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ACA Welcomes New Deputy Ministers During Key Infrastructure Shifts

The Government of Alberta recently announced a series of Deputy Minister changes affecting Infrastructure, Treasury Board and Finance, and Intergovernmental and International Relations. ACA welcomes Deputy Minister Darren Hedley to his new role as Deputy Minister of Infrastructure, and appreciated the opportunity to meet with him in June. We also welcome Deputy Minister Liam Stone as he assumes responsibility for Treasury Board and Finance. ACA also extends sincere thanks to outgoing Deputy Minister Mark Kleefeld for his collaboration and service over the years.



ACA Meeting with Premier



ACA and other senior leaders from Alberta's construction sector recently met with Premier Danielle Smith and Minister of Infrastructure Martin Long to discuss the opportunities and challenges that come with Alberta's continued growth. The conversation reinforced where that growth is heading, from public infrastructure and

industrial expansion to emerging investment in data centres, advanced manufacturing and national defence. Alberta remains one of the most competitive jurisdictions in North America, and realizing these opportunities will depend on a shared focus on workforce development, infrastructure readiness, project delivery capacity and long-term planning.



Premier Smith and Minister Long answered questions on construction capacity, labour market challenges and continuous improvement in procurement. ACA welcomed the discussion and the recognition that construction underpins many of the province's broader economic and policy goals. The association also pointed to the value of ongoing collaboration, proposing an annual meeting between government and construction stakeholders to support shared solutions and keep Alberta well-positioned to meet the demands of a growing economy.

Advocacy, Partnerships, and Workforce Priorities

The last couple of months were busy for ACA as we represented construction employers at key provincial and national tables. Across every event, ACA reinforced the importance of a stable project pipeline, strong apprenticeship pathways and a competitive workforce to support Alberta's growing economy.

ACA participated in Day at the Legislature on May 6, followed by the Advanced Skills funding announcement at NAIT on May 11, where the Government of Alberta announced a \$384-million investment to build the Advanced Skills Centre. ACA also

contributed Alberta's perspective on workforce challenges, interprovincial mobility and coordinated advocacy at the CCA Partner Association Symposium in Halifax on May 20-21. At the Western Premiers' Conference Reception on May 25, ACA connected with several ministers to emphasize the need for predictable project pipelines and continued collaboration between government and industry.

ACA closed out the month by participating in the CIC Partner Symposium on May 27-28, contributing to national discussions at the Industry Liaison Committee meeting on June 2, and the GRO Network Conference on June 3-4. These conversations continue to advance shared priorities, including workforce development, procurement improvements and predictable capital planning.

2026 ACA Golf Tournament: July 15, 2026

The Alberta Construction Association is hosting a summer Golf Tournament at Edmonton's beautiful RedTail Golf Club on Wednesday, July 15th. Shotgun start at 8:00 am.

The ACA is especially honoured to host Minister of Infrastructure Martin Long at our tournament, where he will be giving remarks and offering his perspective on the future of Alberta's infrastructure industry.

Registration and Sponsorship Opportunities available [here](#).

Registration closes June 26.

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