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PGAA Update for the GTA and GAMA

The NDP government has rushed through a number of changes to the labour act, WCB, and OH&S. There is a summary on the PGAA website of the changes, but, suffice it to say, these are not business friendly changes. Hours banked need to now be paid out at the rate they were earned at. Hours on out of town jobs will be capped. Ten hour days without overtime are no more. We may be forced with hiring back people who work unsafe and are not productive. The NDP are trying to make us all union shops.

As you may have noticed, we are reaching out to our members to reaffirm support for the Master Glazier Program. While we are about 50% of the way through developing the program, we are finding it increasingly difficult to fill classes and find Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to help in developing further courses. Thanks to those who have responded to our requests. For those who have not responded, please do. It might just be that everyone is very busy (much more so in Edmonton, than Calgary), it maybe that we have not got the courses fleshed out enough to inspire immediate interest, or it may be that there is no value perceived for this further education initiative. Regardless, we need to know what you are members think. Please respond to Ross, Jim Brady, or Richard Neal, with your thoughts.

We have an online board meeting scheduled for a week Wednesday, 2018-01-17, and our AGM, in Red Deer or online, 2018-03-21. We are still looking for a new PGAA secretary, so please contact Rick, Ross or me, if you would like to step up and take a more active role. The time commitment would only be one to two hours per month.

Check the website later in the month for minutes and reports.