

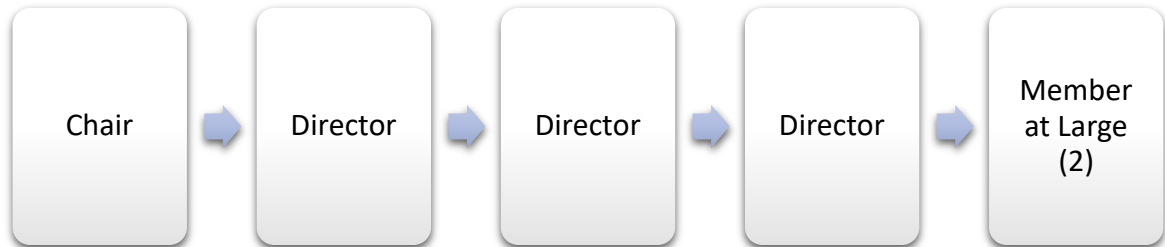
# RDCA INDUSTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE



Red Deer  
Construction  
Association

# Industry Relations

## A. Committee Structure



## B. Overview and Purpose

The Industry Relations Committee is a standing committee of the Red Deer Construction Association. The purpose of the committee is to work with local industry in identifying challenges facing construction in Central Alberta and collaborate with owners of construction and consultants to develop best practices in delivering quality procurement. The RDCA is the voice for local construction in Central Alberta. We want to ensure we are representing the needs of our members and the industry within our community.

## C. Responsibility and Scope

1. The Executive Committee is responsible for the appointment of current Board Members based on availability, skills, interests and experience.
2. Recommended Committee appointments are approved by the Executive Committee upon recommendation by the Industry Relations Committee.
3. The Committee Chair is appointed by the RDCA Executive Committee.

## D. Members (Directors)

1. Up to 6 members representing the Red Deer Construction Association – Minimum of 4 Directors and Maximum of 2 Members at Large

## E. Objectives

1. Organize focus groups with the membership to address issues facing local construction (pricing, permitting, red tape, requirements/specifications, plans, contracts, etc) – Collaborate with owners of construction and consultants to raise the standards of construction in our community.
2. Recommend proactive initiatives with respect to improving legislation and regulation impacting the construction business
3. Work collaboratively with partners to develop best practices within the construction industry

4. Respond to public discussion papers or public legislative forums
5. Assist with the preparation of briefs and submissions to buyers of construction - public
6. Identify opportunities and issues impacting the construction industry
7. Research and develop proposals
8. Advocate recommendations to other stakeholders

***a. We may want to commit investment dollars to build events for this. <Organization of focus groups>***

#### **F. Meetings**

1. The Committee shall hold scheduled meetings as required throughout the year to fulfill its duties and responsibilities. The Industry Relations Committee would normally meet four times per year. There may be request for additional meetings or focus group consultation as required.
2. The Committee Chair shall establish meeting agendas and ensure that minutes of the meeting are produced and circulated to the Committee and the Board. The Chair of the Committee is responsible for ensuring the Committee's annual calendar, meeting agendas, activities, and discussions are in line with and support the Board's role and its annual calendar.
3. Quorum will be a majority of the members present at the meeting.
4. If the Chair of the Committee is not present at the meeting of the Committee, the Chair shall be chosen by the Committee from among the remaining members present.

#### **G. Authority**

The Committee does not have decision making authority independent from the Board; but may make recommendations from time to time to the Board on any aspect of its duties and responsibilities.

#### *Thoughts:*

*Lack of knowledge of how the industry operates –*

*Having company's inquiry only by fax – Lacombe County*

*Paying for traffic count surveys – conducting and holding up project time*

*MPC misunderstanding of the industry – weather – holding up decisions*

*Red Tape*

*Permit timing – cost to the project*

*Not wanting to consider local Construction input as they don't want to be considered as playing favorites*

*Tax payer value – efficiency – collaboration – quality – innovation*

*City of Red Deer – 2 printed plus one electronic submission on RFP's*

*Size of the documents (specs) – City of RD now – 7 pages out outlined red tape*



Buildworks Canada is collaborative partnership between Local Construction Associations in Alberta, and Saskatchewan. For over 100 years, these Construction Associations have been in the business of connecting their members to opportunities and with this platform, we are putting all of the work, and all the qualified providers in one place. This clarity, simplicity, and efficiency is contributing to a better industry where quality partners can connect, find work, and grow their business. Owners and buyers of Construction have a one stop shop to connect with industry and find the best value for their projects.

Buildworks Canada providers report on approximately 8,000 opportunities each year. The interactive directory connects over 5,000 Local Construction Association member firms along with another 5,000 additional non-member industry participants.

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# CCDC

The CCDC documents are endorsed by the construction, engineering, and architecture community and are highly respected documents, contracts and guides. We encourage all construction projects consider the use of the CCDC and ACA contracts when possible to avoid potential issues as the project proceeds and concludes. These contracts are also well respected within the legal systems across Canada.

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## Owner Profile Series Seminars

In 2019, we introduced a new series of seminars for the members focusing on bringing in our owner partners in construction to present on capital projects, organization information, new processes, and new policies. These are valuable sessions that present on topics that have direct impact on our member's day to day business.

## Focus Group – Owners

These sessions are follow-up meetings from our Owner Profile Seminars. These small group meetings allow members to participate on topics that have impact to our local industry. The focus groups work on building strong working relationships with our owner partners and address current topics.

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