



## **SCA Board of Directors Meeting – June 2019**

### **Summary**

On June 20, 2019, the SCA held its second Board meeting of the 2019 year. The meeting was held in Moose Jaw, at Mosaic Place.

The SCA Board of Directors welcomed members of the Moose Jaw Construction Association (MJCA) Board of Directors for lunch and discussion. As well, the Board heard a presentation from Ellement Consulting about their service offerings.

As usual, the Board's conversations covered a broad list of operational, and industry issues. The following summary covers key items the Board flagged for communication to Local association partners and members.

#### **Membership Fee to Remain at \$500**

Membership in the SCA costs \$500 per year. That fee, which has been in place for four years, will remain the same for the next year. While membership numbers are declining, which puts pressure on the SCA's budget, the SCA is committed to holding the line on member costs and continuing to find ways to deliver enhanced value for members. Growing other sources of revenue will be a priority in the coming year, as will ensuring that membership numbers grow. Importantly, as with the past three years, there will be no increase in the SCA membership fee this next year.

#### **SCA Elections Coming Up**

The SCA Board appointed Amanda Thick to act as Chief Electoral Officer for the next round of SCA Board elections, which are scheduled for Fall 2019. There will be at least one Director-at-Large position open this Fall, and the Board will elect its next Chair and Vice-Chair. As well, the SCA is looking for a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the Industry Advisory Council. If any SCA member has a question about the elections, please contact Amanda Thick at the SCA office. Directors elected to the SCA Board this Fall, will take office on January 1, 2020.

#### **SCA Invests in Study on Impact of PST**

The SCA Board agreed to invest \$5,000 on a pan-industry study regarding the impact of the PST on Construction Services. The study, being led by Merit Contractors and conducted by Praxis, will examine such things as: what the impact of the PST has been on various industries; what the impact of PST has been on Saskatchewan's economic competitiveness; and what alternate policies and options might be available to the Government of Saskatchewan that would be less burdensome than the PST on



construction while being equally lucrative. The study will also consider what options the government should explore in terms of how to best use the PST revenue if they choose to keep the tax in place. The results of the study are expected in the early Fall, 2019, assuming the study can secure enough funding from organizations to proceed.

### **Prompt Payment**

Prompt Payment legislation passed in the Saskatchewan Legislature this Spring. The next steps are to finalize the regulatory framework and to set up the Adjudication Authority that will handle disputes. The SCA and Prompt Payment Saskatchewan (PPS) will be working with the Government of Saskatchewan and other stakeholders to move these items forward. As well, industry education will be prepared and can be expected late in the Fall, 2019. Although not set yet, it is expected the legislation will be in force in Saskatchewan by the middle of 2020. The SCA will continue to push to make sure that when the legislation is in force, it applies to all parts of construction – without exemption.

### **Summer Meeting Venue Options to be Explored**

The SCA has held its annual Summer Meeting in Northern Saskatchewan for decades. Either in Waskesiu or at Elk Ridge Resort. While the location is beautiful, and the isolation adds a wonderful element to the experience for delegates, the time has come for the SCA to seriously entertain other options for this meeting. The service at Elk Ridge Resort has become a source of major concern for the SCA, and the venue is undersized for the potential audience of the event. In the next few months, the SCA will be considering some significant changes to this event. No decision is likely to be made until September, and any changes might not take effect until 2021, but it is possible that 2020 could see a new venue. If anyone has any suggestions the SCA should consider as we undertake this review, please contact Megan Jane at the SCA office.

### **Next SCA Board meeting**

The next SCA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2019, in Prince Albert. The SCA Board will be inviting the PACA Board to join them for lunch that day.