

# CANADIAN Pipeliners

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## Enterprise purchases Murdoch Group

The Taylor family of St. Louis, which owns National Car Rental, has purchased Murdoch Group Inc., a PLCAC associate member headquartered in Kirkland Lake, ON. Privately owned Murdoch Group was the largest single Canadian licensee of the National brand in terms of revenue and fleet size.

Robert Murdoch will serve as General Manager at the Kirkland Lake location, with Dave Murdoch and Allison Knight continuing in their roles in rental operations and information technology. The company was founded more than 40 years ago by Mel Murdoch, grandfather of Robert Murdoch, as part of a Canadian franchise network. It now works out of 21 sites throughout northern and central Ontario and has 180 employees.

Murdoch Group is the twenty-first licensee to be purchased since the Taylor family's acquisition of National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car businesses on August 1, 2007. The Taylors have owned Enterprise Rent-A-Car, North America's largest car rental company, since 1957.

## Aecon named one of best employers

Aecon Group Inc. has been recognized as one of the *50 Best Employers in Canada*. The *50 Best Employers in Canada* is an influential annual study managed by Hewitt Associates, a human resources outsourcing and consulting firm and published in the *Globe and Mail's Report on Business Magazine*. Hewitt selects organizations from across Canada with the greatest employee engagement, based on their investment in employee development and employee empowerment. Hewitt stresses that, for a company to make its *50 Best* list, employees must see the connection between their daily contributions and the success of their organization. The final selection of the *50 Best Employers in Canada* is a direct result of employees' responses to a confidential opinion survey from Hewitt.



"We are thrilled to be recognized as one of Canada's 50 Best Employers," said Scott Balfour, President and CFO of Aecon Group Inc. "We are strategically committed to being the employer of choice in our industry, and being recognized as among the best in the country this year indicates we are clearly on the right path."



Wes Waschuk

## Waschuk wins Pipeline Award

At the International Pipeline Exposition and Conference held in Calgary last month, Energy-TV sponsored the 2008 Pipeline Awards during which Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. was honoured with the award for Excellence in Pipeline Construction and Design for its work on the Corridor Pipeline Expansion Project for Inter Pipeline Fund.

While accepting this award, Wes Waschuk, president, thanked the 896 employees who lived in construction camps from October 2006 to April of 2008, for helping Waschuk Pipe Line achieve this recognition.

Nominate the "future leader" on your team for the Jack Cressey Leadership Award. Information available at [www.pipeline.ca](http://www.pipeline.ca)

## Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada

55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
Fairmont Empress Hotel  
April 26-30, 2009 Victoria BC



- Exciting Speakers
- Golf Tournament
- Theme Night
- Ocean Cruise
- Butchart Gardens
- Salmon Bar-B-Q
- Safety Awards
- Gala Banquet

Watch for registration material  
in late January

## On the Spreads...

### Waschuk progressing well on Clipper project

After completing the 76 km of 36-inch Spread 6 of the Enbridge Alberta Clipper crude oil pipeline project in December, Waschuk Pipe Line Construction will move onto the 101 km Spread 7 during the winter, followed by the 168 km Spread 8 next summer. Kevin Waschuk, company vice president, explained they plan to complete the 345 km oil pipeline for Enbridge Pipelines in October 2009.

### Techint-Somerville moving along on Clipper project

Nick De Koning, president of Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited, tells us that work on the Techint-Somerville Joint Venture started in August on 372 km of the 36-inch Enbridge Alberta Clipper crude oil pipeline project. The three sections - the 77 km Spread 3, the 99 km Spread 4, and the 176 km Spread 5 - running from Macklin to Bethune, SK are scheduled for completion in November 2009.

### Michels wrapping up Enbridge LSr

Jason Thompson, project manager at Michels Canada, reports that the 155 km section of 20-inch light sour crude oil pipeline (LSr) for Enbridge, together with the 15 km of 36 inch co-construct segments of the Enbridge Alberta Clipper are nearing completion. The project started in August at Cromer, MB and will complete in January at Glenboro, MB.

### Banister nearing completion on Enbridge LSr

According to Jim Topping, vice president of Banister Pipeline, the 132 km section of 20-inch light sour crude oil pipeline running from Glenboro to Gretna, MB will be cleaned up in January 2009. The project started in September and runs parallel to the Alberta Clipper Pipeline throughout Manitoba.

### Michels crosses Souris River twice

As part of the Enbridge LSr and Alberta Clipper Pipeline work, Michels Canada is constructing two horizontal directional drilled crossings of the Souris River near Brandon, MB. The 400 meter LSr 20-inch crossing was successfully completed in November 2008. The 660 meter Alberta Clipper 36-inch crossing is scheduled for construction in January and includes installing 60-inch casing at the entry side of the HDD crossing.



### Louisbourg underway on NCC project

Word from Kevin O'Donnell, controller of Louisbourg Pipelines Inc., is that the first 140 km the North Central Corridor natural gas pipeline for TransCanada PipeLines is off to a great start. Work on this section is scheduled for completion in April 2009. Work on the second 160 km section will start in November 2009. The 300 km 42-inch project undertaken by Louisbourg started in Manning, AB and will be completed in April 2010 at Cadotte Lake, AB.

