



**ECAA**

Electrical Contractors  
Association of Alberta

# THE SPARK

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## Calendar of Events

**Edmonton Chapter**

**High Level Brews/Streetcar**

**Thursday, August 8th, 2019**

[High Level Brews/Streetcar Tour](#)

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**Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship  
Classic Golf Tournament**

**Wednesday, August 14th, 2019**

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## Welcome to ECAA's E-Newsletter, The Spark!

This e-newsletter was created to keep members and industry informed on the Association's activities and upcoming events in a timely manner.

### President's Message

Well summer is half over and there seems to be some action on the construction front, but not much! There is a lot of talk about new projects this fall, which is a good sign. The rain has not helped our short building season, so looking for a long and dry fall to help us and the farmers out!



We have sent a letter to Grant Hunter Associate Minister of Red Tape providing our support for Occupational Health & Safety Officers to check the apprenticeship ratios.

A few members and I took in a Eskimo game in July and had a great time watching the games and talking about the industry. Thanks to Associate Member Curtis Austin with American Express for the invite!

There is still room for the 2020 out of country convention, Caribbean Cruise and Panama Canal turn around with stops in Colombia, Aruba, Curacao, Costa Rica and many more stops along the way! This is kind of like an all inclusive, so please come and join my wife, me and some of our board and members on this truly once in a lifetime trip on the Norwegian Cruise Ship The Joy! Cabin deadline September 15th.

I am looking forward to the interaction with members on the High Level Brews & Tour on August 8th, and hoping to attend the Wood Buffalo

**30th Annual Bob Carson  
Classic Golf Tournament**

**Wednesday, September 11th**

[30th Anniversary Bob Carson  
Classic](#)

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**PEC COURSES**

[2019 PEC Registration Form](#)

**CODE SEMINARS**

**Edmonton Code**

August 19th, 2019  
ECAA Provincial Office

September 16th, 2019  
ECAA Provincial Office

**Calgary Code**

September 13th, 2019  
Marriott Courtyard Airport

[Code Seminar Registration Form](#)

**MEETINGS**

September 12th, 2019  
CALGARY CHAPTER  
Best Western Port O'Call  
Calgary, AB

September 16th, 2019  
EDMONTON CHAPTER  
Chateau Louis Hotel &  
Conference Center  
Edmonton, AB

September 19th, 2019  
NORTH WEST CHAPTER  
Pomeroy Hotel  
Grande Prairie

September 26th, 2019  
FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER  
Best Western Sawridge

Apprenticeship Classic in Fort McMurray on August 14th. I hope there is a good turn out for both ECAA events!

That's all for now. Please enjoy the rest of summer and let's hope the powers to be invest in our great province and we get back to work! Please feel free to contact me over the summer months if you have any concerns or ideas that we as a trade or group can explore!

Thanks,

Terry Barnett  
ECAA President

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**Getting to Know Your Executive**

***We thought our readers would like to know more about the volunteers who make up the ECAA Board of Directors so have added this feature into the Spark.***

***Getting to Know Your Treasurer Scott Hutton***

**Company:** Highline Electrical (since 1981)

**Family Members:** My wife Kimm, sons Ryan (Kim) and Shawn, daughter Kelsey (Jordan) Granddaughters' Gabriella, Natalie and Grandson Cohen

**When and how did you start in the industry:** Needed to make some money for Christmas, so started wiring houses with Ardrossan Electric

**Favorite hobbies:** no real hobbies. Enjoy time at the lake, enjoying good beer

**Favorite TV show:** oddly enough have become a fan of Coronation Street

**Favourite Sports Team:** Eskimos, Oilers

**Most memorable vacation:** ECAA out of Country 2016, the history was amazing

**Affiliations with other associations:** I have done my time with Hockey and Football as my family grew up. Also spent 14 years as a volunteer Firefighter. Just the ECAA now.

**Any word of advice to new electrical apprentices:** Have a good work ethic, be observant and try and be one step ahead. Be flexible. The work isn't always going to be exactly when and where you want it to be. Sometimes you need to "make hay while the sun shines".

