

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

This issue marks the start of many new beginnings. As I assume the role as the new editorial board chair, I would like to thank my predecessor, Matt Wealick for ensuring eight editions of *Truck LoggerBC* captured the issues that were important to TLA, ILA, and NWLA members.

With the government's recent announcement and resulting recommendations from the much-anticipated and now complete Contractor Sustainability Review (CSR), the Board of Directors is entering a new and long-awaited era of advocacy for our membership. You can read more about the recommendations on page 16.

You'll notice the cover is somewhat of a departure from past issues. With the release of the CSR recommendations, the Editorial Board wanted to mark its significance with a unique, bold cover that reinforces the sentiment of the contracting community.

In this issue, we are introducing two new regular features. The Technology Report will raise awareness of new trends in timber harvesting operation technology in an effort to assist contractors with embracing best practices and innovation, as well as contribute to keeping our industry globally competitive.

With nine communities having already joined as new TLA members, we will begin featuring these forest dependent communities in an effort to provide their perspective on the forest industry. Given that the forest

resource is core to many rural communities across the province, we are excited to share their significance here.

In the Northern Interior perspective editorial, we raise the concern of road maintenance and the need for increased infrastructure spending in the north, which has recently garnered local media coverage. We also share a positive story about a new partnership between Western Forest Products and Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

In early May, I had an opportunity to join the TLA Board in attending the ILA's 60th Annual Conference and Trade Show in Kamloops. I'd like to thank them for hosting the TLA and congratulate them for another successful year.

And finally, I would like to introduce and welcome Jennifer Kramer as TLA's new Director of Communications and *Truck LoggerBC*'s new editor.

I am committed to carrying on the tradition of delivering a magazine built on integrity for all TLA members and welcome your thoughts and feedback anytime via Jennifer@tla.ca.▲



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