

ABSDA Appoints New President



ABSDA is pleased to announce the appointment of Denis Melanson as President of our Association effective September 8, 2014.

Denis is a resident of Dieppe, NB. He has over 20 year's work experience as a Relationship Builder. The past 10 years he has been employed with Enterprise Greater Moncton as Director of Business Development. ABSDA will draw on Denis's expertise to continue the solid relationship this Association has developed with our Members.

He is a graduate of the University of Moncton along with numerous certifications in Economics, Leadership, Marketing and Human Resource from various recognized universities.

Denis is active in the Community as the Chair Greater Moncton Relay for Life, coaching Minor hockey and involved in various Volunteer Boards.

He is married to his wife, Janice and the proud father of two boys Mathieu and Samuel.

Don Sherwood will work closely with Denis over the next few months to ensure an orderly transition is achieved.

We welcome Denis to our Building Supply Industry. Our members will have ample opportunity to get to know Denis in his new portfolio.

NB Trades Given Compulsory Designation

The New Brunswick Provincial Government has introduced new compulsory designations for four skilled trades under the **Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Act**.

Compulsory designation means mandatory training and certification for anyone wanting to work in any of the four additional designations:

- Steamfitter-Pipefitter
- Construction Boilermaker
- **Mobile Crane Operator**
- Sheet Metal Worker Occupations

This news specifically affects ABSDA Members on New Brunswick who currently operate Boom Trucks as part of their delivery fleet.

The department will provide training to upgrade those who qualify to challenge the certification examination. In addition, a Certificate of Qualification without Written Examination will be available to tradespeople who have accumulated the required hours prior to the date of compulsory designation (i.e. grandfathering). These tradespersons will have a five-year timeframe to obtain certification without writing an exam.

For more information on apprenticeship and occupational certification, and the compulsory designation of these occupations, please contact the Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification branch at 1-855-453-2260 or ABSDA at 506-858-0700.

Ramada Crystal Palace Hotel Closing October 31st



Rolande Thibodeau and her team.

Cadillac Fairview Corp, owners of Champlain Place, strive to bring first-to-market, world class retailers that provide a community fit. After 24 years the Crystal Palace Complex will definitely change direction.

From all of us at ABSDA we extend best wishes and our support to the staff and management Ramada Crystal Palace Hotel and Convention Centre as they enter a new chapter in their career.

ABSDA members will recall we hosted our Welcome reception at the Annual Atlantic Building Materials Show for many years at the Crystal Palace Amusement Park. The popular amusement park is shutting down September 1, 2014 to make way for the 110,000 square foot, Bass Pro Shop.

More surprising is the announcement the attached Ramada Crystal Palace Hotel and Convention Centre will close October 31, 2014. ABSDA has partnered with this facility for many years establishing a great relationship with General Manager

2014 Summer Convention



On August 6th & 7th over 170 delegates met at the newly renovated Algonquin Resort in St. Andrews, NB. The event included a meeting of the ABSDA Board of Directors and Show Committee, Lobster/Steak Dinner & Dance with entertainment provided by the ABSDA Band (shown above), the Annual ABSDA Golf Classic, Whale Watching Tour and an Evening of Comedy, featuring Mike Robinson. Additional photos can be viewed on the ABSDA web site www.absda.ca.

Home Hardware Celebrates 50 Years



After 50 years the principle “*Home Owners helping homeowners with Expert Advice*” still holds true.

Congratulations on your achievements. The publication of your commemorative book which features personal stories from many Dealer- Owners, staff and business partners across Canada is to be complimented. This book captures the community spirit of the Home Hardware family. “At Home Across the Country” story is just beginning.

Industry News

“**TORBSA Buying Group** announces a new **Business Development Manager - Bob Hill**. Bob has been in the lumber and building material industry for most of his career, working for a number of nationally known companies. Bob has had the opportunity to cover many spectrums of the industry in roles such as outside sales representative, franchise dealer partner, buyer, category manager, plant manager, most recently as Outside Contractor Sales and Pricing Manager for the GTA and Ontario markets.

“ Wearing many hats and sitting on all sides of the table have given me the opportunity to understand the many facets of this industry and I look forward to the challenge of recruiting new dealers to the group, as well as maintaining the needs of the current membership. “

Bob will be reporting to Mr. Bob Holmes the General Manager and can be contacted via Email bobhill@torbsa.com or at 905-857-5811.

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