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## NOVA SCOTIA ASPHALT USER PRODUCER ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

**PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF  
OUR BOARD MEMBERS  
FOR INFORMATION ON  
FUTURE SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES  
INCLUDING OUR ANNUAL  
SEMINAR, WORKSHOP,  
NEWSLETTER, OR  
SPECIAL EVENTS.**

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Participating on the Board of Directors of NSUPA is an excellent opportunity to meet with other members of our industry. As a board member, you are able to use your knowledge and experience to promote the effectiveness and efficiency of the asphalt industry. Email - [info@nsupa.ca](mailto:info@nsupa.ca) to find out more.

As the current President of NSUPA, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a successful 2023 Construction Season!

2022 finally brought a return to normal activities for our Association with easing of pandemic restrictions. Our 13th Annual AGM / Hospitality Night and Seminar were held in April with great turnouts for both events, with over two hundred registered for the Seminar. The 2022 Intro to Asphalt Technology Workshop was once again held online, with our largest registration ever. Our annual NSUPA Golf Tournament was also held in September with enormous success. I would like to thank all the Board members for their hard work in making our 2022 activities such a success, while still navigating through some of the pandemic challenges. I would also like to send a sincere thank you to our Past President, Matthew Jobb, for staying on as President for two terms and guiding the association through two of the most challenging years.

The 2022 construction season was also highly active with all levels of government and the private sector continuing to invest in infrastructure. 2023 should continue that trend with the Province releasing their Five-Year Highway Improvement Plan which includes a significant list of major construction projects, construction/improvement projects and asphalt projects for 2023-24. On a Municipal level, HRM has many large-scale projects in progress or near term such as the Cogswell Interchange Redevelopment, Windsor Street Exchange, Dutch Village Rd, and a robust street recapitalization program for the next four years.



This year, the Seminar will be returning to the Dartmouth Cineplex on Thursday, April 20, 2023. The Board is currently working to finalize details, but there should be a great lineup with some new speakers to the event. Registration and agenda will be out soon.

In addition to the Seminar, our Intro to Asphalt Technology Workshop will once again be online and is scheduled for April 25 and 26. We are also looking to rejuvenate our Annual Softball Tournament with a tentative date of June 10 and the Annual Golf Tournament is already scheduled for September 14. We are also discussing the potential of hosting some smaller group learning sessions on relevant industry topics throughout the year.

I would like to thank the NSUPA Board for their continued support and thank you to our member companies and individuals who help make our Association a success. Best wishes for a safe and prosperous 2023.

Ed Surette  
President, NSUPA



## NSUPA's Annual Golf Day

NSUPA held their 6th Annual Golf Event on September 15th, at the very accommodating Amherst Golf Club, which provided delicious snacks before the golf during the regular meeting, during the golf, followed by an amazing meal at the end of the day.

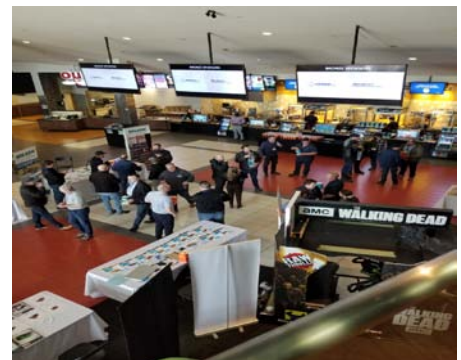
Four teams golfed this year, which were made up of current and former board members, and some other invited guests.

The trophy was awarded to the winning team (Graham Clark, Chris Urquhart, Chris Lynds and David Quinn).

## NSUPA's AGM & Annual Seminar

NSUPA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on April 20th, 2022, in person for the first time since 2019. During the AGM, we welcomed new Board Members and saw a "changing of the guard" as Matthew Jobb stepped down, and Edmund Surette assumed his new role as the NSUPA President. Matt spent two years in the role instead of one due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are all grateful for his service and commitment to the organization. During the evening of April 20th, prior to the spring seminar, NSUPA held a hospitality event at the Coldstream Clear Distillery, accompanied with amazing music by Jon Cyr. Great fun and good cheer were had by all. Thanks very much to the Coldstream Clear Distillery for their hospitality.

