



Executive Director's Report

Update – Prompt Payment Ontario (PPO)

An information and strategy session was held on May 19, 2015 by the general membership of Prompt Payment Ontario PPO. Members of the Executive have already met with Bruce Reynolds, who was appointed by the Attorney General, Madeleine Meilleur, to conduct a review of the Construction Lien Act which will include prompt payment.

Reynolds is preparing an Information Package for distribution to all stakeholders, which will seek to identify and group into categories the issues surrounding prompt payment and the Construction Lien Act. Although this “package” was initially scheduled for release in mid May, it has and is expected to be out shortly. It is suspected that Reynolds will follow roughly the same format as was conducted by the review of the Ontario College of Trades, that is submission will be in the form of a question and answer format followed by a series of stakeholder meetings to wrap up by the end of the summer.

PPO will be appointing a government relations committee in the very near future and will also be preparing its submission once the information package is released by the Bruce Reynolds. Members will be updated as information unfolds. The next issue of PPO’s newsletter is expected soon which will be forwarded to you.

Update – WSIB Rate Framework Reform Consultation

As reported in the May issue of this newsletter, AAO, as a member of COCA’s WSIB Occupational Health & Safety committee, was briefed, April 14th, by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board on proposed changes to the WSIB Employers Rate Framework. In a second briefing held on May 28, 2015, the WSIB indicated that early responses to their consultation sessions showed that the Construction industry has concerns with respect to the target rates and that three (3) groups for construction may be inadequate.



They advised that there appeared to be greater risk disparity in one of the proposed groups., reporting that they will be given this issue a further examination. As a result, the WSIB has extended the initial consultation deadline from June 30th to October 2, 2015. In addition, the WSIB noted that they will be publishing the results of their examination by mid July. These examinations are expected to provide much more detail as to how the proposed initiative will affect construction. COCA will review those results and provide WSIB with their comments. Further updates on this matter will follow as they become available.

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Update – Tony Dean Review of the Ontario College of Trades (OCOT)

On May 11, 2015 Ian Cunningham, President of COCA, along with Directors Roger Hubbard and Paul Gunning met with the Tony Dean Review Panel to provide it with a clarification and further explanation of the issues raised in COCA's written submission on the review of the Ontario College of Trades (OCOT). By the end of May, Dean had met with several hundred organizations and individuals around the province to obtain a clearer view of all the issues surrounding OCOT and to obtain clarification of the issues raised in many of the submissions provided to his review panel. At the completion of these interviews Dean will review and consider his findings and provide industry stakeholders, on his website in mid-June, with his general thinking on the matter.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR (MOL) UPDATE



Ontario Creates Construction Health and Safety Advisory Group

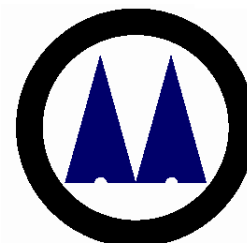
In a release May 21, 2015 Ontario announced the establishment of an advisory group to assist the government in the development and implementation of a Construction Health and Safety Action Plan.

The members of the group, equally from labour and management, will work with Parliamentary Assistant Mike Colle and the province's Chief Prevention Officer, George Gritziotis, to find best ways to

- increase the commitment to health and safety in construction workplaces;
- enhance training for workers in the construction sector;
- work with other enforcement authorities and municipalities to improve safety;
- build an awareness about construction health and safety among young people;
- encourage effective supervision of construction workers;
- ensure legislation and regulations are better understood by the construction sector;
- ensure effective consumer outreach strategies.

The release further states that the work of the advisory group will build upon actions the government is already taking to improve safety for construction workers including new mandatory Working At Heights Training Standard.

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UPCOMMING JUNE EVENTS

COCA Board Meeting

June 1, 2015

(Paul Gunning attending)

IHSA Construction Legislative Review Committee Meeting

June 3, 2015

(Paul Gunning attending)

Take Advantage Of These FREE ONLINE June OEA WSIB Webinars

Copy the following URL to your browser to register as enrolment is limited:

<http://employeradviser.ca/en/Construction-Employer/News-Resources/Events/index.php>

OEA Webinar: Mental Stress – The New Landscape

June 11, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET

OEA Webinar: Director's Forum – WSIB Update, An Employer's Perspective

June 18, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET

AAO's AGM September 17 to September 20, 2015

Prince of Wales Niagara-on-the-Lake



If you have any questions, please call me at 519-671-5930.

Thank you.

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