

Report to the
BC Common Ground Alliance
Membership And Partners

2016



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We are once again pleased to submit this year's 'BCCGA Report to our Members and Partners' on behalf of our Board of Directors. This report provides a summary of the main successes that have taken place throughout the 2016 calendar year in relation to our strategic priorities. We sincerely appreciate contributions from you, our volunteers, for your dedication to worker, environmental and public safety. Above all, with your support and involvement we have been successful in protecting the integrity of BC's underground infrastructure.

We made significant gains in 2016 particularly with respect to Federal legislation. With your help, we were able to enhance ground disturbance training, identify and validate damage prevention best practices, and help raise safety awareness to workers and the general public throughout the province. Our work, however, is not done - damage to underground infrastructure is still happening on a daily basis.

Our members face additional operational challenges brought forth by dramatic changes in global energy prices and changing governments in Canada and the United States. The BCCGA offers, through one voice, the ability to collectively deliver damage prevention programs, advocacy and education.

The BCCGA recognizes that a balance must be struck between economic growth and safety. On a daily basis, our members work to enhance the integrity of BC's underground infrastructure and improve the rules and regulations that protect British Columbians.

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2016 has been a very successful year and we have much to celebrate. We look forward to continuing to improve a culture of safety and compliance in regards to underground infrastructure in 2017. Thank you for your support and dedication to the BCCGA.

Your continued membership in 2017 will allow us to continue this important work.

On behalf of our Board, thank you once again for your critical contributions of time, resources and knowledge.

Sincerely,

Dave Baspaly,
Executive Director



Strategic Priority 1

Minimize member attrition and increase revenue

The BCCGA is stable from both a membership and financial perspective.

- In 2016, revenues of \$253,918 are slightly higher than the projected budget of \$224,475
- Overall our network increased. Total membership now stands at over 400 members, with an excavation network of 10,000 ground disturbers. However, all but two of the new members were made up of excavators and vendors who pay nominal fees and therefore have little impact on overall revenues.
- Other notable one-time funding sources contained within the 2016 summary include:
 - ♦ \$10,350 Special project funding from WorkSafeBC.
- Its important to note that member and partner in-kind contributions exceed all dollars contributed.



Strategic Priority 2

Increase member and stakeholder engagement

To increase member engagement, the BCCGA carried out a number of activities. Including:

- Supported 8 standing committees, 1 project committee and a One Call Taskforce.
- Gained 8 new member companies from a variety of stakeholder groups.
- Presented the 2016 City of Excellence Award. The City of Excellence Award was created in 2010 to recognize local governments for activities that improve ground disturbance, safe excavation techniques and best practices at or around underground infrastructure, in the year previous to the award. The Integrated Water Services Division at the Capital Regional District was the official winner in 2016.
- Connected with various stakeholder groups on a monthly basis to ensure they are brought up to speed on current events and are engaged in Alliance activities.
- Participated in over 30 industry events such as AGMs, award ceremonies and workshops to promote safety and generate awareness of the Alliance, including the WorkSafeBC Bridging the Gap Conference, Day of Mourning, and other safety related events.



Refine and report quarterly on this Five Year Strategic Plan.

- Staff and the Board developed strategic priorities (based on the existing long-term Five Year Strategic Plan) through an iterative consultation process.
- The Board approved the updated Five-Year Strategic plan on January 27th, 2016.
- A corresponding operational plan was developed by staff to interpret the strategic direction determined by the Board.
- Staff report monthly to the Board on the status of these priorities through a standing operations teleconference.
- The 2016 budget was developed on the basis of strategic objectives, the corresponding operational plan, and included financial projections.
- The Board approved the budget on January 27th, 2016.

