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## Calendar of Events

**All upcoming events have been  
cancelled or postponed until  
the end of June.**

**Stay tuned for updates.**

## Welcome to ECAA's E-Newsletter, The Spark!

This e-newsletter was created to keep members and industry informed on the Association's activities and upcoming events in a timely manner.

### President's Message

Greetings everyone! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, and doing their part to flatten the curve.

With the weather warming up, and the province opening the economy in some sense, the work is slowly coming back.



I've spoken to some of our members and they have started to hire back their employees and are getting ready to work again. Some of the members have taken advantage of the Governments relief plans, which may help get things moving again.

Training Day was a huge success, with over 80 members registered, thanks to our presenters Terry Becker, Larry Cantelo, Eric Smiley, and Ben Wells. You guys did a great job!

We now turn our attention to our Annual General Meetings. These will also be zoom meetings. We start with the Labour AGM on June 22, ECAA AGM on June 23, PEC AGM on June 24 and Associates AGM on June 25 all start at 10 am, so please make sure you are registered. Thanks.

To our incoming President Tim Brundage, congrats my friend you will do an amazing job. The ECAA is in good hands with you leading the way!

## [ECAA 2020 Board of Directors](#)

Click on the above link to meet our Provincial Board of Directors

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I would like to thank all our members for the opportunity to have been your President, I am so proud to have been part of this great Association! May you all be blessed with health, happiness and all the friends you meet in your life!! We are going to try to get back to in-person events by the fall, but time will tell. Thanks to Sheri, Camille, Christine and Dorothy -- you girls make this job easier. These ladies are the face of the Association!

Thanks,  
Terry Barnett  
ECAA President

### Industry News & Updates

*As the Province prepares to slowly re-open, the ECAA Provincial office will remain closed to walk-in traffic pending Alberta Health Services recommendations; however, ECAA staff is available to assist and meet needs of our members and industry.*

**Code Update Training still available for the 2018 Code.** June 19th online [Online Code Seminar Registration](#)

**Fire Alarm Course June 22nd - 26th, 2020 (Calgary)** This course is scheduled to go ahead observing AHS protocols and standards. For more information [Alberta Fire Alarm Course](#) **To register for this training:** <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/calgary-fire-alarm-training-course-june-2020/>

**ATTI - Red Seal Prep course July 6-10, 2020 & Masters Prep Course September 2020.** For more information and enrollment Call ATTI: 604-304-4009. Email: [info@atticanada.com](mailto:info@atticanada.com) [www.atticanada.com](http://www.atticanada.com). Training available via skype!

**Building STANDATA Update** available on the Alberta.ca website. Follow the links below to view or print copies. *This information is being shared at the request of Municipal Affairs. Questions or information requests can be directed to [safety.services@gov.ab.ca](mailto:safety.services@gov.ab.ca) or their Communication Inquiry Centre at 1-866-421-6929.*

[NOTICE](#) Distillery Classification  
[19-BCI-020](#) Integrated Testing Coordinator  
[19-BCI-021](#) Occupancy Classification Supportive Living Accommodations  
[19-BCB-001R1](#) Steel Building Systems

[19-BCI-019](#) Mobile/Temporary Cooking Equipment

For more information on Alberta Safety Codes: [www.alberta.ca/safety-codes](http://www.alberta.ca/safety-codes)

**WIRTANEN ELECTRIC TRAINING FOUNDATION.**

*"After nearly twenty years, Wirtanen is winding up the Company. And with that, the Training Centre has reached its end. We have had to shut down classes since March 12, with no definite end in sight.*

*Without the support of the ECAA and the contractors who gave our students a chance, we wouldn't have been unable to function for so long.*

*Thank you, We sincerely appreciate your support.*

*All tools and electrical supplies are for sale at a very discounted price. Anyone interested, can drop by at 5735 Gateway and have a look between 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. Various tools, drills, etc and coils of wiring. These are on display now." Anne Burgess - Wirtanen Electric*

ECAA is saddened to share this news. We thank all of our members that have supported this Foundation in the past and thank Wirtanen for the years of training, support and commitment to the betterment of the Electrical Industry. On behalf of the Electrical Industry, thank you for your many years of service.

**Update from Apprenticeship & Industry Training. On-the-job training hours are increasing effective May 14, 2020** in the electrician program.

