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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Fort McMurray Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 11th, 2021

[Register Here](#)

Calgary Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 13th, 2021

[Register Here](#)

Edmonton Chapter Meeting

Monday, May 17th, 2021

[Register Here](#)

2021 Convention & AGM's

CONVENTION & TRAINING DAY REGISTRATION

Labour AGM

Tuesday, May 18th, 2021

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

Associates AGM

Wednesday, May 19th, 2021

3:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

PEC AGM

Wednesday, May 26th, 2021

9:00 am

[Register Here](#)

President's Message

Well let's begin the May edition by wishing all of you Mom's out there a very special Mother's Day on May 9th! Being a mom is certainly no easy task and we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate and thank you all.



We are just over two weeks away from our AGM in Kananaskis. As I have prepared a lengthy and detailed annual report, I will keep this one brief. I just really want to encourage everyone to take part in the event as best you can. We are currently facing some tighter guidelines from AHS, however we do know that the golf tournament on May 27th is sold out and that it will be going ahead as planned. Though there may be a couple of changes made to the formatting of the pairings, etc., Kananaskis has the luxury of spreading us out over two courses and will be able to better assist us in meeting those 'distancing' guidelines.

As for Training Day, all courses will be carried out virtual via zoom and therefore no changes to mention. The AGM meeting, Awards Luncheon and Gala will also be broadcasted and shared via zoom. There are currently tighter restrictions as to how many people we can have in a room at one time which the hotel is keeping us updated on. People will be able to share their reports and/or participate from their homes, hotel rooms or courtyards, etc.

ECAA AGM

Saturday, May 29th, 2021
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

UPCOMING TRAINING

[2021 Code Update Training Schedule](#)

1 Day Arc Flash & Shock Training

Virtual Instructor led

Wednesday, June 16th, 2021

[Register Here](#)

Communities of Practice

3rd & 4th Principles of Lean
Thinking-implement Flow &
Implement Pull

Wednesday, May 26th, 2021

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Virtual Discussion

[Register Here](#)

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Here again we are hoping that these recent restrictions are somewhat relaxed following the May long weekend as suggested by AHS; however, we will have to wait and see how the numbers look. The age limits for receiving vaccinations at this time are being dropped all the way down to twelve years old. As a result and with the recent influx of available vaccines, we should see a large increase in the number of people being vaccinated. I really do want to believe that we are in the final phase of dealing with Covid and would encourage everyone to stay strong for just a little longer.

Thank you again to Sheri McLean and her wonderful staff (Christine, Camille and Dorothy). They have done such a magnificent job of staying on top of the ever-changing restrictions and making several layers of contingency plans for each and every event.

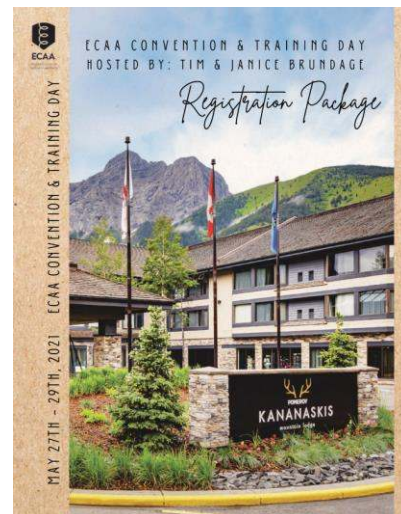
Thank you again to everyone for your ongoing support and involvement and we look forward to seeing you all in May.

Respectfully,

Tim Brundage
ECAA Provincial President

ECAA AGM & Training Day Update

2021 ECAA Convention



Registration: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/2021convention/>

Registration is open for ECAA's annual Technical Training Day & Convention.

***Proceeds from the virtual gala entertainment will be setup as a donation to support ECAA members who have struggled with Mental Health.**

Virtual AGM Dates & Times:

Labour AGM - Tuesday, May 18th 10:30 am

Associates AGM - Wednesday, May 19th 3:00 pm

PEC AGM - Wednesday, May 26th 9:00 am

ECAA AGM - Saturday, May 29th 10:00 am

<https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/2021convention/>

Thank you to our Convention Sponsors:

Federated Insurance (Keynote Speaker)

ABB (Awards Luncheon & Golf)

Gescan (Golf)



Sponsorships



Available: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/2021sponsorships/>

Training Day - Friday, May 28th

Register today! Those that register for full access will receive access to all zoom recordings and any available presentation materials from training sessions.

