



**Executive Director's Report
September 16, 2022**

1. Nationals 2022

It's hard to imagine, but the Nationals 2022 are behind us. By all accounts, the Nationals 2022 hosted by Skills Canada BC, May 25 – 28, 2022 was a success all around. Many thanks to SCBC board members who helped ensure that the Nationals 2022 was a fantastic event that went off with very few glitches. Despite uncertainties around the pandemic and how operations would have handled on the front lines, Skills Canada BC was guided by savvy board members who provided excellent council and support at every step of the way. Thank you!

2. Nationals 2023 & 2024

The National board approved rescheduling the National competitions for the next two years as follows:

- Winnipeg 2023
- Toronto 2024

3. Winnipeg 2023

Skills Canada BC has contracted with the Holiday Inn & Suites, to block off rooms for staff and competitors. This hotel is 1.3 kms to the RBC Convention Centre that will be hosting the Nationals 2023.

4. WorldSkills 2022

Shanghai 2022 was cancelled as the venue for the WorldSkills 2022. In its place WorldSkills organizations around the globe have offered to host smaller WorldSkills 2022 competitions. Skills Canada BC has two competitors who will be competing in WorldSkills 2022.

Skills Canada BC competitors are: Dusty Cathcart (Industrial Mechanics) and Melling Maxwell, CNC Turning.

5. Regionals 2023

Planning for the Regionals 2023 is underway. New Regional Coordinators are up being put into place and the first Regional Coordinator's meeting will be held in the coming weeks.

6. **Provincials 2023**

The SCBC board will need to decide if it want to plan to host the Provincials 2023 at the Tradex, in Abbotsford. Skills Canada BC is working with the new Tradex administration and hopes to book April 19, 2023, as the date for the 2023 Provincials. The Skills BC team has been in touch with Sylvia Perry who has expressed an interest in continuing her great work of coordinating the volunteers at the Tradex for Skills Canada BC in 2023!

7. **Fundraising & Sponsorship**

New sponsorship packages are being drafted and redesigned. These new packages will be ready to be sent out to prospective sponsors for the 2023 competition season by the third or fourth week of September.

Pacific Diversification – Former Western Diversification. Preliminary call in July occurred to explore funding opportunities. TBA

BC Gov't & Vancouver Foundation – Funding submission was sent in to ask for \$50,000 x 3 years. (Joint initiative by BC Gov't & Vancouver Foundation to assist non-profits in BC that experienced downturned revenue during the pandemic.) TBA.

Skills Source – Skills Canada BC continues to explore funding opportunities for the Inspire Program with Skills Source. TBA

AEST – Working with AEST staff, Skills Canada BC plans to schedule meeting with PS Mercier to explore increased funding opportunities for the 2022/23 competition year.

8. **Inspire Program**

Skills Canada BC is working with an organization called SkillPlan to possibly fund an Inspire pilot project for October 22, 2022. Discussions with SkillPlan are ongoing.

9. **School for the Deaf (Burnaby Secondary)**

Skills Canada BC is committed to working with those with barriers to exposure to skilled trades and technology careers. This fall Skills Canada BC will be providing Inksmith “Climate Action Kits” to Burnaby Secondary’s, School for the Deaf STEM educators. Providing these resources will be part of a bigger plan to engage students from this program for SCBC’s regional and provincial competitions.

10. **Proclamation Day**

Skills Canada BC is working with AEST staff to create “Skills Canada BC Trades & Technology Day” that would be an annual recognition on the day of SCBC’s Provincial competition.

11. Skills for Success (Videos)

Skills Canada BC is in the process of producing 11 new Skills for Success informational videos to promote the new nine skills for success tools and for SCBC's Inspire Program. This work is conducted using funds from the Skills for Success.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyoW3NEN9_o

12. Skills for Success Website Updates)

Skills Canada B C is in the process of updating the Inspire Program Online e-Learning Portal and the Online Challenge webpages utilizing funding dogearred for the Skills for Success Online Challenges and Inspire Program.

13. Website Upgrade/Update

Skills Canada BC website went down for a couple days at the end of August. This operating glitch signals that it's time for a website upgrade and redesign. The website upgrade will entail going through all existing content, increasing the website's capacity to host content in the backend, and a refreshed redesign (aka "new skin"). This work will start mid-September and is scheduled to be completed by mid-November 2022.