



In The Mix

The SRMCA's
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KEEP YOURSELF IN THE SPEC'S BY CERTIFYING YOUR PLANT

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Why Certify?

By Matt Walker

Producing a great product is not easy. Ask any manufacturer and they will tell you that. Selecting quality ingredients following assembly directions, and having the right tools and people in place to make it happen, it all comes at cost.

As a business, you have taken the time and responsibility to best equip yourself for business in a marketplace. You win the bid for a lucrative contract, you start work, and early on the owner calls to make sure that you have the proper license to operate. Imagine, if you had forgot insurance or your business license, and you had to stop work?

A best practice that Concrete Saskatchewan is promoting: Plant Certification. The certification process is meant to help, owners and concrete producers protect themselves, make sure that the concrete being produced is to CSA standards.

The Certification process, makes sure that scales are and dispensers have been calibrated correctly and continually done so. It indicates to owners and contractors that certified plants operate with the highest efficiency and operation. It assures that all equipment is in good working order and has the capacity to produce concrete to the highest of standards.

Certified plants are given an advantage when it comes to certain jobs where a certification has been specified. We applaud specifiers and owners who demand that the concrete suppliers use a Concrete Saskatchewan Certification.

Recently, in two different locations in Saskatchewan, there were examples of producers being asked to be certified who were not, so that they could continue work on projects with in their operating areas. This highlights the importance of being certified and understanding that you will not be allowed to perform work without this certification.

This issue will not be going away, and highlights the importance, of you contacting the Concrete Saskatchewan office and enquiring about the certification process.

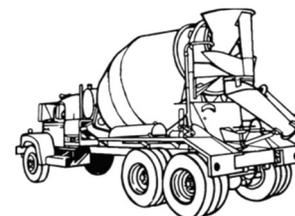
Concrete Saskatchewan will continue to promote the certification process to owners and contractors encouraging that whenever possible, used a certified concrete plant, for the protection of yourself and the ready-mix producer.

Don't let your business be shut down and experience costly delays because a lack of certification



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Upcoming Events

Open House- May 25th, 2016

Golf Tournament- June 16th,

Mosaic Stadium

By Matt Walker

If you have been driving within in Regina over the past 18 months, there is absolutely no missing the massive construction project at Elphinstone and Saskatchewan Drive. At one point 4 massive tower cranes dominated the Regina skyline. This project is the new Mosaic Stadium, for the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

This is a very important project for the city of Regina and Saskatchewan as a whole. This stadium will set a new standard in the CFL and perhaps North America as one of the top football experiences.

The backbone of this Stadium is concrete. There is no mistaking it on site. Pillars, beams, ramps, walkways, rows, piles and caps. This project showcases the diversity of how concrete can be used, and is a great example of why concrete is the world's number 1 building material.

Mild winters have kept the project on schedule and on budget, and easing logistical and production concerns by the supplier, Lafarge Concrete Regina.

Over 44,500m³ of concrete have been poured on the project which is due to be completed on August 31, 2016. More than 300,000m³ of material was excavated from the site, which allows the playing surface to sit 10 metres below grade, hopefully reducing the winds impact on the game and the fans in the stands.

A project like this is a landmark for the province and should also be so for our industry. We should be very proud that the material we make every day was selected as the backbone of this project.



THE NEW STADIUM

Cost: \$279.8 million

Concrete: 44,500m³

77% Complete.



New Executive Director.

By Matt Walker

In late January the executive board began the search for a full time executive director. With many initiatives needing more attention than the volunteers could give or was fair to ask of them, we posted the position in February. We received 8 resumes from candidates. The team selected to review the candidates short listed to 2 people. Interviews were held in March and a decision was made shortly after. We made the decision to hire Ashley Campbell and she started full time on April 4th. Her responsibilities will go far beyond maintaining the new office and keeping paperwork up to date. She will be working very closely with the committees to keep them on track on focused on their objectives. She has already engaged supporting associations, such as the RCA and SCA as well as the RRHBA. Meetings for the National associations will be coming up over the coming months. She has done a great job familiarizing her self with the issues and projects we're working on. Please come and introduce yourself and meet her at the open house on May 25th at 1102, 8th avenue, Regina from 2pm to 7pm. We hope to see you all there.