MCAM MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
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A MESSAGE FROM MCAM PRESIDENT- James Kopec

November Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The MCAM Board of Directors is comprised of a cross section of Industry members; Residential through Heavy Industrial, urban and rural, sub-contractors, engineers and associate members. The Board meets bi-monthly September through June and is served by standing committees, advisory councils and working groups.

Certificate in Building Information Modeling (BIM) Management Cohort

Learn to effectively manage your part of a project's lifecycle and work within the AECOO team. Build on your career in Architecture, Engineering, Construction, or as an Owner or Operator as you gain important knowledge about digital construction and BIM project management processes that are being adopted around the world. University of Manitoba Extended Education is offering a cohort that offers a schedule suited to industry. Register and learn more HERE.

TradeConnect 2027

TradeConnect, ECAM and MCAM's joint business conference, returns on March 23, 2027, at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg. Join industry professionals for a day of inspiration, education, networking, trade booths, and a look at the future of the trades. The breakfast keynote, sponsored by Informanix, will feature Chris Cummins, who will inspire attendees and encourage collaboration through engaging, real-world stories. TradeConnect 2027 will bring together industry leaders and professionals to share knowledge, explore new ideas, and build valuable connections. Get your early bird tickets HERE.

Holiday Hamper Event

For many Manitoba families, the holiday season can bring added financial pressures. Together, we can help ease that burden and bring a little extra joy to those who need it most. Join MCAM on December 18, 2026, for our Holiday Hamper initiative. Through sponsorship, your support will help make the season a little brighter for families in our community. Join MCAM in making a difference HERE.

Holiday Reception

Join MCAM and ECAM members on November 30, 2026, at Belle's Kitchen + Music Hall for an evening of holiday cheer! Enjoy great food, drinks, live music and a raffle while celebrating the season and connecting with fellow industry members. Register HERE.

Electrification Strategy

The Board received an update on the federal government's goal to double electricity capacity by 2050. ECAM and MCAM participated in the Manitoba engagement session, which brought together industry leaders to identify challenges and potential barriers to achieving this target.

Manitoba Jobs Agreement Update

Executive Director, Ramona Coey reported that representatives met with MJA to reiterate key priorities. Preferential hiring has been addressed, and the revised Version 2.0 has not yet been released publicly.

Builders Liens Modernization Update

The committee continues to meet, and MCAM/ECAM has advocated for the inclusion of engineers and architects in holdback provisions as well as protections for contractors relating to fabricated work. Efforts to reach a resolution will continue.

Code Interpretation Harmonization

A concern was raised regarding CRN numbers for coils in air handlers, including chilled and hot water applications. ECAM/MCAM scheduled to meet with ITS and the matter has been added to the agenda as an example under Code Interpretation Harmonization.

Student Chapter Summit

Manitoba will host the Student Chapter Summit January 21–23, 2027. Additional details to come!

Branding and Positioning Campaign & Fee Structure Review

The Board viewed a video developed as part of MCAM and ECAM's branding and positioning campaign. The video aims to strengthen public and government recognition of Manitoba's mechanical and electrical industries while highlighting MCAM/ECAM's positions as the only trade-specific, full-spectrum voice advocating for stronger industry standards, greater influence, and increased recognition. The Board also received an update on the ongoing fee structure review.

Contractors are your Apprentices Ready for Technical Training Registration Week: Nov 23 - Dec 4, 2026

Apprenticeship Manitoba is opening the 12-month, 2027-28 technical training schedule for April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028.

Important Mechanical and Electrical Trade Registration Dates:

- November 23 – Post-secondary Apprentices with HSAP Incentive Credits or repeating a level of training (All Trades, all colleges)
- November 24 – All Trades with courses scheduled at Assiniboine College & University College of the North, Industrial Mechanic (Millwright) at RRCP South Campus
- November 25 – Insulator (Heat & Frost) at RRCP
- November 26 – Electrical Level 1 at RRCP
- November 27 – Sheet Metal Worker at RRCP
- November 30 – Electrical Level 2, Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning Mechanic, Sprinkler Fitter and Steamfitter-Pipefitter at RRCP
- December 1 – Plumber at RRCP
- December 2 – Boilermaker at RRCP
- December 3 – Power Electrician Level 3 & Level 4 at RRCP
- December 4 – Construction Electrician Level 3 & Level 4, Domestic Gasfitter, Gasfitter at RRCP

Instructions for Apprentices | 2027-2028 Technical Training Calendar



James Kopec, MCAM President

James has been a member of the MCAM Board of Directors since 2009. He is the General Manager at Bornhorst Mechanical Inc., where he oversees operations and project management. James earned his Red Seal Certification in Plumbing in 1997 and achieved his Gold Seal Certification as a Superintendent in 2009. He is actively involved in the industry as Chair of the Apprenticeship Provincial Trade Advisory Committee for Gas Fitters and has extensive experience in estimating, field work, and managing projects across Manitoba. Originally from the Interlake region, James enjoys spending time outdoors, particularly hunting and farming. His favourite MCAM event is the President's Ball. He lives by the motto: "Measure twice and cut once."