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MCABC Members,

I am writing this column from Halifax, Nova Scotia on the eve of MCAC’s national conference. A very special thank you to the people of this province – they have each been impacted in some way by Hurricane Fiona but have pulled out all stops to welcome members of the mechanical industry across Canada. Our thoughts are with our colleagues and residents of the Atlantic Provinces and Eastern Quebec. MCABC’s Board of Directors has approved a donation to the Red Cross [Hurricane Fiona In Canada Appeal](#), adding to the significant contribution made by the mechanical contracting industry across Canada. Every donation made through the Red Cross Appeal will be matched by the federal government until October 25.

We are in high gear at MCABC, laser-focused on addressing issues of key importance to the mechanical contracting industry while delivering educational and networking opportunities that are progressing and connecting our members.

MCABC’s Board of Directors met with TSBC’s leadership team to discuss subjects of high priority to the mechanical contracting industry. Collaborative actions are now underway – stay tuned! Furthering our strategic focus on Climate Action and BIM, MCABC hosted The City of Vancouver, Metro Vancouver and Harbourgreene Consulting for the *Journey to Net Zero* and *Business Case for BIM* panels.

Of special note in October is the Coffee Talk conversation amongst mechanical contractors. Be sure to join this member-only discussion on the impacts of direct-from-manufacturer purchase of equipment and supplies. Registration TBA.

And what better way to prepare for winter than with a whiskey warm up – learning and tasting that is! Be sure to join our member social, Flight Around the World, at the Irish Heather on October 27.

This week is a big one for industry employers hiring apprentices in BC. As the largest skilled trades group, mechanical contractors have an opportunity to tap into significant federal funding to BCCA to support apprenticeship and diversity. Employers are eligible to receive payments for up to two first-year apprenticeship positions per year over a two-year period, to a maximum of \$40,000 per employer. MCABC encourages members to [apply](#) today.

- \$5,000 for hiring or registering any new first-year apprentice
- An additional \$5,000 if the worker:
 - self-reports as a woman, new Canadian, LGBTQ2S+
 - Indigenous
 - A person with a disability
 - A visible minority

MCABC members are reminded that general local elections are only two weeks away – it’s your turn to influence the outcome on October 15th. Please get to know the candidates and their platforms in your municipality, then vote!

Kim Barbero
CEO



MCABC Says Goodbye to an Intern and Welcomes a New One!



Keita Smith's (second from left in photo) four month internship ended at the end of August, returning to SFU to complete his last year of studies. MCABC is thankful for his dedication, willingness to learn, helpfulness and graphic design skills, and wish Keita the best of luck! Kevin Raymond (third from left) joins MCABC as our Marketing Communications Coordinator intern. Please say hi when you see him. Welcome to the team!

Meet the newest MCABC members!

We are excited to welcome the following companies who recently joined the association as members. Be sure to say hello to them at the next MCABC session or event.



Climate Action – supporting MCABC’s 5-Year Plan

Attention residential contractors: Are you familiar with the Home Performance Stakeholder Council (HPSC)? If you join their network of qualified retrofit contractors, you will realize exclusive access to program offers. [Learn more.](#)



Get Funding for Adopting New Digital Tools

The Government of Canada, through its Canada Digital Adoption Program (CDAP), is offering eligible businesses a loan of up to \$100,000 at 0% interest for a 6-year term. The CDAP is geared to help businesses have an e-commerce presence and digitize business operations.

Businesses must have at least \$500,000 of sales in any of 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021; have at least one full time employee in the business; and use an approved digital advisor to create a digital adoption plan. [Learn more](#).

Have you applied for the B.C. Employer Training Grant?

[Learn More](#)

Provide Input on GHG Emissions by Nov. 30

Metro Vancouver is seeking your input to develop an approach for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from large buildings. Please provide your input by November 30, 2022.

Read the [discussion paper here](#).

Provide input



Take The Survey (enter password 'conference')

Should the MCABC Business Conference Be In Town or Out of Town?

Initial feedback from this year’s Business Conference included some interest in an out-of-town event. Do you agree? Your feedback is important to us in order to make the 2023 Business Conference a beneficial and successful experience. Please take a couple of minutes to weigh in on whether the Conference should be within or outside the Lower Mainland.



Members Discuss Safety at First In-Person Coffee Talk

Mechanical contractors met at SFU Central City to have an open conversation about safety on topics such as how safety is defined at their company, who drives it and how to get field personnel to adopt a 'safety first' culture. It was inspiring to see members sharing best practices, challenges and solutions with each other, for the betterment of the industry as a whole. Engagement was high, with everyone choosing to stay well past the end time to continue the dialogue. MCABC will organize more sessions on safety with the intention of growing a strong Health & Safety Group.

