

# INFORMER

Golf the Fairmont Banff Springs at the  
upcoming

## MCA Western Region Conference

Join your mechanical friends and colleagues in this fun tournament at the breathtaking Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Course.

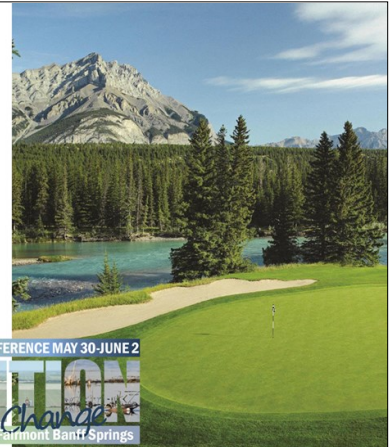
Renowned for its panoramic beauty, this course has a captivating and challenging layout set in the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

*Banff's  
Springs Golf  
Tournament  
and Awards*

**FRIDAY  
MAY 31  
9:00AM  
- 3:30PM**

2019 MCA WESTERN REGION CONFERENCE MAY 30-JUNE 2

**TRANSITION**  
*Embracing Change*  
Fairmont Banff Springs



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*Message from EVP Dana Taylor*

## BC stalls while others in the country move ahead with Prompt Payment

For more than a dozen years, MCABC, myself and the Council of Construction Trades Associations (COCTA) have presented governments – both Liberal and NDP – with solid arguments as to why Prompt Payment legislation is good for workers, trades, general contractors, suppliers and the provincial economy in general. Yet no sitting government has embraced, championed or perhaps even understood the importance of such legislation.

Meanwhile, other provinces across the country continue to move forward. First was Ontario, after several years of determined effort. Across Canada everyone in industry said: 'Let's wait until Ontario gets theirs and the rest of the provinces will follow suit.'

Well shortly thereafter, a private member's bill was introduced in Manitoba, then last fall in Saskatchewan, then two weeks ago Nova Scotia jumped on board. Governments of both liberal and conservative stripes elsewhere in Canada somehow saw the wisdom of approving this long sought-after legislation.

In a previous Informer I asked the question, 'Where is BC?' I reported that last summer, our Attorney General responded to an industry letter advising that he wished to "monitor" the implementation of the Ontario legislation before moving forward with ours. This came after several MLAs including the Premier and several senior bureaucrats had indicated they were willing to do everything necessary to make this law. To their

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## GET SCHOOLED



### Management Best Practices

Become a more effective manager and leader by exploring such issues as successful delegation, time management, negotiation, and buy/sell agreements.

- **April 11**
- MCABC Burnaby classroom
- One Gold Seal credit
- [More information and registration](#)

### MCABC Proactive Workshop for Field Service Technicians

Presented by MCABC and CEC, this course will help field service technicians build and leverage stronger, more durable business relationships, and identify and close more business opportunities.

- **April 17**
- Venue: TBA
- One Gold Seal credit
- [More information and registration](#)

### Blueprint Reading

This one-day course introduces students to the reading and understanding of mechanical and architectural drawings.

- **January 20, 2019**
- MCABC Burnaby classroom
- Three Gold Seal credits
- [More information and registration](#)

### Dispatcher Training

This two-day course covers topics like Communication Skills for the Dispatcher, Partnering with the Service Technician, and Managing the Service Manager. Presented in partnership with the Construction Education Council.

- **May 8 & 9**
- MCABC Burnaby classroom
- Two Gold Seal credits
- [More information and registration](#)



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## 2018 BC Building Code Revision 1 replacement package now available



The replacement package for the BC Building Code Revision 1 is now available for the binder print publication. The code changes came into effect on Dec. 10, 2018.

In order to print the replacement package, please follow the steps outlined on the "Important Notice" page within the BC Building Code binder, Book 1/Volume 1.

If you have any questions, please contact [BC Codes Customer Service](http://BC Codes Customer Service) (1 800 663-6105).