This means that apprentices who register on or after May 14 will need 1,560 on-the-job training hours for periods 1, 2 and 3, and 1,440 on-the-job training hours for period 4. **No change for existing apprentices**

Apprentices registered in the electrician apprenticeship program BEFORE May 14, 2020 will not have their hours increased, and will have until August 31, 2023 to complete their apprenticeship program under the previous hours. However, if they become cancelled and do not contact AIT within 30 days of the cancellation date, they will be required to register in the program with the new on-the-job training hours requirement. Credits earned in technical training, period exams and on-the-job training hours can be applied to the new contract and apprenticeship program.

Increasing hours as part of the national apprenticeship harmonization plan makes it easier for apprentices to move throughout Canada and enables employers to access a greater pool of apprentices from other jurisdictions. More information, including the hours requirement for the Trades Qualifier program, is available on Apprenticeship and Industry Training's website, [Tradesecrets.alberta.ca](http://Tradesecrets.alberta.ca)

**Congratulations are in Order.** This month, over **10,000 Certificate of Recognition (COR)** holders in Alberta received a **Partnerships in Injury Reduction (PIR)** rebate for [their 2019 performance](#). These employers set the standard and show a safe workplace is, and will always be, a top priority. Their contribution to Alberta's workplaces does not go unnoticed. Join us as we congratulate these employers for their commitment to safety. We have set a high standard for safety in Alberta and PIR employers are our safety leaders. They strive to make improvements and investments in their company's safety and disability management programs on an ongoing basis. The benefits of their efforts extend beyond the workplace and into the lives of each employee and their families. During this unprecedented time, their commitment to creating a safe workplace is more important than ever. PIR employers have built a solid partnership with their employees, [their certifying partner](#), Occupational Health & Safety and WCB-Alberta. This partnership truly

makes a difference and will provide many more successful -and safe-years to come. (WCB-Worksite magazine May 2020)

**The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) is proud to announce**, that as per APEGA ByLaws, **John Van der Put**, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), became **APEGA's 101st president** on April 24, 2020. John Van der Put leads APEGA's executive committee of council, which comprises newly elected president-elect Brian Pearse, P.Eng.; newly elected vice-president Lisa Doig, P.Eng.; and past president George Eynon, P.Geo., who transitioned from the role of president. APEGA also welcomed re-elected council members Darren Hardy, P.Eng.; and RaeAnne Leach, P.Eng.; as well as newly elected council members Margaret Allan, P.Eng., P.Geo.; and Theresa Watson, P.Eng. **ECAA congratulates John Van der Put and the newly elected executive committee.**

### Labour Update

ECAA would like to welcome Tim Brower as the new Labour Relations Coordinator for the Labour Relations Committee, replacing Jim Bendfeld. We wish Jim all the best as he drifts into retirement and thank him for the 8 years of service to ECAA and the electrical industry.

ECAA would also like to express their thanks to the following Trustees who are resigning from the Trust Funds: Pat Barnes, Electrical Industry Education Trust Fund of Alberta; Arthur Thormann, Elver Olsen and Robert Lynn from the Electrical Industry Insurance and Electrical Industry Pension Trust Funds. Pat became a Trustee on February 1st, 2002; Arthur March 25th, 1971, Elver December 1, 1975 and Robert on November 1, 2006.

We wish these gentlemen all the best for their dedication to the beneficiaries of these Funds. Thank you to Sam Emke who joins the Education Trust Fund, and Brian Halina, Kelly Morris and Tim Brower who become Trustees on the Electrical Industry Insurance and Pension Trust Funds.

### ECAA Opportunities

**ECAA is looking to fill this Membership Relations Committee Chair position**, replacing Steve Warholik who is retiring after serving the Association since 2007. This position promotes relationships among members, demonstrates the value of membership in the Association to both members and the Electrical Industry, while focusing on soliciting new and sustaining existing, members. For further information or to express interest in this position, please email [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)

We wish Steve all the best. His jokes and compassion for the membership will truly be missed by all the Chapters.

### ECAA Annual General Meetings

Due to Covid restrictions we will be holding all AGM's virtually. Below are the official notices of all AGM's with a reminder that only Members in good standing are able to vote. Participation is strongly encouraged even for those unable to vote.

