



ECAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL NOTICE



Ramona Coey, Executive Director

Since 2021, Ramona has advanced ECAM's Strategic Plan, driving industry advocacy, member value, and organizational excellence.

Her 25+ years of strategic leadership experience, supported by an Advanced Degree in Applied Economics, anchors her approach in analytical decision-making and critical thinking. She recognizes the Construction Industry as a cornerstone of economic prosperity and community well-being.

Guided by a belief in good intent, the value of honest dialogue, and the importance of navigating difficult conversations with respect and clarity. She enjoys the political arena and is known for strengthening the industry's collective voice, fostering meaningful partnerships, and leading with adaptability and purpose.

Her greatest joy is her children and the legacy she and her late husband, Cal, built together—perseverance, integrity, kindness, and the ability to meet life with humour and perspective. #dobetter

A Modern Industry Requires a Modern Lien Framework

The way industry builds is changing. Our legislation needs to keep pace. Modern construction increasingly involves fabrication and assembly taking place away from the traditional jobsite. Modular and prefabricated construction can improve efficiency, quality, safety, scheduling, and productivity. As these practices evolve, so too must the legislative framework that supports them.

A recent bulletin from McMillan LLP, *Building Differently, Liening Differently? – Lien Rights and Modular Prefabricated Construction*, in partnership with MCA Canada, highlights an important question for contractors and the construction industry: how do existing lien rights apply when significant portions of a project are fabricated somewhere other than the construction site?

This is an issue that ECAM identified in a broader discussion around modernizing Manitoba's Builders' Liens legislation. The association is represented on the Manitoba Builders' Liens Modernization Review Committee, working alongside government and industry partners to examine how the legislation can better reflect the realities of today's construction industry. The legislative framework needs to recognize how work is actually being performed today and provide clarity around the rights and responsibilities that follow.

There is an opportunity for Manitoba to take a thoughtful approach to this emerging issue. Changes that recognize modern fabrication and prefabrication practices could provide greater clarity for industry while supporting innovation and productivity. They could also help position Manitoba as a leader on an issue that other jurisdictions may increasingly need to address as these construction methods continue to grow.

For ECAM, this is an important part of effective industry advocacy: ensuring the realities facing mechanical contractors are understood and considered where decisions are being made. As construction continues to evolve, the frameworks that govern our industry need to evolve with it.

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