APD points apply for PEC's



Technical Training Day - May 28th

VIRTUAL TECHNICAL STREAM 1

CE CODE: CORRELATION BETWEEN SECTIONS 4 & 8	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Presented by: Ark Tsisserev, P.Eng	
MODERNIZING HOW PEOPLE CONTROL POWER	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Presented by: Marv Verlage	
CONTRACT LAW FOR SUBCONTRACTORS	1:10 PM - 4:00 PM
Presented by: Phil Perry, P.Eng	

VIRTUAL TECHNICAL STREAM 2

SOLAR AND STORAGE	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Presented by: Eric Smiley, P.Eng	
CSA Z462 2021 EDITION & ELECTRICAL SAFETY PROGRAM	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Presented by: Terry Becker, P.Eng, CESP	
CHANGES TO SECTION 18 IN THE 2021 CE CODE	1:10 PM - 2:10 PM
Presented by: Tim Driscoll, P.Eng, F. IEEE	
WHAT ELECTRICIANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE BUILDING CODE	2:40 PM - 4:00 PM
Presented by: Paul Chang	

ECAA Member price per session	\$25.00
ECAA Member price full access to all sessions	\$125.00
Non-Member price per session	\$40.00
Non-Member price full access to all sessions	\$175.00

REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ECAA.AB.CA/EVENTS/2021CONVENTION/](https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/2021convention/)

**Full access will give you available recordings from all sessions presented
These sessions will be delivered virtually*

Upcoming Training

[2021 CE Code Update Seminar Dates](#). Registration also available [online](#). For more information on code please email ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca

AHS guidelines will be followed for in person sessions. APD Points apply for PEC's.

1 day low voltage Arc Flash & Shock: Wednesday, June 16th 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

[Register Here](#) APD Points Apply. This session will be delivered virtually and instructor led using zoom.

Fire Alarm Training Course June 21 - 25, 2021. Register

Here: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/edmonton-fire-alarm-training-course-june-2021-2/>

As minimum numbers are required, please register early to avoid disappointment with course being cancelled.

For more information: [Alberta Fire Alarm Course](#)

[Fire Alarm Course Outline](#)

This session will be held in Edmonton following AHS guidelines and restrictions.

Communities of Practice. Please join the ECAA Communities of Practice for a series of CoP zoom meetings scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of every month from **8:00 am - 9:30 am**. Next session set for **May 26th** will cover the 3rd & 4th principles of lean thinking-implement flow & implement pull. Continuing on from value stream mapping and determining what the future state will look like, you will learn about:

- the things that can flow in your companies including people flow, parts flow, and information flow
- how to capture and categorize the things that are slowing flow down
- how to create pull systems to improve the flows that support improvements in quality, cost, delivery, safety, and morale (QCDSM)

[Register Here](#)

PEC Courses ([2021 Course Schedule](#))

Estimating & Finalizing the Tender - June 17th, 18th & 19th, 2021 (Edmonton) - *course full *waitlist started*. Email Christine (chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca) to add your name to the waitlist.

2021 Manual PEC Course Registration - use this form to register using your complimentary course certificate or to pre register for all the courses but pay for each individually as they come up.

For more information about the program and courses please contact chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

ATTI Upcoming IP Red Seal and Master Electrician Exam Prep course schedule: <https://www.atticanada.com/upcoming-courses/>

Industry News

Congratulations to **High Line Electrical Constructors**. The company has been sold to Java Holdings (formerly owned by Vallard Construction). All staff and work will continue under the High Line banner.

Index for 25th Edition of Canadian Electrical Code Part 1 now available. If you previously purchased a code book and require the index, a complimentary pdf can be downloaded here: <https://ecaa.ab.ca/HotTopicDetails.aspx?id=347>

BRANDON HILL-GRAHAM MEMORIAL Scholarships; Supported by: Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta, Calgary Chapter. Contractors who have apprentices going to SAIT are asked to remind them to log

into their MySAIT account to apply for the Brandon Hill Graham Memorial scholarships. Three awards of \$1500 will be given to electrical apprentices entering 4th period. **Deadline to apply is May 30th.**

Congratulations to Luke Bibeau as the Educational Advancement Incentive Award recipient. This award is offered to a student registered at Keyano College on behalf of the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta, Fort McMurray Chapter.

Here is a special thank you note from Luke.

To the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta

I am both shocked and excited to be receiving such an award! When I received the email I had to message one of my teachers to confirm it was real because I was in disbelief at the time. I have never received something like this before in my life, so this is really cool for me.

I am 30 years old now and 2 years ago I decided to make a career change to the electrical industry. The electrical trade has been something that's been around me all my life as my father is an electrician. Helping him with odd jobs growing up definitely "sparked" the interest for me to pursue this career path.

