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NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING
MAKING REPETITIVE DECISIONS MORE EFFICIENT

What does the statistical law of large numbers have to do with efficient decision-making? This presentation about lean processes in a decision-making context will show you the connection, and give you some key lessons that can save you time and money.

Repetitive decisions are decisions where many different transactions require a similar decision process. Examples include granting permits, diagnostic procedures, investment decisions, and hiring. These decisions are characterized by highly variable inputs and relatively simple (often binary) decision options (hire or not, grant a permit or not.)

Lean processing is an approach to production that draws its philosophy from the Toyota Production System (TPS). Many of the tools of the TPS (Just-in-time, Kanban, 5S, Single Minute Exchange of Die, TQM, TPM) have been known in North America for 30 years. However, it is only in the last ten years that there has been a broader recognition of the overall vision of the TPS.

The TPS approach has most commonly been applied in manufacturing settings. In the past five years practitioners have started applying the concepts to administrative and information-based tasks. Applications of the concept to technical decision-making show significant promise. It can dramatically shorten the decision process and reduce the data costs for making the decision.

The presentation will introduce some key concepts from the world of lean processes, highlight three key lessons from actual applications of lean processes to technical decisions, and show you how applying these lessons can save time and money. The examples are BC based.

This event will feature a dinner and a presentation at a cost of \$25. There is no cost if you want to attend only the presentation. Space is limited so an RSVP (see below) is required.

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2004

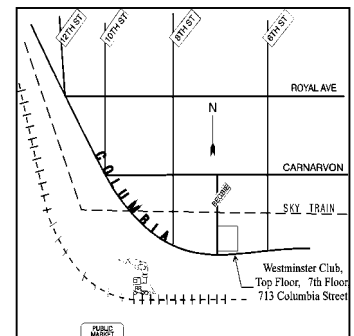
Speaker: Hugh Alley, P.Eng., PMP, is a Senior Consulting Manager with Grant Thornton LLP, a national firm of chartered accountants and management consultants.

Location: Westminster Building, 7th Floor – 713 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC

Cost: \$25 payable with cash or cheque at the door (free if not attending dinner)

Agenda: 6:00 - 6:30 pm Registration
6:30 - 7:15 pm Dinner
7:30 - 8:15 pm Speaker
8:15 - 8:30 pm Question & Answer

RSVP: For those wanting to participate in the event, please RSVP to Boubacar Diallo at boubacar.diallo@bchydro.com or 604-528-2669 by 5pm on Tuesday, November 16, 2004. Please specify if you are attending both dinner and presentation or only the presentation.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2005: Tour – Facilities Using Photocell Technology at BCIT

February 2005: Dinner Meeting – Topic TBA

Details to follow in upcoming newsletters