



**ECAA**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Medicine Hat Chapter Meeting**

Tuesday, October 6th

[Register Here](#)

**Lethbridge Chapter Meeting**

Wednesday, October 7th

[Register Here](#)

**Calgary Chapter Meeting**

Thursday, October 8th

[Register Here](#)

**Electrical Project Management**

October 7th & 8th

[Register Here](#)

**Business Development Course**

(Business & Public Relations)

October 15th & 16th, 2020

[Register Here](#)

**Code Update Seminar  
(Last Chance)**

Friday, October 16th



## President's Message

Well it is that beautiful time of year where the leaves change from green to gold, orange and red. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the farming community is working hard to harvest the crops in preparation for old man winter's return. Now I realize that not everyone looks forward to the winter months ahead, but I am certain that there must be a great number of people that will be looking forward to putting 2020 in the rear view mirror.

[Register Here](#)

**Edmonton Chapter Meeting**

Monday, October 19

[Register Here](#)

**North East Chapter Meeting**

Tuesday, October 20th

[Register Here](#)

**Legal Implications Course**

Thursday, October 22nd & Friday,  
October 23rd

[Register Here](#)

**Fire Alarm Training Course**

October 26th - October 30th

[Register Here](#)

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[ECAA 2020-2021  
Board of Directors](#)

With that being said, there are also some unique or positive opportunities as a result of continued social distancing. For one, it is now possible for members and associates to attend multiple chapter meetings through Zoom. There are five Chapter meetings slated for this month and we are all able to join in on the virtual events via our computers. I would strongly encourage all of you to go online and meet some of the folks that you normally don't get many opportunities to share with. As a reminder, all of the upcoming Chapter meetings and events including training courses, are posted on our website. We are certainly looking forward to renewing our networking relationships with our members and associates in the weeks to come.

We kicked off our fall sessions with a Provincial Board meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. There were a great number of topics and initiatives discussed including a revisit and refreshing of ECAA's Values, Initiatives, Services and overall Mission as we look to expand and grow and evolve with the ever changing climate and challenges that our industry is facing. There will be many great updates to share in the coming weeks and months and we will be looking forward to your input and feedback as we journey to the next level.

Thank you again to everyone for your resilience and tenacity as we continue to work through all of the challenges that we have had to face in 2020. It is a true testament of our continued spirit to not only survive, but to move forward with new ideas and the desire to do things better than ever before, turning obstacles into new opportunities.

Please enjoy your Thanksgiving and let's be sure to help those around us who are less fortunate.

Respectfully,

Tim Brundage  
ECAA Provincial President

## Industry News

**Missed ECAA's Training Day Part 2.** Contact [the office](#) directly as these [presentations](#) are available after registration. Cost \$50 per person; APD points apply for PEC's.

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**Congratulations to [Federated Insurance](#)** as they celebrate 100 years serving Canadian businesses.

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COAA Annual General Meeting & Presentations. October 14th, 2020 9:30 am - 11:30 am via zoom. To register and for more information [click here](#).

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The Alberta Government has released **Infrastructure Technical Resources Newsletter**. Latest issue "Technical Design Requirements for Alberta Infrastructure Facilities" v6, September 2020 is posted [here](#).

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**The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF-FCA) is pleased to present, a first-ever, [National Strategy for Supporting Women in Trades](#)**. In 2019, CAF-FCA assembled a member task force of 60 skilled trades stakeholders to inform a strategy that will create measurable change for women's representation in skilled trades careers. This industry driven initiative has four clear and measurable action items intended to generate awareness, trigger policy change, recognize best practices and create skilled trade workplace environments where women's representation increases. Read the media release [here](#).

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WCB - Worksite News 2020 Newsletter available [here](#)  
Alberta Counsel Newsletter available [here](#)

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HUB International is here to help. Mental health is essential for employee well-being, and with construction having the highest suicide rates among industries, it is more apparent than ever that construction employers need to take action now to support and improve worker mental health.

HUB has released their webinar on Suicide Prevention, "[Suicide Prevention: Immediate Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Construction Workers](#)" is now available on demand, so you can revisit our discussion and ways you can help workers at your organization.

WEBINAR

## Suicide Prevention

Immediate Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Construction Workers

**Built Green Canada launches Communities Program Pilot.** As COVID-19 continues, Built Green Canada launches its [Communities Program pilot](#)—expanding opportunities for developers focused on creating better, healthier homes and communities. The organization is encouraging developers to participate in trials during this phase, and a project is already enrolled, courtesy of [Averton](#), who has decided to develop Midtown in St. Albert as a sustainable community. *This information is being shared on behalf of Built Green Canada.* [Built Green Averton News Release](#).

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***This information is being shared on behalf of Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance.*** "As detailed [here](#), the Canada Infrastructure Bank announced five initiatives to invest in infrastructure to create jobs and economic growth. This is a great near-term outcome of coordinated voices supporting the job-creation, GDP growth, cost savings and climate action benefits of energy efficiency, energy storage and clean tech. Can't wait to see how this accelerates these benefits for Albertans and our businesses, and how we can leverage this and anticipated upcoming provincial economic stimulus initiatives to foster a market-driven, sustained funding mechanism for energy efficiency in Alberta" says Amy Roesler, Executive Director.

