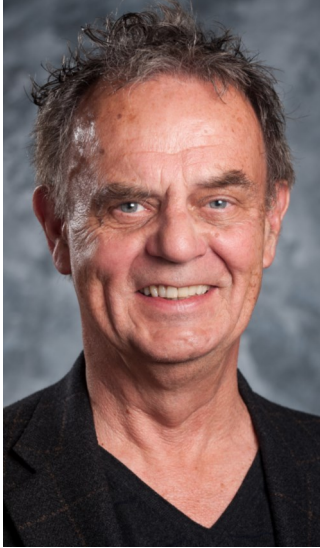


# INFORMER

*Message from outgoing EVP Dana Taylor*

## My last word: “Farewell”



As the month of June wears on, my transition to retirement from MCABC & Co. will be complete. And as there have been many words passed in this newsletter from me to you over the years, in this edition I will focus on some reflections of the past.

In January 1990 when I arrived at MCABC, then located on Burnaby's Lake City Way, the office had

two computers (firmly under the control of a secretary and administrative assistants), a fax machine and the usual telephones – and electric typewriters. There was no internet, no email, no websites. To use a computer

you had to know the early operating system, DOS. Bookkeeping was done longhand, and then ritually transferred onto spreadsheets. The annual budget unfolded like a newspaper taped together in pieces. Oh, those were ancient times.

However, we managed it and gradually transformed to use all the modern conveniences that help us serve you today. To my mind, this is simply what occurs through the passage of time – people adjust and organizations evolve. If you haven't had a similar experience, I promise you will.

In the mid-1990s when we purchased the current office space, it seemed like a new era had arrived with renewed interest among members in all the services provided by provincial and national MCAs. Our education offerings expanded and many issues captured our time and attention: code amendments, contractor licensing, a re-vamped sub-sub bid depository, industry

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## Vancouver Golf Tournament

- **Friday, June 14**
- Northview Golf Course, Surrey
- 69th annual event
- Sponsorships still available!
- Net proceeds to [Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation](#)



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and trades training systems, and in more recent years, prompt payment legislation. These issues dominated the work of MCABC boards and staff.

Over my time we have experienced Social Credit, NDP, Liberal, and now, once again, NDP provincial governments. I won't list all the federal governments, except to say even more changes occurred back and forth between Liberal and Conservative regimes.

My main observation about the various ruling governments – federal and provincial – is that overall they have not served trade associations well. In fact, trade associations are taken for granted because, I think, association members are stable society participants. Our demands are never great or outrageous and therefore don't really need attending to. The result is that sensible 'good governance' requests are often ignored.

Politics aside, there are many things that MCABC does well regardless of the direction of political winds. Education and information are key. MCA Canada has gathered a host of mechanical contracting-related courses and programs that service all facets of the mechanical contractors' business. Delivering those programs has always been a challenge. Opportunity lies in using the ever-improving technologies to make information available to all members who demand it.

A lesser known part of my work over the years had to do with the special affiliated relationships MCABC experienced and my parallel responsibilities that accompanied those relationships. I am speaking primarily of my work as manager of MIRA – a group of MCABC members who are signatory to collective bargaining agreements with the union. It is a simple fact that the unionized sector not only created MCABC's predecessor some 114 years ago, but its sister entities have generously supported the organization ever since. This relationship, however, has also been seen as an impediment to growth – to expanding the membership of MCABC to include more contractors who do not have union affiliations. It did not seem to matter how many times we explained that there was no undue influence

exercised by this sector. The links were a barrier by their very existence. A transformed relationship will remove that barrier in the future as MCABC's new CEO and its Board of Directors move forward with initiatives that will re-shape the organization to attract all mechanical contractors.

As with any farewell, it is cliché but true and necessary to say that the experience would not have been the same without the people I've worked with. The mentorship and wisdom shared by several members have guided me well in my work over the years. With my departure I celebrate my experience not just with the people I've

met but with the opportunity that the association afforded me, one I hope will not change.

My efforts and achievements, for better or worse, were the result of the various boards I've reported to with MCABC, MIRA, JTIP and the now-departed Island boards, of the board members trusting and permitting me to act honestly with considerable discretion in the best interests of the organizations I have served.

This relative freedom enabled me to act openly and

transparently in all my dealings with members, the public and my overseers, and thus to focus on the work at hand without having to worry my efforts were being undermined for internal or political reasons. And when those occasions occurred – and they did occur – the boards and members supported me even when they did not support the outcome. For that I am grateful.

