFBA's Annual Golf Day



Wednesday August 13th, 2014
Grey Silo Golf Course

Registration @ 10:30 a.m. with Free Driving Range from 10:30 to 11:30a.m.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

NEW MEMBERS:

The following new members are from the 2013 AGM until the 2014 AGM time frame.

David Haack of **New Heights Building Group Inc.**
Carla MacLeod of **Robertson Metal Depots**
John Marchetti of **Robertson Metal Depots**
Sam Bradshaw of **Farm & Food Care Ontario**
Graeme Bradley of **G & G Building Group Ltd.**
Karl Kaufman of **Auralite Panel Products Ltd.**
Josh Planz, of the **Municipality of Arran Elderslie**
Thomas Belsheim of **Octaform Systems**
Matt Farrell, CBO of **Township of Huron - Kinloss**
Bill Langille of **Langille Welding**
Lyle Merritt, CBCO of the **City of Port Colborne**



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Our mission is to build a strong sustainable agriculture and food economy in Southwestern Ontario with our county partners.

TOP NEWS

- [A World of Potential: Agri-Technology Commercialization Centre](#)
- [An Innovator in Traceability: Hillside Gardens Ltd.](#)
- [Brewing Up New Jobs](#)
- [Building a Workforce for the Future](#)
- [Building Physically Active Communities One Brick at a Time](#)
- [Creating Jobs and Increasing Demand for Ontario Fruits and Vegetables](#)
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- [Province Invests in Niagara's Local Food Champions](#)
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- [Rural Broadband Levels the Playing Field](#)
- [Scientist Helps Build Green Economy](#)
- [Strawberry Fields Forever](#)
- [Swallowing It Whole for Cow Health](#)
- [Taking a Bite Out of the International Market](#)
- [The Vineland Vision](#)
- [VQA Wine Coming to Farmers' Markets This May](#)
- [Weed Identification, Management Comes Right to the Field](#)

NEW PRODUCTS FROM OMAF AND MRA

[Guide to Fruit Production](#), Publication 360

[Guide to Weed Control](#), Publication 75

[Starting a Winery in Ontario](#)

[Field Crop Budgets](#) Publication 60

SLOW MOVING VEHICLES

As winter draws to a close, we need to pay attention to the signs of spring – SMV (Slow Moving Vehicle) sign that is. These days, more and more farmers are active in multiple locations and the need to move equipment on the roadways is becoming increasingly necessary for the job. However, the key to your safety on roadways is to be seen by other motorists. The SMV sign can help make other drivers aware of you and is also a legal requirement in Ontario.

Farm tractors and/or self-propelled implements must display a sign on the rearmost part of the vehicle whenever travelling on roadways. If one of these machines is towing one or more implements of husbandry, the sign or an additional sign, must be displayed on the rear of the entire vehicle combination.

BUGGIES ARE VEHICLES TOO

Every year there are too many reported collisions between motorists and horse-drawn buggies on Ontario's roadways in communities where horse-drawn vehicles are a mode of transportation.

When horses and cars collide, the horse is often the biggest thing in the equation. They're temperamental and have their own dispositions – a horse is not a perfectly predictable machine. A horse drawn vehicle deserves to be treated like any other vehicle on the road.

WORKING AT HEIGHTS ADVISORY

MESSAGE FROM ONTARIO'S CHIEF PREVENTION OFFICER

Working at heights in construction, at this time of year, can be dangerous. A small slip can lead to serious consequences. Falls are the number one cause of tragedies at Ontario construction sites. By law, employers must ensure workers are protected when working at heights. This summer, Ministry of Labour inspectors will target hazards involving falls during a province-wide construction blitz. And, on July 1, mandatory health and safety awareness training will go into effect for workers and supervisors.

Prevention is the key to worker safety when working at heights.

Here are some questions to ask yourself before you start work:

- Do you understand the hazards?
- Have you been properly trained?
- Are rescue procedures in place?
- Will work be performed on ladders?
- Do you have proper fall protection equipment?

We all need to get the message out to employers, workers, educators, parents, and students working summer jobs.

Tragically, in 2013, 17 workers died and 134 workers received critical injuries in construction site incidents. More than half of those deaths and injuries were due to falls.

