

New Vice-Chair Appointed at COCA

Toronto, October 22, 2014 – On Monday October 20th, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations (COCA) appointed Gary van Bolderen as its first vice-chair.

Mr. van Bolderen is the owner, and President of Dutch Masters Construction Services Ltd., a firm that for twenty five years has provided consulting, custom design, project management and construction services exclusively to the equestrian industry. He has represented the Canadian Farm Builders Association (CFBA) on COCA's Board of Directors for many years and is the CFBA's immediate past chair. Most recently van Bolderen served as COCA's second vice-chair.

"I'm extremely pleased that Gary has agreed to step up and take on the responsibilities as our first vice-chair," stated COCA Chair Don Gosen. "Gary is a person of the highest integrity who started and built Dutch Masters into one of Canada's pre-eminent builders in the agricultural sector. Someone with his qualities, experience and success in the industry is an enormous asset for the leadership team at COCA," Gosen added.

"Gary has the ability to distill complex issues down to their essence very quickly" stated COCA President Ian Cunningham. "He's an insightful and thoughtful thinker determined to go beyond identifying issues to developing solutions," Cunningham added.

Commenting on the role that places him in line to be elected COCA Chair in February 2015, van Bolderen said "I know that COCA is the authoritative Voice of Construction in Ontario, and that the efforts of COCA will benefit not only my CFBA members but the entire industry. I look forward to playing a larger part on the COCA team, in our collective efforts to ensure the legislative landscape in Ontario is one in which construction companies can grow and prosper."

COCA is a federation of construction associations representing approximately 10,000 general and trade contractors who work in the industrial, commercial, institutional and heavy civil sectors of the construction industry in all regions of the province. COCA is their voice at Queen's Park mandated to ensure Ontario's laws and regulations support success in the construction industry and broad prosperity in Ontario.

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