



Activity Report to the CCA Board

September 2025

Introduction

The Yukon Contractors Association (YCA) has enjoyed a year of membership expansion, modernization, enhanced profile, and have tackled several significant advocacy initiatives. YCA is now the leading industry voice in the Yukon for the construction sector, government procurement, and more recently in collaboration with the Yukon Homebuilders Association, have been a champion for the construction of more affordable single-family homes.

Governance and Advocacy

YCA will be reviewing its governance model in 2025 to respond to increased interest in the YCA by other key construction-related sectors. This review will focus on updating the YCA's Bylaws including membership categories and Board composition and terms of office. The objective of the review is to ensure that the YCA remains relevant to its members, focuses on its priorities, and delivers timely industry intelligence to governments and other stakeholders.

Vendor Performance Review

YG advised us that they were planning to launch a new Vendor Performance Review (VPR) program modeled on a program that was implemented in Alberta. We have been successful in achieving a pause in this program's implementation and have tabled an alternative Project Review Program that examines the performance of the owner, consultants and contractors with a focus on continuous improvement instead of punitive measures aimed at contractors.

Yukon First Nations Procurement Policy (YFNPP)

The YCA continues to work in partnership with the Yukon First Nations entities responsible to guide the implementation of the YFNPP to ensure that every effort is made to meet the core objective of the program to deliver economic benefit and greater participation in the Yukon's economy by Yukon First Nations citizens, communities, and entrepreneurs. We are working together to ensure the principles of fairness, transparency, competitiveness, and value for money are embodied in all procurement activities.

Return to Public Tender Openings

The YCA recently tabled a request with YG to return to public tender openings. YCA acknowledges that public tender openings will not provide the 'full picture' in terms of contract awards. However, with more and more companies bidding, the potential for the easing of barriers to inter-provincial trade, and incentives from programs like the YFNPP, contractors and the procurement process would benefit from a more transparent approach to tender openings.

CCDC Documents

We have been working with YG in an effort to modernize and streamline their CCDC contract form. In particular, to address the complex and lengthy Special General Conditions that do not serve either party. We have been working closely with the policy team at the Canadian Construction Association who have been providing industry expertise and experience to the task. We have a ways to go, but progress has been made.

**The Year Ahead**

The YCA has a full advocacy agenda and priorities for the coming year. We look forward to the full launch of our new website which will create new and expanded opportunities for our members to access timely industry information, research on trends, training and education, event information, and full integration of Signa Sur.

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TOP PRIORITIES

- Prompt Payment, Adjudication, and Lien Reform
- U.S. Tariffs – and Responses
- Labour Shortages and Cost Escalations
- Public Sector Engagement and Poor Procurement Practices

UPDATES & GENERAL CONCERNS

Key Updates:

- Presentation to the Pacific Caucus of BC Liberal MPs on July 14 in Kelowna. Included were 20 Liberal MP's, 5 of whom are Federal Ministers, including Housing Minister, Gregor Robertson. (Focus on construction's role to support Federal Government mandate to "Build Baby Build")
- Presentation to the BC Treasury Board Secretariat on August 14 in Victoria. (Focus on best practices around public sector projects)

General Concerns:

- Ongoing insecurity with regards to economic uncertainty
- Hiring slowdown/caution resulting from economic uncertainty
- Government consultation with industry is slow moving

NEW ADVOCACY EFFORTS

New "BCCA Members Only" Webinar Series for RCA Members

Launched in December 2024, with most recent sessions held in April and June of 2025:

- December: "COCA Presentation to BCCA Provincial Regions & Members" – 17 attendees
- January: "Unlocking the Value of CCDC Contracts" – 24 attendees
- February: "U.S. Tariffs" – 301 attendees
- March: "Guide to BC Trade Definitions" – 87 attendees
- June: "Getting Paid: Navigating Contracts and the Law so you can get Your Money" – 116 attendees

We've now held 6 "Members Only" sessions attracting a cumulative attendance of over 800 RCA members.

"Owners Only" Webinar Series for Public Sector Owners

We held sessions in March and June of 2025:

- March 3: "Optimizing Public Sector Contracts: Tools, Updates and Best Practices" – 202 attendees
- March 31: "U.S. Tariffs and Their Impact on Construction" – 391 attendees
- June: "Project Closeout: Best Practices for Getting it Done" – 258 attendees

We've now held 19 "Owners Only" sessions since 2022, attracting a cumulative attendance of more than 3,500 public owner representatives.

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PROMPT PAYMENT MICROSITE

We have launched phase 2 of our Prompt Payment advocacy campaign, as the Province of BC has moved into legislation development phase of Prompt Payment in BC. The updated microsite promptpayment.ca informs industry of next steps and encourages them to submit a letter to their local MLA's stating the importance of keeping industry involved in the process, and reiterating the importance of including lien reform, in and around the provisions and timing of holdback release.

PERMITSCA

In the spirit of collaboration and building on the success of [BidCentral](#) (BC's largest construction projects marketplace) and its popular permits application, we're on the cusp of launching PermitsCA (coming in early September). PermitsCA will provide contractors across Canada early visibility into upcoming projects. It's a centralized, permit-based project intelligence platform designed to serve as a pre-bid hub. It will be available to associations across the country as a partner-first solution, offering new value as a free service for their members, while providing autonomy and regional insight. We will also have an affiliate model which will allow LCAs to sell to non-members and participate in a revenue-sharing model.

