



## **Recent Advocacy Initiatives**

- **Supply Chain Disruption and Material Price Escalation**
  - SKCA continues to provide timely advice and guidance to industry at large, as well as owners and design consultants, on managing risk. This includes consideration for shorter award periods, considering the implications of this problem when building project budgets and schedules, and building in material fluctuation considerations into procurement documents and contracts. [Read more.](#)
- **Quality of Construction Documents**
  - SKCA is working towards developing a committee with Saskatchewan-based Architects to collaborate on jointly agreed upon feedback for infrastructure owners. The goal is to educate and inform on the importance of long-term investment in good design and procurement processes.
- **Labour Pressures**
  - Many design consultants, general contractors, trade contractors, and even some suppliers are experiencing labour shortages – both in leadership positions and for general labour. With all the construction activity announced and planned over the next few years, all signs point to Saskatchewan heading into another economic boom. SKCA is gearing up to help support members in this regard.
- **Prompt Payment Legislation**
  - Making it the law to pay your bills on time has been a top priority advocacy item for SKCA for almost five years. Although in the last year or so it's been one-step-forward-two-steps-back at times, we are now optimistic that we will see the legislation come into force on January 1, 2021. The new payment requirements will apply to all contracts signed on or after that date.
- **Onerous Contract Conditions and Risk Allocation**
  - Many companies have expressed concerns about what they see as the uneven allocation of contract risks, as those higher on the construction value chain strive to download as much risk as possible on to those closer to the bottom of that chain.
  - SKCA will be releasing a series of bulletins providing advice to owners, consultants, and contractors on how to better allocate risk along the construction chain. This was produced in conjunction with the SKCA's Advisory Council.

- Watch this space, as SKCA be hosting a small number of workshops for owners, lawyers, consultants, contractors, and suppliers, where we'll be talking about best practices in risk allocation.

## **Stay Connected**

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