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President's Message RE: COVID-19

Dear AAA members,

I am reaching out to offer my support and the support of Council during this difficult time.

You are likely dealing with challenges on several fronts as professionals and in your organizations. While we cannot solve many of these issues, we can provide guidance and assistance in a number of ways:

- Our [COVID-19 page](#) is a resource that features news and updates from the AAA and the larger design, engineering and construction industry in Alberta.
- In recognition of difficult times, we have [extended the PD reporting period](#) to the end of December 2020, including the requirement to complete the online Building Envelope Course.
- We have postponed [Banff Session](#) and will be announcing a new date soon.
- We are making plans for a [virtual AGM](#).
- We continue to plan for October Professional Development day, but will continue to assess this over the coming months.
- Our Practice Advisory Committee continues to answer member questions and is working on relevant advisories and a [new tips video series](#) to support the membership.
- While [AAA staff](#) are working from home, normal association operations continue. We only ask for your patience as replies may be delayed slightly.
- As President of the AAA, I am always available to answer questions and concerns via email at president@aaa.ab.ca.

Stay safe,

**Jan Pierchajlo, Architect, AAA
President**



2018-2020 PD Reporting Period Extended

Due to the personal and professional challenges that AAA members face as a result of COVID-19, the AAA is extending the current PD reporting period until December 31, 2020. [More...](#)



Tentative Date for 2020 AGM

Due to the [postponement of Banff Session](#), the AAA will schedule an independent Annual General Meeting. Pending the outcome of the vote to amend the bylaws to enable a virtual AGM, the 2020 AGM will be held by virtual means on May 21, 2020.

Council Elections - Election Portal Now Available

The online voting system (election portal) for the 2020/2021 AAA Council election is now available.

Voting members (registered architects, licensed interior designers, and active life members) must use their individual member ID and password to log on to the voting system.

Please note that access will be denied if trying to log on using a firm number.

[Read complete instruction here.](#)

New Practice Advisory

A new [Practice Advisory](#) regarding use of electronic devices on construction sites is now available. Tom Tittermore helps to explain the Practice Advisory in a new video series called [Tom's Tips](#).

Legislation Review Updates

Legislation review updates have a [new home on the AAA website](#). You can now review the policy decisions on each of the [13 guiding principles](#) along with other [consequential changes](#) that will be required with the new legislation.

Vendor Performance Management Program Update

Effective immediately, all procurements from Alberta Infrastructure will include a section called Past Contracts. [More...](#)

Industry Competitions and Events

Highlights include several online classes and the [APT and National Trust Conference](#) in Edmonton. [More...](#)

Robert Moffat of Moffat Architecture and Engineering in Calgary passed away on February 8, 2020. Mr. Moffat was a long time Registered Architect with AAA (since 1980) and was a Life Member.

The AAA extends our condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Robert Moffat.

Illegal Practice Update

The AAA wants to assure our members that we are continuing to actively pursue, review and take appropriate measures against those who illegally practice architecture and licensed interior design in our province. [More...](#)

Builders Lien Act Survey

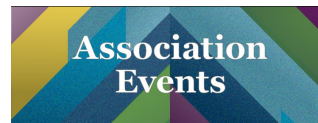
The Ministry of Service Alberta is undertaking a stakeholder consultation to explore the possibility of introducing amendments to the *Builders Lien Act* to address issues with delayed payment in Alberta's construction industry. Take the survey [here](#).

Planning and Development

Planning and development updates from Calgary and Edmonton, including several new public safety measure instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic. [More...](#)

STANDATA

Alberta Municipal Affairs has released several new STANDATA updates. [More...](#)



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