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Change brings synergy

New owners deliver energy and ideas to T&R Contracting

Two entrepreneurial couples who operate their own businesses and one shared business have purchased T&R Contracting.

Shaun and Raeann Gloslee own Shaun Gloslee Excavating (SGE) and Dan and Bonnie Robinson have Rural Septic Services with another set of partners. Together, they own Coast Hydro Excavating.

Former owner Mark Hasset decided to retire and sold T&R Contracting to the two couples last fall. "We thought this operation might be a good fit for us," Shaun says. "It was too big for just Raeann and me to take on so we thought of Dan and Bonnie."

He and Dan have done business together for years through their separate operations. "Both of us had great previous working experience," Dan adds.

During the transition period from September 1, the office building at the Padgett Road plant has been expanded to accommodate new offices. "Now we're all here in one spot," explains Raeann who is the office manager. "It provides a synergy and is cost effective."

The new owners have kept all the previous employees and can integrate them with their other operations. "These are well-paying jobs with benefits so people can support their families," Shaun says. "We can use their skills in other areas than here at T&R. So if someone was only working part-time, they could have their hours of work increased."

T&R Contracting has purchased a stone slinger to meet the needs of customers, both commercial and residential. A rock quarry is part of the site and can supply construction aggregate. Another segment of the business is the sand pit around Cranberry Lake.

Bonnie is overseeing the yard, handling the marketing and



Partnership expands

Undertaking a new business venture are [from left] Raeann and Shaun Gloslee and Dan and Bonnie Robinson. They purchased T&R Contracting in the fall and have been busy implementing changes at the yard on Padgett Road in time for the busy gardening season.

managing customer relations. A gardener for more than 35 years, she is thrilled that the company is now carrying Soil Amender, a weed-free product that consists of compost-based organic matter, rich in nutrients. "Revamping the bins in our garden by putting in concrete floors has made a big difference keeping our product clean," she says. Soil Amender's benefits include improving soil structure, texture and aeration and increasing the water-holding capacity of soil. It stimulates healthy root development and reduces reliance on petroleum-based fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

"I'm working on some areas around the office building, using Soil Amender so customers can see for themselves what it can do," Bonnie explains.

"We're using our own sand from our Cranberry pit which is screened and mixed with the or-

ganic matter," adds Shaun. "The sand mixed with Soil Amender creates our garden and turf blend."

"Soil Amender is shipped here from Vancouver from Harvest Power's multimillion-dollar facility which is renowned for its sought-after, high-end product," says Bonnie.

Products available from T&R Contracting include sand, crushed rock, round rock, navijack and rip rap, lava rock, road mulch, soil blends, garden mulch and more. T&R Contracting delivers many yards or one yard. Bonnie also wants to make sure that homeowners know they can pick up products. "They can come here with their buckets or totes for a per-bucket price. This is not just a heavy-duty industrial site, it's open to anybody."

"From grains of sand to three-foot boulders," says Dan, "T&R Contracting can supply it all."

Bonnie has booked a booth in Powell River Home + Garden Show. She is also planning a grand opening on Mother's Day on May 10 with free coffee, doughnuts and a draw for two yards of soil, including delivery within city limits. "We are continuing to improve our business in every area and welcome suggestions from our customers," says Bonnie.

Readers can reach T&R Contracting by phone at 604.485.2234, by email at tandrofice@gmail.com or they can drop by the yard at 4240 Padgett Road, just past Valley Building Supplies. As of April 1, hours will be Monday to Friday from 7 am to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm.

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