

Calgary Construction Association (CCA) Report for GAMA Board Meeting-2023-08-10

Since our last meeting, 2023-07-20, with summer in full force, there have been no formal CCA events or meetings, of note. The executive had had a few back and forth discussions on the Australian Constructors Association's "All Risk, No Reward" campaign (see the link below to their YouTube video), on the DOW Chemical "Prompt Payment Issue" (a letter from CCA went out to the Alberta Government 2023-08-09), and on the ongoing issue of construction workforce. Recent numbers from the Alberta Government show a pull back in construction employment, along with rising unemployment 6.1% in July (0.4% higher than in June) reflecting a rebound in labour market participation, but the CCA's numbers show Calgary's numbers up to 97,800 in 2023-07 versus 84,200 in 2022-07, a gain of 16% year over year, still with an estimated 2,500 to 4,000 vacant positions.

The CCA continues working together with the Alberta Trade Contractors Council (ATCC), and many individual trade associations, to advance the issues we are working on with the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Act (STAE) and the Designated Trades and Restricted Activities Regulation (DTRA), and in challenging the government on the Dow Prompt Payment exemption. The ATCC has forwarded correspondence to the government on both issues, decrying the dismantling of the PPCLA, and sent a couple of letters to our new minister of Advanced Education Rajan Sawhney suggesting a new apprenticeship approach and requesting a meeting to discuss same.

I am having a busy summer and will still be away the following weeks with minimal access to emails or cell service.

2023-08-19 to 2023-08-27
2023-09-02 to 2023-09-10

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