

TO: MCA BRITISH COLUMBIA
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 RE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

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The Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada is pleased to provide a report on some of its activities and priorities over the past year, and into the second half of 2021.

MCAC Unveils New Strategic Plan

At its 2021 mid-year meeting, the MCA Canada Board of Directors reviewed and approved a new strategic plan for the association. The Strategic Plan was the culmination of interviews and surveys with members, Board members, and MCA provincial/zone managers from across Canada.

OUR VISION	OUR MISSION	OUR VALUES
A successful, sustainable mechanical contracting sector that is a leader in the Canadian construction industry.	Working with our MCA Provincial Affiliates, MCA Canada creates value and resources to help member firms succeed.	Collaboration, Professionalism, Communication, Innovative, Leadership, Inclusive, Continuous Improvement, Non-partisan

STRATEGIC GOALS

ADVOCATE	CONNECT	EDUCATE	PROMOTE	VALUE
Provide a national voice for the mechanical contracting sector	Establish and maintain solid relationships with members allied industry associations and other stakeholders	Provide industry leading national education curriculum and standard for members	Promote mechanical contracting sector as an inclusive and rewarding industry	Contribute to member success by developing value added tools and resources

Advocacy

With the 2021 federal budget released last month, MCA Canada is holding meetings with several government departments over the next few months to discuss how the proposed programming might roll out, and what role the association can play to assist with implementation, particular on the skilled trades programming announced.

Regarding the Budget, the early assessment was that there were some good support mechanisms extended for businesses, as well as recognition of the importance of skilled trades, but that more could have been done with respect to infrastructure investment, and specifically retrofits. The association will continue to engage on how previously announced funding can find its way to the project pipeline.

Industry Practices

Price volatility remains a significant issue for members across the country, and MCAC was pleased to host a webinar last month exploring the topic and how contractors can mitigate the risks associated with the issue. The webinar is available on the MCAC website, and the association is encouraging all members to visit the website to view the recording. In addition, MCA Canada has released a bulletin, calling on all stakeholders to take steps to help mitigate the impact of price volatility and supply chain issues.

As well, Quality of Design Documentation remains an important topic for the industry. MCAC, through NTCCC, is awaiting the results of a Quality of Documents study being conducted by Ryerson University, which is intended to look at the cost of poor quality documentation. Once finalized, MCAC will seek to engage its partner associations on how to educate all stakeholders on the topic and how it impacts construction projects. A first draft of the report is expected by May of 2021.

The Association is also finalizing a new Guide to Changes, and working with a task force of contractor members from across Canada to review and finalize.

Annual National Conference

Due to the uncertainty of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, MCAC has had to cancel its 2021 Annual National Conference, originally slated for Napa, California in October. The Napa Conference location will now be held in 2023. MCAC is currently negotiating the location for 2022 with an announcement coming soon.

Student Chapter Summit

Lastly, this year's MCAC Student Chapter Summit was held virtually and had a record number of attendees. Each year a construction project is highlighted, and a competition completes the Summit. This year the LNG Project was featured. MCAC greatly appreciated the time that LNG put into the program and MCABC members Victaulic and Servco for their sponsored support. The Association was pleased to see participation from students across Canada.

Education

Although circumstances prevented in classroom education this past year, MCAC was able to make the shift to virtual training. We were able to offer numerous and timely webinars which are available for download on the MCA Canada website. The MCAC 10 Day Project Management program shifted successfully to an online format as did several other programs. We are pleased to continue supporting provincial MCA's in their virtual education offerings.