INDUSTRY PRACTICES – PUBLIC SECTOR PROCUREMENT ROADMAP

In BCCA's ongoing efforts to support contractors and advocate to public owners on the importance of fair, open, and transparent procurement practices, we have developed a ***"Public Sector Procurement Roadmap"*** in both print and digital format. This printed piece will be a valuable 'leave-behind' tool for our Regional Partners (NRCA, SICA, VICA, VRCA) to use when meeting with municipal owners, and for BCCA when meeting with Provincial legislators and Ministries. All the information can be accessed on the [BCCA website here](#).



MEMO

Date: August 13, 2025

To: Lynn Perrault, CCA

From: Matt Pitcairn

Cc: Steve Drummond, Kelly Scott

Subject: CCA Provincial Report – BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association

CURRENT STATE:

Despite ongoing challenges from tariff uncertainty, and economic challenges at the Federal and Provincial level, British Columbia's road maintenance, construction, and heavy contracting sector remain busy. The provincial government's 2025 budget commits \$15.9 billion over three years to transportation and transit, including major projects such as the Fraser Valley Highway 1 corridor, the George Massey Tunnel replacement, and Highway 1 upgrades. Preliminary findings from the BC Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association's annual survey indicate a generally positive outlook among members, supported by progress on initiatives like the Pattullo Bridge replacement and Broadway Subway extension.

Honour the Work Program

The "Honour the Work" initiative continues to build strong momentum through its expansion. The program has invited the Honourable Rob Fleming, former BC Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, to serve as its honorary chair, further elevating its profile and impact.

Annual Membership Survey

BCRB has successfully completed its annual survey, achieving record participation levels. The results will provide valuable insights into industry sentiment and priorities moving forward.

Major Project Committee

The Major Project Committee has played a pivotal role in promoting the Multistakeholder Meeting, which brought together key representatives from BC Hydro, TransLink, Metro Vancouver, TI Corp, the Port of Vancouver, YVR Airport, and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Indigenous Engagement Committee

After a period of pause, the Indigenous Engagement Committee is once again active, with its first meeting taking place in June and an upcoming one in September. The committee is positioned to strengthen relationships and foster collaborative opportunities with Indigenous communities.

Women in Road Building Committee

The Women in Road Building Committee is building remarkable momentum. The inaugural event in June in Kamloops drew a strong turnout, and the upcoming September session is on track to sell out, reflecting the growing energy, interest, and enthusiasm surrounding this initiative.

Alberta Construction Association

September 2025 Report to the Canadian Construction Association

Advocacy

Over the past few months, the Alberta Construction Association (ACA) has engaged with the Government of Alberta and other provincial agencies on several key issues affecting our members.

Canada–Alberta Productivity Grant (CAPG)

In July, the Government of Alberta announced a replacement for the Canada–Alberta Job Grant. This marked a key success following more than a year of ACA advocacy, during which we consistently emphasized the need to reinstate a training support program. In meetings with government officials in autumn 2024 and throughout the lead-up to the provincial budget, ACA identified a replacement program as essential—particularly to help smaller contractors meet their workforce training needs.

While we are pleased to see a new program introduced, several concerns specific to the construction industry remain, particularly regarding program delivery. We continue to engage with the government to ensure these challenges are addressed and hope to see further progress this fall.

Ministers’ Meetings

In June, ACA led a roundtable with our industry partners and Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure. The meeting focused on procurement processes and long-standing challenges in contract practices. We committed to holding future roundtables to support high-level dialogue between government and industry.

This was followed by a meeting between ACA’s Management Committee and Joseph Schow, Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration. Discussions highlighted the role of our local construction associations in supporting career awareness and readiness in the K–12 education system.

We also emphasized the importance of expanding the Trade Pathways program to address Alberta’s youth unemployment and build a robust talent pipeline. Additionally, we introduced our Modern Construction Workforce initiative, which aims to equip members with digital competencies and support the adoption of new technologies on worksites.

Workforce Training

Beyond our advocacy on the Canada - Alberta Productivity Grant (CAPG), ACA continues to lead and support workforce development efforts aimed at strengthening the construction talent pipeline in Alberta.

Our Trade Pathways program partnered with the Project Adult Literacy Society (PALS) to support participants through AIT workshops, English, math and science tutoring, and more. Thanks to this partnership, 76 Trade Pathways participants have been supported by PALS, with many going on to complete their first year of apprenticeship.

Trade Pathways has been able to provide tools, training, tuition funding and more to help launch careers in construction for numerous newcomers by partnering with Centre for Newcomers in Calgary.

Employers have benefited from the partnership as well, with Trade Pathways providing wage subsidies, training reimbursements, and WCB coverage for employees hired from the program

In May, ACA hosted a dedicated workforce event in Edmonton to connect local companies with our current and emerging training initiatives. The event provided an opportunity to showcase the range of tools and programs available to employers—from digital skills development to apprenticeship support. Feedback from attendees highlighted a growing demand for accessible, industry-relevant training, particularly among small and medium-sized firms.

In June, ACA officially launched the first cohort of our Digital Tradesperson pilot program. This initiative is designed to equip workers with foundational digital skills, such as using tablets on job sites, interpreting digital blueprints, and leveraging construction management software. As the industry increasingly integrates technology into everyday operations, digital literacy is becoming essential for both productivity and safety. The initial cohort has shown promising engagement, with additional intakes planned for September and beyond.

