

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

Welcome to the Spring 2019 issue of *Truck LoggerBC*. This issue provides an overview of the “Making it Work” themed sessions and exciting events from the TLA’s 76th Annual Convention & Trade Show held in January.

The convention summary article shares highlights through photographs including the Premier’s address, session speakers, the silent and live auction, scholarship recipients, winners of the trade show booth, and an introduction of the 2019-2020 Board and new Directors.

We also include two articles that delve further into the two topics addressed by Premier Horgan and Minister Donaldson: the conclusion of the Contractor Sustainability Review, including the impact of the Premier’s announcement of the elimination of the fair market rate test, and the newly announced Coast Revitalization Initiative.

The “Working Relationships—Making it Work” article summarizes the panel’s insightful discussion about how they are overcoming their relationships between contractors and major licensees, which is one of the biggest obstacles facing the forestry sector. The summary of keynote speaker Dale Ewers’ presentation, “Making it Work in New Zealand,” shares how innovative and strategic changes to his logging operations improved safety statistics and productivity.

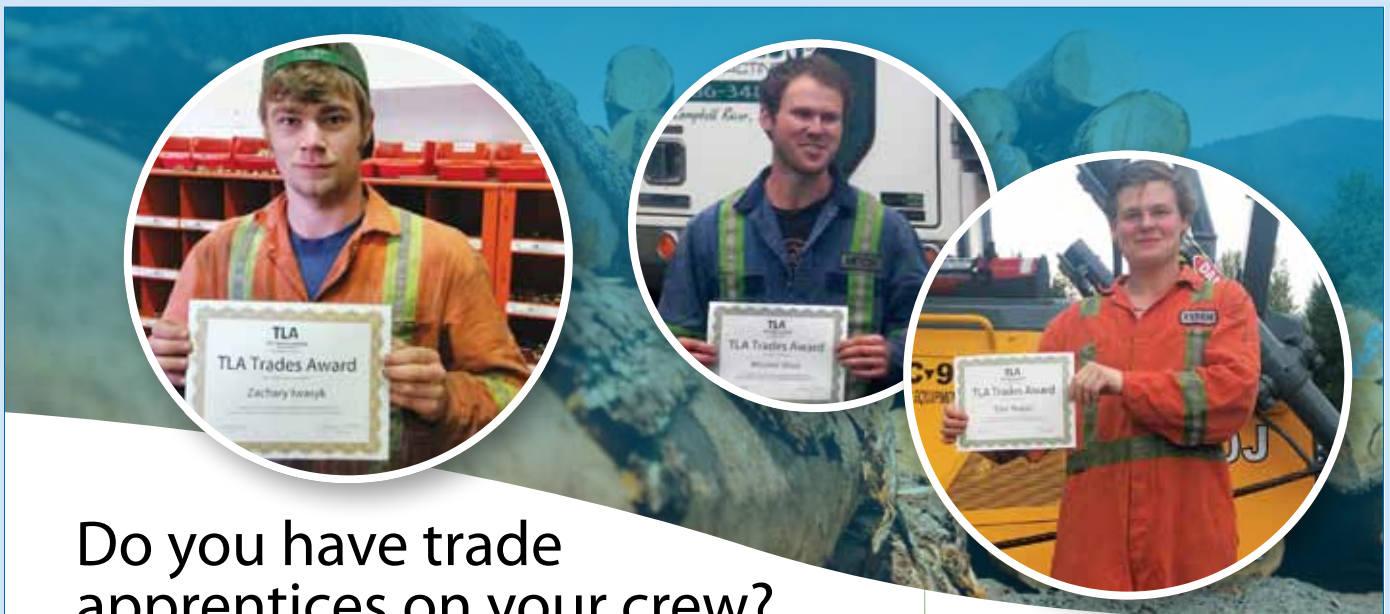
In our ongoing effort to protect our working forests in the shadows of ENGOs’ high-profile efforts to ban old growth logging, the “BC is Not in Business Without a Working Forest” article provides the TLA’s perspective on the false claims and concerns they have raised. The TLA also provides its perspective on the regulations of the new *Professional Governance Act* (Bill 49) and its potential impact on timber harvesting contractors.

Terrace is the featured forest community in this issue; the evolving city that intends to stay true to its forestry roots. Business Matters takes a look at what your financial statements are telling you, and the Safety Report provides WorkSafeBC’s Forestry High Risk Strategy update for 2019.

As always, I trust you find this issue insightful and informative. If you have any feedback or comments, please contact our director of communications, Jennifer Kramer, at 604-684-4291 (extension 2) or by email at jennifer@tla.ca



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