On April 21, 2022, we held our annual spring seminar at the Cineplex Theatre in Dartmouth Crossing. We were pleased to have a large crowd in attendance after COVID-19 as it offered a chance to see familiar faces we hadn't seen in person in a few years. The day was filled with everyone taking in presentations from exceptional speakers, viewing the sponsors' booths and displays, mingling with peers, a delicious lunch, and of course, the afternoon popcorn snack. Thanks very much to all who attended, and a special thanks to our sponsors. We're looking forward to the 2023 spring seminar coming up on April 20, 2023 and we hope to see you there.



## NSUPA's Academic Asphalt Award

Each year the NSUPA gives out two scholarship awards to Nova Scotia Community College first year Civil Engineering Technology students. The students chosen by NSCC received high marks in their asphalt course and incorporated asphalt concrete into their first-year project. The recipients of the 2022 annual NSUPA Scholarships are Chris Campagna (1st Place) and Darian Swinamer (2nd Place). With the COVID-19 pandemic preventing official in-person ceremonies, the recipients received their certificates digitally. Congratulations to both, and we wish you the very best in your future career aspirations



Our first place winner (left) was Chris Campagna. Chris is from Halifax, NS, and at the time of this award he was a first-year student in the Civil Engineering program at NSCC. After graduation, he looks forward to continuing his career with the Department of Public Works with the Province of NS

Our second place winner was Darian Swinamer (right). Darian is from Mahone Bay, NS and at the time of this award he was a first-year student in the Civil Engineering Technology program at NSCC. After graduation he is looking to pursue a career municipal design.



## NSUPA's Blair Morrow Paver of the Year Award

NSUPA Former President Matthew Jobb presented Dexter Construction (Steve Greenough) with the 2021 paver of the year award. This award is presented every year to a paving crew in Nova Scotia based on evaluation forms filled out by the project owners. The evaluation form is based on workmen ship, communication, planning, safety and overall quality of the work. Any paving project completed in Nova Scotia can qualify for this award. January 31, 2023 was the deadline for submissions for the 2022 season, and the winning crew will be announced at the seminar in April 2023. For future reference, forms can be found at [www.nsupa.ca/award-submissions](http://www.nsupa.ca/award-submissions).

## NSUPA's Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop

NSUPA's Annual Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop was held virtually again this past year on April 26-27, 2022. The workshop received a record number of 59 registrants this year, and we're thankful to all of those that attended. We are also grateful for all 6 presenters who shared their time and expertise in this workshop. We look forward to seeing them all again in future workshops.

On that note, our 2023 workshop will be held April 25 - 26, 2023 (virtually, again). Further workshop details to follow in the days ahead.

We're very excited to host our 14<sup>th</sup> annual seminar at the Cineplex Theatres in Dartmouth Crossing on April 20, 2023. The agenda for the day is below. Be sure to send in your registration form to be part of this great day of information & networking. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Agenda

- 7:30 – 8:00      Registration**
- 8:00 – 8:30      Welcome Address / DPW and HRM Update  
*Ed Surette, NSUPA President*  
*Donald Maillet, Executive Director, DPW*  
*Ed Surette, Director, Project Planning & Asset Mgmt., HRM*
- 8:30 – 9:15      Surety Bonds  
*Tara Rye, Vice President/Atlantic Canada Surety Manager, Aon*
- 9:15 – 10:00      Crushing Best Practices  
*Aggregate Equipment*
- 10:00 – 10:30      Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 – 11:00      Cogswell Project  
*Donna Davis, Project Manager, HRM*  
*Matthew MacEachern, Project Manager, HRM*
- 11:00 – 12:00      Balance Mix Design – Need and Background  
*Phil Blankenship, President/Owner, Blankenship Asphalt Tech and Training, PLLC*
- 12:00 – 1:10      Lunch & Heavy Equipment Display**
- 1:10 – 1:15      Award Presentations:  
*Blair Morrow Paver of the Year Award – Derek Casey, NSUPA*
- 1:15 – 2:45      Balance Mix – Implementation and Current Issues  
*Phil Blankenship, President/Owner, Blankenship Asphalt Tech and Training, PLLC*
- 2:45 – 3:15      Refreshment Break**
- 3:15 – 4:00      Environmental Product Declarations  
*Hannah Renaud, Sustainability Analyst, WAP Sustainability Consulting*  
*James Salazar, Sustainability Director, WAP Sustainability Consulting*
- 4:00              Closing Remarks, Prize Draws
- Adjournment**