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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.

Interested in Becoming a Director?

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 to find out more.

On behalf of the NSUPA board and myself, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. So here we are, 2024. The start of another paving season in Nova Scotia.

2023 brought some challenges for the paving community. We had devastating wildfires in Halifax and the Shelburne area. Nova Scotians prayed for rain and when it came, did it ever! In July we saw an unprecedented rainfall that dropped 250mm of rain in a 24-hour period. Both the government and the private sector's resources were redistributed to repair roadways and infrastructure. The construction community is a strong group that loves the Province of NS and will help at the drop of hat during disaster events. So, to that I say thank you. We survived and got back at to work on another historic Nova Scotia 2023 paving season with over 1M tons of asphalt tendered by the Province of Nova Scotia alone.

2023 saw some major paving milestones. Starting with the completion of Highway 104 P3 Twinning Project between Sutherlands River and Antigonish. This was completed by Dexter Nova Alliance, a partnership between two of Nova Scotia's biggest paving companies. This project saw over 320,000 tons of asphalt laid. Highway 103 saw twinning completion between exits 5a and 6. Highway 101 has all the realignment completed between exits 6 and 7. The new exit 7 to Falmouth is finished and Exit 6 nearing completion.

NSUPA's 14th's annual seminar was very successful and we're excited for this year's seminar with a full lineup of informative presentations planned. Plan to join us on April 11th, 2024, at the Cineplex Theatres in



NSUPA also hosted our annual Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop last year. This year we are planning to refilm and improve the presentations and hopefully add more content. April 24th and 25th are the dates of this year's workshop, so be sure to get registered.

We hosted our annual Bill Costin Invitational Golf Tournament at the Amherst Golf Club this past September. This year's winning team consisted of Lauren Cariou, Chris Urquhart, Jeff Hall and Phil Sullivan! Historically, the tournament is open to past and present board members, but each is granted a plus one. So, if you are interested in golfing and interested in being a board member, reach out to one of the current board members and get an invitation. We are always looking for new members.

Big thanks to the NSUPA board for their time and new ideas, and thanks to our various sponsors for their financial support to help keep us going.

Chris Lynds
President, NSUPA

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 are chosen by NSCC based on high marks in their asphalt course and have incorporated asphalt concrete into their first-year project. This year's recipients are Matthew Foster and James Lockhart. NSUPA is proud to contribute to their education and looks forward to seeing the contributions these recipients will make to our industry in the future.



Matthew Foster is one of our 2023 Scholarship recipients. He grew up in Mount Uniacke, NS but now lives on the Eastern Shore. He has just completed his first year of Civil Engineering Technology at NSCC Ivany Campus. He has a background in marine construction and is hoping to pursue a career in that field after graduation but is open to any career path that has opportunity for continued learning and growth.

James Lockhart is our second 2023 Scholarship recipient. James is from Cole Harbour, NS and is a student at NSCC's Ivany Campus in the Civil Engineering Technologists' program. After graduation he hopes to pursue a career in structural engineering and design.

Congratulations to both Matthew and James!



NSUPA's Blair Morrow Paver of the Year Award

NSUPA President Chris Lynds presented Dexter Construction (Arlington Smith) with the 2022 Blair Morrow Paver of the Year Award. Every year this award is presented to a paving crew in Nova Scotia based on evaluation forms filled out by the project owners. The evaluation form is based on workmanship, communication, planning, safety and overall quality of work. Any paving project completed in Nova Scotia can qualify for this award. January 31, 2024 was the deadline for submissions for the 2023 season, and the winning crew will be announced at the seminar in April 2024. For future reference, forms can be found at www.nsupa.ca/2023-paver-of-the-year.

NSUPA's Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop

NSUPA's annual Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop was held online this past year on April 25-26, 2023. The board would like to thank both the presenters and attendees for their support of the event and help in making it a great success. On that note, our 2024 workshop will be held online on April 24-25, 2024. The cost for registration will be \$150 + HST for regular attendees and \$100 + HST for students, and can now be paid online! More information and the links for registration and payment can be found at www.nsupa.ca/nsupa-annual-workshop. Don't miss out on this great educational opportunity!

