



Newsletter - March 2026

March Update - People, Projects and News

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes a busy season across our industry. As we head into turnaround and project season, our teams are already preparing to support customers with the people, equipment, and expertise needed to keep operations running smoothly. Here's a look at what's been happening at Roska and what's ahead.

Employee Spotlight - Brent Tansem

The Rise of Temporary Piping at Roska DBO



Brent with his wife and daughter.

An Unexpected Start

Brent Tansum did not set out looking for a career change in 2011. A simple invitation to a Roska lunch barbecue from his girlfriend Jen (who is now his wife!) who worked in staffing, set everything in motion. There he met the manager of the Operational Solutions group. A brief conversation about Brent's

background in facility construction, pipe fabrication, and grain farming led to a follow up call and an interview for a job he had not been pursuing. From that point forward, his path and Roska's growth became closely connected.

Brent was initially hired to temporarily backfill a maintenance coordinator role. When the employee he was replacing did not return, Brent stepped fully into the position. He spent his early days learning LGR testing equipment and supporting field operations, gaining a broad understanding of the business from the ground up.

Growing with the Business

Over the next decade, Roska evolved significantly. What had once been a LGR and blowdown division morphed into a full fabrication shop with early production facilities and a growing fleet of rental process equipment. Brent's responsibilities expanded alongside that growth.

Seeing opportunities to strengthen fabrication practices, he gradually assumed more responsibility and brought in experienced tradespeople he trusted. Over time, he stepped fully into the role leading pipe fabrication as well as managing the quickly expanding pipe rental fleet. Under his leadership, the team established clear expectations around safety, documentation, and product accuracy. Quality was a priority, and processes were built to ensure customers received what they needed quickly and with precision.

Temporary piping soon became a critical driver of Roska's rental offering. Having an inventory of commonly requested configurations ready to ship allows customers to minimize downtime and return to operations faster. For Brent, the real pride comes from consistently meeting tight timelines while raising standards for safety, quality, and budget discipline.



Brent with some of the his Fabrication Crew

Resilience That Runs Deep

In 2015, Brent faced a far more personal challenge when he stepped away from work for a year to undergo cancer treatment and multiple surgeries. The experience tested him physically and emotionally, yet it reinforced the relentless mindset that defines him. He describes his approach to challenges as an unwavering pursuit of success, guided by muscle memory from past achievements and hard-earned lessons.

He is quick to credit his wife, Jen, as the steady force who carried the heaviest load during that difficult time. Her strength and support remain central to his life. A quote he often shares, borrowed from his daughter's cheer coach, reflects his philosophy: *"if you want something you have never had, you are going to have to do something you have never done."*

Family, Community, and Competitive Spirit

Brent and Jen are raising their daughter in Grande Prairie, surrounded by extended family and a strong sense of community. He values the smaller town atmosphere and the ability to stay closely connected to those who matter most.

Some of his favorite memories involve road trips to Vancouver to visit family, summer holidays at Christina Lake, and many weekends travelling together as a family for his daughter's cheer competitions. Closer to home, simple traditions such as walks to "Wally's (a shout out!) for ice cream, sports, movies, and competitive card games keep family life grounded and fun.

Many colleagues may not know that Brent was once drafted first overall at age

eleven to play Alberta provincials baseball, a team that went on to win the championship. While he did not have the opportunity to pursue the sport at a higher level, the competitive drive never left him. Whether helping Roska win a baseball trophy in his early days with the company or negotiating so fiercely at a car dealership that he was offered a sales job, Brent brings competitiveness and attention to detail to everything he does.

If given a completely free day, he would likely spend it renovating something at home or helping friends with a project. For Brent, working with his hands is not just productive, it is a way to connect.

Through resilience, steady leadership, and a deep commitment to both work and family, Brent Tansem has helped shape a core part of Roska's business. More importantly, he has built a reputation for showing up, pushing forward, and doing whatever it takes to deliver.

Built for the Deadline: Delivering a Water Piping System Under Pressure



When a customer calls with an urgent production challenge, response time matters. Recently, Roska DBO's Temporary Piping team was tested with exactly that kind of call. A client requested Roska to design, fabricate, deliver, install and commission a large temporary piping system for a new water injection site with process equipment all within six weeks! The request required Roska to supply all the connecting piping, valves, and pipe supports; it was the kind of project that defines exactly what Roska's Temporary Piping Systems are built for.