We are also continuing to advocate for the expansion of employer-led training models that are responsive to industry needs. This includes support for flexible delivery formats (such as hybrid or on-site instruction), recognition of prior experience, and more efficient pathways for upskilling existing employees. ACA has shared member feedback directly with policymakers to ensure that government training programs align with the practical realities of the construction workplace.

Construction Wildfire Preparation

As wildfire activity across Canada continues to intensify, Alberta has experienced significant damage to towns and communities. In response, ACA is developing a resource package to help construction companies prepare for emergencies. This information sheet, along with a new infographic, was published in August.

We are leveraging our newsletter, social media channels, and our website to make these resources easily accessible to members. We have also distributed them through our local associations to ensure broad reach to their members.

New Committees

At our 2025 Annual General Meeting, ACA launched three new committees aligned with our long-term strategic plan and our core pillars: advocacy, member service, and industry excellence.

Government Advocacy Committee

This committee has begun mapping ACA's 2025 priorities, including fair and timely procurement and sustained infrastructure investment. Targeted engagement with elected officials and civil servants is underway.

Workforce and Safety Committee

Initial discussions have focused on addressing labour shortages, enhancing apprenticeship systems, breaking down barriers for underrepresented groups, and promoting mental health and safety culture on job sites.

Innovation and Sustainability Committee

This group is engaging with industry leaders and subject-matter experts to identify actionable strategies that drive innovation and support sustainable construction practices.

Industry Overview

The summer months have seen a significant increase in both building permits and workforce numbers, as Alberta continues to lead the nation in commercial construction. This growth is being driven by major government infrastructure investments, including the Red Deer Hospital expansion, large-scale LRT projects in both Edmonton and Calgary, new and modernized school construction across the province, and through extensive highway upgrades.

Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (ARHCA)

As of July 30, 2025

Membership Restructure

- ARHCA is moving to a simplified membership model.
- Changes include:
 - Regular groups now get up to 4 branches included in their membership, with an option to add additional branches for a fee.
 - An introduced Provincial Membership category that includes all companies' branches operating in the province of Alberta.
 - An introduced Service & Supply category combines the current non-contractor categories (Associate and Consultant).
- All members will be updated to their new membership category before the end of August, in time for membership renewals.

Advocacy Campaign

- "Fix Our Roads" campaign to go live August 11th.
- The updated campaign will focus on the upcoming municipal election. Messaging will align with the Rural Municipalities Association.
- Ads will be placed in the weekly papers of rural communities and supported by letters from ARHCA to MLA's.

CCA / ARHCA Communications

- ARCHA is supporting the CCA in promoting membership but including information on our Membership kits, website, newsletters, and social channels.
- The CCA National Advocacy Campaign has been added to ARHCA monthly newsletter (The Roadrunner) and ARHCA social channels to help promote the CCA's efforts.

Alberta Government Sole Source Tender

- Alberta Government is procuring a major grade, base, pave project through a sole source tender to an indigenous entity.
- There was no prior indication this project would be tendered without competition.
- Alberta Government has no policy framework for supporting indigenous enterprises.
- There has been no consultation with industry.
- Alberta companies are reducing capital stock capacity in response to provincial budget cuts.
- Mobile paving plant capacity has been reduced by 20% since 2022.
- ARHCA will be protesting.

CCA Board Report

September 2025



Since the last report in June, and with summer in full swing, CASK has been actively engaged in our events—highlighting the most anticipated time of the year that our members always look forward to.

As always, we were pleased to have the CCA represented at our Annual Summer meeting at Elk Ridge during June 10 – 13th. Chanel Roberts did an excellent job presenting on Gold Seal, and we hope to see an increase in awareness and applications for Gold Seal accreditation.

CASK is already demonstrating the benefits of our decision to align and create a unified provincial entity, with greater visibility and a stronger voice at decision-making tables. Our collective strength continues to be our greatest asset as we establish this new organization.

Advocacy

CASK is actively advocating on behalf of our members at both the provincial and municipal levels. Provincially, as mentioned in earlier reports, the Construction Round Table has been established and has met twice, focusing on improving procurement practices and encouraging early contractor involvement. We are already seeing positive results from this work and are now in regular contact with SaskBuilds.

At the municipal level, Saskatchewan's two largest cities—Saskatoon and Regina—have followed SaskBuilds' lead by setting up Construction Task Forces in collaboration with CASK. These groups meet regularly to reduce red tape, gather direct feedback from contractors, and track progress. We have already seen improvements with the City of Saskatoon, and the first meeting of the City of Regina's Task Force is scheduled for September.

Organizational Update

As we continue building CASK's foundation, the Board and Executive Leadership Team met on July 16 and 17 to develop a three-year strategic plan. I am also excited to share that CASK has hired our Director of Public Affairs and Communications, who previously served as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Social Services for the Government of Saskatchewan. This appointment will strengthen our advocacy efforts.

CASK will celebrate the industry that builds, maintains, and contributes to communities from September 22 to 26 during Saskatchewan Construction Week.



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Winnipeg Construction Association

WCA Report to CCA for August 2025

Construction Industry Update.

According to **Statistics Canada**, Manitoba building permit values are down compared to the same period (Jan – May) last year. Total permit values are **down by 8.2%** compared to 2024. Total residential permit values are up by 8.7%. **Non-residential construction permits are down by 32.1%**. Institutional/government permits are down by 50.4%.

WCA BuildWorks

In July 2025, WCA hosted 188 projects which is consistent with the ten-year average.

WCA BuildCast

BuildCast is the WCA pre-bid information service which accumulates information on confirmed and potential projects to happen in Manitoba in the next 5 years. We are currently tracking 1300 projects potentially worth between \$35Bn and \$57Bn. WCA members receive a weekly update on new information on projects in the pipeline.

