

ABC Recycling Today



Gracias! Merci! Mahalo! Thank You Ron!

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Ron has been a key contributor to ABC Recycling's success - David Yochlowitz

Over the course of the history of ABC Recycling, there have been a few key and irreplaceable contributors to our success. Some of these people are part of our family and were raised with the business, but several are people who joined our company at some point over the course of their careers and lives. One such person is Ron Ramsey.

Ron started with ABC Recycling 38 years ago, in February 1977, as a dispatcher and scale operator, but was soon given additional responsibilities in mechanical maintenance and an introduction to yard operations. Back then, we were a much smaller organization, but had the same ambitions of success we have today. After a brief hiatus in early 1981, Ron returned to the company on September 1, 1983 permanently heading up all yard operations and overseeing our mechanical maintenance programs. In addition to running the Burnaby yard, Ron took the lead in helping ABC take the momentous step of expanding our business, as we acquired and expanded our Campbell River yard and later served as a yard supervisor, as ABC Recycling expanded to our current Surrey, BC location (where his granddaughter Sarah works today). I am sure there are other key roles that I have overlooked in this note, but such is the case for someone who has had so many integral responsibilities with the organization. Moreover, there are many staff who owe so much to Ron for his mentoring, teachings and advice as they learned our business and processes here at ABC. A lot has changed through 38 years of service and Ron has always evolved with our company and with the scrap metal business.

While the family and I are sad to announce that Ron has decided to retire, we are very happy for the time off that he and his wife Lina have earned from the constant hustle of the scrap metal business. I want to thank them on behalf of everyone at ABC Recycling for their efforts, sacrifice and friendship throughout all these years. I ask that you join me in extending the sincerest thank you possible to them both.

Though Ron is officially retiring, he will still be around and can still be contacted on his cell and by e-mail. I am happy to announce that as a part of his transition to retirement, Ron will be retained as a Senior Advisor, reporting to me. In this role, we will ask Ron for his input on new initiatives, hands on leadership for various projects that will come up throughout the year and to provide mentorship for our next generation of leaders. Ron's knowledge of operations, non-ferrous processing, environmental stewardship and other aspects of our business is irreplaceable and we look forward to having his input as we continue our growth and success.

Welcome Alena Jacqueline Sterzer!

Alena was born on July 6, weighing 7lb 6oz. Proud parents are Madi and Garriett and big sister Devin.



Employee Milestones - Congratulations!

- 5 Years - Andrew Courtney, Rock Allcroft
- 10 Years -Walter Nehring, Chi Hai Luong, Shirley Watkins
- 15 Years - George McGee



Celebrating Burnaby Employee Milestones:
Collin Luong - 25 Years, and Jason Copak - 20 Years

Food Drive Challenge

Between July 13-24, ABC held its second annual Food Drive Challenge. We collected 2,107 lbs of food and \$441 in support of our local food banks! Campbell River collected the most food per capita, 66.23 lbs/person (861 lbs total). Thank you for your support in helping to empower people to nourish themselves by providing access to healthy food.

Tom Thompson - in memoriam

- Dave Miller

Tom Thomson, an employee of ABC Recycling Campbell River, passed away on July 10, 2015.

Tom started his career in the scrap metal industry at Budget Steel in Campbell River about fourteen years ago as a low bed operator. Tom and I continued to work together from that day forward through four different companies. I remember the day I told Tom I was going to work at ABC (June 2013); his reply was, "when am I coming on board Boss!" Tom was one of those guys who would do anything once! A few years ago we cleaned up an old logging camp in late November. We managed to get everything out except a wheel loader left at the top of the mountain. Tom and I ventured back in a week later to find four feet of snow half way up the hill. I got the bright idea that I could hire a helicopter to drop Tom off at the loader and he could plow his way down the mountain! The look on Tom's face was priceless; he just looked at me and said, "if you think so Boss I'm in." Tom made it down just fine.

Tom will be missed by all who knew him. He leaves behind his wife Heidi, mother, brother and sister.

