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GAMA Safety Report

The City of Calgary collaborates with the New Telus Sky project to highlight safety

A unique approach toward construction safety and public awareness was recently developed thru a partnership of Telus ,Allied , Westbank the three principal owners of the new Telus Sky project & the City of Calgary.

This joint venture meeting took place on January 25,when the Telus Sky project shut down their entire work site for a half day to allow over 250 Trades people from all various sub trades to attend a series of presentations from the City of Calgary.

The primary team of organizers of the safety event wanted to help connect the importance of site safety with the entire construction team which was themed around the serious incident which occurred almost a decade ago in the City of Calgary. The fatality of the young girl, Michelle Kresk who was killed instantly when stuck by a piece of corrugated metal siding over three meters long that severe winds dislodged from a downtown construction project.

As a result of this terrible Accident, significant changes were implemented thru the City Calgary & the Province of Alberta.

The Creation of the Advanced Wind weather forecasting system and the Construction Safety best practice guide were reviewed at this meeting.

When costs of the half day shut down were brought up , all the owners agreed they would rather shut down the project for education on Safety than for a safety incident/ accident investigation

As a result ,the City of Calgary has shown good leadership in promoting and enforcing construction site safety with industry partners.

Respectively yours,
Ray W. Greenland
2018 GAMA Safety Chair



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PGAA Report for GAMA-2018-03-08

A lot going on as we continue to work towards two more courses for the Master Glazier Program, Structural Glazing and Specialty Glazing, which should give us four completed courses for fall launch and we are working on a new marketing plan to draw in journeymen and non-PGAA companies with the MGP.

From the ACA side of things, the Government Action Committee met last week and a small committee met today with the Labour Minister. Changes like unpaid job protection for caregivers (27 weeks up from 8 weeks), maternity/paternity leave job protection from 52 to 62 weeks, no more compressed work weeks without a collective agreement, banked overtime needing to be used within 6 months and having to be paid at, or paid time-off at 1.5x hours worked, general holidays calculated at 5% of wages, holiday pay, and vacation pay earned over the past four weeks, layoff notices increased for groups (8 weeks for 50 to 100 employees, more for larger groups. Some groups are suggesting that they will deal with this via reduced staffing hours, reducing hours for selected staff, increasing temporary workers, reducing benefits, none of them in line with the Notley governments purpose of improving family and workers lives.

Read from Ken's email:
Gauge opinion.

Ahead of our 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM), 2018-03-21 we are calling for members to allow their names to stand for positions on the board. Positions and incumbents, as they stand include:

- President – Open
- First Vice-President – Open
- Second Vice-President – Open
- Treasurer – Mei Whyte – one year left on her two year term
- Secretary – Open
- Director's At-Large – Open

Our board meets every second month, in person or via Go-To-Meeting. Duties are perhaps one to two hours per month, so they are not onerous. If you would be willing to allow your name to stand for a two-year term, please forward your name to me, ahead of the 2018-03-21 meeting?

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PAC Report

There is an Apprenticeship Board meeting tomorrow Feb. 9 in Edmonton.

I am unable to attend this meeting. Bob Stadnyk and Kirk Ah-Sam will be attending in my place.

The glazier PAC will do a presentation to the Board on our plans and activities for the next year.

I am working on setting up a sub-committee meeting on Apr. 20 in Red Deer.

We will be reviewing the 3 practical exams that have been changed but have not been run yet.

The 2nd year , 4th year and Qualification practical exams.

We currently have 6 on the PAC including Ron as Presiding Officer.

4 of these are expiring this summer, 2 in May and 2 in June.

We will need new members to fill these positions and we can't really have a meeting with 2 people

I have the application form that I can e-mail to any who wishes to join.

I will actively be looking for new members this summer.

Ron Walder