Advocacy/Government Relations.

Prompt Payment – The prompt payment system is now in place effective on all prime contracts entered into on or after April 1. The Manitoba Prompt Payment Adjudication Authority has been established to train, certify and manage adjudicators. The Builders' Liens Act was also amended to extend the liens period to 60 days on ALL construction projects.

Construction Industry Wages Act (CIWA) – The new wages under CIWA have been released and come into effect Sept.1.

Contract Clauses – WCA is actively working with the University of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg to create a more fair contract. The U of M contract adopted the CCDC2 2020, but included 30 pages of supplementary conditions. There is progress on its improvement. City of Winnipeg has recently appointed a Chief Construction Officer, Tom Sparrow. We will be working with him to promote the adoption of the CCDC contracts at the City of Winnipeg.

Builders' Liens Act Modernization – There is a modernization committee that is reviewing the Act to make recommendation for updating. Recently a group of Associations (WCA, Consulting Engineers, Architects) voiced support for annual release of holdback.

Social Procurement – WCA continues to work with City of Winnipeg to ensure the social procurement approach will both be manageable, practical and support those seeking support.



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REPORT TO THE CCA - ADVOCACY UPDATE FROM THE MHCA CHAIR

The following are highlights of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's (MHCA) policy and advocacy activity.

CANADA

- As part of WCR&HCA, and with CCA, CICC, and other business organizations (including CCA), had an opinion piece published in the Hill Times that advocated for a Canada Trade Infrastructure Plan

MANITOBA

- Hosting the Leaders' Forum on Growing the Economy, along with 14 Manitoba based membership associations. The event will feature a keynote address from Premier Wab Kinew, where he will unveil his new economic plan for the province. The event will also include a moderated Q&A with the Premier.
- Continue to engage with Manitoba Transportation & Infrastructure regarding impact of potential tariffs with US. Looking for the Province to include language in their contracts that protects against the impacts of unanticipated tariffs.

WINNIPEG

- Continuing to press Winnipeg/Manitoba to work toward a 'new fiscal deal' to open new revenue streams for municipality

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, MHCA

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Provincial Government

Currently the provincial government is on their summer break, and as such, many of the items that were in the legislature are in a “holding” pattern until the government reconvenes on October 7, 2025. One of the main items the construction industry is awaiting, is the update and amendments to the Ontario Construction Act. This process was commenced approximately two (2) years ago by the OGCA, through the Construction and Design Alliance of Ontario, to ensure that the five-year amendment option, as noted in the act, was realized and actioned. The industry has provided their input and we only await the revisions. OGCA will keep everyone abreast of any developments.

US/Canada Tariffs Trade War

The current tariff situation between Canada and the USA involves a mix of tariffs and trade agreements that affect construction materials and items. Here are the key points:

U.S. Tariffs: The U.S. has imposed tariffs on Canadian goods, with a 25% tariff on non-CUSMA compliant exports and a global 25% tariff on steel and aluminum imports. These tariffs have raised costs for Canadian construction materials and products.

Canadian Tariffs: Canada has responded by imposing its own tariffs on U.S. goods, with a 25% tariff on \$30 billion worth of goods. This has led to a trade war that has consequences for both sides of the border.

Impact on Construction: The tariffs have added significant costs to residential and commercial builds across Canada, affecting material pricing and project timelines.

The situation is evolving, and both Canada and the USA are likely to adjust their trade policies in response to the changing global economic landscape. It is crucial for businesses and consumers to stay informed about these developments to navigate the construction materials market effectively.

Infrastructure Ontario

The OGCA continues to meet with representatives from Infrastructure Ontario (IO) to address the issues affecting general contractors. In the most recent meeting, both groups met to continue our discussions on the effects of tariffs and possible work arounds to ensure that projects continued without delay.

In July, IO tabled their updated project pipeline and the OGCA was happy to see the inclusion of some Capital Repair projects included in this pipeline for the very first time. Although the OGCA complimented IO on the inclusion of some projects, we noted that this does not constitute a

complete inclusion of the named projects that IO is considering and in order to attract more contractors to IO to bid project, more visibility on all potential projects will be required.


IO has also requested that the OGCA review and provide comments and industry feedback on their interim study: "Ontario Digital Twin Strategy Report." The basis of the report highlights the need for a standardized approach to digital construction across the government's infrastructure pipeline.

The OGCA believes that the current approach to digital construction is insufficient since requirements are not always embedded, and when they are, not always enforced. Therefore, the OGCA believes that the next logical step for the digital twin initiative is an Ontario BIM Mandate, that standardizes this approach, in line with global best practices.

The OGCA will continue to support this initiative with IO in the hopes of providing a standardized platform that all project stakeholders can work from regardless of geographic location and size of company. The OGCA believes that this rising tide will lift all ships.

Please contact me if anyone needs further clarification on any of the tabled items.

Sincerely,



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Rapport des associations partenaires de l'ACC – août 2025

Association de la construction du Québec (ACQ)

Retour sur le cocktail de l'Industrie organisé par l'ACQ

Le 19 juin dernier, l'ACQ a eu le plaisir de tenir la toute première édition de son Cocktail estival de l'industrie de la construction, un événement ayant réuni près de 100 leaders du milieu dans une atmosphère à la fois dynamique et conviviale. Cet événement a permis d'aborder des enjeux communs, de croiser les perspectives et de consolider les liens qui nous unissent autour d'un même objectif : faire progresser notre industrie. Mentionnons la présence, entre autres, du ministre du Travail, M. Jean Boulet, et de la PDG de la CCQ, Mme Audrey Murray.

