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President's Message

Hope you've all enjoyed the exceptional weather we've had in August, and though it appears the heat is going to stay with us for a bit longer, summer is over and the kids are heading back to school. Please be mindful and patient with school and playground zones while driving in your communities.

Although summer holiday activities was the focus for many of us, there have been a number of developments on issues affecting our industry.

The newly named Alberta Board of Skilled Trades (replacing the Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Training Board) is now up and running, with Ray Massey as Chair. Dave Kavanagh, who has his Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) designation and is currently employed by EPCOR, has been appointed to the Board, recently met with our Executive Director Robin Bobocel and board member Terry Milot to discuss issues our ECAA members have with the new apprenticeship framework and identify opportunities for improvement of the system. I was not able to attend this introductory meeting due to holidays, but I know Dave very well from time we spent together on the old Electrician PAC. Dave is very knowledgeable of the electrical industry, well spoken, reasonable, and understands the issues that contractors, employers and apprentices deal with. We look forward to an open dialogue with Dave, as we move into Alberta's new apprenticeship system.



Along with representatives from the Alberta Trade Contractors Coalition (ATCC), we were also able to meet with Minister Nicolaides in August to discuss the new STAE (Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education) Act and Board. The minister was very receptive to the concerns that were shared, specifically with our opposition to the recently announced suspension of period exams for the current

academic year. The ATCC highlighted the negative impact that this action would have on the construction trades and the increased risk to public safety.

Prompt Payment legislation was finally brought into force at the end of August. This important piece of legislation that positively affects not only our electrical industry, but the construction services industry as a whole, is the culmination of a couple years of heavy lifting and conversations with government and industry colleagues. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to board member Terry Milot who has grabbed this file by the tail, and represented not only the ECAA, but also the ATCC throughout the process. Terry has put in countless hours of preparing for and attending meetings with government and industry colleagues, phone calls, emails, etc and kept our ECAA Provincial Board apprised of developments every step along the way. THANK YOU Terry!

Our Fort McMurray Chapter hosted another very successful Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic golf tournament on August 18th, leading into a busy season of events including the always popular Bob Carson Classic, hosted by the Edmonton Chapter on September 14th; and be sure to look for more details around our 60th Anniversary celebration on December 10th, in conjunction with the Calgary Chapter Winter Gala.

September signals the start of our Chapter's returning to their regular meeting and event schedules, and I look forward to getting out and meeting with members. As part of our initiative to increase engagement with our membership and the provincial board we are taking board meetings on the road this year! We want to hear directly from you as far as what you want and need from us, so that we can make sure that we have the resources needed to better support you, your business and the entire electrical community.

Neil Moffatt
Provincial President

Upcoming Events



ECAA Electrical Contractors
Association of Alberta

BOB CARSON CLASSIC

09.14.2022

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HIGHLANDS
GOLF CLUB

33rd Annual Bob Carson Classic Golf Tournament

Highlands Golf Club
Wednesday, September 14th

In less than two weeks our Edmonton Chapter will be hosting this annual tournament at the Highlands Golf Course. This sold out event is sure to be a good time!

A waitlist has been started. If you would like to be added, email chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

Prize sponsorship still available, [click here to purchase](#).

Thank you to our sponsors:



Proceeds raised at this event will be donated to help Fund-A-Flight for STARS air ambulance. For every mission STARS undertakes, it costs about \$5,400. Out of Edmonton base alone, we average 600 missions a year, which is \$3.2 million.

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Industry News

Alberta Prompt Payment & Construction Lien Act - In effect (August 29th, 2022)

The Alberta Trade Contractor Council Present: Prompt Payment Seminar Series

10:30 am - 11:30 am each day
3 part series – September 6, 7, & 8th 2022

Sept 6 – The Journey of a Trade Contractor's Invoice
Sept 7 – A Step by Step Guide to Dispute Adjudication

Sept 8 – The evolution of contracts under prompt payment legislation

These sessions will provide details required to help your business prepare to successfully operate within the rules of prompt payment legislation. Invoicing protocols, forms and notices, the process of adjudicating disputes, and what you need to know as legislation is in effect (August 29th, 2022).

This legislation will dramatically impact the manner in which invoices are rendered and will set mandatory time periods in which payments must be made to all parties involved in the construction chain.

The webinar will include over 100 FAQs relating to prompt payment, builders' liens and holdbacks, adjudication, consolidation, the transition period and what your organization can do to get prepared. It will also include a segment on lessons learned from other provinces who have prompt payment legislation already in place.

[Register for Prompt Payment Series Here](#)

The [Electrical Inspectors Association of Alberta \(EIAA\)](#) is facilitating a 1/2 day seminar on Lightning Protection Systems. The seminar will be offered twice, Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st at 8:30 am. ECAA Members can take the seminar for \$25 (half price). Seminar information registration linked.

[Lightning Seminar](#)

[EIAA Presentation Info](#)

Portage College trades program dates for Apprenticeship Electrician (Cold Lake Campus)

Period 1 August 31st to October 21st

Period 2 October 24th to December 16th

Period 3 January 9 to March 3rd

Period 4 March 6th to May 26th

Apprenticeship programs will be offered through blended learning; a mix of online and face to face instruction. For more information contact 1-866-623-5551 or visit portagecollege.ca/trades

Electricians and Asbestos Exposure – What You Need to Know

Electricians are exposed to asbestos when repairing existing wiring in structures constructed when asbestos building materials were widely used. Repetitive and extended exposure can lead to asbestos-related diseases such as mesothelioma and lung cancer.