Going back to school this past January for my second year of schooling made me a bit nervous, I was told second year is very demanding and one of the hardest years. Not to mention due to covid all of our teaching would be online, and I am more of an in class hands on type of learner. But it turned out really well in the end, I studied hard, and it certainly paid off. I have to thank my instructors as well for this, they made the online learning fun and enjoyable and were there at any time I had questions or needed help with something, thank you Dawn and Tim!

Moving forward I am excited to take all I have learnt in my past 2 years of schooling and apply it to my on the job training and as well return to Keyano this year for my third year of schooling. Having received this award will not only help me financially, but is a boost of confidence to me knowing that if I apply myself and study hard as I did this past semester, I can achieve the results I need to continue on in my electrical career.

Thank you ECAA for this award, I am truly honoured to be receiving it.



COAA Best Practices - Building Resilience Virtual Conference (May 18th & 19th, 2021) has announced new confirmed speakers to the conference line up including Michael Heath, Manager Contract Construction, ATCO Group and The Honourable Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy & Innovation. ECAA is proud to sponsor and support this event; [click on the following link to look at the full line up of speakers and to register for the conference.](#) To view the conference agenda [click here.](#)

SkillsXhibition May 11th & 12th. ECAA is a proud supporter and partner with Skills Alberta. Skills virtual exploration of the trades; for more information click here: <https://skillsalberta.com/resources/skillsxhibition-presented-by-syncrude/>

Eric Newell "Kidz in Career's Golf Classic" Early bird registration extended until May 31, 2021.

This fundraiser is in support of Alberta youth and will be held at the Heritage Pointe Golf Club in Calgary on July 8, 2021.

This tournament has raised over \$1 million with Alberta youth being the primary benefactors of these funds. Your donation allows young people to connect to the education, skills and training they need through work integrated learning internships. This helps young people get back to work now while offering hope for their future.

And although the tournament will look slightly different this year, as we will be following AHS Covid-19 guidelines re: outdoor gatherings, we still promise you a day of fun and friendships – all in support of a great cause – Alberta youth!

Early bird registration ends May 31, 2021. For \$395/person or \$1500/team, your golf registration includes:

- 18-hole round of golf with cart
- Hot breakfast buffet*
- BBQ dinner* and prizes/awards following the golf tournament
- “Kidz in Careers” golfer gift
- Chance to win some great prizes

*Subject to COVID-19 restrictions

[REGISTER HERE](#)

If you have any questions and/or interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Katie at golf@nextgen.org.

2021 SAIT President's Award. SAIT President and CEO Dr. David Ross presents the annual President's Awards to recognize students and student groups who make a difference at SAIT and in their communities. After a year defined by disruption, the 2021 awards also celebrate the recipients' ability to persevere and prevail when COVID-19 forced the typical post-secondary student experience to pivot fully online.

“We're proud to recognize and celebrate transformational community impact, partnership and student leadership,” says Dr. David Ross. “Our 2021 President's Awards recipients represent the resiliency and outstanding accomplishments that reflect the broader student community during this past year.”

Source: <https://www.sait.ca/about-sait/media-centre/news-and-events/news/donor-stories/2021-05-03-2021-presidents-awards-recipients-represent-student-resiliency>

The National Electrical Trade Council receives Government of Canada funding to support apprentices in the electrical trades across the country.

Mississauga, ON – The Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, addressed attendees virtually and announced that the Government of Canada is providing close to \$5 million, over five years, to the National Electrical Trade Council (NETCO) for the project Online Apprentice Support Initiatives for Success (OASIS) under the Innovation in Apprenticeship Stream of the Union Training and Innovation Program.

This funding is part of the Government of Canada's \$62 million investment over five years to help develop a highly qualified skilled trades workforce and prepare Canadians to fill available jobs as the economy restarts. The OASIS project will support training in the electrical trades and prepare apprentices to succeed as trade workers. NETCO will work in partnership with several training providers in the electrical trades to support participants from communities in New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

Source: <https://mailchi.mp/541730cd522e/netco-receives-government-of-canada-funding-to-support-apprentices-in-the-electrical-trades-across-the-country?e=adec40ed7b>

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS OF APPRENTICES

Below is a list of available Financial Incentives for employers of apprentices.

It is important to not only check AIT website (<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/>) but the Government of Alberta and Service Canada website as well. There are a lot of incentives that are not being advertised but are available. Brand new, is the funding for RAP apprentices, where the government is offering reimbursement of \$1000 for 125 hours, \$1800 for 240 hours, or \$3600 for 480 hours towards the wages of a RAP student. RAP students must be paid minimum wage, and the School Board covers their WCB.