## [ECAA 2019-2020 Board of Directors](#)

Click on the above link to meet our Provincial Board of Directors

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**Favorite ECAA memory:** There have been so many. It seems whenever we all get together at an AGM, Presidents Gala, STARS event or out of country convention we have so much fun together.

**Best part of ECAA is:** The lasting friendships that my wife and I have made.

### Industry News

**EWEL ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND SALES MANAGER AL GRAHAM EWEL** announces that Al Graham, principal and long-time Sales Manager, will retire on August 31, 2019. Al Graham began his electrical career at Nedco in Vancouver in 1973. He soon moved to Winnipeg and joined Westburne, where he quickly worked his way up from the warehouse into project quotations. Al was promoted into outside sales and moved to Saskatoon where he soon became a sales manager. Al switched to the manufacturing side of the electrical business when he joined the Crouse Hinds team in Vancouver. He was soon promoted to Area Manager, and then to VP Sales, Western Canada, with his most recent move to Edmonton. In 2005, Al returned to electrical distribution and joined EWEL as a principal and Sales Manager. *"We wish Al the absolute best in his retirement years,"* says EWEL CEO Bruce Carson. Widely known and respected throughout the electrical industry, Al Graham's vast experience, influence, and knowledge propelled EWEL's growth and success. *"Al has done so much for EWEL and the electrical industry in general,"* says EWEL President David Carson. "He'll be missed by the ownership group, customers, and staff alike." Al is looking forward to the retirement chapter of his life where he plans to travel, spend time with his family, and play golf. We at EWEL wish Mr. Graham a wonderful retirement! ***ECAA congratulates Al and wishes him all the best on his upcoming retirement.***

**Safety Codes Council.** On June 1, Kevin Griffiths became Chair of the Board of Directors of the Safety Codes Council, taking over from Robert Blakely. As the former Director of Building Services for the City of Calgary, Mr. Griffiths brings over 30 years of experience and public service to the safety codes system. Mr. Griffiths' appointment is a reflection of the strong commitment of the Government of Alberta and the Council to ensure a safe built environment for all Albertans. ***ECAA congratulates Mr. Griffiths on his appointment and extends a thank you to Mr. Blakely for his nine year term as Chair.***

**Alberta Fire Alarm Systems Guide Third Edition** - For Installation, Testing, and Maintenance is based on the Alberta Building Code 2014 and the Alberta Fire Code 2014. Price \$75.00 (plus GST) [Order through Council Connect](#)

**Barrier-Free Design Guide 2017** - [FREE DOWNLOAD](#) The Barrier-Free Council of the Safety Codes Council, in partnership with Alberta Municipal Affairs has developed the Barrier-Free Design Guide to provide further interpretation and understanding of accessibility requirements under section 3.8. of the Alberta Building Code. The Guide also makes recommendations for best practice design solutions including residential living. ([Print version available through Council Connect](#))

**ATTI is offering the following courses:** [IP Red Seal Journeyperson Challenge Exam Prep Courses](#) (October 21st - 25th, 2019) CLAC Edmonton; 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Cost: \$1575 + GST. (Also available via Skype). [IP Red Seal Journeyperson Challenge Exam Prep Course](#) (November 25th - November 29th, 2019) CLAC Calgary; 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Cost: \$1575 + GST. (Also available via Skype). [Master Electrician Prep Course](#) (September 16th - September 21st, 2019) Edmonton; Cost \$1575 + GST (Also available via Skype). [info@atticanada.com](mailto:info@atticanada.com)

