



INTRODUCTION

BCCA is the voice for BC's construction industry, advocating for policies that benefit all British Columbians. In our pursuit of a more robust industry, we promote various crucial policies including Prompt Payment, which ensures fair and timely compensation for construction work, and Skilled Workforce Development, focused on fostering a diverse, skilled, and inclusive workforce. We protect contractors' interests, foster innovation, and champion fairness. Our mission is to ensure policies align with the best interests of our province. We value community, safety, ethics, competition, innovation, and leadership.



bccassn.com



BCCA CONSTRUCTION MONTH: KEY MESSAGES

Prioritize BC's Housing Building Capacity

(alongside the industrial, commercial, institutional, and multi-unit residential construction sector)

Housing is critical to the economic and social health of BC. There are several steps the government can take today to support housing and critical infrastructure construction.

- 1** Introduce payment certainty legislation including prompt payment, lien reform, and adjudication processes. It's time for BC to join the rest of Canada.
- 2** Reinvigorate industry engagement in government-funded projects by fostering fair and transparent procurement practices and equitable contract terms.
- 3** Provide certainty in permitting at all levels: Continue to streamline prioritizing transparency and efficacy of the process while ensuring safety and regulatory compliance.

Advance Strategic Infrastructure Incorporating Innovative Best Practices

BC should embrace 2024 construction methods that incorporate visionary planning with globally accepted methods. This includes ending cyclical and reactive spending plans, and having clear commitments for short-, medium-, and long-term projects.

- 4** Embrace Building Information Modelling (BIM) to modernize and optimize provincial infrastructure initiatives, enhancing efficiency and effectiveness.

Support the Construction Workforce

Our workforce is key to our success. Let's continue to champion trades and high-demand occupations through the broader public, our school system, and communities to stimulate interest and engagement. Further, continued investments in modernized training will ensure the future workforce is ready to face evolving demands.

- 5** Eliminate barriers for skilled newcomers by instituting a Provincial Nominee Program pathway based on skill competencies and qualifications, while facilitating industry connections for employment opportunities.