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ECAA NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Calgary Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 12th

[Register Here](#)

Edmonton Chapter Meeting

Monday, November 16th

[Register Here](#)

North West Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 19th

[Register Here](#)

Fort McMurray Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 26th

[Register Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, January 12th

Lunch n' Learn

11:30 lunch (ECAA office)

noon – 1 pm (in person and zoom)

Top Tips for Starting Your New

Business presented by FBC Canada

Tuesday, February 9th

Lunch n' Learn

11:30 lunch (ECAA office)

noon – 1 pm (in person and zoom)

5 Question to Ask Your

Accountant presented by FBC Canada

President's Message

As I look out the window, I am aware that the ground is beginning to turn white. The first snowfall melted away and I am wondering if this second one might be here to stay. Another changing of the seasons is inevitable I suppose, so we might as well get used to it. Another interesting side note today, would be that the United States is now entering into the third day of post ballot counts, and they have yet to determine a clear winner for the President's chair. It would be fair to say that there is likely a great deal of drama yet to play out as the entire world watches on.



Closer to home, Sheri McLean and I were fortunate enough to sit with the President of the Safety Codes Council, Aminah Deiab. This was a great first visit as Aminah asked a number of fantastic questions regarding the ECAA as well as the current challenges being faced by our contractors and the electrical industry in general. We identified some opportunities of how we can provide support for one another and use our relationship to leverage future initiatives including shared advertising on each others websites, etc.

We are very excited to announce that Bill 37 received a second reading in the Legislature. On October 21, 2020, Service Alberta Minister Nate Glubish tabled Bill 37, the Prompt Payment and Construction Lien Act, which if passed

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will make the first substantial amendments to Alberta's Builders Lien Act in almost twenty years. The Alberta Legislature will debate these amendments in the Fall 2020 session, develop detailed Regulations to accompany the amended Act, and expects the amended Act to come into force in July 2021. Terry Milot has been working tirelessly on this initiative for the past seven years and should be congratulated for his tenacious efforts.

We will be having a Ways & Means meeting on November 6th. The meetings agenda includes such things as a first pass on the proposed 2021 Budget as well as discussions and review of our Associations By-Laws.

We should also mention that we have purchased a new Association Management System (AMS) which will give our members the opportunity to update their own information, register for events, pay invoices and market their companies. With this new system comes a new website and so we would kindly ask that you bear with us as we populate all of the information. In addition, the ECAA on line Ethics course is also getting refreshed and updated.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone the importance of participating in our Chapter meetings whether in person or via Zoom. Networking is very important to all of our members and this is a great opportunity to share and learn with one another.

Thank you everyone for all of your efforts over the past month. Please enjoy your November, and I look forward to bringing further updates in December.

Respectfully,

Tim Brundage
ECAA Provincial President

Remembrance Day. Lest we forget.



Industry News

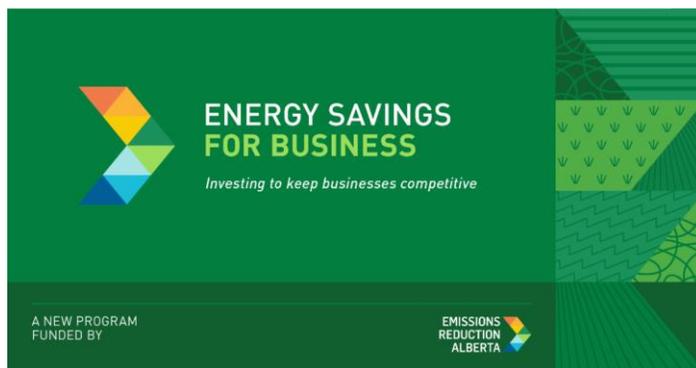
STANDATA Update.

[19-BVC-017](#) Vented soffit protection

To view all Building STANDATA [click here](#).

Broad details of the Alberta Government's Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act. How these changes will be implemented and ultimately how industry will work with this legislation will be worked out between now and July 2021. We will keep our members updated.

[Government Prompt Payment Fact Sheet](#)



The Government of Alberta announced further emissions reduction initiatives leveraging TIER funds. Emissions Reductions Alberta (ERA) will be rolling out a new [Energy Savings for Business Program](#), with up to **\$55 million in funding**. Messages directly from ERA are that the program will help accelerate the uptake of commercially available energy efficiency technologies, leading to operational efficiencies and cost reductions for small and medium-sized industrial and commercial facilities. The program objectives

are to stimulate investment, create jobs and address longer-term environmental sustainability

priorities. Through this program, businesses such as manufacturing facilities, agricultural operations, office buildings and fabrication shops can cut costs and reduce emissions by adopting modern building systems and updating facility operations, enabling smarter energy use and less waste. The projects in this program are intended to help re-invigorate the economy, while helping businesses become more competitive, hire more staff, and grow their operations. The projects will also rely on local contractors and a skilled workforce, including HVAC businesses, insulation companies, solar installers and electricians, to name a few. Applications are expected to open in January 2021 for businesses to submit their eligible projects for pre-approval. - Amy Roesler.