**Harmonization of Red Seal Trades - Consensus reached for 32 Red Seal trades!** The Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA) would like to thank industry and training stakeholders for their contribution and support to the harmonization of apprenticeship training initiative. Since 2015, this initiative has been working with apprenticeship industry and training stakeholders from across the country to achieve consensus on substantive alignment across jurisdictions on the trade name, total training hours (on-the-job and in class), number of training levels and sequencing of technical training content. The initiative was launched with the ambitious goal of harmonizing training for 30 trades covering 90% of registered apprentices in participating jurisdictions by 2020. The CCDA is proud to announce that consensus has now been reached for 32 Red Seal trades. Implementation of the recommendations is on target for all of them to be implemented by September of 2020. [The Red Seal trades covered by the first five phases and the consensus name, hours and levels are listed here.](#) For details on the sequencing of apprenticeship training and your province or territory's implementation plan, please contact [your apprenticeship authority](#). The next phase of trades that are currently in stages of consultation are Instrumentation and Control Technician, Partsperson, Glazier, Bricklayer, Roofer and Motorcycle Mechanic. Work will continue to harmonize the remaining Red Seal trades, as their occupational standards are developed. The CCDA is also looking forward to reviewing trades whose curriculum has been harmonized, to ensure that the training content stays current and continues to meet industry needs.

**OH&S News.** On January 19, 2016, a worker was using an aerial work platform to access the top of a round vessel to weld on a fixture at a work site in Edmonton. When the worker stepped out of the aerial work platform and stood on the top of the vessel to setup, the worker fell to the concrete floor 5.7 metres below and received fatal injuries. The company pleaded guilty to section 139 (1)(a) of the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code, failure to ensure that workers used a fall protection system at a temporary work area where a worker could fall three metres or more. They were fined \$5,000 inclusive of the 15 percent victim fine surcharge. In addition, they were ordered under OHS Act Section 75 to pay \$170,000 for the development of an enhanced fall protection course for companies that have workers who transition from aerial work platforms or other access points to another work platform.

**National Energy Board refuses to assert jurisdiction over the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project.** Author(s): Sander Duncanson, Mark Graham, Erin Bower. The National Energy Board (NEB) has refused to assert jurisdiction over the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project (the CGL Pipeline), providing important clarity for the largest energy project in Canadian history and upholding the rule of law in Canada. [To read the full article click here.](#)

**Congratulations** to the **University of Toronto CECA Student Chapter** has placed 1st in the first round of the Green Energy Challenge. CECA is happy to report that the U of T CECA student chapter team placed first out of thirteen teams in the initial round of the Green Energy Challenge.

Top three teams and scores are:

1. University of Toronto - 503.71
2. Iowa State University - 503.40
3. Illinois Institute of Technology - 502.00

The top three teams move on to the second round. They have to create a video and present their project at the NECA convention in Las Vegas in September. You can share your congratulations and best wishes for round 2 with them at [ceca.uoft@gmail.com](mailto:ceca.uoft@gmail.com). PS. It was noted that the core team leads for the competition were ALL women!

### Provincial Board Update

Next Provincial Board meeting scheduled for September 10th, 2019.

### Local Chapter Activity

**CALGARY:** Next meeting **Thursday, September 12th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE: Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala** hosted by Chapter President Chris & Claire Jardine. Saturday, December 7th at the Marriott Hotel Downtown Calgary.

**EDMONTON:** Next Meeting **Monday, September 16th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**Chapter Meeting Presenter:** Curtis Austin, American Express Canada  
**Topic of Presentation:** Make your Working Capital Work Harder: Finding Hidden Value in Payments

**REGISTRATION OPEN: 30th Annual Bob Carson Classic Golf Tournament Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at the Highlands Golf Course.**

Register online: <http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/30th-annual-bob-carson-classic-golf-tournament/>

**FORT McMURRAY:** Next Meeting **Thursday, September 26th**, Best Western Sawridge Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**Chapter Meeting Presenter:** Paul Kim, Prolux Lighting  
**Meeting Sponsor:** Tim Hydzik, Prolux Lighting

**Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic Golf Tournament Wednesday, August 14th, 2019** taking place at the Miskenaw Golf Course in Fort McMurray. For more information and to register a team open the complete registration package [Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic 2019](#) Proceeds raised at this tournament go directly to the Keyano College in the form of scholarships for 2nd & 3rd year students registered in the Electrical Apprenticeship program.

