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**Timmins Construction
Association**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

While the stay-at-home orders have been extended to June 2, the construction industry remains largely in fully operation. We know that masking, distancing, and PPE protocols remain an effective way to mitigate the spread of COVID in the workplace, we want to ensure that you continue to operate with the most up-to-date information.

Vaccinations are now widely available and they remain the most effective tool in protecting yourselves and your employees and encourage you to visit tinyurl.com/ysynz6hr to book your appointment. To read the most of-to-date information and regulations, I encourage you to visit: <https://tinyurl.com/nbc7p66a>. If you are looking for free Rapid Antigen Screening Kits, visit: timminschamber.on.ca/kits.

Shawn Tyson
President
Timmins Construction Association



2021 Federal Budget Real Estate & Construction Insights

The Federal Government tabled its first Budget in two years on April 19, 2021. The more than 700-page document contained numerous incentives to support Canadians through the COVID-19 pandemic and into recovery, including programs specific to the real estate and construction sector.

In this [timely video](#), MNP's Ryan Hoag goes over the nuances of the Budget and how the proposed changes may impact the real estate and construction sector.

Timmins Construction Association Board Member Highlight



I joined the Timmins Construction Association in January of 2020 but volunteered at many of the TCA events before officially joining the board. I have always had a passion for construction and design and pursued a career in drafting, which has led me to Architecture49 in Timmins. Architecture49 has been a member and proud supporter of the TCA for many years, and I am honoured to represent the company through the Timmins Construction Association.

I am a graduate of the Architectural Technology program at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario. Before joining Architecture49 in April 2015, I had the opportunity to gain valuable work experience through a co-op program in a municipal office setting doing plans examination and design in another architectural firm but ultimately made my way back home to Timmins. I am excited for what the future holds for the Timmins Construction Association, and I look forward to serving the board for many years to come!

Ashley Richards-Gagnon | Architecture 49 | Board member

FEATURED MEMBER TO MEMBER BENEFIT

Members receive exclusive discounts at the following locations (must present your 2021 membership card) for a complete list visit: tca-on.ca/join-us/

Mark's Work Warehouse

10% off (must present client savings card)



The [Canadian Construction Documents Committee \(CCDC\)](#) develops and publishes standardized construction contracts, forms and guides. These up-to-date and easy to understand documents make it easier to acquire, negotiate and conduct business in the construction industry. Most CCDC documents and associated seals can be purchased by contacting our office.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

[Tecnor Business Solutions](#)

Information Technology (IT) contractor specializing in structured cabling, fiber optics, wireless/radio communication.

STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM

The Council of Ontario Construction Associations stands with its member associations in our commitment to recognize, address and eradicate all forms of racism and inequities faced by Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) within our organizations and the construction industry at large, including companies, unions, employer associations, workers and job sites.

COCA is on a journey of continuous learning about systemic and individual racism in our society, our organizations and our industry. While on this journey, we will take action to challenge racism in all its forms, whether intentional or unintentional.

Simply put, COCA will not tolerate any forms of racism – period.

We are engaged in this effort alongside our member associations, many of whom have already taken steps to create and promote an inclusive workplace culture free of racism, bullying, and harassment of any kind.

COCA is taking action in these areas:

- We commit to developing policies and practices that foster a culture of anti-racism within our organization.
- We commit to sharing resources that support our members in their respective journeys to becoming diverse, inclusive and welcoming workplaces.
- We commit to promoting and celebrating the work and perspectives of BIPOC individuals in our industry.
- We commit to sharing updates on our progress towards these goals.

WSIB Small Business Study

The WSIB is undertaking a three-year study to better understand the needs of small business as they relate to embracing health and safety. For the purposes of the study, the WSIB has identified a cohort of 8,000 employers, of which 2,416 are from construction, that have fewer than 50 full-time equivalent employees and have higher than average claims. From this group, 500 employers, including 75 from construction, will be recruited to participate in the small business study.

The WSIB hopes to be in a position to launch a campaign to recruit 500 employer participants over the summer of 2021.

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Other Industry COVID-19 Resources websites:

- [Canadian Construction Association \(CCA\)](#).
- [The Council of Ontario Construction Associations \(COCA\)](#).
- [Ontario Government \(COVID-19 Resources\)](#).
- [Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act](#).
- [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act](#).

On Thursday, May 6, 2021, the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, Monte McNaughton, introduced [Bill 288 An Act to enact the Building Opportunities in the Skilled Trades Act, 2021 \(BOSTA for short\)](#). It is the long-awaited and much-anticipated legislation that enables the establishment of the province's new skilled trades and apprenticeship system to succeed the one currently overseen by the MLTSD and the Ontario College of Trades.

Skilled Trades Ontario (one-stop-shop, one window)

- Apprentice registrations
- Development and maintenance of apprenticeship training and curriculum standards
- Development, maintenance and administration of examinations
- Issuance of certificates and licenses
- Administration of hearings relating to registration, certification, and licensing decisions.
- Assessment of non-apprenticeship stream applicants (trade equivalency assessments)
- Maintain the Public Register
- Maintain the Digital Portal

Ministry of Labour Training and Skills Development

- Agency oversight.
- Legislation and regulatory governance.
- Compliance and enforcement, including the ability to establish an advisory committee.
- Promotion and oversight for labour mobility for Canadian and international tradespeople.
- Program design and administration of skilled trades and apprenticeship funding programs and supports.

Summary of Building Permits issued for the month of April 2021

[Click here to view the summary from the City of Timmins](#)

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Business Listing in our online directory

Is your listing up-to-date? You can view your current listing by visiting: [tca-on.ca/location/](https://www.tca-on.ca/location/)

As a member of the TCA, you have access to the latest tenders in our members portal of our website. For any information as it pertains to tenders, visit: [tca-on.ca/tenders/](https://www.tca-on.ca/tenders/) and use your password to login.

Know someone who should become a member of the TCA? Direct them to our online application form by visiting: [tca-on.ca/join-us/](https://www.tca-on.ca/join-us/)