



*(Left) Ken Burkosky Jr., 2005 RBHCA President (Barzeele & Burkosky Ltd.) and (right) Harold Derksen, 2005 RBHCA First Vice-President (Lonesome Prairie Sand & Gravel) present Rick Nemanishen, Nemanishen Contracting (centre) with the 2005 Environmental Award.*

**ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD:**

The purpose of the Environmental Award is to promote environmental leadership, innovation and/or achievements that elevate the industry profile in terms of Environmental Stewardship.

**Recipient: Nemanishen Contracting Ltd. - C04097**

This project involved the construction of a subgrade on Highway No. 219, 11 km south of Ruth Street in Saskatoon, for a total distance of 3.6 km. This was a partnership with the RM of Corman Park. Mike Prime was the Department representative. Darryl Williams of UMA provided on site supervision. There were no subcontractors. The project had 150,000 m<sup>3</sup> of excavation and 730,00 m<sup>3</sup>.hm of haul.

Completion was within time limits. From the Department's Environmental Advisor: This project was located south of Saskatoon within the mixed-grassland eco-region in an area known as Beaver Creek. The project, situated in a sensitive ecosystem containing highly erodable soils, was adjacent to a fish-bearing watercourse that is a tributary to the South Saskatchewan River. The right-of-way was top soiled, seeded with oats during construction, and then reseeded with a native prairie seed mix in late fall. In an effort to minimize any sediment from entering the creek, the contractor successfully installed over 9,000 square meters of erosion control matting and 500 meters of sediment control devices. The efforts of this project will maintain biodiversity in and around Beaver Creek, both now and in the future.