



Highlights from the CCA Board Meetings Held October 3 – 4, 2017 in Niagara Falls

New Procurement Guide and Requirements

The Canadian Construction Association (CCA) board of directors endorsed the updated edition of *CCDC 23: A Guide to Calling Bids and Awarding Construction Contracts* and the new *CCDC Division 00: Procurement and Contracting Requirements*, subject to revisions being made to CCDC 23 referencing portions of a CCA bulletin on the naming of subcontractors.

CCA to Seek Broad Industry Support on Federal Payment Legislation

The CCA board passed three motions with respect to federal payment legislation:

1. THAT, CCA endorses the spirit and intent of federal bill S-224 and undertakes to work with industry and government to find a broad consensus on effective legislation.
2. THAT, the CCA board create a taskforce on the culture of payment with a mandate to identify initiatives that will improve industry and stakeholder knowledge of payment processes and mechanisms and improve the culture of compliance.
3. THAT, the CCA board create a taskforce on federal payment with a mandate to consult broadly with CCA members, partner associations, industry stakeholders, and the federal government in order to make a consensus submission to government on federal payment legislation.

Enhanced CCA Educational Initiative

The CCA board approved a heightened role for CCA in support of its partner associations' educational activities. The proposed strategy embraces the recommendations of a CCA taskforce comprised of CCA board members and partner association representatives.

The plan calls for a phased approach that would allow CCA to initially use existing staff and resources. Phase 1 would concentrate on:

- Developing an ongoing awareness/educational program regarding existing CCDC/CCA standard documents;
- Establishing a separate working group to devise a strategy and tools for a marketing/lobby campaign to be undertaken by CCA partner associations aimed at increasing the use of CCDC/CCA standard documents;
- Creating and maintaining a central database that lists the various educational courses/programs being offered by CCA partner associations;
- Disseminating information to CCA partner associations on government and related grant programs that can assist partner associations in their educational efforts;
- Developing a "train-the-trainer" course for Construction 101 and the Construction Industry Ethics classroom session.

Phase 2 would consist of the creation of a CCA Education Committee/subcommittee to:

- Identify further areas of potential collaboration between CCA and its partner associations in the educational field; and
- Develop and implement strategies to engage outside committees, CCA special committees, and other organizations not within the sole control of CCA to promote the benefits of partnering with CCA partner associations in the delivery and execution of their respective educational initiatives. It is important to remember that the Canadian Construction Documents Committee, Canadian Design-Build Institute, Institute for BIM in Canada and Lean Construction Institute of Canada are not required to utilize CCA resources or to work with CCA partner associations for their educational initiatives.

Industry Input into Asphalt Reviews

The CCA Civil Infrastructure Council is concerned with industry's ability to influence any changes to specifications or procedures resulting from the Ontario Auditor General's report that is very critical of asphalt quality and testing procedures. Ontario recently introduced several new specifications without industry consultation. The council feels that since such reviews may spread to other jurisdictions, it is critical for the industry to be included in any discussions regarding proposed changes to specifications or procedures in this regard. The Ontario Road Builders' Association has engaged consultants to a technical review and to do an industry audit to form the basis of an industry response.

Coming Soon: Quality of Design and Project Management Guides

The CCA Standard Practices Committee is expected to soon share a guide document with CCA partner associations. This guide is intended to assist the industry at the regional and local levels in addressing the need to improve the quality of design documents. The guide summarizes the contributing factors influencing the quality of design documents and proposes several solutions.

The CCA General Contractors Council is finetuning a final draft of the proposed new *CCA Guide to Project Management Service Delivery*. This guide provides an explanation of the role and responsibilities of project management firms and their relationship with other project stakeholders.

New Corporate Member

The CCA board approved the following new corporate member:

HDI Global SE Branch of Toronto, ON.

Next CCA board meetings will be held March 10 – 11, 2018 in Banff, Alberta

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