Règlement sur les paiements et le règlement rapides des différends en matière de travaux de construction

Le 8 septembre prochain entrera en vigueur le *Règlement sur les paiements et le règlement rapides des différends en matière de travaux de construction*. Ce nouveau règlement vise à assurer le paiement en temps opportun de sommes d'argent dues à des entreprises qui prennent part à des travaux de construction pour le compte d'organismes publics.

L'ACQ milite depuis plus de 12 ans au sein de la *Coalition contre les retards de paiement dans la construction*, un regroupement qui représente l'ensemble des entrepreneurs généraux et spécialisés. L'entrée en vigueur prochaine de ce nouveau règlement est une excellente nouvelle pour les entrepreneurs du Québec.

Enjeu de l'heure : la hausse des coûts de construction

Le gouvernement du Québec a sollicité l'ACQ afin de participer à une réflexion sur les coûts de construction et la recherche de solution pour accroître la productivité et réduire les coûts. La hausse constante des coûts de construction exerce une pression considérable à la fois sur les entrepreneurs, qui doivent composer avec des marges de manœuvre réduites, et sur les donneurs d'ouvrage, dont la capacité à réaliser des projets est fragilisée. Afin d'orienter ses travaux sur la question, l'ACQ a mis sur pied des groupes de travail qui se pencheront sur différents enjeux, notamment sur la question de l'allègement réglementaire.

Contexte politique à surveiller

Nous surveillerons de près le remaniement ministériel qui a été annoncé par le premier ministre du Québec et qui devrait avoir lieu au début septembre.

L'automne sera chargé politiquement avec les élections municipales qui auront lieu dans environ 1 100 municipalités au Québec le 2 novembre prochain.

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**Par
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Camionnage :

- [L'industrie de la construction se positionne en faveur du libre marché dans l'industrie du camionnage - ACRGTQ](#)

Baisse du nombre de chantiers routiers :

- [Baisse drastique du nombre de chantiers routiers en 2025 : un enjeu de sécurité et d'emplois - ACRGTQ](#)

Comité d'experts indépendants (CEI) du ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable du Québec (MTMD) :

- Parution le 4 août de l'avis du CEI sur la programmation 2024-2026 du MTMD. Constat : les investissements à la baisse du gouvernement du Québec dédiés aux infrastructures routières vont accélérer le déficit de maintien des actifs routiers.
[Avis du comité d'experts indépendants sur la programmation routière 2024-2026](#)

GNL :

- Annonce d'un projet à l'étude sur la Côte-Nord :
[Documents sauvegardés](#)

Hydro-Québec :

- Michael Sabia quitte Hydro-Québec et Claudine Bouchard est nommée PDG. (11 juin et 2 juillet 2025)
- Hydro-Québec propose une augmentation de tarifs de 4,8 % pour les petites et moyennes entreprises ainsi que les industries. Cette hausse vise à faire payer une plus grande part des coûts des grands projets d'Hydro-Québec par ces consommateurs d'électricité. L'objectif est d'alléger le fardeau financier des clients résidentiels, conformément à la volonté du gouvernement Legault :
[Hydro-Québec veut une hausse de tarifs de 4,8 % pour les PME et les industries | Radio-Canada](#)

Infrastructures en eau :

- [Crise des infrastructures en eau liées au logement - Mise sur pied d'un groupe tactique - ACRGTQ](#)

Mobilité Infra Québec :

- La ministre des Transports, Geneviève Guilbault, a nommé Renée Amilcar comme première PDG et Ann MacDonald comme présidente du conseil d'administration de la nouvelle agence.
- Nomination du CA et d'un VP :
[Mobilité Infra Québec - Nomination des membres du conseil d'administration et d'un vice-président](#)

3^e lien à Québec :

- Annonce du corridor retenu. Le 3^e lien sera un pont-tunnel.
[Troisième lien : un pont-tunnel entre Québec et Lévis | Radio-Canada](#)
- Selon Radio-Canada, le ministère des Transports évalue le coût du projet à 9,3 G\$
[Le troisième lien pourrait coûter jusqu'à 9,3 milliards \\$ | Radio-Canada](#)

Projet de loi 69 :

- Le projet de loi sur la réforme énergétique a été adopté sous bâillon dans la nuit du 6 au 7 juin 2025.
[Le gouvernement adopte le projet de loi n° 69 pour accélérer le développement énergétique et économique du Québec](#)

Projet de loi 81 :

- Le gouvernement du Québec annonce l'adoption du projet de loi no 81, Loi modifiant diverses dispositions en matière d'environnement :
[Adoption du projet de loi no 81 - Une procédure d'évaluation environnementale plus efficace et mieux adaptée pour nos régions](#)

Projet de loi 89 :

- Adoption du projet de loi 89 visant à considérer davantage les besoins de la population en cas de grève ou de lock-out :
[Adoption du projet de loi n° 89 - Mieux protéger la population affectée par un conflit de travail](#)

SAAQ :

- Commission d'enquête sur les dépassements de coûts de SAAQClic et nomination d'une nouvelle PDG :
[Nouvelle PDG à la SAAQ: «L'image de la SAAQ est irrémédiablement ternie», affirme Geneviève Guilbault | TVA Nouvelles](#)

Workforce & Immigration

- **International Recruitment:** Conversation continue with Talent Beyond Boundaries on forming a formal partnership on connecting displaced skilled workers to employers through the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP). There is potential for a recruiting mission to Kenya in November.
- **Immigration NB:** CANB's advocacy led to \$5,000 in employer funding for recruitment missions as well as new staff to support construction sector hiring. CANB is proposing a dedicated immigration hub.
- **Missions:** CANB is working hard to promote a skilled trades mission to Brazil in October. Brazil is a country the Province has been working on establishing a direct route into apprenticeship with.
- **Post-Secondary Partnerships:** Biannual meetings with Skilled Trades NB and NBCC/CCNB continue, with a focus on practicum length and graduate retention tracking.