### Code changes related to mechanical summarized

View a presentation — prepared by Jarrett Hutchinson, Director, BC's Building Policy, Building and Safety Standards Branch — that summarizes code changes as related to mechanical:

[View Presentation](#)

Mechanical Contractors Association of British Columbia

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*Registration is open for our April Chapter Meeting*

## Construction: Where Do We Go Next?

April 10, 2019

Executive Plaza Hotel  
North Road, Coquitlam

**Chris Gardner**, President of ICBA (Independent Contractors and Businesses Association), will speak about investor uncertainty in the construction industry.

**Jeff Fisher**, Vice President and Senior Policy Advisor at UDI (Urban Development Institute), will speak about the housing crisis: causes and potential solutions.



[More Information & Registration](#)

*Message from EVP Dana Taylor — continued from page 1*

credit, the NDP government was the first to even give the subject a hearing as their predecessors – the Liberals – barely gave the subject the time of day beyond polite private meetings lauding its merits.

Various ironies mark BC's current circumstances. While we were the first province to act following Ontario's lead, several obstacles delayed our progress. Despite numerous public meetings with sister trade associations and communications with special interest associations, it took BC's industry until June, 2018 to get on the same page to promote our shared interest.

Apart from MCABC's initiative to fund efforts and meet with government officials and politicians, no other organization stepped up to assist. Some cited fatigue with the issue, others showed indifference and still others had to navigate internal issues of their own.

Then along came a booming economy. Trades and trade contractors are now being paid promptly due to the high demand for their services. The issue has simply disappeared...for now.

Wait. Everyone knows that construction is cyclical. At some point, work will dry up and once again payments will slow to their usual trickle. And trade contractors will likely again be clamoring for - guess what? - Prompt

Payment legislation. Other jurisdictions will be implementing the legislation they've achieved while BC contractors will be scratching their heads in wonder.

In my opinion, our experience in advocating for Prompt Payment highlights a fundamental problem with our governance system. As long as there are adversaries on opposing sides of a political spectrum, every act of government is viewed through the political lens of each party's core constituency. The system overlooks what might constitute 'good governance.' Prompt Payment legislation is an example of good governance. With

jurisdictions around the world – the majority with governing models similar to ours – having had this legislation, sometimes for years, there is simply no excuse to put it on the 'will monitor' back burner.

Our system needs to change to the point where elected officials have the freedom of choice to decide issues based on soundness of principle, and not simply to become the toadies of party solidarity and election financiers.

Down the road, perhaps Prompt Payment will become law in British Columbia, but it will be the result of an accident of fate or, more likely, recognized as a good idea to encourage people in the construction industry to vote for the party that introduces it. Almost certainly, it will not be the product of good government.



Ten-Day **Project Management** program is coming this fall

**Clear some room in your calendar!**

MCABC and The Construction Education Council (CEC) will be presenting the highly regarded Project Management Program in the fall of 2019. The program takes place over a 10-day period, split into two 5-day sessions in late-October and mid-November. Successful completion comes with 15 Gold Seals!

## More Information



# MCABC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10	Chapter Dinner Meeting	Executive Plaza Hotel, Coquitlam
April 11	Management Best Practices (BM4)	MCABC Classroom, Burnaby
April 17	Proactive Workshop for Field Service Technicians	MCABC Classroom, Burnaby
April 24	MCABC Board Meeting	MCABC Boardroom, Burnaby
April 27	Blueprint Reading	MCABC Classroom, Burnaby
May 8 & 9	Dispatcher Training	MCABC Classroom, Burnaby
May 24	Fraser Valley Golf Tournament	Morgan Creek Golf Course, Surrey
May 30—June 2	Western Region MCA Conference	Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff
May 30	MCABC Board Meeting	Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff
May 31	MCABC Annual General Meeting	Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff
June 7	Next Gen Hike & Pub Night	Location TBA
June 12	MCABC & BCEA Okanagan Golf	Sunset Ranch Golf Club, Kelowna
June 14	MCABC Vancouver Golf Tournament	Northview Golf Club, Surrey
July—Date TBA	Associates Golf Tournament	Location TBA
August 23	MCABC & ECABC Prince George Golf Tournament	Prince George Golf & Curling Club