

The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo

CANADIAN BRIDGE WORKS UNDERWAY

Work is underway at the Forres depot to manufacture a stay cable mounted access system for a replacement bridge in Canada.

The AJE team have secured work on the Pattullo Bridge Replacement in Vancouver British Columbia.

The stay cable mounted access system will allow for the future maintenance and inspection of the cable system.

No teams will travel to Canada, but this means a rigorous trial build will take place at Greshop to make sure everything is in order before it is shipped out at the start of August.

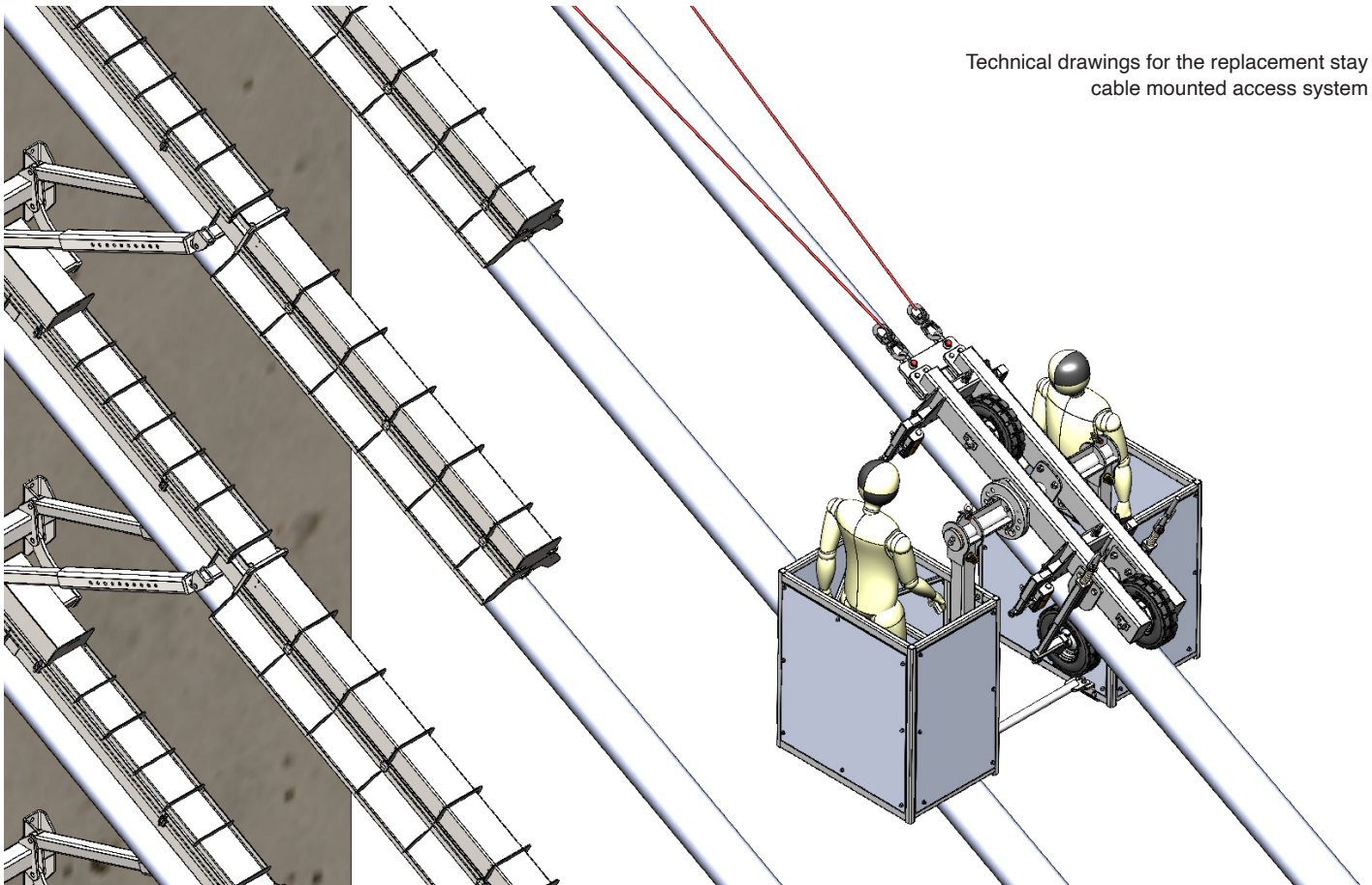
Leading on the project is Craig Johnston, Fabrication manager.

