



**ECAA**

Electrical Contractors  
Association of Alberta

# THE SPARK

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## President's Message

The municipal election is behind us and the newly elected officials are settling into their new roles. There is change coming as we have new mayors in both Edmonton and Calgary and I would like to congratulate all of the elected officials and all of those that spent the time and effort to run for office. The election showed a great deal of change with all of the ECAA Chapters appointing new mayors, with the exception of Lloydminster, and most seeing a great deal of diversity in their council's. We look forward to being able to work with the new representatives.



Contractors workloads continue to improve and a lot of people I talk to are relating the difficulty they have in hiring people. This is not limited to electrical and seems to be a common theme in all industries. Could this mean that we will start to see employee compensation changing in the coming months? Perhaps. Labor cost definitely will be something to keep in mind when you are preparing your tenders moving forward.

Speaking of tenders, I am sure we are all scrambling to get the materials for the price quoted, and in many case we are likely forced to try and recover additional money from the client due to the volatility of the supply chain pricing. I can see language like this be included with tenders in the future. *"stating that any price increases after the date of the proposal are not included in the contract price and shall give rise to an equitable adjustment of the contract price"*.

November will see the Chapters wrapping up their formal meetings and switching to December holiday mode. With that in mind there are a few events to mark on your calendar. ECAA will be hosting their annual Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 2nd, come and have a drink with the Provincial Board and staff. We will be toasting the holiday season and celebrating Sheri McLean's retirement. Kimm and I will also be in attendance at the Calgary Chapter Winter Gala on December 11th and very much looking forward to this almost sold out event. Edmonton Chapter President's Ball will be the first social event in the new year on January 22nd.

Planning is underway for the ECAA's Technical Training Day & AGM which will be at the JW Marriott downtown Edmonton May 26 - 28, 2022. The golf course has been selected and Kimm is busy planning the spousal activity.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming meetings and social gatherings between now and the end of the year.

Respectfully,  
*Scott Hutton*  
ECAA Provincial President

## Remembrance Day

As November 11th approaches, we thank those that have served and continue to serve to protect our rights and freedoms.

Lest we forget



## Welcome New Members

Contractor: **Canadian Natural Resources Kirby North** (*Edmonton*)  
Journeyman Associate: **Chad Pearson** (*Edmonton*)  
PEC Retired: **Bob Maslanko**

## Upcoming Events

### Fort McMurray Chapter Meeting

**Tuesday, November 9th | 6:00 pm**  
**Radisson Hotel** (435 Gregoire Drive)  
Associate Spotlight Presentation:  
**Barkman Concrete & Phoenix Lighting**  
*Thank you to our Meeting Sponsor:*  
Phoenix Lighting  
[RSVP Here](#)

### Edmonton Chapter Meeting

**Monday, November 15th | 5:30 pm**  
**Brewsters Brewing Company** (11620 104 Ave.  
2nd Floor)  
Associate Spotlight Presentation: Hubbell &  
Phoenix Lighting  
*Thank you to our Meeting Sponsor:* Hubbell  
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**Calgary Chapter Winter Gala**  
Join Chapter President Cam McIntosh  
& the Chapter Executive as we  
celebrate the holiday season.

Donations being collected for Calgary  
Food Bank. [Contact Cindy Cameron](#)

[Purchase Tickets](#)

**ECAA Holiday Open House**  
Thursday, December 2nd  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Join Us to Celebrate  
Sheri McLean's Retirement**  
5:30 pm

[RSVP Here](#)



## TOY DRIVE!

**ECAA is proud to support  
Santa's Anonymous**  
Drop Off Location: 17725 103 Avenue,  
Edmonton, AB T5S 1N8

**Toys in need for**  
Boys Ages 11 - 12  
Books Ages 11 - 12

[Learn more about Santa's Anonymous](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

**Edmonton Chapter President's  
Ball** hosted by Chapter President Shawn  
Bishop and the Edmonton  
Executive **Saturday, January 22nd** at the  
JW Marriott Hotel Ice District in downtown  
Edmonton.

*Ticket sales will open November 15th!*

Special room rates available, reference  
ECAA is booking in advance; [\(780\) 784-7950](tel:7807847950)



## Upcoming Training

[Safety Principles  
PEC Course  
November 18th  
& 19th](#)

[Generations at  
Work Webinar  
November 24th](#)

[Generations at  
Work Webinar  
November 25th](#)

[Arc Flash &  
Shock Virtual  
Instructor Led  
November 26th](#)

[CE Code Update  
Training](#)

# Industry News

**OHS Revision Effective December 1st, 2021.** Changes to the Occupational Health & Safety Act and revised regulations take effect on December 1st. [Click here to read more.](#)

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The following Building STANDATA is now available on the Alberta.ca website. Follow the links below to view or print copies.

[19-BCI-017R1/19-FCI-002R1](#) Fixed fire suppression and exhaust systems – cooking, cleaning, and maintenance

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

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

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**City of Edmonton Chief Electrical Inspector Update.** Electrical Service Repairs. In alignment with the [Epcor Customer Connection Guide](#), builders and their contractors are reminded that any time an electrical panel is replaced when doing a service repair the complete electrical service must align with current electrical code requirements. Repairs to the mast, changing out the main breaker, repairing a damaged cable, or similar maintenance type work where the electrical panel does not require replacing can observe existing service and does not need to be upgraded to current code. Please note round or small square meter sockets are no longer permitted.

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**Electrical Business Magazine released the results from their 3rd annual nation survey on contractor pricing.** [Click here to view this Special Feature: Electrical Contractor Survey Results](#)

Electrical IP Red Seal Exam Refresher Course [click here for upcoming dates and registration info.](#)

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**Bartle & Gibson has announced a new partnership with Appleton.** To view the full announcement [click here.](#)

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Check out the latest from Alberta Association of Optometrist eyesafe blog [Safety Glass Thickness](#)

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**Next Issue of The Spark will go out Friday, December 3rd, 2021**



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