



Alberta Construction Association

Greater market opportunities and less risk for Alberta's construction industry

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ACA Releases Wildfire Preparation Sheet For Construction Industry



Over a year ago, the town of Jasper became the latest Alberta community to suffer from the destructive impact of a major wildfire. Sadly, it is unlikely to be the last. As wildfire seasons grow longer and more intense, the construction industry must increasingly contend not only with the threat of flames, but also with the pervasive impact of wildfire smoke on worker health, productivity, and project timelines.

The Alberta Construction Association (ACA) recognises that construction sites can face unique risks during wildfire events—from evacuation logistics and equipment loss to air quality concerns that can jeopardise worker safety. In response, ACA has developed a Construction Wildfire Preparation and Emergency Response Information Sheet to help members prepare for, respond to, and recover from wildfire-related emergencies.

This new resource was developed with the support of ACA's dedicated Workforce and Safety Committee specifically for construction operations. It provides



Updates from ACA

- ACA and our partner associations are supporting the Infrastructure Partners Conference, find out more [here](#).
- ACA published our Wildfire infographic please find more information [here](#).
- Alberta Trade Definitions for 2025 are now available find out what is new for this year [here](#).
- You can sign up for our ACA Digital Tradesperson program [here](#).
- ACA published our latest construction industry statistics [here](#).
- We have started three new committees to learn more or to join a committee, contact us at policy@albertaconstruction.net

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practical steps that site managers, contractors, and crews can take to safeguard their people and assets during fire season. Topics include:

- Preparing your job site for evacuation.
- Creating a go bag and travel preparations.
- Supporting worker safety in poor air quality; and
- Links to trusted government and non-government sites.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, but rather, suggestions you may want to consider.

As Alberta continues to experience dry, hot summers and an escalating number of wildfire alerts, proactive preparation is essential. Our goal is to equip members with an understanding of tools to consider in making informed decisions to protect both workers and worksites.

We encourage all ACA members, regardless of project size or location, to review the wildfire resource and incorporate it into their site safety planning. Preparing today could make all the difference tomorrow.

You can find links to the Wildfire Information Sheet [here](#).

Enhancing Alberta's Construction Workforce – Meeting with Minister Schow

On July 30, the Alberta Construction Association was pleased to meet with the Honourable Joseph Schow, Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration. Representing ACA were Senior Vice Chair Lois Innes and Executive Director Warren Singh.

The discussion centred on supporting the continued growth of Alberta's construction industry to meet the province's expanding infrastructure needs. ACA emphasized the vital role our sector plays in delivering essential projects, driving economic growth, and creating skilled jobs.

Highlighting Local Contributions to Workforce Development

We showcased the contributions of our local construction association partners in introducing young Albertans to rewarding careers in the skilled trades. This includes impactful programs such as:

- [Honour The Work](#) – Promoting the trades in K-6 education as a first-choice career path.



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- [Tools for Schools](#) – Providing resources to enhance hands-on learning in classrooms.
- [Try-a-Trade Fairs](#) – Giving students the opportunity to experience different trades first-hand.

Expanding Trade Pathways

Minister Schow and ACA discussed the importance of expanding [Trade Pathways](#) to grow Alberta's talent pipeline. With youth unemployment remaining a challenge, strengthening partnerships between industry, government, and educators is more important than ever.

Modern Construction Workforce Initiative

We also shared ACA's Modern Construction Workforce initiative, aimed at equipping members with digital skills and enhancing their ability to adopt new technologies on the jobsite—ensuring Alberta's industry remains competitive in a rapidly changing marketplace.

Welcoming the Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant

ACA welcomed the recent announcement of the Canada-Alberta Productivity Grant, recognizing it as a strategic investment in industry-led training and upskilling efforts. This program will help construction companies adapt to emerging technologies and increase productivity.

Looking Ahead

We thank Minister Schow for his time and his commitment to working with ACA. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Ministry to build a resilient, skilled, and future-ready construction workforce for Alberta.

Upcoming Events

[ECA Riverboat Cruise](#) – September 11

[Infrastructure Partners Conference](#) – November 5

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