I came to believe from the reactions of some that if I appeared to be enjoying my work too much, they thought I was up to no good. I believe that my years of service and methods of operation have vindicated me. I have enjoyed much of my work too much and now, that too has ended.

I look forward to my next chapter in full confidence that MCABC will continue to build on its strengths and all that support it will prosper. Farewell!



*Metro Vancouver Plumbing & Mechanical Industry*

## *Show & Shine*



Date: Saturday, June 8 | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: A&W parking lot, 2725-192nd Street, Surrey

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***Weather Permitting!***



## MCABC & BCEA Okanagan Golf Tournament

- Wednesday, June 12
- Sunset Ranch Golf & Country Club
- Texas Scramble format
- Proceeds to BCEA and MCABC education bursary programs

**More Information  
& Registration Details**

## *Breaking Barriers & Building Careers*

### A Canadian Construction Women (CCW) Panel Event

This event, for women who want to enter the construction industry, will be presenting everything from how to get started on a career path to how to hit the highest heights of leadership.

Holiday Inn Downtown, 1110 Howe Street, Vancouver  
**Tuesday, June 25, 5:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Event Info**

## The Canada Revenue Agency now offers free in-person support to small corporations

### How to Request CRA In-person Help

CRA liaison officer visits help small businesses meet their tax obligations by providing them with free in-person support and guidance. During an in-person visit or group seminar, liaison officers will:

- address tax-related questions and concerns
- discuss common tax errors
- explain general bookkeeping concepts and best practices
- provide information about helpful tools and services

## Ten-Day **Project Management** program is coming this fall

*Clear some room in your calendar!*

MCABC and The Construction Education Council (CEC) will be presenting the highly regarded Project Management Program in the fall of 2019.

The program takes place over a 10-day period, split into two 5-day sessions in late October and mid November. Successful completion comes with 15 Gold Seals!

















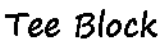
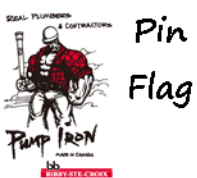






Dates & Registration



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46th Fraser Valley  
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<b>Lunch</b> 	<b>Golf Cart</b> 		<b>Double Eagle</b> 
<b>Beverage Cart</b> 	<b>Driving Range</b> 		
<b>Dinner Wine</b> 			<b>Eagle</b> 
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# Fraser Valley Golf Tournament

May 24, 2019, Morgan Creek Golf Club



The 2019 MCABC Fraser Valley Golf Tournament raised a total of \$3,015 for the [Langley Food Bank](#) and the [Abbotsford Food Bank](#).  
Congratulations and thank you!



2019 Trophy	Won By
Low Net – Dick Currie Memorial Trophy	Wayne Davidson Davidson Bros Mechanical
Low Gross (EMCO)	Andrew Tedman Hudson Sales
Senior Low Gross (Major Welding)	Claude Nobauer Control Solutions
Senior Low Net (Hy-line)	Ralph Boyce Control Solutions
Tradesman Trophy (Fred Welsh)	Wayne Davidson Davidson Bros Mechanical
Most Honest Golfer (IPEX)	Chris Wrobel Omega Mechanical
Associate Member Challenge Trophy – Contribution & Support (MCABC)	Viega
Special Holes	Winners
American Standard (Closest to the Bowl) #13	Trevor Hildebrand, Phase Mechanical
Raider Hansen #3	Henry Slaunwhite Fred Welsh Mechanical
Honey Pot Winners \$1,350 for charity; \$340 for each KP winner	Kevin Coon, Division 15 Phil Friesen, Force Mechanical Brian Britton, Tight 5 Claude Nobauer, Control Solutions
50/50 Draw Winners Raised \$825 for charity	Earl Storey, Robinson Supply Jeremy Hallman, Apollo Sheet Metal Ron Walton, Ron Walton Plumbing

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## MCABC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 8	Metro Vancouver Plumbing & Mechanical Industry Show & Shine	Surrey A&W Parking Lot
June 12	MCABC & BCEA Okanagan Golf	Sunset Ranch Golf Club, Kelowna
June 14	MCABC Vancouver Golf Tournament	Northview Golf Club, Surrey
July 12 <b>Rescheduled!</b>	Next Gen Hike & Pub Night	Buntzen Lake and St. James Well Pub, Port Moody
July 17	Associates Annual Golf Game	Peace Portal Golf Course, Surrey
August 23	MCABC & ECABC Prince George Golf Tournament	Prince George Golf & Curling Club
End of August (date TBA)	Summer Wrap-up Barbeque presented by Next Gen Committee	Location TBA

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