A recent US-based article was made available to CECA (Canadian Electrical Contractors Association) who in turn asked that it be shared with provincial ECAs and their members. The article can be found by clicking on this link: www.asbestos.com/occupations/electricians.

Source: CECA

New Members

ECAA Welcomes New Members

Associates: [Aman Builders](#) (Edmonton); [Suderman Estimating Systems Inc.](#) (Chestermere) and [SEAAA - Sustainable Energy & Agriculture Association of Alberta](#) (Edmonton)

Contractors: RT Electric Ltd. (Langdon) and Tapitow Li Salay (Edmonton)

Chapter Events

CALGARY CHAPTER

Join the Chapter as we kick off the season at Greta Arcade Bar on **Thursday, September 8th** (213 10 Avenue SW). Invite your team and significant others.

Networking 5:30 pm; 6 pm meal and arcade games to follow.

Thank you to [Westburne Electrical](#) and [Johnson Controls](#) for sponsoring this event!



[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER

On behalf of Chapter President Paul Schmaltz, we invite you to join us at the upcoming Chapter meeting on **Wednesday September 21st at the Best Western Sawridge Suites.**

Networking 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm with meal & presentation by RotaFlow Controls. Shopping for tires?? ECAA has partnered with Michelin to help save you some money. Get the details on the savings and how as an ECAA member you can enroll in the program.

[Register In Person](#)

[Can't Make In Person? Register to attend virtually here](#)

EDMONTON CHAPTER

Join the Chapter at **Metro Billiards** (17512 Stony Plain Road) on **Thursday September 22, 2022**. Networking 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm with meal and billiards tournament to follow (we will build your team onsite). Friends & family invited.

Have questions or concerns about your business insurance? [Hub Insurance](#) will be on hand to answer your questions or concerns. Thank you for sponsoring our event!

Need to move some merchandise?? We are looking for **prize donations** for the winners.

[Register Here](#)

CENTRAL CHAPTER

First Chapter meeting of the 2022 - 2023 year starts Wednesday, September 28th at Moxies Grill Bar (2828 Gaetz Avenue, Red Deer). Networking starts 5 pm followed by dinner with presentations by [LSW Lighting](#) and [Herc Rentals](#)

[Register Here](#)

NORTH WEST CHAPTER

Join us in welcoming our new Chapter President, Christa Youngman, PEC as she hosts our first social for the North West Chapter on Thursday, **September 29th** at **Better Than Fred's** (9903 101 Street, Grande Prairie). Networking at 5 pm followed by a brief Chapter meeting, appetizers and a billiards tournament. Teams will be built onsite, co-workers, friends and family welcome.



[Register Here](#)

PEC News

UPCOMING COURSES

Electrical Project Management - September 14 & 15 (Virtual Instructor Led). [For course description and registration, click here.](#) *this is a required course for PEC

Legal Implications - September 29th & 30th (Virtual Instructor Led)
[For course description and registration, click here.](#) *this is a required course for PEC

Business Development - October 5th & 6th (Virtual Instructor Led)
[For Course description and registration click here.](#) *this is a required course for PEC

For more course offerings visit <https://www.ecaa.ab.ca/pec-program-courses/>



What's Available from Your Associates



Did you know that fires during construction can spread rapidly and burn out of control in a little as 30 seconds? The high volume of flammable materials, hot work, and absence of adequate fire protection systems can make these fires difficult to contain. That's why it's important to have an effective loss prevention plan in place to help keep property and workers safe in the event a fire does occur.

To help you avoid potential losses at a jobsite and keep your projects running smoothly, Federated has created a [risk management resource](#) on fire prevention and fire control safety tips.



*Hi ECAA members, my name is Kristiena Bobocel and I am the owner of the Edmonton and St. Albert based **EyeCare Optometric Group**. EyeCare Group just recently joined the ECAA as an associate member, and I'm excited to assist all members in looking after their eye care needs. **Think of us as your #1 clinic to visit as ECAA's specialized eye care provider!***



As leaders in the eyewear optical and optometry industry, EyeCare Group has firsthand experience and considered experts in providing safe and comfortable prescription and non-prescription safety glasses to those working in the construction industry.

EyeCare Optometrics Group is a full-service optometric clinic. Urgent medical eye care service is also available to your team, through us. Our optometrists are qualified to provide support in dealing with: eye injuries, foreign objects in eyes, eye and eyelid inflammation, dry eyes, and any changes in vision.

In addition, routine eye health examinations are a large part of maintaining good eye health as many eye diseases don't come with now symptoms and don't always affect the vision. Routine eye checks save eyes.

"Kids Get Free Glasses" in September at EyeCare Group! Book the whole family in for an eye exam, and when mom and/or dad get glasses the kids get a free pair at either of our Jasper Avenue or St. Albert locations.

EyeCare Group is ready to serve you as a member for all your personal and safety eyecare needs. As a bonus we will be there to assist all your employees and all of their family members with their optical needs as well. A great benefit to your membership in the ECAA that can be shared as a perk to your whole team.

EyeCare Group can bill most insurance companies directly on behalf of the members. Give us a call or [send us an email](#) to book your next exam today!

GLASSES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

WHEN PARENTS GET AN EYE EXAM & ORDER GLASSES,
KIDS UP TO 13 GET A FREE NEW PAIR OF FRAMES!

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We value your feedback and its important to us, send us your comments and feedback.

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