Provincial Election Messaging

British Columbia Construction Association

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Objective

With the upcoming provincial election in British Columbia, BCCA and the Regional Construction Associations have an opportunity to engage directly with candidates and educate them on the importance of B.C.'s construction industry, while building relationships that can go beyond the election cycle.

We recommend engaging candidates from across the political spectrum. The focus should remain on the construction sector, and its contribution to B.C.'s economy and the local communities within your region. For more information on the candidates running in the election, please visit **Elections B.C. (https://elections.bc.ca/2026-provincial-election/candidate-list/)**.

Building a Stronger B.C.

British Columbia's construction industry builds the infrastructure, housing, commercial buildings and other projects our communities and economy depend on. During this provincial election, BCCA is encouraging members and industry leaders to raise the priorities that will help B.C.'s construction sector continue to deliver, invest, and grow.

Our Election Priorities

1. Implement Prompt Payment

Take decisive action to ensure the timely implementation of the Construction Prompt Payment Act (CPPA), ensuring everyone in the construction supply chain is paid fairly and on time for work completed.

2. Provide Certainty for Infrastructure Investment

Commit to and deliver a strong, predictable pipeline of public infrastructure projects, honour announced and awarded projects and provide greater transparency around project timelines and capital planning so businesses can plan, bid, hire, and invest with confidence.

3. Strengthen B.C.'s Construction Workforce

Invest in skilled trades training, workforce development, and stronger pathways into construction careers, including earlier exposure to the trades through B.C.'s education system.

4. Keep B.C. Competitive

Assess and address the cumulative impact of taxes, regulations, procurement and project requirements, particularly the impact on small and medium-sized businesses. Reduce unnecessary costs and regulatory burdens to grow B.C.'s competitiveness as a place to build and invest.

5. Strengthen Public Construction Procurement

Enforce compliance with the government's established procurement policies and guidelines on all provincially funded projects, with clear accountability and consistent enforcement. Ensure fair, open and transparent competition, and eliminate onerous contract clauses and inappropriate risk transfer to industry.

Questions to Ask Candidates

When speaking with candidates in your community, consider asking:

Prompt Payment: Will you commit to implementing B.C.'s Construction Prompt Payment Act as quickly as possible following the election?

Infrastructure: How will your party provide contractors with greater certainty and transparency around B.C.'s infrastructure pipeline?

Workforce: What will your party do to address skilled labour shortages and ensure B.C. has the workforce needed to deliver housing, infrastructure, and major projects?

Competitiveness: How will you ensure new taxes, regulations, and government policies do not make it more difficult or expensive for construction businesses to operate in B.C.?

Procurement: What changes would you support to make public-sector construction procurement more efficient, fair, and accessible?

B.C. needs a strong construction industry to build the province's future.

Whatever the election outcome, BCCA will work with the next government and all parties to advance policies that provide certainty, strengthen B.C.'s workforce, improve industry competitiveness, and ensure contractors can continue building the infrastructure British Columbians rely on.