Thank you for sponsoring this Coffee Talk:



Are You Being Bypassed? What are the Impacts of Direct-from-manufacturer Purchase of Equipment and Supplies?

Join Us For A Conversation Amongst Mechanical Contractor Members on October 19

We are pleased to announce the first of our conversations focused on common issues and concerns related to industry practices. Panel members will share an example of how being left out of the loop has impacted their ability to deliver complete customer solutions and/or increased their risk.

One of our key mandates at MCABC is to ensure the growth and sustainability of the mechanical contracting industry in BC - this includes the full participation of all members of the industry, including manufacturer's representatives who work in close collaboration with mechanical contractors to enable delivery of complete customer solutions. Development of a strategy to strengthen alignment between mechanical contractors and manufacturers has been identified a priority. Registration to open soon.



[Register Here](#)

Attend BCCSA’s Safety Conference October 20 & 21

The BC Construction Safety Alliance is hosting a two day conference and tradeshow in Vancouver covering topics such as cyber security, PPE and safety culture. If you want to bring key takeaways back to the office and network with safety peers, register for the BC Construction Health & Safety Conference. MCABC will be there and we hope you will join us.

Pool Tournament Champions Announced!



The pool sharks showed up to SOHO Billiards in Yaletown on September 22nd for MCABC’s Pool Tournament & Social Event. Congratulations to the 2022 champions, Ashleigh Mervin of Robinson Supply and Scott Switzer of Salus Technologies who went home with trophies! The big trophy will be engraved with their names and will reside at the MCABC office, until it is time to add more names, as we continue this fun, annual competition. Thank you to event sponsors **Robinson Supply** and **Victaulic**.

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Non-members Can Now Get a One-Time Discount to Attend Sessions at Member Rate

Do you know any companies that might be interested in joining MCABC but first want to experience it for themselves? Effective immediately, a non-member can register for one event or session and receive the member rate. Note that from time to time there will be exceptions when the topics require limiting admission to members only.

As membership belongs to the company and not the individual, once someone from a company has used their discount code, the non-member company needs to pay the non-member rate at future sessions. If you are registering a non-member for an event, contact us first and we will confirm if the non-member is eligible and provide you with the discount code.



[Register Here](#)

Flight Around the World: MCABC Whiskey Tasting

Get your pallet game on! Learn from a whiskey expert while sampling whiskies from around the globe. Your ticket includes a welcome drink, guided whisky tasting and appetizers.

**October 27
3:00PM- 5:00PM
The Irish Heather Shebeen**

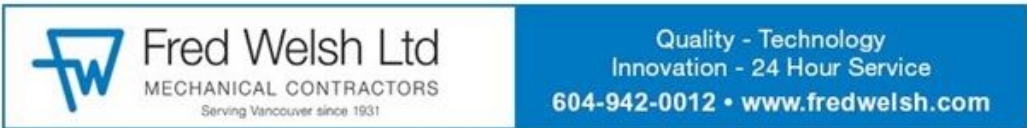


Gas Safety Regulation Amendments and Adopted Code Revisions

A number of new gas codes, including the 2020 edition of the CSA B149 gas code series, have now been adopted into regulation and are in effect in BC as of October 1, 2022. View the [summary of changes and the consultation report](#).

The [information bulletin](#) contains details on the implementation period and requirements.

Registration is open for 16 [in-person training sessions](#) across BC from October 18 to November 16, 2022 to support industry knowledge and awareness of the changes.



Developing Project Managers

October 3-6, 9:00AM - 11:00AM
Virtual

[Learn more](#)

Develop a Recognized Safety Program with COR

October 6, 8:00AM - 9:00AM
SFU Central City Campus, Surrey

[Learn more](#)

FortisBC: Emissions reduction in buildings and your communities

October 13, 9:00AM - 9:30AM
Virtual



[Learn more](#)

More Than Marketing: How The Right Website Improves The Value Of Your Business

October 25, 8:00AM - 10:30AM
Virtual

[Learn more](#)

Employee Attraction, Reward and Retention: What are my options in this tight labour market?

November 3, 8:00AM - 9:00AM
1021 W. Hastings St., Vancouver



[Learn more](#)

Closeout of a Construction Project

November 23 & 24, 10:00AM - 1:00PM
Virtual

[Learn more](#)

A Green Building Event Calendar

If you're interested in attending events and training that are related to green buildings (i.e. emissions, energy efficiency, resiliency, high-performance design), check out the BC Green Building Event Calendar.

[View calendar](#)



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