

To our valued industry leaders,

The provincial government has tabled Prompt Payment legislation — a long-awaited development that follows decades of advocacy from our industry. While it is an important milestone, this legislation will require our ongoing attention as our industry adapts to this new regime of payment certainty.

This is not the finish line; it's the starting line.

As you know, payment uncertainty has been one of the most damaging issues for the construction industry in B.C. The introduction of this legislation is a critical step toward addressing these long-standing challenges, but our work does not stop here.

The effectiveness of Prompt Payment will depend on the regulations still to come, which will define any carveouts, the establishment of a fair and efficient adjudication authority, and responsible but timely enactment. Without those pieces, this legislation cannot fully deliver on its promise and realize its full benefits.

BCCA will continue to engage with the government to ensure these next steps are carried out in collaboration with industry and on a timely basis as well as the much-needed modernization of the Builders Lien Act. Our work continues, and your input remains essential.

Chris and Katy are available to speak directly with members, boards and divisional committees, and can provide webinars or presentations to ensure everyone understands what this legislation is, next steps and what prompt payment and adjudication will mean for their projects. It is important that the information presented to members is accurate and we are likely to have the answers to any questions your members may have.

We will keep you closely informed as the process unfolds and will be looking to you for feedback and regional perspectives to strengthen our collective advocacy. We encourage you to direct members to <https://bccasn.com/industry-priorities/prompt-payment/> for additional updates and to send a letter of support to their local MLAs.

Sincerely,
Chris Atchison
President, BCCA

Key Messages

BCCA recognizes the tabling of prompt payment legislation as a critical and long-overdue milestone for the province's construction industry. The introduction of this legislation represents an important step forward in addressing systemic issues that have negatively impacted BC's construction industry for decades.

1. **Payment Certainty is Essential:** Payment uncertainty blocks cash flow, increases project risk, and creates unnecessary financial burden. Prompt payment legislation provides a framework for predictable payments that benefits the full construction pyramid.
2. **Collaboration and Timely Implementation are Key:** Effective implementation depends on timely and responsible regulations, modernization of the *Builders Lien Act*, and establishment of an adjudication authority.
3. **The Work Doesn't Stop Here:** While legislation is a major step, BCCA will continue our advocacy efforts to ensure regulations are drafted with clarity and urgency, and the legislation is enacted in a timely manner, and in complete consultation and collaboration with industry. These efforts include pushing for the modernization of the *Builders Lien Act*, including progressive and mandatory release of holdback. Strong educational resources, developed to reflect industry realities and needs, will also be a cornerstone of successful implementation for all parties impacted by this important change.
4. **Adjudication Keeps Projects Moving:** A fair, fast, and accessible adjudication process will resolve payment disputes in real time, preventing delays and costly disruptions. Adjudication ensures projects stay on track and relationships across the construction pyramid, from the owner to suppliers, remain intact.

Quotes

"This legislation is a long-overdue and critical first step toward securing payment certainty for BC's construction industry. It marks a new starting line, one we've worked tirelessly to reach, and now demands ongoing and committed collaboration between government and industry. Regulations must be responsible, appropriate, and reflect industry needs and realities to build a strong and reliable system of payments, adjudication, and lien reform. We look forward to working with the provincial government to ensure these are implemented with the urgency they require."

Chris Atchison, President
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"Prompt payment legislation is critical for a fair and sustainable construction industry in B.C. For decades, mechanical contractors like us have carried the financial risk of late payment, which creates unnecessary stress and limits our ability to invest in growth. This legislation is an important step forward in providing the certainty our businesses need to plan, deliver, and thrive, while ensuring that every level of the construction pyramid is treated fairly."

Don Wightman, President (Mechanical Trade Contractor)
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"The introduction of Prompt Payment legislation in British Columbia is absolutely key for fairness and financial stability in our industry. For too long, small and mid-sized contractors have shouldered the burden of delayed payments, jeopardizing jobs, projects, and businesses. This legislation will help ensure that the people building our province are paid on time, every time."

Anthony Minniti, President (General Contractor)
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"Prompt payment legislation is not just about fairness. It will enable trade contractors to respond to the demands of the construction industry focused on safety, quality and service without having to worry about how we are going to pay our suppliers and employees. This legislation will allow our company to redirect a big portion of our operating capital to innovation and growth—this is a huge win-win for BC's economy and the construction industry."

Maxime Spakowski, President (Prefabricated Construction Trade Contractor)

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"Canada's construction industry has always advocated for prompt payment in construction work, and the CCA is proud to have played a key role in the implementation of the Federal Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act for Government of Canada projects."

Today's announcement is a great win for our colleagues in British Columbia — and for the construction industry at large. This news demonstrates that a prompt payment system is possible, and that government needs to work in close collaboration with industry to make it happen. We hope this news can encourage other jurisdictions without this standard to implement prompt payment, and CCA will continue to work with its Partner Associations to make that a reality."

Rod Gilbert, President

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"Prompt payment legislation is a welcome and essential step for British Columbia's construction industry, particularly here on Vancouver Island where contractors and trades have long faced the burden of delayed payments. Ensuring fair and timely compensation strengthens the entire construction supply chain, giving businesses the stability they need to invest in people, projects, and communities. VICA is committed to working with government and industry partners to ensure the regulations are practical, effective, and implemented with the urgency our sector requires."

Rory Kulmala, CEO

Vancouver Island Construction Association

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“We welcome the introduction of prompt payment legislation in British Columbia. For too long, delayed payments have created unnecessary financial pressure on contractors and suppliers, especially smaller firms who form the backbone of our industry. Having this legislation in place is a big step towards bringing fairness and predictability to the payment process, helping ensure stability across the construction sector and supporting the workers, businesses, and communities that rely on it.”

Nicole Bryant, CEO
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“Payment certainly for business is vital for a growing economy and the Vancouver Regional Construction Association celebrates this overdue legislation. The construction industry is a driver of the economy and this legislation increases our ability to continue to build today and tomorrow’s communities.”

Jeanine Martin, CEO
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“Long-awaited prompt payment legislation, long anticipated by the industry, finally gives businesses—especially small and medium contractors—the security of fair and timely payment. By reducing payment delays, contractors no longer have to finance projects out of their own pockets. Ultimately, it promotes accountability, efficiency, and economic stability for all participants, benefits that ripple through our communities.”

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