You can find out more about receiving incentives through the program or becoming an eligible contractor by:

- Going to the [Energy Savings for Business webpage](#)
- Submitting a project [Expression of Interest](#) (bottom of the page)
- Tuning in to the informational [Energy Savings for Business webinar](#) Nov. 25 at 10 a.m.

This message is being shared on behalf of Amy Roesler, Executive Director Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance.

[Innovation Summit North America Agenda Thursday, November 10th](#). Hear from industry leaders about the strategies and technologies that will help you thrive in the new normal. Please note, all times are in Eastern Time. [Register Here](#) *This information is sourced from [Electrical Industry News Week](#)*

The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum is seeking input on **Immigrant Parent Perceptions of Skilled Trades Careers**. Employment and Social Development Canada has asked the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF-FCA) to do a research project about understanding immigrant parent attitudes towards careers in the skilled trades. Other than the national [CAF-FCA parent surveys](#) completed in 2004 and 2013, do you know of any additional research reports that have focused on parents? This information could involve surveys, interviews or focus groups with parents. This industry, sector or regionally based information could provide context when completing the national study. This request is being sent on behalf of the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, please submit your information to **Emily Arrowsmith (emily@caf-fca.org) by November 13th, 2020**.

Our businesses have all been affected by the coronavirus, so let's grab a coffee and talk about it. Join other ECAA members on **November 18 at 11:30 am** for an interactive online discussion about COVID-19 and the challenges you're facing personally and professionally. We're using the **Communities of Practice (CoP)** format to facilitate a discussion among members about the biggest story and business topic of the year. Let's talk about it and find solutions to help deal the virus. You can sign up for free at this link: <https://buff.ly/2HYGJyG>.

Virtual Job Fair November 18th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm [Job Seeker Flyer](#)

Electrical IP Red Seal Prep Course November 23rd - 27th (Edmonton). This course is being offered in person with option to participate virtually. Restriction on numbers due to Covid. For more information and to register contact info@atticanada.com

[ATTI Flyer IP Red Seal Course November 2020](#)

Review of the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act*. the Legislative Assembly of Alberta referred the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act* to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship for a comprehensive review in accordance with section 37 of the Act. **The Committee is seeking input from stakeholders** and would like to invite your participation. All written submissions should be sent to the **Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, c/o Committee Clerk, 3rd Floor, 9820 - 107 Street Edmonton Alberta T5K 1E7** or via email at RSCommittee.Admin@assembly.ab.ca.

The deadline for written submissions is 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2020. Please note that the submissions and names of submitters may be made public. The Committee may decide to hold public meetings at a later date. If you wish to make an oral presentation to the Committee providing additional information, please clearly indicate this in your written submission.

The Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship is a multi-party committee consisting of 12 Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. The Committee's website, with a membership list, access to meeting transcripts, and the online feed, can be found at:

<https://www.assembly.ab.ca/assembly-business/committees/RS>

Electrical Inspectors Association of Alberta (EIAA) is looking for your input by filling out the [2021 Conference Discussion Items](#). Any agenda items or Code concerns can be submitted by filling out the above form to clark.redden@rmwb.ca

CAREERS requires employers across all industries to engage Alberta's youth to build the skilled workforce necessary for future economic success. Together we can better prepare Alberta for the road ahead and show youth a future worth working for!

Why hire a student intern? A better question is, why not? Recruiting youth is vital to the long-term goals of any company. When you hire young, you can mold your workforce into exactly what you need. Enabling youth on their path to rewarding careers, CAREERS connects student to employers with internships as part of their high school curriculum. Since 1997, more than 27,000 CAREERS students have connected to employers, while enrolled in off-campus education. Our success in developing skilled workers and encouraging them to pursue a career in your industry requires support from you.

Employer Benefits:

- Student are pre-screened and aligned to fit employer needs.
- Flexibility to support internships part-time or full-time during the school year or summer
- WCB is covered by Alberta Education.
- Opportunity to build your future skilled work force from within your community.
- Employers inspire students, develop their skills and confidence, and support them towards completing high school graduation.
- Opportunity to develop mentorship program within your organization
- Student placement can be terminated at any time.

Connect with CAREERS today! <https://www.careersnextgen.ca/contact/>

What's Available Through Your Associates



Just a friendly reminder that **Finning – Wirtanen** is still running this limited time offer to help support the electrical contractors during these difficult times. This will help save on getting their Instruments Calibrated and up to standard in preparation for better times ahead. Please feel free to contact 780-434-8421 or visit our site Finning.com/Buy1Get1 using the promo code.

