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Your Association Update



Your Monthly News & Updates

Below please find an update on the latest SIAC activities and other important industry information.

Economic Outlook Favours Skilled Trades

The provincial [Fall Economic Statement, "A Plan to Build Ontario Together"](#), offered some insights on this government's priorities heading into 2020.

Some of the key new proposed measures included in the Fiscal Review are:

- A reduction in the small business Corporate Income Tax Rate from 3.5% to 3.2% starting on January 1st, 2020;
- Expanding cannabis retailing by allowing licensed producers to establish retail stores, as well as, allow authorized retail stores to use click-and-collect;
- Providing free museum admissions for young people; and,
- Establishing an Advisory Council on Competitiveness.



Specific to our industry, the government will be

1. Leading **consultations with industry and stakeholders** and provide recommendations on ways to **modernize the skilled trades** and apprenticeship system in order to help fill any skills shortages. [More details here](#)
2. Investing in more than \$3 billion to **renew postsecondary infrastructure in colleges** and universities and for **state-of-the-art equipment for apprenticeship training**. [More details here](#)

3. Promoting apprenticeship and skilled trades as a pathway of choice for young people. This will include a **marketing campaign**, targeting students and groups typically underrepresented in apprenticeship training, planned for early 2020. The campaign will promote the trades as exciting, productive and lucrative careers to a variety of audiences, including high school students, their parents and educators. [More details here](#)

The document also outlines \$1.3 billion in new expenditures since the Spring, including an additional \$400 million into health care and \$200 million in education. Additionally, it highlights that since tabling its budget in the Spring, the government is now forecasting a \$1.3 billion improvement to its deficit projection, which now sits at \$9 billion, down from \$10.3 billion. This makes the new investments a net neutral on the government's books.

[To access the complete Fall Economic Statement, please click here.](#)

SIAC Represented on SAIA Board of Directors



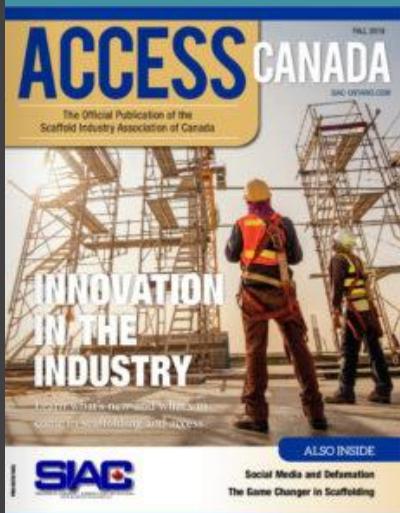
The SAIA has just announced the results of its odd-region directors who will serve a three year term. From Region 11- International, SIAC is proud to announce that the Ontario Chapter President, Mr. Rick McKinlay (Tractel Ltd.) has been re-elected. Representing SIAC's Western Canada Chapter, Wendy Larison (Urban Scaffolding Ltd.) has also joined the Board of Directors. **Congratulations!**

[To access the full SAIA Board of Directors, please click here.](#)

Scaffold and Access Committee Making Strides

The Scaffold and Access Equipment Sector Committee, a partnership between SIAC and the IHSA, met a few weeks ago and discussed several top-of-mind issues for our members. The new committee has given SIAC a foot in the door on decision-making and allows us to better advocate for members' interests.

The committee meets quarterly and has representation from management, labour, and the Ministry of Labour itself. If you have an issue you would like to bring up to the Committee, please email info@siac-ontario.com.



Feature Your Company & Projects in SIAC's Magazine

Would you like your company and/or projects to be highlighted to over 1,000 companies and decision-makers across Canada?

SIAC's quarterly **Access Canada** magazine is an essential resource for members to learn about the latest developments pertaining to scaffolding and access. The magazine features in-depth and informative updates on regulatory and legislative changes, safety training, new building techniques, and recent innovative projects.

Contact info@siac-ontario.ca to be featured in Access Canada or inquire about advertising opportunities.

SIAC Receives Thanks from Minister and Deputy Minister of Labour

As a welcome to their new roles and introduction to our Association, the SIAC sent letters to Ontario's new Minister of Labour, Training, and Skills Development, the Honourable Monte McNaughton, as well as the recently appointed Deputy Minister of Labour, Mr. David Corbett. To see their responses, please click on the links below.

[Letter from Minister of Labour, Training, and Skills Development, the Hon. Monte McNaughton.](#)

[Letter from Deputy Minister of Labour, Mr. David Corbett.](#)

IHSA Labour-Management Health & Safety Committee Update

IHSA's Provincial Labour-Management Health and Safety Committee (Construction) met on June 5th. The following topics were discussed:

Industrial Rope Access Code of Practice

Acuren Group presented to the group and recommended that the Ministry of Labour (MOL) adopt an Industrial Rope Access code of practice (IRATA or equivalent) to use within the construction regulation in order to approve rope access for use when working at heights and ensure the safety of Ontario workers. Specifically, they recommended that the Committee urge MOL to review the IRATA ICOP and/or alternative certification scheme as a means to adopt a proven code of practice.

MOL Prevention Office Health and Safety Action Plan (HSAP) Update

The Ministry of Labour heard back from over 1,500 stakeholders across all sectors (140 of which were from construction on their Health and Safety Action Plan (HSAP). Key findings included a need to support and motivate employers on compliance and implement technical solutions and modernization.

IHSA agreed to share minutes from its construction PLMHSC with SIAC as part of our combined effort to strengthen the partnership between the Associations. You can find the complete September 4th meeting minutes [HERE](#).

Buildings Show - December 4-6th, 2019

This year's Buildings Show will be hosted from Wednesday, December 4th - Friday, December 6th and will bring together over 30,000 attendees for North America's largest event for products, services, educational programming and professional networking.

[Register by clicking here.](#)

Share Your Thoughts- Administrative Authority for Building Code

The province is considering creating a new administrative authority to transform and modernize the delivery of Building Code services in order to streamline customer service and approval processes, promote a consistent approach to using the Building Code, and promote public safety for all people across Ontario.

Some of the changes will include:

- modernize the current examination process to ensure that building code professionals have the required legal and technical knowledge

- require building code professionals to complete Continuing Professional Development activities regularly to maintain knowledge in their areas of practice
- enhance municipal enforcement to promote public safety by allowing the use of administrative penalties to help municipalities address non-compliance and contraventions of the Building Code Act, 1992 and the building code
- enable modern, digital services, which may include development of a digital version of the Building Code that meets the needs of users and supports municipal efforts to reduce building permit approval timelines
- improve the quality and quantity of building industry data and research

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is accepting feedback on these changes until November 25th, 2019. [Click here to learn more and submit your thoughts.](#)

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