**\*Due to the amended ByLaw change a higher percentage is required for quorum. Please make every effort to participate.**

To ensure we meet quorum, please use the following registration link to sign up and confirm your attendance:

**Labour AGM: Monday, June 22nd (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)**

Registration (for union contractors only): <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/labouragm/>

*Only employers having a bargaining relationship with IBEW Local Union 424 are able to participate in the Labour AGM*

**ECAA AGM: Tuesday, June 23rd (10:00 am - 12:30 pm)**

Registration: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/ecaaagm/>

*Only Contractor members in good standing are able to vote at the ECAA AGM*

**PEC AGM: Wednesday, June 24th (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)**

Registration: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/pecagm/>

*Only PEC's can vote at the PEC AGM*

**Associates AGM: Thursday, June 25th (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)**

Registration: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/associatesagm/>

*Only Associate members can participate in the Associates AGM and vote*

Meeting access links will be emailed separately to those that have pre-registered using the links above.

[Notice of Labour AGM](#)

[Notice of ECAA AGM](#)

[Notice of PEC AGM](#)

[Notice of Associates AGM](#)

On behalf of Provincial President Terry Barnett and the Board of Directors, thank you for continued membership and participation.

**\*\*\*APD Points apply for PEC's**

### **Provincial Board of Directors Update**

A Provincial Board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 5th via zoom. President Terry Barnett called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. In attendance were Tim Brundage; Tim Fehr; Dave Hagen; Brian Halina; Scott Hutton; Chris Jardine; Jason Kuziw; Jeff Light, PEC; Rob Little; Andrew McGuire; Terry Milot; Neil Moffatt; Chris Rauschnig, PEC; Susan Rockwood; Tim Tarita; Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Hans Tiedemann; Keith Urlacher; Darrell Warholik, Steve Warholik, Sheri McLean (Recording Secretary) (and Christine Hryniw operating zoom function).

Agenda items included approval of Agenda and Minutes from March 6th meeting. Correspondence included copies of letter sent to Premier Kenney supporting the concerns raised through ACA on (1) Contractual completion/default/costs; (2) 14 day protected leave under Employment Standards Act; and (3) EI payments being insufficient to cover employee bills; letter to Minister Glubish to proceed cautiously in making decision to extend lien periods indefinitely in response to COVID-19 (similar to action by Ontario); letter of support to Minister of Treasury Board & Finance supporting plan to utilize infrastructure investment as an essential element of economic recovery and asking for support for trade contractors and suppliers for materials purchased and enroute to project installation that cannot yet be billed should the project be delayed or worse, cancelled due to COVID-19; letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs acknowledging some of the timeline extensions were having unforeseen consequences in Ministerial Order 022-20 and a new Ministerial Order has been issued that addressed these concerns; letter shared from General Contractors Alliance of Canada (GCAC) to Prime Minister Trudeau keeping industry open and safe, while support shutting down any project sites that are not making the necessary changes to ensure worker safety;. Exemption granted by Alberta Health Services for Industrial Work Camps with conditions for dining facilities on Industrial Work Camps.

Business Arising addressed ruling from Revenue Canada stating individuals receiving per diems from ECAA are to be included in pensionable employment, and whether Article 9, Section 5 of the ByLaws should be amended. AGM Dates were confirmed: Monday, June 22nd, Labour; Tuesday, June 23rd ECAA; Wednesday, June 24 PEC; Thursday, June 24th Associates. All will be via zoom and begin at 10:00 am. Delivery of one stream Training Day on May 28th was discussed. (Thank you to presenters Eric Smiley, Terry Becker, Larry Cantelo and Ben Wells).

March financial statements were reviewed. Due to required quorum at AGM's, follow-up was made with members who have not remitted 2020 membership dues. Wood Gundy investments were discussed.

Cooper Equipment Rentals (Edmonton), Andy Malelki, Paul Fraser and Sukhminder Sandhu and Alberta Custom Electric Services were approved in their respective membership categories. Sean Black was welcomed as a new Professional Electrical Contractor.

Chapter reports were presented. Chris Jardine reported that all in-person events have been cancelled since the Calgary Chapter meeting in March. At this time the BBQ for September is on hold pending AHS guidelines. The last Chapter was held at Greta Arcade Bar -- something a little bit different, more informal and purely social. Jason stated this was definitely an effective means of connecting and re-connecting many of the local chapter members and guests. The event had a good turnout with great food and a fun time had by all. Goal is do this type of event again next year. Until further notice, the ECAA has postponed all meetings and events, but our staff and volunteers are still working during this time. We are monitoring the pandemic situation closely and are working towards delivery of certain courses in an online setting. Although we have postponed our events until further notice, the ECAA will continue to work diligently through this time to ensure that we continue to deliver information critical to our members so that they can continue to run their businesses with the safety of their personnel, their clients, and their communities at the forefront. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ECAA has delivered access to a vast

amount of helpful industry resources both on our website and via e-mail. In doing so, our hope is that we can help provide the right information to help our members guide their businesses and teams through these unprecedented times. We have posted and e-mailed a number of publications and access to webinars and will continue to do so. We strongly encourage our members review this information, and to partake in webinar opportunities as they arise.