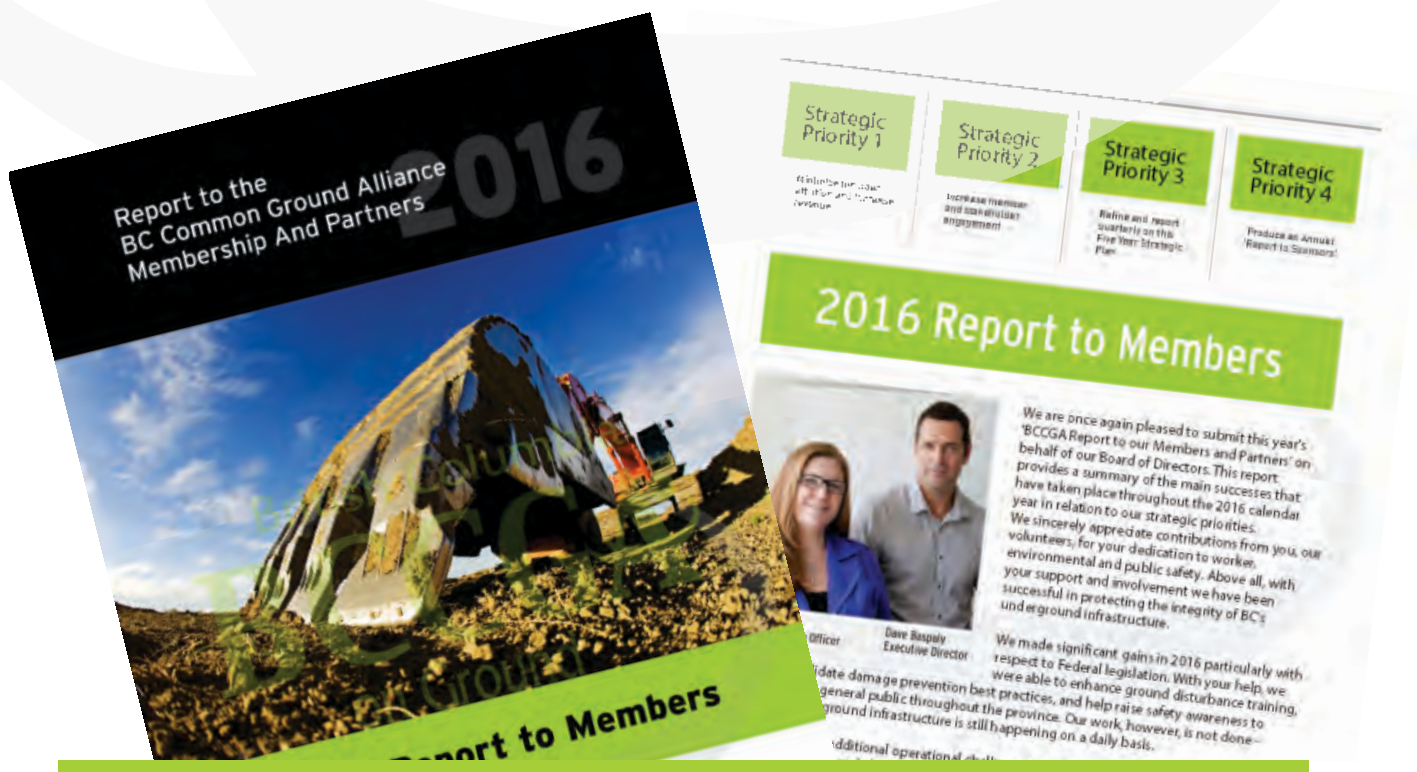


Strategic Priority 4

Produce an Annual 'Report to Members'.

To achieve this strategic priority, three separate documents were prepared and circulated to the membership over the course of the year:

- 1) Damage Prevention Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) - The BCCGA generated a second of its kind DIRT report in partnership with the Western Provinces. The BCCGA DIRT report is a statistical analysis of recorded hits to underground infrastructure that touches every aspect of damage prevention.
- 2) Newsfeed - Our regular newsfeed provides safety updates to members and partners. The BCCGA newsfeed is an electronic transmission of safety news to members of excavation network that have registered to receive information.
- 3) Report to Members - This formal "Report to Members" highlighting achievements made against the strategic priorities will be shared with all members and other stakeholders of the Alliance at the end of the calendar year.