Advocacy & Government Relations

- **GNB Construction Forum (Apr 29):** Attended by nearly 100 participants; 42 action items resulted, many influenced by CANB's strategic guide and contract recommendations.
- **Prompt Payment Legislation:** Passed 776 days ago but still not proclaimed. CANB is pressing for alignment with NS and ODACC adjudicators to ensure speedy adoption. Recent meetings with the attorney general office lead us to believe there will be movement on the file.
- **DTI Engagement:** New leadership has prompted deeper collaboration, including proposals to revise the GNB Standard Construction Contract and implement a contractor scorecard. A "Dream Team" advisory group is being formed to follow up on the 42 action items from the construction forum.

Finance & Tax

- **Pre-Budget Submission:** CANB advocated for infrastructure and investment in the skilled trades throughout the education system. CANB have since joined the provincial Property Tax Reform advisory group.

Additional Work

- **Atlantic Approach:** Staff and Presidents on the eight Atlantic ICI and Roadbuilding associations are planning to come together in September for two days to discuss a variety of topics and advocacy pushes unique to our part of the country.
- **Modular Construction:** CANB is a member of the advisory group for the Atlantic Offsite Housing Innovation Project being led by UNB's Offsite Construction Research Centre.
- **Green:** CANB is also a member of the advisory group for UNB's Green Horizons Leadership Project to help New Brunswick's (SMEs) in navigating the transition to a net-zero economy.



Summer 2025

2025 Construction Season

Construction in full swing. Weather is finally cooperating. Lots of projects underway. Paving the Trans Canada Highway between Fredericton and Moncton has started. The entire highway will be paved by the end of 2027.

Highway Safety

We have noticed an increase in tourist traffic this summer. Our pleas to RCMP and Public Safety have been heard. Increased enforcement at highway construction zones! This is a good thing.

Government Standard Construction Contract

The contract is finally being reviewed. It needs a major re-write or replacement with CCDC contract. We are teaming up with CANB to provide feedback and recommendations.

2025 Summer Meeting

Our Summer Meeting & golf tournament was held in Bathurst, July 18th & 19th. We had close to 100 golfers and 140 for dinner. A great weekend was had for all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom McGinn, Executive Director

**CCA Provincial Report – Nova Scotia
August 2025**

Submitted on behalf of Duncan Williams, President & CEO, Construction Association of Nova Scotia

Industry Overview

Investment in Nova Scotia building construction rose 4.4% in May 2025 to \$590.2 million. Halifax monthly building construction was up 3.1% to \$306.2 million, while outside of Halifax building construction was up 5.9% to \$284 million. Nova Scotia's non-residential building construction grew 4.7% to \$126.6 million, the fastest gain amongst provinces. In Halifax, non-residential construction was up 6.1% to \$69.9 million. Outside of Halifax, non-residential construction was up 3% to \$56.7 million.

Compared to January-May 2024, building construction investment was up 11.6% in Nova Scotia. Halifax construction activity was up 18%, and outside of Halifax, construction activity was up 4%.

Workforce & Advocacy

Through the Nova Scotia Construction Immigration Coalition, CANS is piloting a website where employers can post jobs, conduct interviews, and hire candidates locally and internationally. CANS will continue to advocate for policies that prioritize skilled immigration and will attend an immigration trade mission this fall in Mexico City.

Finishing placements in August, CANS Building Futures for Youth program accepted 92 students. BFY connects grade 10 and 11 students with an opportunity to safely explore careers in Nova Scotia's construction industry. This achievement underscores the program's growing effectiveness in attracting and engaging young talent within the construction sector.

CANS is hosting the inaugural Atlantic Construction Caucus in September, a collaborative initiative between the provincial construction associations of Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. Together, these associations will advocate for shared priorities, coordinate responses to regional challenges, and support sustainable growth and innovation in the construction sector across Atlantic Canada.

Membership & Industry Resources

CANS Education engaged 90 learners between May 1 – July 31. CANS is proud to offer another season of award-winning industry education and training for our members and is scheduled to offer over 80 public programs in 2025-2026.

The CANS Emerging Leaders Group hosted a successful Meet & Greet on the Harbour, which brought together nearly 200 industry professionals including several CANS Board Members. CANS EL is dedicated to fostering valuable and inclusive opportunities for the next generation of industry leaders.

CANS hosted its largest annual golf tournament in June with over 450 golfers across three courses. The Spring Fling in Cape Breton saw 210 members in attendance. This year's AGM is scheduled for October 7, with an expanded slate of awards. We're excited to share that CANS is launching a [new suite of industry awards](#) to further celebrate industry. The new awards are designed to recognize contributions from individuals and companies making a difference through education, mentorship, innovation, and community involvement. CANS will also be hosting the second annual Women in Construction Forum, intended to inspire, connect and support women in industry.