Sue Ramsay

*Operations & Communications Manager
Council of Ontario Construction Associations*

MUSIC FOR COWS



Some farmers swear that playing music in the parlour or the coop makes their animals more relaxed and productive. And it's as simple as pressing "play". The staff of

Tomlinsons Dairies in Wrexham, Wales, told Wales Online that playing songs by **Tom Jones** during the milking "keeps (the cows)

relaxed and improves milk yields." The cows are partial to the tunes "*She's a Lady and Delilah*". There are even pictures of the legendary Welshman hanging up in the barn. **Steve Ledsham**, and English chicken farmer, to the Daily Mail he discovered his chickens' appreciation for the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber when egg production doubled after he had been playing the tunes while building a barn near the coop. Now he makes sure music is always playing for his hens. The practice is fairly popular. A 2012 Freedom Food survey of British farmers found 44 per cent play music for their animals or keep the radio on for them. The key, it seems, is a constant rhythm that can drown out stressful background noises from machinery or at feeding time.

What's New

April 2014 - Issue #6 & Issue #47

Inspection Blitz Schedule For 2014/2015

The schedule for the ministry's proactive enforcement blitzes in workplace health and safety, and employment standards is now available. The ministry will conduct "provincial blitzes," which are province-wide and sector-specific, as well as "provincial" and "regional" initiatives, which involve smaller-scale enforcement.

Guide To OHSA Regulatory Requirements For Basic Awareness Training

The ministry has produced a new guide that explains the new requirements for mandatory basic occupational health and safety awareness training for all workers and supervisors in Ontario, which come into effect July 1, 2014.

Mining Health, Safety And Prevention Review Seeks Input

The Ministry of Labour has begun holding public consultations across Ontario to seek input on how to ensure an even safer and stronger mining sector. Consultations have already been held in Timmins, Kirkland Lake and Sudbury. Upcoming consultations will be held in Red Lake, Marathon and London.

Greenhouse Worker Safety Video

Greenhouses are busy operations – it's important that all workplace parties play a role in maintaining a safe and healthy workplace. Learn what happens when a Ministry of Labour inspector visits a greenhouse.

Blitz Results: Waste Management And Recycling

In November and December 2013, Ministry of Labour inspectors conducted a blitz focusing on hazards involving work in recycling and waste management at industrial and health care workplaces. Learn what inspectors found.



What's New



Day Of Mourning

Every year on April 28 we pay our respects to, and remember, the thousands of workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents.

Consultation On Occupational Exposure Limits

The ministry has begun consultation on proposed new occupational exposure limits (OELs) for a number of hazardous substances regulated under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. This year, in addition to proposing new OELs, the ministry is proposing two initiatives to expedite the process of adopting more protective OELs.



Workplace rights campaign targets vulnerable workers

The month-long “Know Your Workplace Rights” campaign, featured advertisements in 27 languages from Arabic to Vietnamese – and reached TV, digital media and ethnic print publications. The campaign sought to raise awareness of workers’ rights to be treated fairly on the job, work in a safe and healthy workplace, and to be trained to handle workplace hazards.

The campaign is part of the Ontario government’s ongoing commitment to protect vulnerable workers, immigrants, new Canadians who speak neither English nor French, migrant workers and foreign live-in caregivers.



Health and safety training for workers and supervisors becomes mandatory on Canada Day

The Ministry of Labour wants to remind workplaces that mandatory health and safety training for workers and supervisors comes into force July 1, 2014.

This means that workers and supervisors at workplaces that fall under the Occupational Health and Safety Act need to be trained in basic health and safety awareness by that date.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Occupational Health Regulations - Ontario Regulation 490
- *IHSA.ca Magazine*: Volume 13, Issue 4
- Health and Safety Advisory: Hoisting Portable Toilets (W451)
- Health and Safety Advisory: Boom Extensions (Jibs) Detaching from Mobile Cranes (W452)
- Are you ready for GHS?
- Safety Awareness Seminars for the Low-rise Residential Roofing Sector
- Safe Communities Incentive Program (SCIP) training in Windsor
- Safety in the Cone Zone
- MOL Inspection Blitz Schedule
- IHSA Stakeholders well represented in the North
- Safety Talk: Heat Stress
- Training spotlight: Traffic Control—Temporary Work Zones
- ESDC Labour Program Open House a packed house once again





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