

FEBRUARY LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Presented by C.A.R.M, on February 6 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg, MCAM's Joint Services Contractors & Associates Advisory Council held the first Lunch and Learn for 2020.

The event featured keynote speakers David McCutcheon, Executive Director and Dan Speechley, Trades Qualification Assessor of Apprenticeship Manitoba. Following them was Paul Shack, Operating Manager with Nor-Tec Group who closed the event.

David presented an overview on the administration of The Apprenticeship and Certification Act and supporting regulations. In addition to that he spoke about how the Apprenticeship and Certification Board reach the goals identified in the strategic plan. Dan Speechley went into detail about Trades Qualifications and the criteria and application process. There was a focused Q & A at the end of their presentation where Gasfitter Certification was discussed with the 40 people in attendance. It was also mentioned that the Board may determine that there is reason to extend the clause to allow Gasfitter license holders to supervise apprentices without certification. If that recommendation is approved, the Board is strongly encouraging Gasfitter license holders to challenge the certification exam prior to 2026, to ensure that they can continue to supervise apprentices after that time, as this deadline may not be extended again.

Paul's presentation was focused on BIM (Building Information Modeling). He stated "Around the world countries who are using BIM have implemented it from a top Down approach, where government bodies have mandated using BIM on all public and or Private projects. This has basically driven the industry to use it in order to be even allowed to BID on work. As of 2019 Canada is the only G7 Country without a national BIM Mandate. The momentum in Canada is reversed and really is from the bottom up approach. Canada is starting the process with government bodies such as Alberta Infrastructure, with the Digital project delivery, Quebec, and DND who is very much engaged in implementing BIM on projects and are leading the rest of the country when it comes to mandating BIM in CANADA." There was also Q & A following his presentation.

Those in attendance were engaged throughout both presentations and Bill Playford from Mac-Tower says "The feedback I have heard and agree with are all very positive. I look forward to what topics will be discussed at MCAM's events they are doing a fine job in pinpointing and addressing matters that are important to us"

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