The City of Edmonton is still proceeding with their Commercial Energy Rebate Program (CEER). At this point, the dates for rollout are tentative, but the original plan was that the program would be launched this summer. In early March, we requested feedback from our membership in follow-up to a workshop hosted by the City to garner feedback from the industry on how this program should be administered. With your input, we sent the feedback to the City of Edmonton to help them finalize the framework of the program. The City of Edmonton hosted a virtual follow-up workshop on April 15th and thus far the program appears that it has the potential to incentivize energy efficiency upgrades in existing commercial buildings. We are monitoring this program closely and will send updates to our members as we receive them from the City of Edmonton.

Earlier this month, a request was received from the Provincial Ministry of Labour to provide feedback from the industry. Question were distributed to our membership and feedback received submitted. In these unprecedented times, and contrary to the fact that all of us are working to maintain physical distancing, information is flowing very quickly and the windows are small to provide feedback from our members to governing bodies. We know that many of us have a number of conflicting priorities right now, but we strongly encourage our members to participate as much as possible, as our input contributes to decision making at higher levels that affects our industry.

Especially now, the ECAA is here for our membership and for our industry. We are the voice and information centre of the electrical industry in the province of Alberta, and we hope to see you all very soon. This too shall pass, and our industry and businesses will be stronger in the long-run. (Thank you Jason for this detailed report)

Tim Fehr reported that meetings and elections for the Lethbridge Chapter were cancelled. Everything is moving slower but is stable, and contractors are working through uncertainty. Elections will be held at the next meeting scheduled for October 7th. Keith Urlacher reported that a NE Chapter meeting was held in March with a good turn out. Members trying to work through these tough times, many having to resort to lay-offs.

Committee reports were delivered. Dave Hagen reported that ACSA has added virtual classrooms for 3 courses. Eighteen modules have been added to CSTS. Dave is working with Terry Becker to streamline the ESTS course. ACA/WCB committee looking at impact of Bill 30. An OH&S review was started prior to Covid-19, and ACA working to be prepared for the review. Chris Rauschning, PEC reported the PAC AGM will be held on May 27th. An LAC meeting was held in January.

Associate Liaisons Darrell Warholik and Rob Little stated that the global supply chain took a big hit. Deliveries are going to be affected. Everyone still working. Business in the "new norm" is still rolling and contractors continue to be supported. Terry Milot reported CECA working on new

strategic plan, with future face-to-face meetings have been cancelled at this time. NETCO cancelled their conference in Calgary and is also working on a new strategic plan. Terry is part of an Alberta Joint Industry Response task force reporting to government. Architects, consultants, ACA, ECA, CCA some of the industry associations represented and reporting to Alberta Infrastructure. Reminded members to make sure Covid-19 added into force majeure clause or cannot go back to Government with delay claim.

Jeff Light reported the Accounting Principles course was presented via Skype with great success. Comments received were positive. Will look at pursuing other PEC courses being offered on-line. Budget will be spent on promoting PEC program. Meeting with Minister to address amending the PEC Regulations was one week away when Covid hit and everything was put on hold due to the pandemic. Sheri thanked our members to inviting us to some very informative webinars and zoom meetings and allowing us to share information with other ECAA members.

Keven Lefebvre, PEC joined the meeting at 11:00. As Alberta is getting in re-entering phase, Keven thought the Board might have some questions. Very dynamic situation, recommendations constantly changing. (Sheri attached Business Relaunch Took kit prepared by Edmonton Chamber of Commerce). Summary of Webinar Sheri listened to: (1) Ensure safety; (2) address employee requests/demands not to return to work; (3) constantly review, assess and revise return to work plans. Update Policy & Procedures. OH&S duty to protect health and safety of workers (and not expose to conditions that are unsafe). (1) Assess potential hazards; (2) Eliminate or reduce physical contact; (3) Promote cleanliness; (4) Employee policies to reduce risk (fever, cough, runny nose - not allowed in workplace until stop demonstrating symptoms - check AHS policies). Assess on case by case basis or Human Rights may get involved (employer causing undue hardship). (See ECAA website for Osler Covid 19 resource) .