Don't miss **Tyco's** free webinar **“The Future of Fire Safety: UL Insights and Foresights”**

Tyco is extremely excited to have Matthew Wright, Business Development Manager of UL as their guest speaker where he will explain the roles of UL, UL certification, testing and research, factors that impact product compliance and listings, and the emerging trends and challenges shaping the fire industry.

Date: Wed, 25 Nov

Time: 11:30am (AEDT / +GMT11)

Learn more and register: <https://lnkd.in/ddJxR9P>

Have you been wondering what to do about your website and digital marketing to get more leads? Join Associate Member, David Motkoski, partner at Smart WSI Marketing to show you how to rebuild in the Covid-19 recovery period.

Grab some lunch or a coffee and register today to attend a 45 minute online seminar on Wednesday November 25th @ noon.

What you can expect:

1. Introduction to Smart WSI Marketing
2. Discuss how the consumer is using the internet more when they need electrical services particularly residential services
3. Describe Google ads and their advantages
4. Describe a few key points relating to Search Engine Optimization, (SEO) and how SEO is dependent on Website design
5. Take time to answer questions

For those who join, David and Smart WSI Marketing will offer a free website audit to test your website for strengths and weaknesses.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Nov 25, 2020 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlode2tpjMuEtTzx6No7gCU_evw92pCfPRI

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Provincial Board Update

Next full Board meeting scheduled for December 4th.

New Members

Welcome New Member
Journey person Associate: Jordan Hofer

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

Congratulations New PEC's
Jason Courtepatte, PEC
Kurtis Borgstrom, PEC
Nicholas Nyilas, PEC

Still have Code Questions? ECAA has partnered with Larry Cantelo provide Canadian Electrical Code Training on individual sections of the code. The sessions will be 1 ½ to 2 hours in length and offered on-line. A pdf copy of each session will be sent to the registrants. If you a section of the code you would like further explanation on, please email lcantelo@shaw.ca or smclean@ecaa.ab.ca



ECAA 2021 Out of Country Convention October 13th - 29th, 2021. It's hard to imagine planning a trip during times of such uncertainty but we are hopeful that this once in a lifetime experience will give us the much needed escape from reality while networking and gaining professional insight. Join us in Africa! Starting the trip in Nairobi you will take in the sights before embarking on your Safari in Mount Kenya. **Space is very limited. Deadline to Register is December 15th, 2020.**

Registration

Link: https://forms.logiforms.com/formdata/user_forms/81634_4874682/383216/page1.html?cachebuster=728

Any questions? Please contact Sheri McLean (smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)

Local Chapter Activity

CALGARY CHAPTER: Thursday, November 12th Networking 4:45 pm Meeting at 5 pm. **Associate Spotlight:** Powerco (Scott Lee) Sinewave Filtering for VFD powered Electric Motors (Nexus Filters). Phoenix Lighting (Tim Hydzik) – Durability by Design. **Register in advance for this meeting by zoom:** https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYIc-GorzwpHdS8i_mVaTUHAAoWdmwU2mqz

EDMONTON CHAPTER: Monday, November 16th will be held virtual via zoom, 4:00 pm Networking 3:45 pm. **Associate Spotlight:** LSW Lighting (Michael Gonzalez) - Simple Cost Effective Solutions for NECB 2017 Lighting Requirements. **Associate Spotlight:** Powerco (Scott Lee) Sinewave Filtering for VFD powered Electric Motors (Nexus Filters)
Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAscOqvqjkqE9FVd7vYRqZJmvySPoLFWI_v

NORTH WEST CHAPTER: Thursday, November 19th In person and virtual, Pomeroy Hotel Networking 5:00 pm, Meeting 5:30 pm. **Associate Spotlight:** Phoenix Lighting (Tim Hydzik) – Durability by Design. **To rsvp for in person, contact Camille caustin@ecaa.ab.ca.**
Register in advance to attend virtually:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkcuiupjliHdJq2rvulwb_qtZURBWXeRJY

FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER: Thursday, November 26th, in person and virtual, Best Western Sawridge Suites. Networking at 5:30 pm, meeting at 6:00 pm (**AHS covid restrictions limits in person numbers – you MUST RSVP**) **Associate Spotlight:** Powerco (Scott Lee) Sinewave Filtering for VFD powered Electric Motors (Nexus Filters). Phoenix Lighting (Tim Hydzik) – Durability by Design. **To rsvp for in person, contact Camille caustin@ecaa.ab.ca.**
Register in advance to attend virtually:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfuorDMsHNKokzI-pprMxX_zoPdiVS5y

Training Opportunities

PEC Courses ([2021 Course Schedule](#))

The 2021 PEC Course schedule is available and open for registration. For more information please contact chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

Online Training available on www.ecatraining.com
Courses available through [Buildforce Canada](#).

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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

We value your feedback and its important to us. Please submit any comments to smclean@ecaa.ab.ca

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