

Building Supply Update

2011 ABSDA Summer Meeting August 11 & 12 Marble Mountain/Humber Valley, NL



**There is still time
to register.
Registration form
available at
www.absda.ca**

The ABSDA Summer Meeting provides members with an opportunity to plan a family get-a-way along with a great opportunity to network with industry colleagues in a relaxed setting. Prepare to take in some of the spectacular scenery offered by Newfoundland's West Coast region. The event starts with the Meet & Greet in the evening of Thursday, August 11th. On Friday delegates can choose between the Annual Golf Classic at Humber Valley River Golf Course or a scenic boat cruise in Gros Morne National Park. The event is capped off on Friday evening with a Dinner & Dance offering delegates the choice of Lobster or Steak. Contact ABSDA to register.



Renovation Intentions are Strong for 2011

Ten major cities in Canada were surveyed by Canada Mortgage and Housing (CMHC) on homeowners intentions to renovate this year. Thirty-nine percent indicated they intend to spend \$1,000 or more by the end of 2011.

Renovation intentions for 2011 are highest in St. John's, NL, where 50% of respondents indicated they plan to undertake renovations. This is followed by Halifax, where 44% indicated they would renovate.

Over \$22.8 billion was spent on renovations in 2010 across ten major Canadian centres.

The full report is available at www.cmhc.ca/en/corp/nero/nere/2011/2011-06-29-0815.cfm.



Important Note:

ABSDA recently circulated to members a Pre-Budget Survey. Focus will be on Renewed Renovation Tax Credit. Be sure to complete by July 29th. Contact the ABSDA office if you require a copy of this questionnaire.

2011 Scholarship & Bursary Awards Presented

June was graduation month with ABSDA and member sponsors presenting 24 X \$1,000 cheques to successful recipients across the Atlantic Region.

ABSDA has contributed \$252,000 in scholarships and bursaries since the Scholarship and Bursary program was introduced in 1987.

This year ABSDA received a record number of 88 applications from worthy students. We are most fortunate to have independent adjudicators to make the difficult selections. George Doucet has adjudicated Nova Scotia from the very beginning of the program. Jack Blackier, LLB, FCA has assisted in the selection of New Brunswick and Eric Rector, CA adjudicated Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador. We appreciate their commitment to the Scholarship/Bursary project.

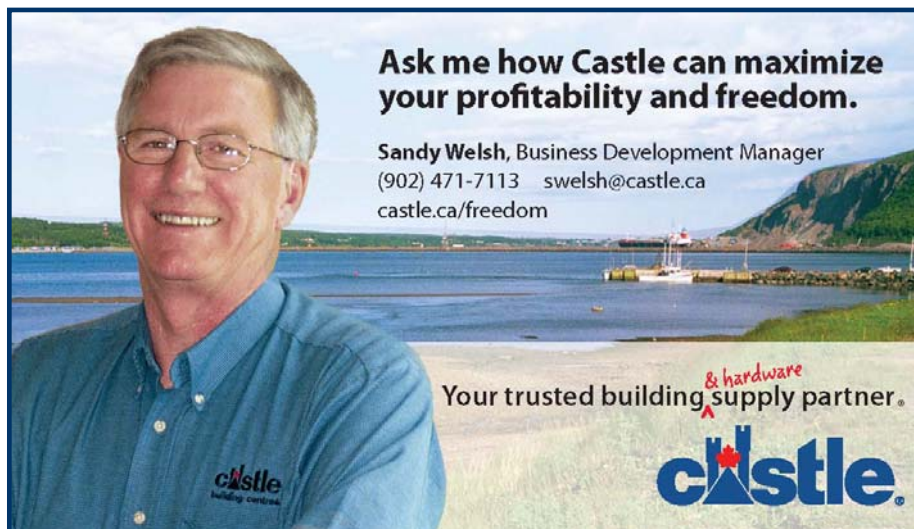
The following students have received their \$1,000 cheque to assist in their continuing education:

2011 Scholarship Winners

Joshua Adams	<i>Kent Building Supplies</i>
Felicia Almeida	<i>Alweather Windows & Doors Ltd</i>
Nadira Al-Nasleh	<i>Kent Building Supplies</i>
Edgar Goodwin	<i>De La Tour Co-op</i>
Jordan Hovey	<i>Keith's Building Supplies</i>
Tia Howell	<i>Bois Demers Lumber Inc</i>
Courtney Mahoney	<i>Central Home Improvement Warehouse</i>
Alexander Nicol	<i>Payzant Building Products</i>
Vanessa Power	<i>Cottles Island Lumber Co Ltd</i>
Celia Rossiter	<i>Downey Home Hardware Building Centre</i>
Spencer Watts	<i>Kent Building Supplies</i>
Jenna Whitlock	<i>Wilkin's Building Supplies</i>

2011 Bursary Winners


Katelyn Brinkman	<i>Kent Building Supplies</i>
Olga Chernyavska	<i>Peter Kohler Window & Entrance Systems</i>
Alexa Cress	<i>Cash & Carry Building Supplies</i>
Brenna Gavel	<i>Fraser's Pro Home Centre</i>
Rebecca Kennedy	<i>Central Home Improvement Warehouse</i>
Lauren Lewis	<i>Annapolis Home Hardware Building Centre</i>
Rebecca MacPhee	<i>Main Street Home Hardware</i>
Emili Martin	<i>Abbott & Haliburton</i>
Michael McDonald	<i>Central Home Improvement Warehouse</i>
Jasmine McKenna	<i>Tignish Co-operative Association Ltd</i>
Joshua Tompkins	<i>Kent Building Supplies</i>
Kaitlynn Wetmore	<i>Grand Bay Home Hardware</i>



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Industry News

The **Sexton Group** is pleased to make the following announcements.

Dave Leonzio has recently joined the Sexton Group as Business Development Manager for the Prairies. In this role, Dave is responsible for working with Sexton members in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Norm Bougie will be relocating to Winnipeg and effective July 1st will take on the role of Marketing Manager. Norm has had several years experience leading our efforts in Eastern Canada and a number of year's prior history in the construction materials industry.

Phil Brown has recently joined the Sexton Group as Business Development Manager for Eastern Canada. Phil has senior leadership experience in the construction materials and hardlines industry.

Amar Doman, Chairman & CEO of CanWel Building Materials recently announced the appointment of Marc Séguin to the role of **President, CanWelBroadleaf**. Mr Séguin will report directly to Mr Doman.

Marc has been with CanWel since 2006, successfully managing their Quebec business as well as leading their integration in that region.

TIM-BR MART President and CEO Tim Urquhart is pleased to announce the appointment of **Barb Hopper** to the position of **Chief Strategy Officer and Acting CFO**.

Ms. Hopper's experience spans retail, manufacturing, distribution and banking, and includes international postings as well. Barb is a Chartered Accountant and has her Master of Business Administration.

Canada Consumer Product Safety Act

The Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA) came into effect on June 20 this year. Administered by Health Canada, the stated purpose of the CCPSA is "to protect the public by addressing or preventing dangers to human health or safety that are posed by consumer products in Canada." When safety incidents occur with consumer products, consumers are likely to raise them with the retailer from whom the product was purchased. Health Canada has made it clear, therefore, that it regards the suppliers to these retailers as an essential part of the process of public protection.

ABSDA members should understand the important responsibilities they now face since June 20th. These are (1) incident reporting and (2) record keeping.

For complete details contact ABSDA.