Built for Urgency—Without Sacrificing Engineering Rigor

Roska's Temporary Piping Systems are not simply rental pipe. They are engineered, prefabricated, fully traceable systems designed to meet ASME B31.3 standards, complete with quality documentation and 100% radiographic inspection. Our temporary piping systems are commonly deployed to:

- Bypass pipelines or process equipment
- Tie in temporary compression or early production facilities
- Support kickaround gas lift systems
- Connect portable flares and blowdown systems
- Provide temporary purging and draining during turnarounds

In this case, the requirement was to rapidly construct a temporary piping system that would enable safe and flexible tank farm connections while permanent infrastructure was being finalized.

Designing the System: Temporary, Compliant, Field-Ready

Accomplishing this project in such a short timeline required a coordinated effort between engineering, fabrication, logistics, and field operations. For the tank farm application, the system included:

- 867 prefabricated flanged spools
- 75 isolation and control valves
- 102 engineered pipe supports and structural racks
- Full material traceability and QC documentation
- Radiographic inspection records
- Sour-service compatible materials

The design eliminated the need for field welding, reducing safety risk and installation time. Each spool was built for interchangeability and rapid tie-in, enabling crews to work efficiently even under schedule pressure.



Round-the-Clock Fabrication

Even with Roska's extensive inventory of spools, meeting a one-month deadline required more than good planning; it required relentless execution. Under the leadership of Brent Tansem, Roska's pipe fabrication team operated extended shop hours. Every spool underwent inspection, documentation review, and final verification before leaving the facility.

Brent, who has spent over a decade building Roska's temporary pipe fabrication capability into a core business line, emphasized two priorities: safety and precision. The team understood that temporary systems often carry the same pressures and flow conditions as permanent infrastructure. There is no room for shortcuts.

Field Deployment: Speed with Structure

Designing and fabricating the system was only part of the challenge. Delivery and installation were equally critical.

Roska's model is comprehensive: design, prefab, QC documentation, and field installation by certified crews.

For the water injection project, the field team worked in parallel with ongoing fabrication to begin assembly of completed piping systems as soon as they were ready. Engineered pipe supports and structural racks were installed first

to establish the backbone of the system. Flanged spools were then connected in sequence, valves installed, and quality assurance checks completed. Because the system was modular and flanged, no hot work permits were required, accelerating the timeline and improving safety performance.

The result was a fully functional temporary piping system that was commissioned with oversight from Roska's engineering representatives. This entire project was completed within the client's required window allowing tank farm operations to begin, while permanent construction continued.



Why Temporary Piping Matters

Temporary piping systems are often misunderstood as short-term fixes. In reality, they are strategic and economic production tools. They enable operators to:

- Maintain continuity during facility upgrades
- Commission new equipment ahead of permanent tie-ins
- Manage turnarounds without full shutdowns
- Support debottlenecking initiatives
- Reduce risk during phased construction

Temporary piping systems just make strategic and economic sense - they provide flexible and high-quality solutions on short notice.

Integrated Solutions

Temporary piping rarely operates in isolation. Roska's systems integrate seamlessly with other rental equipment and services, including:

- Compression skids
- Flare stacks and blowdown systems
- Flowback separators and tanks
- Filter systems
- Water management systems

This integration allows Roska to deliver a single, coordinated solution rather than fragmented equipment packages. For clients managing aggressive schedules, that integration reduces interface risk and simplifies accountability.

Production Peace of Mind

What made this water injection project successful was not just the quantity of on the shelf spool inventory that was ready to go, but also the on the ability for accelerated piping fabrication on a moments notice. Roska's alignment of engineering discipline, fabrication ability, and field execution enable us to tackle complicated projects, giving the client peace of mind. Projects like this reinforce Roska's value proposition: turnkey temporary piping solutions engineered, built, and installed by one provider.

When clients face urgent production demands, Roska delivers systems that are compliant, temporary, reusable, and field-proven.

Congratulations to Al Alstad on his retirement!



After 6 years with Roska, we would like to share that Allan Alstad has retired from his full-time role effective March 31, 2026.

Al has been a key part of our Operations Solutions group and a trusted resource across the company. His depth of knowledge in rotating equipment, strong work ethic, and ability to solve problems quickly and effectively have made a lasting impact on our team and the way we operate.

Beyond his technical contributions, Al is known for his upbeat energy, sense of humor, and the pace he brought to every job. He's someone people relied on—and someone we will truly miss working with day to day.

While Al is stepping away from his full-time role, we're pleased to share that he will continue to support Roska from time to time as a subject matter expert.

Please join us in wishing Al all the best.

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