

# APWA Returns to Toronto for First Time in More Than 25 Years

For more than 100 years, the American Public Works Association (APWA) International Public Works Congress & Exposition has drawn thousands of public works professionals from all over the world. This year marks the first time in over 25 years that the show has returned to Toronto.

APWA's Congress, August 17-20, featured more than 125 technical and professional development sessions, for which CEUs (continuing education units) and PDHs (Professional Development hours) could be earned.

The 2014 exhibit floor features a Technology Pavilion, a Green Pavilion, Central Park, New Product Showcases, an Exhibitor Solutions Theater, and more than 400 exhibitors on an estimated 90,000 square feet of exhibit floor.

APWA's Ontario Chapter welcomed attendees to Congress with a party at Toronto's premier event venue: the Liberty Grand. Attendees connected with old and new friends while enjoying the historic lakefront facility with a beautiful outdoor courtyard surrounded by several impressive grand ballrooms.

And, the Canadian Public Works Association hosted a luncheon with Peter Braid, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Communities, Member of Parliament, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. Braid talked about Canada's New 10-Year Infrastructure Plan and Its Commitment to Canadian Communities.

As Canada's Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Communities, Peter Braid, M.P. (Kitchener-Waterloo) knows the nation's infrastructure is a key element in the success of the nation's economy, and Canada's ability to remain a leader in an increasingly competitive world. Equally important is the role that infrastructure investment plays in assuring Canada's municipalities meet their goals as vibrant, economically competitive, sustainable, and resilient communities. 



Cubex, based out of Calgary, Alberta, showed diverse equipment from their product line up, including an Aries Industries High Cube truck (right) and an Alamo Industrial Battle Axe mower (centre, yellow) equipped to a John Deere 6125 M tractor (out of picture).



Joe Johnson Equipment greeted attendees at their large booth near the entrance to the trade show. One of the machines the company exhibited is an Engo 200 SX Elettra/Diesel, suitable for stadiums and outdoor rinks in natural or artificial ice with maximum surface of 1,800 cubic metres.



The patent pending all-in-one AMP (Auxiliary Mobile Power) skid steer provides capabilities needed to deliver extreme jobsite performance. A self-contained power source and tool rack allows you to tackle any task efficiently and effectively. This multi-functional unit serves the rugged demands of any jobsite by allowing operators to run an arsenal of tools up to 30.5 metres (100 feet) away. It also has an integral 8.5 kW power source in addition to a fully functioning skid steer loader.



The Fecon booth featured a 12-foot (3.66 metres) Kage blade Snow-storm Series. The blade features a Tri-Formed Box that encloses the back of the moldboard to eliminate torque and strain that can otherwise fatigue the entire structure. Baked on powder coat and primer at 400+ degrees safeguards all of the steel components.



New Holland featured an L223 skid steer loader, an E27B compact excavator, and a B95C backhoe loader.



MacLean Engineering's Kristina Fudger, Kate McGowan, and Jean Claude Bernard stand in front of the company's new MV4, an articulated municipal tractor with all-season attachments. The company introduced the machine at the show.



An attendee examines the Trackless Vehicles MT6. Hundreds of municipalities from small villages to large cities use between 1 and 60 MTs. The machine features state-of-the-art electronics, joystick control, and an advanced drive system.



Rapid Roll Inc. launched its premiere product at the AWPA's International Public Works Congress & Exposition. Rapid Roll is a portable, temporary fencing system, created to provide a quick barrier against danger. Rapid Roll Inc. is the discovery of Venetor Group proprietors Tom and Dennis Beraldo. The Rapid Roll system is based on the retractable fencing technology of the Barrier Storage Cartridge. The fencing is extended and linked to a variety of Rapid Roll Posts and Bases to create a secure structure. Once the task is complete, the fencing simply is retracted via a handle and can be stored or transported to the next job.



Two exhibitors cross the aisle to network with Wayne Watts, Morabark, (right) and James Urquhart, Grinding and Drilling Equipment Inc. at Morabark's booth, which features the Morabark M12R. The chipper is equipped with Morabark's ChipSafe. While feeding the brush chipper, if the operator's ChipSafe gloves and/or straps enter the defined ChipSafe sensing zone, sensors in the plates send a signal to interrupt the chipper's feeding mechanism, protecting the operator from possible injury.



The guys from Valley Blades, based out of Waterloo, Ontario, talk with attendees about Valley Blades products. Valley Blades manufactures snow plow blades, scraper blades, dozer blades, loader blades, grader blades, and excavator blades.



Ray Ridell, Ontario Representative, and Saverio (Sal) Marra, Director of Sales, stand in front of the M-B Companies Asphalt Patch Master, a unit for producing true hot mix asphalt for pothole patching at the repair site in all-weather applications. Sal holds up a pack of PelletPatch, which gets added to the asphalt mix (5 pounds of PelletPatch for every 400 pounds of asphalt). PelletPatch is a high performance binder made up of a blend of premium quality asphalt cement, crumb rubber from recycled waste tires, and special additives.



Kasi Infrared exhibited their Patriot and Kasi-Pro Heat Minuteman systems. The Kasi-Pro Heat Minuteman is a truck-mounted, self-contained asphalt restoration system. It provides a two-person crew with all the tools and equipment needed to perform fine asphalt restorations. The Kasi patriot proudly combines, on one chassis, a 48-square-foot infrared pavement heater, 2-, 4-, or 6-ton-capacity asphalt reclaimer, large tool storage area, compactor compartment, and dumping waste bin.



Heat Designs Equipment, based out of Kitchener, Ontario, featured their solution for a better compaction along the longitudinal joints. By attaching an infrared joint heater to the paver, the longitudinal joint gets heated to more than 150°C, and can get compacted better, since compaction takes place at a higher temperature, thereby increasing lifespan of the road, parking lot, or highway.