



OUR STRENGTH... A UNIFYING VOICE FOR 60 YEARS

The Interior Logging Association Board of Directors and staff would like to wish retiring BC Forest Safety Council Chair Ken Higginbotham well with his future endeavours and congratulate Reid Hedlund for taking on the position of acting chairman while a long-term replacement is found for that role. Reid is currently the vice chair of the BC Forest Safety Council, is the past chairman of the Board for the ILA and has been the chairman of the Board for the BC Logging Health & Safety Agency and the Forest Industry Safety Association and was also a member of the Forest Safety Task Force. Reid has been a stump-to-dump logging contractor in the Midway, Grand Forks area for 39 years.

The ILA Board of Directors and staff would like to welcome Todd Chamberlain, RFT, who has been hired as assistant general manager. Todd started March 5th and will work out of the Vernon office. Todd has been involved in the forest industry for the past 35 years, with the last 23 years in the Merritt area. Todd brings with him years of knowledge from both the licence and contractor sides of the industry and has been involved in several operations with First Nations. Todd's first assignment will be to cover the membership area of the former Central Interior Logging Association out of Prince George.



Interior Logging Association

We would like to invite everyone to attend our 60th Annual Conference and Trade Show on May 3, 4 & 5. This year's conference will be held in Kamloops at the Powwow Grounds. Our theme for this year is "Our Strength...A Unifying Voice for 60 Years". The Powwow grounds offers an area for outside displays that is 10 times larger than what we have had in

Vernon. Registration so far shows that this will be the best outside and inside show we have had for several years.

Once again the ILA Board of Directors has invited the TLA Board of Directors to join us. This will be the fourth year the TLA has joined us to conduct their Board meeting at our conference, after which the two association boards get together to discuss concerns and issues facing our collective memberships.

We are pleased to hear that George Abbott's report on contractor sustainability has been forwarded on to government. We are looking forward to the pending review with all parties involved.

The ILA Board would also like to wish Brenda Martin well in her future career endeavours as she moves on from the role of TLA Director of Communications.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our conference. See pages 23 to 25 for more information.▲



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