**NORTH WEST:** Next Meeting **Thursday, September 19th**, Pomeroy Hotel Grande Prairie. Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**Chapter Presenter:** John Knoll, PEC

**Topic of Presentation:** Sustainable Electrical Construction Methods and Products

### Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

#### [2019 PEC Course Schedule and Registration](#)

**Estimating & Finalizing the Tender Thursday, September 12th, 13th & 14th, 2019 (Instructor: Chris Reinert, PEC) (EDMONTON)** This 3-day course will cover types of estimates, organizing the estimate, labor units, computer estimating and finalizing the tender. Goals of this course include how to do an estimate using a set of drawings and specs applying take off terms and procedures to finalize and submit tender documents and develop an estimate in a format that can be used as a Project Management tool.

**Safety Principles Thursday, September 19th & Friday, September 20th, 2019 Instructor: Barry Lawrence (CALGARY)** Legislation recognizes a PEC as an "Employer". This course lays the groundwork to develop a successful safety program, and mitigate additional employer risk. We'll learn to identify common gaps found in safety systems, simple ways to interpret legislation, and many other valuable tools including: OH&S Obligations (Employer & Worker); Employee Competency; WCB Expectations; Claims Management Strategies; CSA Z463 & Z462.

#### **Basic Electrical Estimating Thursday, September 26th & Friday, September 27th, 2019 Instructor: Jeff Light, PEC (CALGARY)**

For small contractors who are not ready to make the investment in a computerized estimating system. Designed to teach new contractors the fundamentals of preparing an electrical estimate using the Elemental Format hands-on. The course will address material take-off, pricing of materials, labouring of materials using the NECA Manual of Labour Units, labour costs, special overheads, general overheads and profit/contingencies.

***\*\*Reminder all PEC's retaking courses 12 APD points apply. Reduced course rate of \$60 per 2 day course; \$90 3 day course.***

### Online Training Member Benefit

**ECAA Members will now receive a discount through EPIC (Educational Programs Innovations Center).**

ECAA members can access EPIC courses using the [following link](#). **Members are eligible to receive 10% off using the discount code ECAA.**

Almost all of EPIC's courses qualify for APD points for PEC's; Continuing Education Units (CEU's) and Professional Development Hours (PDH's).

### Online Training

[www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com)

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use Promo Code ECAA2018! to receive our preferred rates.

#### E-Learning Courses Available:

- ESTS Electrical Worker Canada 2018
- ESTS Electrical Worker USA
- ESTS Non-Electrical Worker Canada and USA
- Bear Awareness Online Training
- Confined Space Pre-Entry Online Training
- Fire Safety Awareness
- Ground Disturbance Online Training - Supervisory 3.0
- H2S Awareness Online Training 2.0
- Hazard Awareness Online Training 2.0
- TDG Online Training 3.0
- WHMIS 2015 Online Training
- Defensive Driving - 3 Demerit Reduction Online Training (Alberta Only)
- Defensive Driving Condensed Online Training (CDN Version)
- Fatigue Management for Senior Administrators and Supervisors Online Training
- Fatigue Management: Driving Drowsy - Taking Responsibility Online Training
- Professional Drive Improvement Course Online Training - 3 Demerit Reduction (Alberta Only)

**FIRST LEVEL SUPERVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM \*\*5 Gold Seal Credits** This course offers the critical basic skills and concepts needed to supervise a crew in the residential, institutional, commercial, industrial and civil construction sectors. For more information click on the following link [First Level Supervisor Training Program](#) . Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424. Course cost is \$400 and to enroll contact Christine [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)

**ON-LINE ETHICS COURSE.** This course is designed for the Certified Master Electrician (CME) that desires to maintain that designation and for any Registered Master Electrician (RME) or Master electrician that desires to become a CME Information at [www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com) (Ethics course).

## Contact Us

If you are an ECAA Contractor or Associate member and would like us to help promote an industry or company event please contact us directly at 1-800-252-9375.

We value your feedback and its important to us. Please submit any comments to [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)

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