Strategic Priority 5

Expand and deliver the Communication and Education Program

The BCCGA delivered a comprehensive communication and education program over the course of the year. Highlights include:

- Delivered a successful damage prevention month campaign in April, including promotional pieces and proclamations to mayors and councils.
- Had a proclamation read out by an MLA in the BC Legislature.
- Provided DigSafe lapel pins to all members of the BC Legislature.
- Delivered a large regional BCCGA contractor breakfast in April (annual Safe Digging Month) in Vancouver, BC.
- Delivered targeted contractor breakfasts in three other communities throughout the province in partnership with Spectra Energy, Kinder Morgan and Fortis BC.
- Delivered an ongoing speaker series to industry, community and associations regarding safe dig practice and underground safety.
- Hired a dedicated training contractor to lead Ground Disturbance Seminar and oversee quality assurance - Global Training.
- Held a large industry focused Ground Disturbance Seminar in December 2016 in Surrey, BC.
- In partnership with our Western counterparts, we produced and distributed our 4 editions of our quarterly Western Canada – Damage Prevention Magazine.
- Though the Pipeline Safety Committee we are developing an independent 'standard' for ground disturbance training in BC, in partnership with the Alberta Common Ground Alliance. To obtain endorsement and to be an approved BC ground disturbance training provider, the curriculum is designed to incorporate best practice, regulatory expectations, and the rules set by utilities and underground plant operators. This standard alone will make BC a safer province by creating a common expectation for all stakeholders.

Strategic Priority 6

Further enhance the Locator Certification program delivery model

Throughout the year, we were successful in delivering a locator certification program in partnership with the BC Municipal Safety Alliance:

- Sessions were held across BC, reaching hundreds of participants total in 2016.
- The BC Municipal Safety Association, the BC Construction Safety Alliance and Douglas College Polytechnic University have actively promoted the course throughout the province.
- We have expanded the capacity of the program by adding an additional instructor.
- We are pleased to announce that the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) has granted official technical trade status for the certification.



Strategic Priority 7

Every 3 years create a Best Practices version suitable for use by the excavator

Best Practices are no longer being developed locally, and our Committee members' focus has been shifted to supporting the National Best Practices. Feedback is provided on the Canadian version on an annual basis.

- The Best Practice Committee contributed to the second version of the National Best Practices - version 2.0 was released in October - and remains an important contributor at this table.
- We circulated over 1,000 our current Best Practices to various entities and individuals across the province.
- We had over 750 web visits to our best practice area on our website.



Strategic Priority 8

Work with our members to achieve One Call legislation in BC

Strategic Priority 8: Work with our members to achieve One Call legislation in BC The BCCGA has championed mandatory One Call and the initiation of legislation through the Federal Senate. Highlights include:

- The BCCGA continues to explore One Call legislation in BC. A primary focus of this year's initiative has been raising the awareness of provincial and municipal politicians.
- The BCCGA targeted organizations that have not yet joined BC One Call. In this regard, we targeted both members and non-members to determine creative solutions and proposals for non-member Telcoms and large non-member municipalities to join BC One Call.
- In October, the BCCGA held a large session of stakeholders with Senator Grant Mitchell to discuss Bill S-229. This was followed by a private VIP dinner for infrastructure owners and local politicians including the Honorable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. Both events were extremely successful.
- The BCCGA, in partnership with the Canadian Common Ground Alliance, worked to develop federal damage prevention legislation. As a result of these efforts, during the spring of 2015, Senator Grant Mitchell introduced Bill S-229, An Act Enacting the Underground Infrastructure Safety Enhancement Act and Making Consequential Amendments to Other Acts. The legislation will require that federally-regulated infrastructure be registered with a provincial notification centre where one exists. For provinces without notification centres, the legislation will allow the federal government to encourage the creation of notification centres through funding grants.
- While Bill S-229 will only govern damage prevention requirements for federally regulated underground infrastructure and underground infrastructure on federal lands, it is a positive and significant milestone for Canada and for the CCGA. It is our hope that Bill S-229 will become a model for similar initiatives in all provinces and territories across Canada.

