

ABC Recycling Today



Oliver Constable helps elderly couple

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Oliver Constable and Allen Seto

Good Samaritan, Ollie Constable

Allen Seto, General Manager of ABC Recycling Surrey, recently received a phone call from a gentleman asking if he had an employee who drives a silver-ish Chevy Sonoma. Allen replied, "Yes I do, and his name is Oliver Constable".

The gentleman on the phone had experienced car issues on Highway #10 the day before during heavy, rush-hour traffic. Oliver had pulled his vehicle out of traffic using a tow rope and attempted to diagnose the engine issues. Unable to diagnose the issues, Ollie phoned one of ABC Recycling's customers, We Do Recover, to help tow the vehicle. Once the tow truck was dispatched, Ollie stayed with the elderly couple until the truck arrived.

Ollie had not given the couple his name but he did say he worked for a metal recycling company. The gentleman was so appreciative of Ollie's help that he called four other companies before tracking Ollie down at ABC Recycling in order to thank him! The gentleman noted that Ollie had gone above and beyond to ensure their safety. The tow truck driver had also offered to drive the couple home after their vehicle was towed to a repair shop.

ABC Recycling is very fortunate to have such an exemplary citizen as part of its team. Thank you Ollie for your kind deed!

Economic Outlook

Chief Economist, Ken Peacock, of the Business Council of British Columbia recently spoke to ABC Recycling’s management team about the global economic outlook. Here are some highlights from his presentation.

Economic growth in the United States picked up over the second half of last year and should gain further momentum in 2014-15. Economic activity has slowed across many emerging markets. Commodity prices have weakened significantly since late 2011. Inflation is running below the target levels set by central banks.

According to Peacock, Canada needs to shift the economic growth dynamic by relying more on net exports and business investment, and less on consumer and housing-related spending.

In British Columbia, 2013 was a sluggish year overall. Conditions should improve over 2014-15, thanks to stronger global growth, a rebounding United States, rising BC exports, and an improvement in job creation.

Tony Muratori

Tony Muratori joins ABC Recycling as Northern Regional Manager. Tony comes to ABC from Gerdau Ameristeel, first as Capital Expenditure Manager for the Recycling Division, and then Division Manager in Manitoba for the past 3 years.



Tony was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and prior to 2010 he had not travelled west of Thunderbay. He is married, has 3 sons and loves to explore the outdoors with his family.

One of the things that sold Tony on ABC Recycling was its basic values of honesty, integrity and fairness. He was very drawn to the family business which is a contrast from the corporate environment of his previous employer.

Green Team Report

The ABC Recycling Burnaby Green Team recently conducted an audit of the Burnaby office recycling and composting program in an effort to identify opportunities for improvement. We contracted Smithrite, who already picks up our organics, to pick up our plastics for proper recycling. We implemented an improved organics collection bin to accommodate the larger volume that is generated on a daily basis. The Green Team presented a “Break and Learn” Session on “How to Go Green in the Office”. The Session covered composting and recycling basics and was an opportunity for information sharing and questions.

ABC Recycling has taken the Pledge for a Sustainable Community through the Burnaby Board of Trade. In 2013 we received the Private Sector Environmental Achievement Award from the Recycling Council of BC. Part of our Green Team’s mandate is to uphold our company’s great reputation of environmental leadership in our industry.

Safety Corner

Water is essential to good health. As the weather begins to warm up, please remember to drink more water, especially when you are very active. Lack of water can lead to dehydration, a condition that occurs when you don’t have enough water in your body to carry out normal functions. The average, healthy adult living in a temperate climate needs roughly 3 litres (about 13 cups) of total beverages daily. Drinking water is a calorie-free way to quench your thirst so remember to drink it regularly!



ABC Facts

Did you know that in 2013, 92% of the tonnage shipped from ABC Recycling was Ferrous and 8% was Non-Ferrous? Aluminum made up the largest percentage of the Non-Ferrous material shipped.



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