



## Past President's Address, Darrin Alberty

As my term as President of the NCHCA comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Directors and Committee volunteers. I also want to give a special thanks to all of our members for your continued support through the year, attendance at our learning and networking events and, for those members who provided sponsorship for those same events, thank you.

2020 was a challenging year for everyone. However, the construction industry continued its essential work and deserves to be recognized and commended for its continued efforts to conduct business safely under difficult circumstances.

NCHCA started many new initiatives in 2020, and many existing initiatives continued to gain traction. Some of the highlights of the year include:

- Advocating at all levels of government for continued investment in infrastructure.
- Development of NCHCA's Recruitment Project to address labour market shortages in the Ottawa heavy construction industry.
- We met regularly with City of Ottawa staff to ensure that the voice of industry was heard, and our viewpoint was considered in all of the City's initiatives.
- We held our successful 2020 Education Series attended by over 350 industry colleagues, in partnership with the City of Ottawa and the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ontario – Ottawa Chapter, to inform our members of relevant developments in the industry and provide an excellent opportunity to network with our colleagues at the City and CEO.

In my new role as Past President, I will continue supporting our Association by working with the Board on many of these important initiatives.

As my final act as President, I would like to introduce our incoming President, Steve McEachen.

Steve is the General Manager of Aecon Construction Ontario East Limited, responsible for Aecon's construction operations in Eastern Ontario. Over his career, Mr. McEachen has held numerous positions at Aecon with increased responsibility that include quality control, engineering, operations and project management. Steve received his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Carleton University, and is a licensed engineer in the province of Ontario. Steve resides in Ottawa with his wife, Jessica and two daughters, Adaline and Lauren.

Steve has been an active member of the NCHCA Board for 5 years. He will be a very dedicated and passionate President. I truly looking forward to his upcoming presidency.

Yours truly,

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