CANS has welcomed several new members this year, reflecting a 6% increase in members over last year.

Association Priorities for 2025

CANS has begun to develop a new strategic plan that will identify key priority areas for our members. Engagement has been a priority in the past months to gauge satisfaction with existing priorities and to inform future direction of the Association. The new CANS strategic plan will be released at CANS 163rd AGM in October.

Nova Scotia Provincial Update – September 2025

The new Minister is now much more up to speed. We have had good meetings with him and made some good progress on a few key items.

Our current Premier is much more noticeable on a national basis, particularly with regard to interprovincial trade barriers being removed.

Our program was slow getting going from the Province, but they made efforts to get caught up and a good portion of this year's work has been tendered. From a productivity perspective we have had very little rain over the summer and thus good weather for getting our work completed. Also very helpful due to slow early tendering.

Our relatively new Government is getting well established including the new Minister.

Our original budget was estimated in the \$500 – 600 M range. The budget remains solid, probably will end in the \$500 – 600M range. There is some optimism that through Carney's government we may see some additional funding for our major 100 Series highways

We have recently been through a strike in Cape Breton which cost our members about 2 weeks work. We are back on track again now, although the main municipality there, may have a strike within its employees soon.

We have finished up another year of training for entry level labourers. We have been able to place all the graduates and hopefully many will become good long term employees.

Our joint meetings between Atlantic Road Builders Association members took place in early June. Always productive. They were highlighted by the attendance of Rod Gilbert. Much appreciated.

We have a history of great generosity from our members to the local community. In June we were able to present a cheque for ~ \$137K to support mental health in the Truro area.

We have begun to execute on our Strategic Plan created last fall, with our moving forward on a new communications plan.

Recently we have been advised by our Environment Department that they are bringing out new Air Quality standards. We will review and give feedback.



August 2025

Continued efforts with Immigration, Tiny homes, and our training center are just a few of the initiatives we are working on here at CAPEI, always looking to grow our opportunities as we grow our industry . Summer has been crazy busy and going in many directions , tariffs, labor and tendering being the main focuses

- 1- Our focus on Youth with barriers and Foreign Credential recognition programs have been key to our operations as we continue to train future skilled persons for our industry
- 2- VR, workshops and classroom visits have been very front and center this summer with some great initiatives with the GETT girls camp a weeklong trade focused program from girls grades 5-9
- 3- Social media growth and Industry awareness has ramped up and we are focusing on construction being a key sector in PEI and Nationally
- 4- Pan Atlantic Immigration program and study has gone well, next phase ahead
- 5- International recruitment mission discussions
- 6- Educational partnership with CANB has been a great success to date
- 7- Atlantic construction Cacus development and first meeting planned for September 29/30 2025

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Executive Director CAPEI

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REPORT TO CCA – SEPTEMBER 2025

Tenders

The province is seeing a decline of heavy civil work this season. Some contractors are running out of work for their employees. I believe this is partially to do with the higher cost of doing business, the tariff issue – definitely effected bridge work and the lack of dollars available for funding programs.

Infrastructure funding

Government and contractors are concerned about the current cost sharing infrastructure program coming to an end and no new infrastructure program in place. As a smaller province and obviously smaller capital budget, we depend on these programs for new infrastructure. We will continue to lobby the federal government impressing upon the need for a new program.

ARBA

The Atlantic Road Builders Association continues to be a very valuable for our Industry. We meet twice a year (Spring and Fall), rotating provinces. In 2023 we started meeting with officials from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island Departments of Transportation to discuss common problems and solutions for our region. We will be meeting November 5 & 6, 2025, in Fredericton NB

Atlantic Caucus

The Road Builders (vertical) and Construction Associations (horizontal) of the Atlantic region have decided to come together to work on common issues that face our region. September 29, 2025, will be our first meeting held in Halifax, NS. We believe it is important to align rules and regulations as Canada begins to open up the provincial borders.

Education & Recruitment

Our Association is focusing on initiatives that will help build futures in our Industry.

- We are entering our fourth-year partnership with the Department of Education's Essential Skills Achievement Pathway (ESAP). With the ownership of the Vortex Edge Max (simulates 6 pieces of heavy machinery), our association is able to take our industry to the high schools and show students the technology and opportunities available.
- Our Education Committee has participated in Career Days at the High School Level and hope to expand on this next year.
- Our Association has participating in Job Fairs in Charlottetown and Summerside in hopes of recruiting potential workers for our membership.

Traffic Control

We have a new 2025 Workplace Traffic Control Manual that was released late July – regulations will not be enforced until the 2026 construction season. We are hopeful that the provincial government will align these regulations across the region. Please find attached the link

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/publication/temporary-traffic-control-manual>

Lobster Dinner & Golf

We hosted our Annual Golf and Lobster dinner on June 6, 2025. The event was well attended and golf numbers were up again this year.

Annual General Meeting

February 5 & 6, 2026, we will be hosting our 64th Annual General Meeting at the Delta Prince Edward in Charlottetown.

Regards

Melissa Paquet

Executive Director of PEI Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association

Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association Update

August 2025

The Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Association (NLCA) is pleased to share this provincial update, highlighting current economic activity, advocacy efforts, and key developments within Newfoundland and Labrador's construction sector.

Construction of the province's new adult correctional facility is well underway, representing a significant investment in infrastructure and public safety. This project is expected to generate hundreds of jobs and support local contractors and suppliers, reinforcing the economic impact of government capital investment. NLCA also welcomed the provincial government's recent Award of both Kenmount Terrace School and Cartwright School, which is progressing toward construction.