Tim Tarita advised Board that Tim Fehr has agreed to let his name stand for incoming provincial secretary. Keven Lefebvre (Nominations committee member) thanked Tim Fehr for taking the position.

Upcoming Courses. Virtual code CEC Code seminar scheduled for June 29th. A second one scheduled in for September 11th in ECAA office (will meet AHS guidelines and minimum number must be met).

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

### **Instructor Led & Online Training Available through ECAA**

**Need Your Code Update? 2018 CE Code Update - Monday, June 29th (ONLINE) Registration: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/zoom-conferencing-2018-ce-code-update-seminar-june-29-2020/>**

**Field Scheduling June 10th \$295 ECAA Member/\$325 Non Member**

**Who Does What When in the Field? Description:** The aim of this course is to provide tools for scheduling at the Site and Crew Level. Project Management and Site Management (Superintendent, General Foremen and Foremen) influence millions of dollars of construction a year. They must ensure that all resources are being used efficiently with minimal



waste. Yet often, they receive very little in the way of training on how to plan and schedule field activities. **To register for this training click on the following link: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/pesl-field-scheduling/> \*Qualifies for Gold Seal Credits & APD Points**

**ECAA has partnered with PESL to offer the following Instructor led training [PESL June/July 2020 Course List](#). PESL courses approved for Gold Seal & APD Points.** For more information on pricing and course descriptions email [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)

ECAA is an approved distributor for **Buildforce Canada** and has the following on-line training courses available:

- [CNCR - Communication, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution](#)
- [Confined Spaces Safety Awareness](#)
- [Construction Law](#)
- [Construction Project Management](#)
- [Introduction to Building Information Modeling](#)
- [Introduction to Construction Estimating](#)
- [Pipeline Construction Safety Training \(PCST\)](#)
- [Working in a Respectful and Inclusive Workplace](#)

For pricing and access to these courses contact [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)

Buildforce courses are approved for Gold Seal Credits & APD Points.

**FIRST LEVEL SUPERVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM \*\*5 Gold Seal Credits** This course offers the critical basic skills and concepts needed to supervise a crew in the residential, institutional, commercial, industrial and civil construction sectors. For more information click on the following link [First Level Supervisor Training Program](#) .Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424. Non Union ECAA Member/Non Member cost is \$400. To enroll contact [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)

**ON-LINE ETHICS COURSE.** This course is designed for the Certified Master Electrician (CME) that desires to maintain that designation and for any Registered Master Electrician (RME) or Master electrician that desires to become a CME Information at [www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com) (Ethics course).

## PEC Courses

**All upcoming PEC Courses scheduled for the fall will go ahead following AHS protocols and guidelines. We will also have online opportunities for the PEC courses** and currently looking at which courses will run online - stay tuned for more information.

## Local Chapter Activity

We are following recommendations of Alberta Health Services and are hoping to resume Chapter meetings and some events in September.

## Request from CECA

The Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA) has initiated a letter writing campaign using the website [pushpolitics.net](http://pushpolitics.net) and is asking for

our assistance. This will allow our members to easily create a personalized letter that will be automatically addressed to the correct MP, urging them to take action. It will take about a minute to fill out and will greatly assist in our advocacy efforts. All ten of the NTCCC associations will be taking part in this letter writing campaign.

We have included wording that can be used for sending to your members.

Trade contractors across Canada are concerned that decreased productivity and the reduction in available labour, due to COVID-19, will cause delays on projects. They are also concerned that the increase in costs from the lower productivity and meeting new health and safety operating protocols will have a significant, negative impact on their businesses. The federal government has an important role to play in setting an example, by giving flexibility on timelines and other contract terms as well as providing financial relief on projects tendered before the pandemic to ensure liquidity of the construction industry. We need to make sure that businesses that are continuing their work are doing so in a safe manner that promotes the health of workers. We also need to make sure that continuing work does not lead to undue financial hardship for trade contractors.

The National Trade Contractors Council of Canada (NTCCC) is calling on all trade contractors to write to your local MP to encourage the federal government to support the construction sector. This letter-writing link will allow you to send a pre-written, personalized letter to your Member of Parliament, and the Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada urging them to take action. It will take about a minute to fill out and will greatly assist our advocacy efforts.