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/>
<https://www.alberta.ca/starting-running-business.aspx>
<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding.html>
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/topics/about-your-tax-return/tax-return/completing-a-tax-return/deductions-credits-expenses/line-41200-investment-tax-credit/apprenticeship-job-creation-tax-credit.html>
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/business/grants.html>

[YIP - Youth Internship Incentive Program Overview](#)

[YIP - Youth Internship Incentive Eligibility Guide](#)

Safety Leaders Summit "The Leading Event for Senior Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Professionals Across Canada" June 22nd, 2021 held online 10:10 an EST. To find out more about this event and register; [CLICK HERE](#)

Digital Eyestrain & It's Impacts.

We've all experienced an increase in the amount of time we're spending on digital devices. In fact, research conducted by the Alberta Association of Optometrists indicates adults in the province are spending an average of 10.5 hours a day on a digital device. That's close to all of our waking hours!

To view the complete article [CLICK HERE](#)

Spring Creek Mountain Village Phase One Receives First Community Certification Built Green's Communities Program Pilot well underway with builder leadership

For Immediate Release—In parallel to Earth Day, Built Green Canada celebrates the first project certification awarded through their [BUILT GREEN® Communities Pilot Program](#)—Spring Creek's Phase One of their Spring Creek Mountain Village in Canmore, Alberta.

The timing is fitting. [Earth Day](#) is an annual, worldwide event devoted to environmental action, and this year, the theme is Restore Our Earth. Alongside advocacy around methods that will capture carbon, like reforestation, this year's theme is aimed at encouraging the reduction of carbon pollution, as is critical to limiting global warming.

Clean energy is one of the key features of the BUILT GREEN® [Spring Creek Mountain Village](#); Owner and President, Frank Kernick, B of S, M.E., estimates that, on an annual basis, their geothermal heating and cooling system will eliminate 600 tons of greenhouse gas emissions. It pumps heat to and from the earth by circulating fluid through a ground loop: using the natural heat of the earth, instead of the more conventional method of burning fossil fuels for energy.

To view the complete news release click on the source below.

Source: <https://builtgreencanada.ca/spring-creek-mountain-village-phase-one-receives-first-community-certification>

New Members

Welcome New Members

Regular:

Myco Electric (Fort McMurray); Sentry
Electrical (Ontario); Wingert Electric (Calgary)

Journeyperson Associate:

Orrie Bliss (Calgary); Glen Bluett (Lacombe);
Felix Diaz (Calgary); Graham Noren (St
Albert); Chris Rogers (Beaumont)

PEC News

Welcome new PEC's

Yves Marcotte, PEC #391
Robert Goulet, PEC #392

Congratulations on obtaining your PEC designation.

What's Available from your Associate Members

EVERYONE DESERVES LEGAL PROTECTION

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Short Video - One year equals one hour - <https://ls-info.com/res/1048/48578?source=web>

The most affordable approach for your legal and Identity needs is to be proactive, not reactive.

Local Chapter Activity

FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER Next meeting Tuesday, May 11th; networking 5:45 pm and meeting 6:00 pm.

****Please make every effort to participate as we recognize and thank Daniel Kuderewko for his term as Chapter President. Quorum is needed as elections will be held.***

Associate Spotlight Presenter: LSW Lighting: Simple Cost Effective Solutions for NECB 2017 Lighting Requirements

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAIdO2urTIsGNVxEFcVSC8Xv9G8X3DbWXDE>

Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic in support of Scholarships at Keyano College. *
Space is limited. Sponsorships due by July 26th, 2021.

Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic

For more information contact:

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Tim Brundage 780-799-9690 tim.brundage@stuartolson.com



CALGARY CHAPTER Next Chapter meeting scheduled for **Thursday, May 13th**; networking at 5:00 pm, meeting at 5:15 pm.

**Please make every effort to participate as we recognize and thank Chris Jardine for his term as Chapter President. Quorum is needed as elections will be held.*

Associate Spotlight Presenter: Fortis Alberta Topic: Residential Loading Changes

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlc-GtrzsuhNbR5aL1LStR1Muau9i_oGCq

EDMONTON CHAPTER Next Chapter meeting will be held on **Monday, May 17th**; networking 3:45 pm, meeting 4:00 pm.

**Please make every effort to participate as we recognize and thank Jason Kuziw for his term as Chapter President. Quorum is needed as elections will be held.*

Associate Spotlight Presenter: Fortis Alberta Topic: Residential Loading Changes

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtF-murj0iHtU3OB8XxqgGFDCzqZQfvYRQ>

Next Issue of The Spark will go out Friday, June 4th, 2021



Contact Us

If you are an ECAA Contractor or Associate member and would like us to help promote and industry or company event please contact us directly ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca

We value your feedback and its important to us. Please submit any comments to smclean@ecaa.ab.ca

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