NLCA remains an active participant in the Premier's Roundtable meetings, which offer a vital forum to bring forward the construction industry's perspective. In recent discussions, NLCA emphasized the urgent need for a bold and coordinated Strategic Infrastructure Plan to guide future investment and development in the province. With major federal funding opportunities on the horizon, NLCA is calling on government to work collaboratively with industry to identify and prioritize shovel-ready vertical infrastructure projects that can move quickly from funding to foundation—stimulating job creation and long-term economic growth.

NLCA also reiterated concerns regarding the serious impacts of Canada's abrupt changes to its steel import regime. The revised tariff rate quotas (TRQs), introduced with little transition time, have already driven up domestic steel prices by \$60 per tonne and are creating material shortages that threaten to delay construction projects and inflate costs. These effects are particularly severe in Newfoundland and Labrador, where imported steel is essential due to high transportation costs and a lack of local supply. NLCA has urged government to consider a more balanced approach that maintains critical supply chains while supporting national and provincial infrastructure priorities.

In addition, NLCA highlighted the growing urgency around skilled trades recruitment and the need to strengthen early engagement in the education system. The Association encouraged government to work with industry, unions, educational institutions, and school districts to integrate skilled trades programming at the junior high and high school levels. Drawing on best practices from across Canada, this proactive approach will help address the province's aging workforce and ensure a strong pipeline of talent to meet future construction demands.

As Newfoundland and Labrador prepares for both a provincial general election and municipal elections this fall, NLCA is closely monitoring developments and engaging with candidates. These elections are expected to shape policy directions and priorities across all levels of government. NLCA will continue advocating to ensure the construction industry's voice remains central in future decision-making.



Regionally, NLCA continues its collaboration through the Atlantic Construction Caucus—an alliance of provincial construction associations committed to advancing shared priorities. The next meeting of the Caucus will take place in late September at the Construction Association of Nova Scotia in Halifax, with a focus on immigration policy, regional infrastructure investment, workforce development, and interprovincial cooperation. This collaborative work is critical to strengthening Atlantic Canada’s construction sector and advancing common goals across the region.

Engagement with NLCA’s membership also remains a central priority. The Association recently conducted several surveys focused on education and training gaps, labour shortages, and workforce needs. These efforts are designed to give members a platform to share feedback on important industry issues and to guide NLCA’s advocacy with government. Through its Centre for Excellence, NLCA continues to support upskilling and productivity improvements, with many member firms accessing funding to train employees and implement new technologies.

Looking ahead, planning is well underway for two major NLCA events. The Women in Construction Professional Development Forum, taking place on November 7, will feature presentations, leadership panels, and hands-on sessions aimed at supporting inclusive workforce development. The annual Rock Awards Gala, scheduled for November 8, will celebrate leadership, innovation, and excellence across Newfoundland and Labrador’s construction industry.

To support long-term growth and global engagement, NLCA is exploring new trade mission opportunities for late 2025 and into 2026. These initiatives aim to help member firms connect with international partners and access procurement opportunities in aligned markets.

Membership recruitment and retention also remain key areas of focus. NLCA is actively pursuing new outreach strategies to attract prospective members, while strengthening relationships with existing ones through enhanced services and regular engagement. A strong and unified membership is important to advancing industry priorities and ensuring continued success.

As we look ahead, NLCA remains committed to supporting the construction industry through strong advocacy, meaningful engagement, and strategic partnerships. By maintaining a proactive voice at the local, regional, and national levels, we will continue to influence positive outcomes for our members and contribute to the sustainable growth of Newfoundland and Labrador’s economy.





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Heavy Civil Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (HCANL) August 2025 Report to the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) Provincial Infrastructure and Industry Update – Newfoundland and Labrador

Overview

HCANL has had an active quarter advancing advocacy priorities, strengthening government collaboration, and engaging members. We continue to work closely with the Departments of Transportation and Infrastructure (TI) and Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) to ensure procurement and policy decisions reflect the realities of the heavy civil sector.

Key Highlights – Advocacy and Government Relations

- Successfully advocated for the creation of two new provincial positions to expedite the quarry permit process and improve coordination between TI and IET on government-issued tenders.
- Secured an expedited process for government-issued tenders to allow earlier release dates and better project planning.
- Submitted detailed recommendations on concrete, asphalt, and aggregate specifications, including limiting concrete requirements to precast bridge girders, accepting finishers with 5+ years' experience, clarifying the use of superplasticizers, and creating a standard concrete inspection checklist.
- Provided feedback through the Structures Committee on structural plate specifications, haul time allowances, and construction timelines to ensure they align with practical jobsite conditions.

Member Engagement and Industry Impact

- Hosted a Terra Nova Spring Social in June, fostering valuable networking among members.
- Launched registration for the Annual Golf Tournament using our new digital platform, selling out in just 50 minutes.
- Piloting a digital auction platform to enhance event fundraising and participation.
- Expanded communications with the launch of a monthly e-newsletter in August and this semi-annual newsletter in September.

Outlook

The coming months will see continued advocacy for multi-year infrastructure planning, broader use of Design-Build delivery models, and policies that strengthen industry capacity. Planning for the 2026 AGM and Conference is already underway, with a focus on delivering even greater value for members and partners. HCANL remains committed to advancing the interests of Newfoundland and Labrador's heavy civil sector and ensuring the province's record-level infrastructure investments translate into tangible benefits for our industry and communities.



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