### O.J. Pipelines working on NCC loop

David Kavanaugh, president of O.J. Pipelines Canada, reports that they have begun work on the 54 km Buffalo Creek West section of the 36-inch North Central Corridor project for TransCanada PipeLines. He says work will complete by the end of March 2009.

### Louisbourg meets M&NE with Brunswick Pipeline

Emera Inc.'s Brunswick Pipeline being built by Louisbourg Pipelines Inc., that connects the Canaport LNG terminal in Saint John, NB to the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline in St. Stephen, NB is nearing completion. The 145 km of 30-inch pipeline will deliver a significant supply of natural gas to Atlantic Canada and north-eastern USA.

### Neil Lane joins PLCAC staff



Neil G. Lane has been appointed as the new Assistant Executive Director of the Pipe

Line Contractors Association of Canada effective December 1, 2008.

Neil has held volunteer positions with the PLCAC for a number of years including chairman of the Convention Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors while employed in various management positions with John Deere.

A native of southern Ontario, Neil is a graduate in Construction Engineering Technology, is a member of the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists and has successfully completed courses at Queens University and the Canadian Management Centre. His experience in the construction industry over the years has included working as a labourer, equipment operator, and estimator.

Neil resides in Vineland, Ontario with his wife Loretta.

Neil may be reached by e-mail at [nlane@pipeline.ca](mailto:nlane@pipeline.ca) or by telephone at 905-847-9383 ext 216

## PLD program seen as a huge success



Nearly 100 participants enrolled in the first session of

the Professional Leadership Development Program (PLDP), designed to provide pipeline supervisors with additional tools to perform the management of job safety efficiently, effectively, and with due diligence.

Recently held in Edmonton, the PLDP was well received and highly commended by the participants. This two day session covered leadership and communication skills, planning, organizing, and delegating, behaviour and conflict, the environmental issues in pipelining, and how to see safety differently.

The next session will be held in Mississauga on February 3rd and 4th at the Hilton Toronto Airport. Space is limited to 75 participants. Program details and information on who in your team would benefit from this program can be found at [www.pipeline.ca](http://www.pipeline.ca).



"Humorous", "motivating", "well organized", "entertaining", "thorough", "very useful", "excellent presenters", are just some of the things attendees had to say about the PLDP program.

**Don't miss out. Registration deadline is January 9, 2009.**

## ACTION DATES 2009

**18-23 January**  
Underground Construction  
Technology (UCT)  
Conference and Exhibition  
Grand Hyatt  
San Antonio TX  
Contact: Sheila Coats  
281.558.7029  
[www.uctonline.com](http://www.uctonline.com)

**11-15 February**  
Pipe Line Contractors  
Association (US)  
61st Annual Convention  
Four Seasons Aviara  
Carlsbad CA  
Contact: Pat Tielborg  
214.969.2700  
[www.plca.org](http://www.plca.org)

**22-27 February**  
Distribution Contractors  
Association  
48th Annual Convention  
Sheraton Maui Resort  
Maui HI  
Contact: Dennis Kennedy  
972.680.0261  
[www.dca-online.org](http://www.dca-online.org)

**26-30 April**  
Pipe Line Contractors Association  
of Canada  
55th Annual Convention  
Fairmont Empress Hotel  
Victoria BC  
Contact: Barry Brown  
905.847.9383  
[www.pipeline.ca](http://www.pipeline.ca)

**14-18 September**  
International Pipe Line & Offshore  
Contractors Association  
43rd Annual Convention  
Fairmont San Francisco  
San Francisco CA  
Contact: Juan Arzuaga  
41 22 306 02 30  
[www.iploca.com](http://www.iploca.com)

**17-20 October**  
Australian Pipeline Industry  
Association  
41st Annual Convention  
Cairns Convention Centre  
Queensland, Australia  
Contact: Steve Dobbie  
(02) 6273-0577  
[www.apia.net.au](http://www.apia.net.au)

## OBITUARIES

### Thomas William (Bill) Johnstone



Past president of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC), Bill Johnstone passed away on August 17, 2008 in London, Ontario.

Bill was born April 18, 1932 and graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1954. He organized T. W. Johnstone Co. Limited in 1958 to build all sizes of pipeline, station and utility construction work in southwestern Ontario. His company remains strong today.

He was very active in the PLCAC serving on the Board of Directors, the Labour Committee and as the elected President in 1984.

He will be remembered by his many friends in the pipeline construction industry for his passionate love of life and his boundless energy.



### John Reid McCall

John McCall, president of associate member J. R. McCall Ltd. of Winnipeg, MB, passed away on October 12, 2008 in Spirit Lake, IA at the age of 86.

John attended every convention of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada from 1955 to 2007, and will be remembered for the generous donation of a gift to each of the ladies attending the convention for nearly 40 years.

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