

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD DESK...

Happy New Year and welcome to the Winter 2019 issue of *Truck LoggerBC* magazine. Be sure to preview the information provided about the TLA's 76th Annual Convention and Trade Show, to be held January 16–18 at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver. This year's theme, "Making it Work," covers important industry issues such as rate models, new technology, wildfire fighting, the acute labour shortage, and the recent legalization of cannabis.

If you are not already a TLA member and plan to attend this year's convention, now is a good time to think about joining to save \$460 via the members-only, all-inclusive pass, or receive separate discounts on registration and ticketed events. Passes are still available and can be purchased online at tla.ca/convention.

In this issue, we continue to cover timely industry topics and issues. For instance, following another record-setting wildfire season, we surveyed our industrial membership across the province to hear their perspectives on the past firefighting season and learn about significant concerns that could potentially be addressed before next season.

In part three of our four-part series, our Business Matters column provides a comparison between leasing versus buying new equipment in terms of the impact on your bottom line. We also take a look at federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau's proposed capital tax changes for machinery and equipment, and how it will benefit contractors.

The first two recommendations resulting from the Contractor Sustainability Review (CSR) outlined the implementation of transparent rate models that will allow contractors and licensees to negotiate rates. We break down the components of establishing hourly rates for your logging-specific equipment.

Another recommendation from the CSR is for government to invest in LiDAR for the benefit of the entire industry; we explore the pros and cons of the technology and why contractors can get excited about using it.

Prince George—featured in our forest community profile—explains how it has embraced its roots as a forestry town, and made the forest industry a strategic partner in its robust and ambitious economic plan.

Once again, we have included the annual 2019 Forestry Event Calendar in the centre spread. I encourage you to remove it and keep it on hand for the remainder of the year.

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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