



March 2017

2017 CCA Industry Priorities by Committee/Council

Executive Committee

1. See the completion of the work of the committee's federal prompt payment taskforce.
2. Finalize the 2017 CCA budget for board approval in March 2017.
3. Complete the review of CCA's financial situation and make appropriate recommendations.
4. See the adoption of an expanded educational role for CCA.
5. Begin strategic planning process to replace current CCA Strategic Plan that expires in March 2018.

Business and Market Development Committee

1. Develop and publish a Practical Guide to CSR for the construction industry.
2. Support CCA's participation in joint employer group on the legalization of marijuana.
3. Monitor 'Buy America'.
4. Oversee the sustainability taskforce (e.g. updating the CCA 81-2001 *Best Practices Guide to Solid Waste Reduction*, physical waste diversion, GHGs including energy code).
5. Monitor Mission 2030 Initiative, and work of Canadian Council of Environment Ministers.
6. Committee follow-up (if any): roll-out of ethics course, Indigenous Engagement Guide, silica app.
7. Monitor and support the work of BuildForce Canada, the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, and the Canadian Employers Council.

Gold Seal Committee

1. Online exam: currently working on it. Expected launch October 2017.
2. New foreman designation: currently working on criteria and requirements. Expected launch September 2017.
3. Student designation: currently working on criteria and requirements. Expected launch April 2017.
4. Online application system: we will be reviewing and considering different vendors. No expected date yet (not started yet).
5. Marketing & communication: ongoing efforts to increase visibility of the program on social media platforms.
6. Consideration of further mandatory educational courses, (i.e. in addition to the ethics course).

Industry Advocacy & Regulatory Affairs Committee

1. Canadian Environmental Assessment Act review: monitor reforms and advance CCA perspective before Parliament.
2. Climate change: monitor the implementation of the federal carbon tax and provincial investments made using these funds.

3. Navigation Protection Act/Navigable Waters Protection Act review: monitor reforms and advance CCA perspective before Parliament.
4. Fisheries Act review: monitor reforms and advance CCA perspective before Parliament.
5. ELDs/EOBRs introduction for commercial vehicles: work with Transport Canada to ensure that the introduction of mandatory ELDs is not retroactively applied to older vehicles and vehicles below a GVWR of 11,794 kg.
6. LMA/LMDA reforms: monitor and work with government officials to ensure that new funding and existing EI funding is targeted to employment training programs that are demand driven.
7. Amendments to the Internal Trade Agreement: monitor and provide input on any proposed changes to the current Agreement on Internal Trade.
8. CETA: monitor its implementation.
9. Temporary Foreign Worker Program:
 - o Monitor and work with government officials to ensure that reforms support expedited process for TFW applications at a lower cost to employers.
 - o Ensure reforms better support the transition from TFW to permanent resident for TFWs working in Canada for a period of 1 year or more.
10. Bill C-227 – Community Benefits: ensure the introduction of the act does not undermine the current competitive bidding process.
11. Bill S-224 – Prompt Payment: under the direction of the CCA taskforce established to work with federal officials on possible solutions to payment issues, advance the CCA perspective on the bill before Parliament and with Parliamentarians.
12. Apprenticeship promotion measures:
 - o Ensure that any measures introduced do not increase employer cost for participation in federal construction projects.
 - o Ensure compliance requirements do not limit participation on federal construction projects.
13. Federal integrity framework:
 - o Continue to promote a reduction in the mandatory debarment period.
 - o Promote greater discretion at the officials' level for the establishment of an appropriate debarment period.
14. Industrial security clearances: work with officials to promote changes to simplify the process and expand portability of clearances between departments.

Innovation & Technology Committee

1. Identify, assess and monitor technological and innovative developments and trends that may impact the Canadian construction industry.
2. Promote and advocate industry-led research and innovation and its commercialization.
3. Identify opportunities for knowledge sharing and education regarding new technologies and trends.
4. Liaise with outside organizations such as the Institute for BIM in Canada and CCIInnovations to promote the interests of the Canadian construction industry.

