



Entrance to the Canada Line from Vancouver Airport.



Canada Line train at the Vancouver Airport passenger terminal.



Signage that explains the workings of Vancouver Airport.



Interactive flight game in the observation deck at Vancouver Airport. Travellers can "fly" over the Province of British Columbia, picking out locations to visit via aerial views.

WE ARE APPROACHING SPRING and many of us are energized by feeling that things are starting new and fresh ...many of you will be in a new budget year and gearing up for both the stimulus and restrictions they impose. Here at *Summit* magazine we look forward to continuing to serve your needs both in print and online. Please remember that all issues of *Summit* are posted at our website. We encourage you to subscribe online to your **free and best** source of public procurement information.

Late last year *Summit* magazine welcomed a new publisher, Steve Bauld. Many of you know him or of him because of his speaking engagements and books on public procurement and leadership, not to mention the many articles that he and his writing partner, Kevin McGuinness, have contributed to *Summit* magazine. As publisher, Steve has agreed to do a new section in the magazine, called Publisher's Profile. In it he will feature people from both the public and private sectors who have an influence on, or impact, public procurement. In this inaugural section, Steve profiles Glenn Ackerley, who is not only a noted lawyer specializing in public procurement, and sometime contributor to *Summit* magazine, but was recently appointed as the new chair of the Toronto Construction Association.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are over, but the feeling of pride that the torch relays and those fabulous red mittens engendered in millions of Canadians will linger long in their memories along with the athletes that they identified with and cheered vigorously on to the podium. Vancouver has memories too, but they also have tangible evidence that they can see and use every day if they choose. The Canada Line is a lasting gift to this city, as it provides fast and efficient service to thousands of riders each day. The line exceeded its ridership estimates well before the Olympics began. It is a sleek, modern, safe and environmentally friendly solution to traffic issues and its often elevated track offers a good view of many parts of the city. The Canada Line's combination of engineering, architecture and art is, in my view, pretty cool. Vancouver's airport expansion is another lasting legacy and not only exemplifies that combination, but adds some innovation in signage and customer service. The airport moves passengers efficiently and provides a well-run environment that strives to meet their every need.

I give kudos to Olympic organizers on so many fronts: their environmental goals and achievements; the beautiful infrastructure created; the communications planning that went into building enthusiasm for the Games and brought us all to a more intimate experience; the relationship with First Nations; their contracting process which deliberately sought to include companies from all over Canada; ...and more... a job well done. Most of all thank you for the memories.

This issue has a strong focus on "green" procurement, which reflects the focus you and your colleagues are placing on environmental considerations in your contracting. I hope you find your reading interesting, helpful, perhaps even thought provoking. Enjoy.

Steve



Olympic signage displayed by RBC, an Olympic sponsor on their offices in downtown Vancouver.