## What's Available Through Your Associates

Are you thinking of hiring an accounting or tax provider? Do you know what to look for when choosing the right partner for your business? Find out 5 essential questions any small business owner or self-employed contractor should ask when choosing accounting and tax services in FBC's **free eBook**. Download your copy at [fbc.ca/five-questions](http://fbc.ca/five-questions). FBC is Canada's small business tax specialist. Visit [fbc.ca/learn](http://fbc.ca/learn) for more resources including articles, eBooks, webinars and videos for small business owners and contractors.

*Five Questions URL: [http://www.fbc.ca/five-questions?utm\\_source=ecaa&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=five\\_questions](http://www.fbc.ca/five-questions?utm_source=ecaa&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=five_questions)*

*Learn*

*URL: [http://www.fbc.ca/learn?utm\\_source=ecaa&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=five\\_questions](http://www.fbc.ca/learn?utm_source=ecaa&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=five_questions)*

## Provincial Board Update

ECAA Board of Directors met on September 25. Meeting began with "Board Strategy Session to Refresh ECAA's Vision, Mission & Goals" facilitated by Carmen Wyton of Ripple Enterprises. This is the first step in

## New Members

***Welcome new Members!***

**Contractor Members:**

ADL Innovative Energy Inc.  
(Edmonton)  
She's Electric (Edmonton)

refreshing ECAA's Vision, Mission and Board Goals. Vaughan Lacharite then educated Board on Communities of Practice (CoP) for the Construction Industry. Edmonton and Calgary Chapter members will experience this endeavor first hand at their meetings.

Thank you to the Board members who attended in person and those that zoomed into the meeting. Ways and means will meet in November to discuss budget. Next full Board meeting scheduled for December 11th.

If you have any agenda items you would like discussed please reach out to Tim Brundage or Sheri McLean [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)

Sutherland Electric Ltd. (Red Deer)

**Associate Members:**  
HVAC Rentals (Calgary)

**Journey person Associate Members:**  
Naisha Bihola (Edmonton)  
Dale Seranas (Edmonton)

## Local Chapter Activity

**MEDICINE HAT:** Next Meeting Tuesday, October 6, 2020 (in person & Zoom); Ricky's All Day Grill (910 Redcliffe Drive SW Medicine Hat). Meeting starts at 5:00 pm  
Associate Spotlight: Sunlife/Canwest Insurance – ECAA Enhanced Benefits Plan (zoom)  
Associate Spotlight: Phoenix Lighting – Durability by Design (in person)  
Sponsor: Tim Hydzik, Phoenix Lighting

**LETHBRIDGE:** Next Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2020 (Zoom) 3:30 pm. \*Chapter Elections will take place, please make every effort to participate as quorum is required.  
Associate Spotlight: Sunlife/Canwest Insurance – ECAA Enhanced Benefits Plan  
Associate Spotlight: Phoenix Lighting – Durability by Design

**CALGARY:** Next meeting Thursday, October 8, 2020 (in person & Zoom); Best Western Port O'Call (1935 McKnight Blvd NE) meeting starts at 5:00 pm.  
Associate Spotlight: Sunlife/Canwest Insurance – ECAA Enhanced Benefits Plan (zoom)  
Associate Spotlight: AIT updates  
Associate Spotlight: TW Becker Safety – Z462 Updates  
Sponsor: Terry Becker, TW Becker Safety

**EDMONTON:** Next meeting Monday, October 19, 2020 (via zoom only). Meeting starts at 4:00 pm.  
Associate Spotlight: Phoenix Lighting – Durability by Design  
Associate Spotlight: Ecol/Flir - Efficient Predictive Maintenance using Infrared Thermography

**NORTH EAST:** Next meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2020 (in person & Zoom)  
Spiros Family Restaurant 1408 50 Avenue Lloydminster, AB 5:30 pm  
Associate Spotlight: Sunlife/Canwest Insurance – ECAA Enhanced Benefits Plan (zoom)

Associate Spotlight: Powerco - Sinewave Filtering for VFD powered Electric Motors - MTE Sinewave Nexus Filters (zoom)

## Training Opportunities

**PEC Courses** ([2020 Course Registration](#) [2021 Course Schedule](#))

**October:** [Electrical Project Management](#) October 7th & 8th (delivery: online); [Business & Public Relations](#) October 15th & 16th (delivery: online) and [Legal Implications](#) October 22nd & 23rd, 2020 (delivery: online).

**November:** [Accounting Principles](#) November 5th & 6th (delivery: online)

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Online Training available on [www.eaatraining.com](http://www.eaatraining.com)

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### Contact Us

If you are an ECAA Contractor or Associate member and would like us to help promote and industry or company event please contact us directly [ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca)

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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