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A MESSAGE FROM ECAM PRESIDENT- Terry Henry

February Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The ECAM Board of Directors is comprised of a cross section of Industry members; residential, industrial, commercial, urban and rural, sub-contractors, engineers and associate members. The Board meets monthly September through June and is served by standing committees, advisory councils and working groups.

Apprenticeship Manitoba - Pre-employment Hours

David McCutcheon, Executive Director of Apprenticeship Manitoba provided an overview of the number of accredited programs (19) and credit hours earned (900hrs/1200hrs – depending on the program) for pre-employment. After a lengthily discussion regarding the various programs, employability of graduates and competitive wage rates; the Board has decided to send a letter to the Apprenticeship and Certification Board regarding the possibility of reviewing the number of hours acknowledged by the pre-employment program and the agreements they have with institutions.

Survey on Wage Rates for Apprentices- Manitoba Government

The Manitoba government has launched an online survey through EngageMB to gain industry feedback on regulated wage rates for apprentices as part of its plan to increase minimum wage to $15 by October 2023. The upcoming increase to minimum wage will have a direct impact on apprentices and industry employers, as many regulated wage rates for apprentices are based on a percentage of the provincial minimum wage rate. The survey will gather feedback on current apprentice minimum wage rate structures. All industry stakeholder groups including employers, journeypersons, union/labour representatives, association representatives, apprentices and sector committee members are invited to provide feedback. Take part in the survey HERE by March 17th, 2023. As the wording of the consultation is broad; ECAM will be responding with a noted comment of continued support of the CIWA for the electrical ICI industry.

2020 National Model Construction Code Adoption

ECAM has submitted a joint briefing with MCAM to Inspection and Technical Services for consideration. This submission includes recommendations for the Building Standards Board, Manitoba Amendments, Seismic Values and Tiered Energy Codes. Additionally, the submission highlights the importance of timing of adoption, education and industry awareness and engagement. Find the briefing HERE.

Federal Prompt Payment Update

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) has published the dispute resolution and criteria regulations for the Federal Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act. The proposed regulations would define the criteria for the designation of provinces that have enacted a reasonably similar prompt payment and adjudication regime as well as the time limits, interest, and circumstances of the adjudication process. There is a 30-day consultation period on both the Dispute Resolution and the Criteria. Click on the respective links to provide input.

SLED-ARAMA 2023- February 17, 2023

Thank you to those that joined the ride in the Whiteshell Provincial Park and lunch at Brereton Lake Resort. We raised over $6,500 in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation thanks to our sponsors, donors and attendees. To provide feedback about this event, CLICK HERE.

Healthcare Provincial Fire & Life Safety Project Presentation- April 6th, 2023

The Provincial Fire and Life Safety (PFLS) Project is a $286 million, multi-year Province wide initiative to decrease fire risk in all Manitoba hospital and personal care homes through a prescribed retrofitting of facilities with fire sprinklers, improved fire alarm systems and fire stopping enhancements. Craig Doerksen, Executive Director of Capital & Facilities Management will be hosting a presentation at the MCAM/ECAM Offices at 10AM on April 6th about this project. Please note attendance is limited to 1 representative per company. REGISTER HERE.

Chat & Cheers- ECAM is Coming to Brandon on April 4th!

ECAM is hitting the road to connect with industry colleagues across Manitoba. This will provide the opportunity to meet with ECAM board members, committee members and representatives to learn about the work of the association, member benefits, and more! Join us for food, beverages and mingling at Black Wheat Brewing on April 4th. REGISTER HERE.

Nuisance Tripping of Circuit Breakers

The Canadian Electrical Contractors Association would like to know if you have experienced any nuisance tripping of circuit breakers. Please CLICK HERE to provide your feedback.

Manitoba Government Sets New Five-Year Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goal

Poised to achieve its first greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions target of one megatonne (MT) for the 2018 to 2022 period, the Manitoba government has set a new cumulative GHG emissions reduction goal of not less than 5.6 MT over the next five years, based on independent, scientific recommendations made by the Expert Advisory Council. Find the full press release HERE.

Low Voltage Contractor Representation

ECAM will be looking for strategies to engage the low voltage sector within the Electrical Industry to ensure that there is a voice for all sub-trades.

Provincial Prompt Payment Update

In meetings with government officials, Manitoba is on track to having Prompt Payment Legislation introduced through amendments to the BLA. ECAM will be meeting with the leader of the opposition to request support of the changes.

Terry Henry, ECAM President

Terry began his apprenticeship in 1970 as an electrician and only 8 years into his career founded Wescan Electrical. Since then, Wescan has grown into a dynamic, multifaceted company offering construction services such as mechanical, security, data communications, prefabrication, and CAD & BIM modelling. Terry has demonstrated his vision by implementing leading-edge industry technologies and building a strong team of highly skilled and experienced professionals.

Through his 52 years in the construction industry, Terry has been involved with some of Manitoba's most iconic buildings and infrastructures, such as the MTS Centre (Canada Life Centre), Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Manitoba Hydro Place, and True North Towers. Terry values giving back to the community through charity work, support groups and associations that contribute to excellence. Terry is a highly valued member of the Manitoba's Electrical Industry and in 2022 was elected as ECAM's President of the Board.