

# A MESSAGE FROM MCAM PRESIDENT – Julien Lafleche

# OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The MCAM Board of Directors is comprised of a cross section of Industry members; Residential through Heavy Industrial, urban and rural, sub-contractors, engineers and associate members. The Board meets monthly September through June and is served by standing committees, advisory councils and working groups.

#### **RENEWAL OF MCAM STRATEGIC PLAN**

The MCAM 5-year Strategic Plan will soon expire. The Board of Directors has engaged facilitator, Warren Wilson, to guide the Board through the development of a new strategic plan. The new plan will provide a framework for MCAM activities through 2027. The Board has moved into the second phase of the development process which includes one on one interviews with board members as well as a survey to MCAM members. Please watch your inbox for the survey link. MCAM is a member driven association, your participation is critical.

#### WILLIAM ATKINSON AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The William Atkinson Award recipients for 2021 were James Anderson (plumbing) and Blake Joseph (Refrigeration). Mr. Atkinson; funder of the award and founder of ABCO Supply and Service, attended the MCAM Pioneer Night Celebration inperson to present the awards.

#### **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WAGE ACT UPDATE**

Shawn Henry (Wescan), MCAM board representative on the Minister of Finance's CIWA Wage Schedule Review Committee, continues with CIWA review process. Thank you to the Minister for engaging MCAM in this critical work. The CIWA Wage Schedule is viewed by many as the stabilizing force within the industry bidding system. Out of date since 2017, the Minister struck a committee representing a cross section of the industry to review and update the wage schedule. Proposals to date have incorporated cost of living increases from 2017 through 2024. Work of the committee continues.

#### **LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM IS BACK IN PERSON**

MCAM is planning for an IN-PERSON November Lunch & Learn featuring Tim Woods from Prime Warranty featuring the extended parts and labour program and Karen Poetker from Pitblado reviewing recent changes to the Limitations act. <u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</u> for the November 25<sup>th</sup> Lunch! Sponsorship opportunities are still available!

### MCAM NEXT GEN TAILGATE & BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The MCAM Next Gen Tailgate party was a huge success. With BSD Ainsworth taking home THE CUP! Industry members provided positive feedback on the balance of activity, networking, sponsorship value and atmosphere. The Tailgate Committee is already planning for 2022 with double capacity!

## **EXTENDED PARTS AND LABOUR WARRANTY**

Sean Rooney, Founder and President of Prime Warranty provided Board members an overview of the Extended Parts and Labour Warranty Program through MCAM partnership. Sean opened Prime Warranty in 2010 as a residential HVAC warranty provider. Since then, the company has expanded operations from Eastern Canada to encompass North America. The product offering has also expanded to include commercial, Institutional, and industrial mechanical/ electrical equipment. He will be presenting on an MCAM Extended Warranty Program at the November Lunch and Learn.

## **NEXT GEN SCOTCH TASTING IS BACK**

Join the MCAM Next Genners at the annual Scotch Tasting. November 18<sup>th</sup> at Kitchen Sync, Paul Shack, founding member of the Winnipeg BIM community will lead attendees through the next steps of Construction in the BIM environment. <u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</u>.

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – MCAM REACHES OUT TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO PARTNER IN CRITICAL INITIATIVE

As previously reported, MCAM is working with local Industry partners and Buildforce in the development of the economic study establishing a credible multiplier for the vertical construction industry. In economic terms, a multiplier refers to an economic factor that when changed causes change in other related economic variables. In this case we are seeking to demonstrate an investment in the vertical construction industry by public entities has a more than proportionate positive impact on the general economy. The ultimate goal of the study will be to quantify this impact. The larger the multiplier, the more effective it is in creating and distributing wealth. Maintaining infrastructure to meet the populous demand and creating and distributing wealth are responsibilities of government. Providing a useful measure for government is a tool industry will have in advocating for vertical infrastructure investments. To date, MCAM, MBT, CLRAM, EAM, CARM and WCA are supporting the project. Seeking a defensible data set, MCAM extended an invitation to the provincial government to partner in the project. Invitation was sent through Minister of Centralized Service, Honourable Reg Helwer.



Julien has served on MCAM Board of Directors since 2014. His passion for the industry and 24 years of experience started early. He spent High School summers working as a civil contractor before transitioning to an apprentice Steamfitter. Julien is the President and CEO of DMS Industrial Constructors Inc. a ServcoCanada company.

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