Standard Practices Committee

1. Quality of documents: address the decreasing quality of documents by recommending best practices to federal government departments and other owners.
2. Naming of subcontractors: promote CCA's policy on the requirement of naming of subcontractors by recommending changes to PSPC's policy and practices.
3. Exclusionary bid practices: get the CCA policy on exclusionary bid practices in the new version of CCDC 23, to compile information package, and to monitor and oppose any exclusionary bid practices.
4. Review and recommend CCA approval of draft CCDC documents: CCDC 23, CCDC Division 00, IPD contract, CCDC 10, CCDC 11, and CCDC 40.
5. Claims prevention and dispute resolution: consider best practices in claims prevention and resolution.
6. Ongoing priorities:
 - o Monitor PSPC's pilot use of BC Bid Depository.
 - o Prepare the briefing material for CCA delegates and to facilitate the discussions for the next joint CCA-Government of Canada meeting in April 2017.

Civil Infrastructure Council

1. Canadian Infrastructure Report Card: continue to work with CCA's partners (FCM, CPWA, CSCE) to develop the next CIRC using Statistics Canada data.
2. Promotion of standard specifications and contracts:
 - o Work with TAC and CCDC to help engage public owners in the upcoming review of CCDC 18, the Civil Works Contract.
 - o Promote the greater use of CCDC 18 by public owners.
 - o Promote standardization through the Transportation Association of Canadian.
 - o Support the efforts of partner associations to promote standardization of specification and contract language at the municipal level.
3. Reprisal clauses: monitor and support the efforts of McLean and Armstrong to achieve a favorable legal ruling against the continued use of reprisal clauses by municipalities.
4. Silica app: work with the BCRB&HCA and the BCCSA to finalize and promote the existence of the silica exposure mitigation mobile app.
5. Promote infrastructure investments in regional trade corridors: support the efforts of partner associations to ensure infrastructure funding for regional trade corridors of national significance.
6. ELD/EOBR introduction for commercial vehicles: work with Transport Canada to ensure that the introduction of mandatory ELDs is not retroactively applied to older vehicles and vehicles below a GVWR of 11,794 kg.
7. TAC: continue to participate in TAC.
8. CCMTA: continue to participate in CCMTA.

9. Infrastructure renewal:
 - o Monitor and work with Infrastructure Canada to bring the concerns of members regarding the Phase I deadline to the attention of senior officials.
 - o Ensure that the deadline does not jeopardize the viability of ongoing projects.
 - o Ensure that Phase II of the government's infrastructure plan is implemented in a timely manner with an expedited federal approval process.

General Contractors Council

1. Project management firms: develop best practices for all stakeholders, i.e. owners, PM firms, consultants, and contractors, who will work together towards a successful project.
2. Ongoing priorities:
 - o CCDC: review and provide input into new documents prepared by the CCDC and monitor CCDC activities.
 - o Taskforce on federal prompt payment: provide input to and monitor the work of the CCA taskforce on federal prompt payment.
 - o Lean Construction Institute of Canada: monitor LCI-C activities and ensure that they offer CCA members access to training and resource information relating to Lean Construction.

Manufacturers, Suppliers and Services Council

1. Draft a supplement to CCA's 2010 *Guide to PPP in Canada* with a section focused on the perspective of SMEs and their participation in these contractual structures.
2. Engage on a national level with municipalities on issues related to procurement.

Trade Contractors Council

1. Roll-out of CCA 53: *Trade Contractors Guide & Checklist to Construction Contracts* (e.g. seminars).
2. Monitor the work of council representatives on outside committees, such as the CCDC and IBC.
3. Monitor and contribute to CCA's federal prompt payment taskforce.
4. Monitor prompt payment legislation across the country, especially in Ontario, and including at the federal level.
5. Monitor the implementation of the CCA policy on naming of subtrades and suppliers at the federal level.
6. Disseminate information to council members on issues of interest (e.g. a bulletin on the Surety Association of Canada's performance bond).
7. Maintain a forum for open dialogue for trade contractors across the country through roundtable discussions at each meeting.