

Provincial Glazier's Association of Alberta (PGAA) Report for GAMA Board Meeting-2023-03-02

Following our last meeting, the PGAA has seen relatively little activity due to time constraints and a lack of volunteers.

We did find the time to read through the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Act and a subsidiary document Designated Trades and Restricted Activities Regulations, which lays out glazing as a restricted trade with a specific set of restrictions. These include only having registered journey people, or registered apprentices doing our work, with a ratio of two apprentices to one journey person, allowing those deemed qualified, with no criteria listed, by the employer to carry out the work of a journey person, and no mention of how this will be enforced. It appears that there are no longer compulsory trades.

The PGAA sent a list of queries to Mike Fernandez, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, on 2023-02-10, and received a response with partial answers on 2023-02-11. Mike, himself, is the registrar and administrator, for all trades. On the balance of our queries, there seems to be no criteria, and no enforcement. Mike had proposed a meeting with our group, and asked John Brosda, Apprenticeship Delivery and Support Services, to set up a meeting to discuss our queries, but this has yet to happen. We reached out again 2023-02-24 to see when this meeting might happen.

The PGAA has committed to a Try-A-Trade Booth at Skills Canada's Alberta Competitions, 2023-05-03 and 04 in Edmonton. Volunteers are currently being sought for this event.

Our website (www.pgaa.ca) was down on 2023-02-10, but was back up the next day. The assumption was that the website was hacked.

In early March, as the NAIT first year glazier class begins, the PGAA will be supplying all students with a \$500.00 bursary, to help them bridge the transition to employment insurance, as was done for SAIT students in January.

The PGAA will also need to have an AGM, in March, and will need a quorum of members to move forward.

Gary Porter and Mei Whyte also attended the Alberta Trade Contractors Coalition (ATCC) Champagne Toast for Terry Milot, chairman, to celebrate his award Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for his work on the Prompt Payment Act. It was a nice event attended by a number of ATCC people and Bill Black of the CCA, who also received the same award, for his work on COVID documentation and safety procedures. There were a lot of great conversations on the new Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act. Terry was meeting with the Minister, Demetrios Nicolaidis, the following Monday and Gary forwarded several of our concerns on to Terry over the weekend.

Attachments: Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act, Designated Trades and Restricted Activities Regulation

Gary Porter, Past President, PGAA