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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.

On behalf of the NSUPA Board and myself, I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2025, with lots of paving on the horizon.

2024's paving year was a busy one. A couple of notable larger projects that we saw open in 2024 were the Highway 107 connector connecting Sackville, Bedford, and Burnside, and the new Highway 103 interchange in Bridgewater. The Government of Nova Scotia also released it's 2025-26 Highway Improvement Plan, noting over \$500 million to be invested in infrastructure work, which should make for a very busy upcoming paving season.

NSUPA's 15<sup>th</sup> annual seminar was very successful and one of the most attended in NSUPA's history. The 16<sup>th</sup> seminar, being held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, will once again be held at the Cineplex Theatres in Dartmouth Crossing. We've got a great lineup of presentations planned this year and we hope you enjoy it.

NSUPA's annual Introduction to Asphalt Technology Workshop was held online again on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> with newly filmed presentations by many informative members in Nova Scotia's asphalt industry. The workshop will be held again this spring, so watch for the announcement of those dates so you can get registered.

2024's Bill Costin Invitational Golf Tournament was hosted at the Amherst Golf Club again this year, and we had the largest turnout ever, with 36 players in total! Thanks to all who attended, and especially to all our sponsors who donated prizes.



Big congratulations to this year's winners, Matt Vance, Ryan Macpherson, Jose Stewart, and Logan Gesner. Check out the pictures of the Golf Tournament under the Events tab on NSUPA's website.

I want to extend a huge thanks out to all the board members on the NSUPA for volunteering your time and coming up with new and exciting ways to provide information and bring the asphalt community together. Also, big thanks to our various sponsors for their financial support. Without you, we would not have a Nova Scotia Asphalt User Producer Association.

Reg Stevens  
President, NSUPA

## NSUPA's Annual Golf Day

The 2024 Annual Bill Costin Invitational Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> this year with the largest attendance to date. Nine teams and a total of 36 people beat the ball around the course and enjoyed great company and good times. The day was finished off with a delicious dinner and prizes for everyone. Congratulations to our first-place team members Matt Vance, Ryan MacPherson, Jose Stewart and Logan Genser! Be sure to check out all of the other photos of the great day on the NSUPA website and watch for registration info for next years tournament.



## NSUPA's AGM & Annual Seminar

NSUPA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. During the AGM, we welcomed new board members and President Chris Lynds passed the mantle of leadership to new President Reggie Stevens. During the evening of April 10<sup>th</sup>, prior to the spring seminar, NSUPA held a hospitality mixer at the Coldstream Clear Distillery in Dartmouth Crossing. The event was a rousing success, and a good time was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks very much to the Coldstream Clear Distillery for their hospitality and fantastic appetizers and cocktails. On April 11, 2024, we held our annual spring seminar at the Cineplex Theatre in Dartmouth Crossing. We were pleased to have a record setting turn out again this year. The attendees enjoyed taking in presentations from exceptional speakers across numerous industry-related fields, browsing the sponsors' booths and displays, and networking 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 2025 spring seminar on April 10, 2025 and we hope you'll join us. For those interested in attending, registration (and payment) is available on our website at [www.nsupa.ca/nsupa-annual-seminar](http://www.nsupa.ca/nsupa-annual-seminar).





## 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 excellent grades in their asphalt courses and incorporated asphalt concrete into their first-year projects. 2024's recipients were Colleen Earle and Nick Deveau. NSUPA is proud to contribute to helping their education and looks forward to seeing the recipients make their marks in our industry.



Combined Honors from the University of King's College and Dalhousie University in 2016 and have worked in a variety of different fields since then. Last year, I had the distinct pleasure of being able to take part in Women Unlimited, a trades exploration program for Women that is run by NSCC. I would like to offer my deepfelt thanks to the Nova Scotia Asphalt User Producer Association for their support of my education. This bursary means that I will be able to continue my studies with the same fervor as I currently am, as I will not have to worry about where the money to fund my education is coming from. I am very excited to continue my education and start gaining experience in the field in the coming years.

My name is Colleen Earle, and I am a first-year student in NSCC's Civil Engineering Technology program. Prior to starting this program, I obtained my Bachelor of Arts

My name is Nick Deveau. I live in Prospect, NS and have just completed my first year in the Civil Engineering Technology Program. I discovered this course through the Options & Opportunities program during High School, where I did a job placement doing quality assurance and quality control asphalt and concrete testing in industry. This placement turned into three summer employment opportunities where I continue to grow and expand my knowledge. I plan on continuing this work after I graduate, but look forward to any career opportunities that may come up.



**Congratulations!**

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

NSUPA President Reggie Stevens presented last year's winner with the 2023 Paver of the Year award. This award is presented every year to a paving crew in Nova Scotia for exemplary work as chosen by project owners. The evaluation form is based on workmanship, communication, planning, safety and overall quality of the work. Any paving project completed in Nova Scotia can qualify for this award. Smaller contractors and paving companies included!

January 31, 2025 was the deadline for submissions for the 2024 season, and the winning crew will be announced at the seminar in April 2025. For future reference, forms can be found at [www.nsupa.ca/2024-paver-of-the-year](http://www.nsupa.ca/2024-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 24-25, 2024. 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 2025 workshop will be held on May 5-6, 2025 online. The cost for registration in this year's workshop will be \$150.00 + HST for regular attendees and the student rate is only \$100.00 + HST and can be paid on our website. More information and the links for registration and payment can be found at [www.nsupa.ca/nsupa-annual-workshop](http://www.nsupa.ca/nsupa-annual-workshop). Don't miss out on this great educational opportunity!

## Agenda

- 7:30 – 8:00      **Registration**
- 8:00 – 8:45      Welcome Address / DPW and HRM Update  
*Reg Stevens, NSUPA President*  
*Donald Maillet, Executive Director, NSDPW*  
*Colin Burton, HRM*
- 8:45 – 9:15      Vehicle Compliance – Roadside Stops  
*Roderick Dykeman, Training and Outreach Inspector*  
*Vehicle Transportation Inspection*
- 9:15 – 10:00      Hwy 107 Construction and Overview.  
*Colin O'Connor and Brent MacDonald, Dexter Construction*
- 10:00 – 10:30      **Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 – 11:15      CCIL Laboratory and Technician Certification Programs  
*Nabil Kamel, M.A.Sc., P.Eng., CCIL Certification Programs*
- 11:15 – 12:00      Aramid Fibre Reinforced Asphalt – Atlantic Canada Usage and Technology Update  
*Michael J. Simons, P.Eng., Technical Director, Surface-Tech*
- 12:00 – 1:10      **Lunch & Heavy Equipment Display**
- 1:10 – 1:15      Award Presentations:  
*Blair Morrow Paver of the Year Award – Mike Lynch, NSUPA*
- 1:15 – 2:15      Applications of Organosilane Chemistry for Improving Granular Bases,  
Bond Coats and Hot Mix/Warm Mix Asphalt  
*Bryan Atkins, Business Development Manager, Zydex Industries*
- 2:15 – 3:00      The Stronger Workplaces NS Act  
Introduction and Requirements in the Workplace  
*Mary Morris, Employer Advisor Nova Scotia Society*
- 3:00 – 3:30      **Refreshment Break**
- 3:30 – 4:15      Intelligent Compaction through Automated Amplitude Adjustment  
*John Gravatt, Product Marketing Manager*  
*Digital Products and Autonomy at BOMAG Americas*  
*Brought to us by SMS Equipment and Bomag*
- 4:15              Closing Remarks, Prize Draws

### **Adjournment**