English: <https://www.pushpolitics.net/ntccc/>

French: <https://www.pushpolitics.net/ntccc-fr/>

### **Alberta Construction Association (ACA): Action Required**

#### **[Reduce Your Future Cost; Offer Your Jobsite for PDA Development & Receive Your Unique PDA.](#)**

ACA has received funding from the Workers Compensation Board to coordinate the development of Physical Demands Analysis (PDAs) for trades occupations involved in construction.

PDA is a breakdown of every task performed for each position, the time spent on each task, and every fitness related hazard associated with that task. PDAs help to fairly and accurately determine the physical requirement needed for a worker to safely perform specific tasks. These assessments help employers assign the right resource to the right job and reduce the time needed to safely return an injured worker back to work. **Employers will no longer have to incur the expense of developing a PDA when required by the WCB, by using the ACA PDA as an industry standard.**

"Use the **physical demands analysis** in your organization to reduce the risk of injury and identify appropriate return-to-work options. Share the **physical demands analysis** with health care professionals and/or claim owners to help recovery, return to work and minimize costs" WCB Alberta

"The PDAs will assist occupational health and safety staff, physical/occupational therapists, physicians and rehabilitation counselors to work with management and workers to enable injured workers to return to their jobs or find suitable alternative jobs. It will also provide a good starting point for the development of a formal Disability Management program" Work Safe BC

For an aging workforce, a Physical Demand Analysis can identify risks and help avoid severe injury.

The Construction Owners Association of Alberta (COAA) developed PDAs for industrial construction occupations in August 2015 with funding from a WCB special industry dividend. This work was completed with significant funds remaining. These funds have been made available to expand the development of PDAs to more construction occupations.

PDAs are completed by a qualified professional (physiotherapist, occupational therapist, kinesiologist, ergonomist) on the job site, typically requiring 4-8 hours depending on the job.

ACA has recruited Lifemark to conduct PDAs on jobsites beginning March 2020. Lifemark has staff able to conduct PDAs in many locations across Alberta.

ACA is seeking to develop PDAs for virtually every trade or occupation employed in commercial or residential construction. You will receive a confidential PDA specific to your job site as well as the generic PDA for that trade or occupation.

You can contribute to this project by offering your jobsite and personnel. Jobsites within the Edmonton to Calgary corridor are preferred. Multiple assessments on the same jobsite will preserve funding to cover more occupations.

During cold weather, assessments for indoor occupations are preferred.

**To participate, please contact Project Manager Andrew Gibson, [Andrew@andrewgibson.ca](mailto:Andrew@andrewgibson.ca) ; 780-405-9854 with occupations; jobsite location, and preferred dates for site visit.**

***This information has been obtained from the Alberta Construction Association. To find more news and updates visit their website <http://albertaconstruction.net>***

**COVID - 19 Resource Information**

Please check [ECAA website](#) which is updated with new information as we receive it.

The Canadian Construction Association has made available the COVID-19 **Standardized Protocols for Construction** site and released the 4th version of **Pandemic Planning for the Construction Industry Guide**.

[CCA Covid 19 Standard Protocols for Construction Sites](#)

[Pandemic Planning for the Construction Industry 4.0](#)

**COVID 19 is having (will continue to) have major impacts Construction Projects ranging from:**

\*Supply Chain (availability/delay/insolvency)

\*Site Safety (COVID measures, quarantines)

\*Contractual Claims for "Force Majeure" relief/Change in Law/Frustration

\*Employment (availability/layoffs/termination)

To find out more about Covid-19 and Force Majeure Clauses please view the attached document shared by the Calgary Construction Association

[CCA - Covid 19 and Force Majeure Clauses #2.](#)

For contractors who are intending to bid new work and/or enter into new contracts for construction or service projects the following article has been shared by Stuart M. Detsky and Victor A. Bandiera ([www.trisura.com](http://www.trisura.com))

[Navigating Business Through a Global Pandemic - More Advice for Contractors.](#)

[Surety Bonding and Covid-19 - Navigating Uncharted Waters](#)

A Novel (new) Coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a public health emergency and has been declared a pandemic with significant implications for communities and workplaces. The following are guidelines to assist employers and workers as it relates to COVID-19 in the workplace. Information within is relevant to all provinces and territories within Canada. *The following document was shared by HUB International.* [WCB and COVID-19](#)

## Contact Us

If you are an ECAA Contractor or Associate member and would like us to help promote an industry or company event please contact us directly at 1-800-252-9375.

We value your feedback and its important to us. Please submit any comments to [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)

**The next issue of The Spark will be emailed on July 3rd, 2020.**



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