



CONSTRUCTION
ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA
Building with Skill and Integrity Since 1862

2014-2015 Annual General Meeting

President's Message



"The Construction Association of Nova Scotia will be the leading voice of the construction industry respected by members, government, industry and the public as a provider of the highest quality and value added services."

This is the CANS Vision as set out during CANS' 150th Anniversary year. This Vision guides our long term planning and day-to-day operations at CANS. On the surface it may seem like a lofty goal, but at its core, it is really quite simple – ensuring that the work we do as an Association every day has the best interest of the industry in mind, is guided by industry, and responds to its ever-evolving and changing needs.

In order to ensure that we could achieve our Vision CANS, as part of the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan, identified seven Strategic Priority Areas, defined what success would mean in each of these areas, and outlined how these goals would be realized. Each year CANS continues to gather feedback from you, our members, through our Annual Membership Survey on these Priority Areas and each year at the AGM we report back on their progress and successes to ensure we are on track.

As you will see in this year's Annual Report Strategic Priority Area Updates, 2014-15 was a big year for CANS. We launched our Online Bidding System, graduated the first cohort of the Executive Certificate in Construction Leadership Program, launched CANSWorks, and began work on a new CANS Gold Seal Project, The Big Lift – all while continuing to grow our Industry Education and Training Program, broadening the scope of our Projects and Documents services, and providing the highest quality membership services through ongoing programs like CANS Advantage.

As we approach the final year of the Strategic Plan we are well on track to achieve the goals we set in 2012. Always looking to the future of the industry, CANS has continued to stay relevant, set trends, build new relationships, and implement new technology that will continue to position us for success. We may not have a crystal ball, but by keeping a watchful eye on emerging issues and trends, continuously seeking feedback from you, and continuing to build and strengthen relationships, we can and will continue to be a strong voice for the industry.

Throughout the next year CANS will begin the consultation process for the next iteration of the Strategic Plan. We will be once again be looking for your feedback and input through surveys, focus groups, and visioning sessions to establish and validate the priorities of the Association. I encourage each and everyone one of you to share your thoughts and ideas and to help us shape the future of CANS and the industry.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our exceptional staff and volunteers for the dedication and commitment to the industry and our members.

Duncan Williams
President