He said: "We have started fabrication at Greshop and we will also need to harness the skills of the CNC workshop. It's going well and it is expected that items will be with Highland Galvanisers in Elgin and eBLAST in Kintore by the second

week in June. Once that is done, our clients will come for the first Factory Acceptance Test (FAT), before representatives from Canada then visit to cast their eyes over the system. It's really important to carry out these 'trial runs' when the materials will be getting shipped over and installed by another team."

Craig added: "Once we are happy, everything will be disassembled and packaged, ready for shipping at the start of August. We are really excited to be carrying out this scope and it is the first time that AJE has been involved in a project in Canada. Who knows, maybe this will be the first of many."

The Pattullo Bridge is a key connection between the communities of Surrey and New Westminster. The new bridge will be a four-lane toll-free bridge which is expected to open later this year. Once the new bridge is open, the existing bridge will be removed.



Technical drawings for the replacement stay cable mounted access system

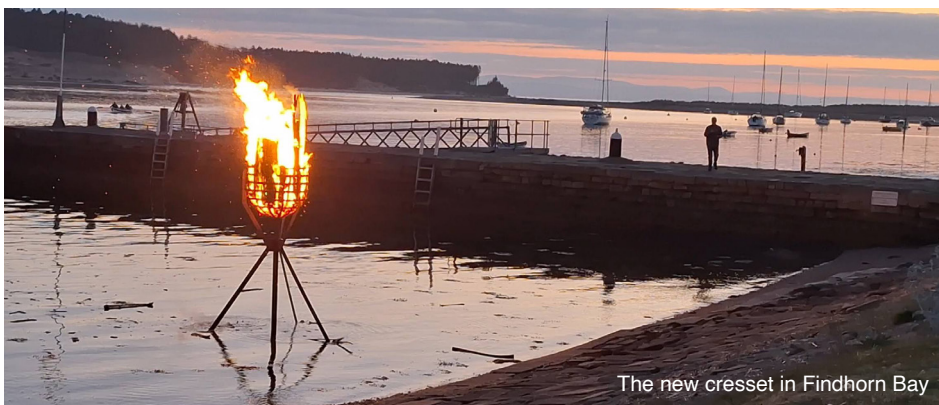
STAFF PROMOTION

Chris Roberts who has been heading up the company's team located in the northwest of England has been given a promotion.

Group director Graham Alexander said: "As the company continues to grow the overall company staff structure needs to develop to ensure we have the right footing to manage that growth, as well as be ready to build further. For these reasons I have created the position of Senior Construction Operations Manager which Chris Roberts has accepted. Chris will be responsible for the delivery of all the steel and cladding projects we undertake."

Chris who joined AJ Engineering in October 2023 said he was delighted with the promotion.

He said: "AJE is growing and expanding. The offer kind of came out of the blue, but of course I am excited to be taking on this new opportunity. The new structure is intended to make the processes more efficient."



The new cresset in Findhorn Bay

AJE LIGHTS UP VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

AJE played a small part in local 80th VE Day Commemorations and celebrations by replacing a cresset that was used to hold a beacon.

The company was approached by Findhorn village resident Bob James who asked if we could help repair an existing cresset, a large metal basket which holds wood which is then lit. The cresset has been used at several civic events, most recently at the late Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

However, when the AJE team started to work on the cresset, they decided that the metal basket was too worn and instead opted to fabricate a new one, free of charge.

Bob said: "We were absolutely delighted when the team from AJ Engineering returned the cresset to us, to find they had actually made us a completely new one. AJ Engineering has once again gone above and beyond for its community. The cresset sits in the water and in the past it has been quite a tricky thing to install, but this new cresset, will be much easier to install and will no doubt be used at public events for years to come."

Findhorn village was chosen by the Lieutenancy as one site where a beacon was to be lit as part of the VE Celebrations across the region.

AJE GIVEN VOICE AT EMPLOYERS' DINNER

Graham Alexander and apprentice Hannah Stewart attended the DYW Moray Employers Dinner last month.

The event at the Mansefield Hotel in Elgin was held to recognise employers who have shown a commitment to supporting

and employing young people.

Graham was invited to give the keynote speech where he spoke about the skills landscape and opportunities in Moray whilst Hannah who is undertaking a modern apprenticeship in mechanical

engineering took part in a Q&A where she gave a young person's point of view.

Chivas Regal, Associated Seafoods, Valu Trac Investment Management, 8to8 Dental Buckie, and Gary Murison Photography all took home awards.



Graham Alexander giving the keynote speech



Hannah Stewart taking part in the Q&A session