

# ABC Recycling Today



## Spotlight on Grande Prairie Salvage

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### Grande Prairie Salvage has strong roots in the local community

Norm Canning has been working at Grande Prairie Salvage for 16 years. When he first joined the company, he was loading railcars, adjusting the loads to ensure proper weights. "Everything was done by hand", Norm said. From loading railcars, he transitioned to cutting off and on for about a year. The first machine he operated was a cable crane. Norm has done pretty much every job there is at Grande Prairie Salvage and is now transitioning to the role of Operations Manager.

When asked what is the biggest change he has seen at GP Salvage over the years, Norm said it is safety. When he first started, t-shirts and sneakers were worn in the yard. There has been a huge shift in awareness and education around safety. Another change he has observed is the upgrading of equipment over the years.

Today, there are 14 people on the Grande Prairie Salvage team. The yard is positioned well with a good supply of material coming in. GP Salvage is proud to give back to their local community by raising funds for Breast Cancer research through the collection of scrap metal. The bright pink bin in their yard stands as a symbol of their support for this important cause.



Angela Fyfe is working with the ABC Recycling Business Development team this summer, helping with special projects. Angela is in the midst of BCIT’s International Business Management Program. She first learnt about ABC Recycling through her BCIT Mentor, who introduced her to Randy Kahlon at a BCIT networking event.

Angela has spent the last four summers working at the Queen Charlotte Lodge, a five-star fishing resort in Haida Gwaii. The other 9 months of the year were spent in Indonesia working as a private tutor. While in Indonesia, Angela became very involved with two environmental community organizations: PGL and ByeBye Plastic Bags. The mission of PGL was to clean up the Pererenan Village where she lived, and to educate the locals of the concept and importance of recycling. ByeBye Plastic Bags, initiated by two sisters, ages 10 and 12, works to eliminate plastic bags within Bali. PGL and ByeBye Plastic Bags teamed up to develop a pilot program, and the success of the two organizations spread to other villages and serves as a model of best practices.

In her spare time, Angela enjoys being out on the water - boating, fishing, crabbing and prawning. She loves spending time at her family cabin on Mudge Island, and enjoys running, gymnastics and digital photography.

ABC Recycling and BCIT have a long-standing relationship. BCIT students bring their skills to help us analyze our business and increase productivity. At the same time, these students gain valuable work experience. BCIT is one of British Columbia’s largest post-secondary institutions, with over 48,000 students enrolled annually. Established

in 1964, BCIT now has 5 main campuses as well as satellite locations province-wide. ABC Recycling is home to several BCIT alumni, including David Yochlowitz, Randy Kahlon, Wade Simmons and Gerry Tang.

## Employee Milestones - Congratulations!

- 5 Years - Lyle Prince
- 10 Years - Todd King
- 15 Years - Tony Olmr
- 25 Years - Colin Luong



## Congratulations to Mike Yochlowitz and Kim Fenwick - May 16, 2015

## Health & Safety Corner

In the metal recycling industry, summer time is our busiest of months. This creates a very fast paced work environment with lots of material coming into and going out from our yards. Personnel must ensure while at work that we are always being vigilant of our work areas. Slow down and take adequate time to complete a job. Never take short cuts in your work. Assess all potential hazards in the workplace and put the necessary controls in place to protect yourself and others from harm. Production is important but production at the expense of your safety is unacceptable.

