



**Vancouver Regional Construction Association
Manufacturers & Suppliers Division Meeting
MINUTES**

Date: 3:30 – 5pm, June 21, 2023

Location: Hybrid via VRCA Boardroom and Microsoft Teams

Attendee	Company	Div	In person	Virtual
Jeff Adams - Division Chair	Fuelex Energy Ltd.	M/S	●	
Jeff Block	Modu-Loc Fence Rentals	M/S	●	
Chris Atchison	BCCA - President			●
Brodie Muench	Gear Equipment Inc.	M/S		●
Steve Bell-Irving	Brafasco	M/S		●
VRCA Staff				
Erin Wormald - Member Experience Specialist	VRCA		●	

Action Items

Item #	Owner	Action	Timeline
MS230621-1	Chris Atchison & Brodie Muench	Topic #2 – Overweight Road Regulations Brodie Muench to connect with Chris Atchison and provide an update on his upcoming meeting with Dave Earle – President of BC Trucking Association. Chris Atchison to see how BCCA can get involved in this issue regarding public safety.	2023/08/01
MS230621-2	Division Chair & Brodie Muench	Topic #2 – Overweight Road Regulations Brodie Muench to provide VRCA a summary of upcoming meeting with Dave Earle – President of BC Trucking Association. Division Chair to present topic/update for discussion at the next Manufacturers and Suppliers Division Meeting in October 2023.	2023/08/01

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. VRCA/BCCA Updates
3. Open Floor Discussion



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VRCA/BCCA Updates

Presenter	Topic	Updates
Erin Wormald	VRCA Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards of Excellence Outstanding Achievement Award Nominations are open until July 31, 2023 • YCL Boat Cruise – July 20, 2023 – Save the Date • YCL Golf Tournament – September 08, 2023 – Save the Date • Awards of Excellence Gala – October 17, 2023 – Save the Date
BCCA President	BCCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VRCA/BCCA Team Summit – July 05, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Program Importance ➢ Workforce Development ➢ Advocacy issues on internal systems. • BCCA Board of Directors Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Priority is Prompt Payment ➢ Holdback & Lien Reform • Prompt Payment Legislation – See Topic #1 • BCCA Standard Practices Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Katy Fairley - New VP of Standard Practices ➢ Advising BC Housing on permit strategies. ➢ CCDC Contracts and Owners Contract Conditions ➢ Advocating for better Education on Procurement ➢ Introduced Owners Only Forums. Lunch and learns with Public Owners. 150-350 Attendees. • BCCA Apprenticeship Services - Apprenticeship Services About - BC Construction Association (bccassn.com) • BCCA Builders Life Talent Pool - Builders-Life-BC - BC Construction Association (bccassn.com)

Discussion Topics

Topic	Discussion Points	Conclusions (if applicable)	Action Item
1. Prompt Payment	<p>Chris Atchison Update on Prompt Payment Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government got to a certain place with BCCA in 2021 and has since pushed back this legislation. • We continue to tell them this is the single most important advocacy issue BCCA has. • Government is starting to listen now due to the status of Prompt Payment Legislation in other jurisdictions. However, the movement isn't coming fast enough for the sector. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The office of the Attorney General reached out to BCCA and said they want to reconvene a broad reaching table that can start to examine what’s going on in other jurisdictions and bring forward the specific needs of BC to move towards prompt payment legislation. • BCCA and the regions going into this table will advocate for a system like Ontario where there are no public sector or crown court exemptions or exemptions in segments of industry that could undermined a suitable prompt payment and adjudication system in BC. • BCCA is still waiting to hear details about this table. BCCA will be a part of this table and has reached out to their counterparts in Ontario who are subject matter experts. • The system is working in Ontario. • BCCA is looking for fairness and certainty in BC. With the intention that people are going to be dealt with fairly in contracts and have certainty around payment throughout the continuum of our system. <p>Question to Chris:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What changes have you seen coming out of Ontario since prompt payment legislation? <p>Chris’ Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a significant change in the mentality, however, there have been some abuses heard as well where old habits remain. Eventually those entities that have the idea that you can’t contract out of legislation are catching up with old habits and from that standpoint there has been a fundamental culture change. • We are seeing a greater incidence of adjudication through ODACC – Ontario Dispute Adjudication for Construction Contracts where early on they were hardly seeing anyone and that was problematic for us. With the volume of adjudications coming in now ODACC can be sustainable. <p>Prompt Payment Status in Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Columbia - No prompt payment legislation has been introduced. • Alberta - Prompt Payment and Adjudication in force since August 29, 2022. • Manitoba - 3rd reading of Bill 38 (Prompt Payment) on May 15, 2023. • Saskatchewan - Prompt Payment and Adjudication in force since March 1, 2022. 		
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<p>1. Overweight Road Regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trucks are not being built to spec to road weights. It's up to the user to fill it to an acceptable weight. • Contractors are pushing for more productivity they don't want to be wasting time leaving site with half or quarter loads. Overfilling the trucks and driving because there is very little enforcement. • CVSE is aware of the issue and how to resolve it, however re still maxed out on their ability to police the roads for those that bypass regulations. • Unfair when certain companies spend the time and money to ensure their equipment is road legal and others circumvent that with no repercussions. • Safety concern for the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Earle, President, BC Trucking Assoc. - discuss concerns. 	<p>MS230621-1 MS230621-2</p>