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Worker adjusts a brake and shear machine in Mainline's 3,000-square-foot metal shop.



Mainline installed "bullet proof" 2-ply SBS on the roof of the Prosperity Ridge Shopping Centre in Williams Lake. Photos: Mainline Roofing

specialists, with a long list of metal roof and siding projects completed. These include the Williams Lake Tourism Information Centre, the North West Community College in Smithers, the Smithers Recreation Centre, and the Chetwynd Recreation Centre, as well as commercial contracts such as the McDonalds restaurant in Williams Lake. Mainline also roofed the local Walmart, using TPO.

Mainline has its own 3,000-square-foot metal shop but it can also bring the fabrication right to the site. In a project for a diamond drilling company in the Bulkley Valley, their crews rolled with a three ton sheet metal truck and attached a new standing seam machine to a fabricated frame, designed by Matt, and lifted it up with a zoom boom to match the pitch of the roof (see photo). The same concept was used for a mining project building north of Williams Lake.

The company's crews are also up to speed on new green roof technology, installing 40 squares of planted roof on the Williams Lake campus of Thompson River University, a job that took two weeks to complete.

Mainline has been an RCABC member since 1969, and the benefits have flowed every year since, Lyons said. "You need to have

the RCABC guarantee [RoofStar Guarantee Program] to be on the bidding block for large commercial and government contracts," Lyons said. "We proudly put the RCABC logo on all our quote sheets."

Mainline is COR certified (a requirement of RCABC membership) confirms Paul Sorley, the company's Safety and Training Coordinator. Sorley served 20 years as a Health

and Safety official in a major forestry mill and is certified in both fall protection and mobile equipment safety. He is bringing the Mainline crew up to date on safety and training requirements. "I plan to work myself out a job," Sorley joked.

Chris admits he and his partners don't take much time off – though hunting season demands a break – because of the amount of work scheduled. When he spoke to Roofing BC in late August, the company had eight very large projects on the go, including the new fire hall in Fort St. John, a school in Fort St. James and many more. "And there is a lot more coming," he said.

There may also be a third generation of roofers coming. Last winter, Chris' 13-year old son was running a skid-steer loader with ease in Mainline's yard; and Matt and his wife are expecting their second child. ■

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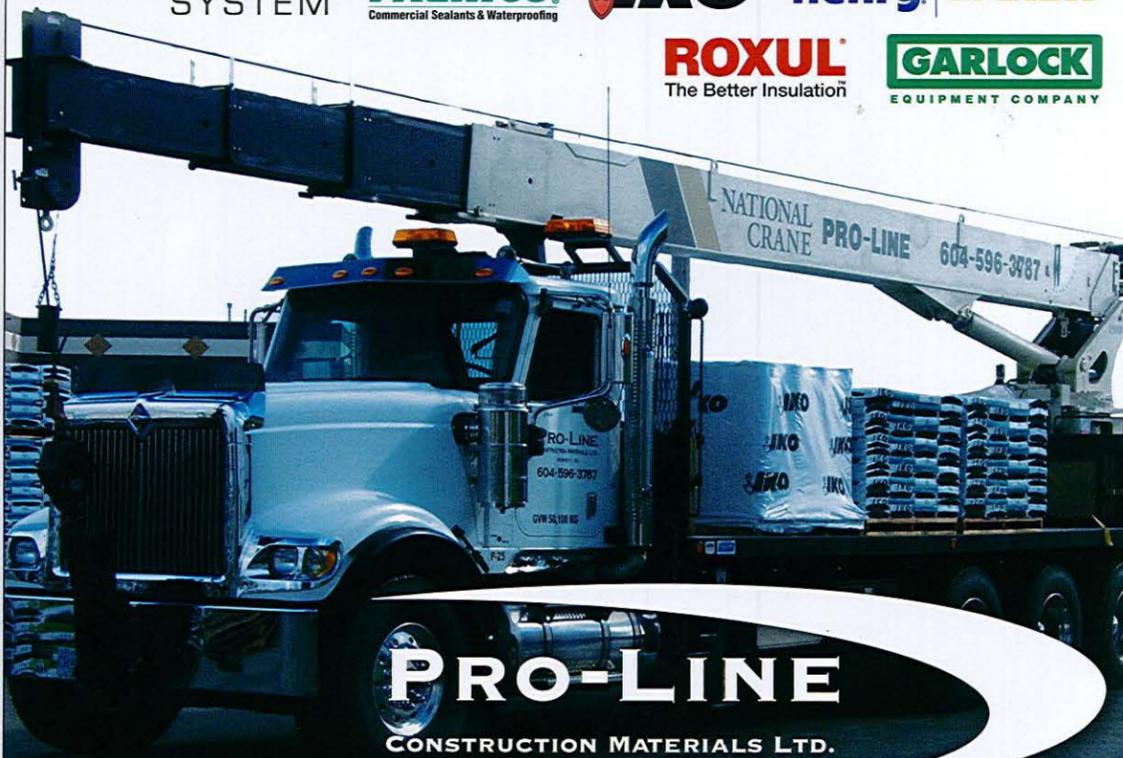
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