



Alberta Construction Association

The ACA leads Alberta's construction industry in government advocacy, public relations, industry practices, and partnerships, and promotion of a skilled workforce

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Greater market opportunities and less risk for Alberta's construction industry

Bringing ACA Concerns to Government

- Over the last month, the ACA Management committee has been meeting with government of Alberta ministers and their staff to share our concerns and seek points of collaboration.
- Among the engagement that ACA regularly has with the provincial government, the Infrastructure Liaison Committee (ILC) has met regularly over the past few years leading to better connections with government to highlight issues and opportunities for the construction sector.
- ILC is made up of ACA Board members and staff, along with other construction industry representatives, to work with the Alberta government, led by Infrastructure. This Committee meets regularly on topics such as prompt payment, contract modernization, workforce development, sustainable capital funding, among other issues that arise.
- At a recent meeting, the ACA members asked questions regarding prompt payment adjudication cases and the status of the report to be provided by the nominating authority. Industry continues to share their concerns, including around holdbacks on consultants, substantial completion, and progressive payments.
- Infrastructure shared that the Industry Liaison Committee will be considered part of the MacKinnon Panel recommendation to form a business/industry Procurement Council. ACA requested a Terms of Reference be created. Infrastructure have stated they will draft the terms.
- Also, during the ILC meeting industry asked whether further consultations will be held on contract modernization. Alberta Infrastructure indicated they will continue to monitor the situation. We have been in long term discussion with Alberta Infrastructure and Service Alberta about contract modernization and it continues to be something we will be pressing government ministers about in upcoming meetings.



Updates from ACA

- ACA was pleased to present to the Calgary Construction Association at their 80th AGM and Presidents Reception.
- ACA attended the Industry Taskforce (ITF) policy committee regarding long term severe injury policy of the WCB.
- ACA took part in a panel presentation at Concrete Alberta's 2024 AGM and Conference.
- ACA was invited to an event with the Premier and Canadian Heads of Mission to connect embassy representatives.
- ACA was interviewed by the Journal of Commerce regarding housing market crunch and Alberta's response to this critical issue. You can read the article [here](#).

- ACA also met with staff members from the offices of the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services as well as the Finance and Treasury Board. During those meetings we discussed issues with inflation, labour shortages and prompt payment legislation and the ongoing issues.

Legislature Notes



Provincial Legislation Related to Construction

Bill 13 – *Real Property Governance Act*

The purpose of the act is to create a central system for collecting and distributing information on real property in Alberta. To assist with understanding capital management and create a broader understanding of how best to retain and sell off property for the government.

Bill 13 represents an opportunity to develop government longer term, predictable procurement, and capital spending. It supports an ACA goal of having predictable, sustainable funding on provincial government projects. ACA will continue to provide input on how best to deal with longstanding concerns on provincial procurement for construction projects. ACA will continue to advocate for a sustainable, predictable capital funding formula now that provincial assets are more aligned.

Status – Received Royal Assent May 16, 2024

Bill 203 - *Foreign Qualification and Credential Recognition Advisory Committee Act*

The legislation would enable the development of a Committee designed to facilitate the recognition of foreign credentials in Alberta. The Committee would undertake a number of key actions, including:

- reviewing legislation and other rules, including those established by professional regulatory organizations, that govern the recognition of foreign credentials in Alberta;
- examining other jurisdictions in Canada to advance the recognition of foreign credentials and identifying areas of success; and,
- making recommendations to the Minister to improve the process for recognizing foreign credentials in Alberta and facilitating the recognition of foreign credentials in specific professions with current and anticipated labour shortages.

The Bill has been given Royal Assent on March 28 and **comes into force on June 28, 2024.**

Upcoming Events

- [Skills Canada National Competition](#) May 30-31
- [National Apprenticeship Conference](#) June 2-4
- Canadian Environment Week June 3-7
- [Edmonton Construction Association PEG Event](#) June 6
- ACA Board Meeting June 7



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[Construction Innovations Centre Forum](#) June 12-13
[ECA Summer BBQ](#) June 13

Social media

This month we celebrated Education Week and Health and Safety week. And put out notice of the CIC Forum coming up next month. As well we honoured those who lost their lives in work related incidents during the National Day of Mourning April 28th.

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