NSUPA's Annual Golf Day



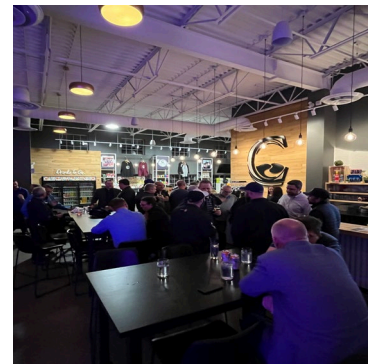
The annual NSUPA Bill Costin Invitational Golf Tournament was held on September 14th, 2023, at the Amherst Golf Club. Everyone enjoyed their first 9 holes before mother nature decided we should save ourselves from further embarrassment and call for an early dinner. Once the excessive rain, thunder and lightning arrived, we finally had an excuse for all the lost golf balls.

Charles Hooper brought the heat and won the long drive competition. Ryan MacPherson put on a short game clinic and walked away with the closest to the hole prize. We hope to continue to expand the participation again next year.

The winning team consisted of Jeff Hall, Chris Urquhart, Lauren Cariou and Phil Sullivan.

NSUPA's AGM & Annual Seminar

NSUPA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on April 19th, 2023. During the AGM, we welcomed new Board Members and President Edmund Surette passed the reins of leadership to new President Chris Lynds. During the evening of April 19th, prior to the spring seminar, NSUPA held a hospitality mixer at the Coldstream Clear Distillery in Dartmouth Crossing. The event was a great success, and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks very much to the team at Coldstream Clear Distillery for their hospitality and amazing food and drinks. On April 20, 2023, we held our annual spring seminar at the Cineplex Theatre in Dartmouth Crossing. The attendees enjoyed taking in presentations from exceptional speakers across a variety of asphalt related fields, browsing the sponsors' booths and displays, and enjoying conversation with peers new and old. Thanks very much to all who attended, and a special thanks to our sponsors. We're looking forward to the 2024 spring seminar coming up on April 11, 2024 and we hope to see you there. For those interested in attending, registration and payment are now available online at www.nsupa.ca/nsupa-annual-seminar. Hotel rooms are available at the nearby Hampton Inn & Suites in Dartmouth Crossing. Information for securing a reservation is available at the same link.



Agenda

- 7:30 – 8:00 **Registration**
- 8:00 – 8:30 Welcome Address / DPW and HRM Update
Chris Lynds, NSUPA President
Donald Maillet, Executive Director, NSDPW
Ed Surette, Director, Project Planning & Asset Mgmt., HRM
- 8:30 – 8:40 Industry Updates
Christina Yeadon, NSDPW Specification Update
- 8:45 – 9:15 Cogswell Project
Donna Davis, Project Manager, HRM
Matthew MacEachern, Project Manager, HRM
- 9:20 – 10:00 ****TBA****
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 – 11:00 Joint Regional Transportation Association (JRTA)
Tanya Davis and Mark Peck
- 11:00 – 12:00 Rubberized Modified Asphalt: Tracing the Past and Exploring Advances
toward Sustainable Roadway Materials.
Sina Varamini, General Manager – Canada, CRM of America
- 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 – 1:45 Practicality of Performance Testing – Ontario Asphalt Expert Task Group
(OAETG) perspective.
Sina Varamini, OAETG Chair, Ontario Asphalt Pavement Council,
Part of Ontario Road Builders Association
- 1:45 – 2:45 Best Practices for Full and Partial Depth Reclamation
Kevin Snider, Rotomill
- 2:45 – 3:15 **Refreshment Break**
- 3:15 – 4:00 Paving Best Practices on Paving
Jeremey Chessel, Brandt Tractor.
- 4:00 Closing Remarks, Prize Draws, Adjournment

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