



Architectural Cladder

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UPDATE

Your Architectural Cladder Provisional Committee has been making great strides to ensure that the Application for Designation has been progressing. We have addressed the following areas, set up subcommittees, and made numerous revisions to assist AIT (Apprenticeship and Industry Training). The following subsections will give an overview of what has been done and what needs to happen over the next coming months. I would like to thank the committee for their tireless efforts and commitment to this process.

Jason Wright

Presiding Officer

Course Outline: Two factors come into play. The committee has to submit a draft to AIT. AIT must then approve a final draft. This could go back and forth between AIT subcommittees and the A/C committee before a final product is accepted. Currently we are working on Version 10.

Legislation: This is also dependent on cooperation with AIT subcommittees and the Provisional Committee. Once a final copy is approved by the AIT Board, it can be submitted to the Minister of Advanced Education. (Currently Marlin Schmidt).

Consultation: Is to be done with each overlapping trade. This is accomplished through surveys, forums, and face to face meetings. *In November of 2017 meetings were held with Sheet Metal Worker employers and employees based on a request for more information from SMCAA (Sheet Metal Contractors Association of Alberta).* Further plans are being made for 2018 consultations with PAC's (Provincial Apprenticeship Committee's) for Sheet Metal Workers, Insulator, Glaziers, Carpenters, Iron Workers, etc.

Government Ministry: The AIT Board will make its recommendation to the Minister of Advanced Education based on its assessment of the application for designation, the draft course outline and the draft trade regulation. If the Minister agrees to the designation, a recommendation will then be made to the Cabinet to amend the

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Designation of Optional Certification Trades Regulation to add reference to “architectural cladder”. If Cabinet approves the designation, the Minister may then approve the Board Order made by the AIT Board to make the new *Architectural Cladder Trade Regulation*. **We are hopeful designation will happen sometime in 2018.**

Exams: An exam bank must be created for each period of training. Consideration must be given to existing Architectural Cladders and a qualification exam to allow them to certify given certain criteria. In the beginning, special attention will be given to the first period exams and the qualification exam. Once the minister has received the documentation, the committee can begin the preliminary stages.

Vendor Selection: Once the trade has been designated, the next step will be to find an institution to teach the course outline.

The A/C Committee will be looking to AIT for direction through this process. **The committee would like to see institutions selected near the highest concentration of apprentices.**

Advertising: Consideration will need to be given to how to recruit and sign up existing workers. Materials, media, communications, will need to be developed and distributed.

Blue Book: This is a hard copy system designed to track the progress of each apprentice (paper trail). It will need to track company hours in the occupation as well as periods of training. There are a number of guidelines here that will need to be met with AIT.

Register Apprentices: This will be in conjunction with industry partners and advertising. One of the last steps before delivery, yet far enough in advance for class projections, etc.

AIT Board Mandate: On November 1st 2016, a provisional committee was officially recognized by AIT and given a 3-year mandate to – work with AIT to develop scope of work; apprenticeship program standards and requirements; certification requirements; transition plan to trade designation; other information for designation and implementation. This mandate is in force until either a decision on designation has been made or November 1st, 2019. Whichever comes first. Should the trade become designated, the committee is moved from a provisional committee to a fully recognized PAC.

James (Jim) Weisgerber

TRIBUTE

The Architectural Cladder industry suffered a great loss in the passing of Jim Weisgerber this past December. Jim was a great ambassador, pioneer, leader and friend within the sheeting, decking, and cladding industry in Alberta. As Alternate Presiding Officer for the Architectural Cladder Provisional Committee, **Jim was involved from the beginning sharing his wisdom and experience.** He helped develop the curriculum and legislation. His passion for the trade and the workers was always paramount. Jim will be sorely missed.

The following is an excerpt from Jim’s Eulogy.



James (Jim) Weisgerber, Beloved husband of Caroline Winnona Weisgerber, passed away peacefully at the age of 69 on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary, AB, surrounded by his family. Jim was born in Leroy, Saskatchewan. Jim was the oldest of 8 children. Jim moved to Calgary in the late 60s to work at J.K. Campbell & Associates and attended SAIT to earn a diploma in Structural Engineering. After earning his diploma, he spent one year living in Hanna, AB, working as tax assessor and met his wife, Carol. Jim then returned to J.K. Campbell & Associates where he worked as an estimator. In 1985, Jim and his partners started their own business, Thermal Systems KWC Ltd. Jim married Caroline Bonertz on March 3, 1973, and together raised their two children in Calgary. Jim enjoyed spending his time at their home in Calgary, their cabin in Waterton, and their winter home in Mesa, AZ. He was a very active member of his community, spending his time volunteering with the Waterton Park Community Association, the Board of Directors for Country Hills Golf Club, the Addition Construction Committee for the Calgary Winter Club, and the Apprenticeship Board at SAIT. He belonged to the Alta Mesa Golf Club, the Waterton Lakes Golf Course and the Country Hills Golf Club. Jim was a wonderful, kind and generous man and a proud husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He enjoyed his collection of classic cars, golfing,

reading, hobby farming, and spending time with his family and friends. His wisdom and advice will be sorely missed. A celebration of life (was) held on December 29, 2017, at Country Hills Golf Club in Calgary, AB

HISTORY

December 5, 2012:

Industry met in Edmonton at the Mayfield Inn to discuss support for a trade designation in Architectural Cladding. From that meeting, there was overwhelming support to move forward. A Committee was formed.

January 9, 2013:

The Alberta Cladding & Decking Association (ACDC), along with the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Local 8 (SMWIA 8), sent a letter to the Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education (AIT), Stephen Khan, requesting the designation of Architectural Cladder as an optional trade in Alberta.

January 31, 2013:

Minister Khan forwarded the request to Ms. Corrinna Burdek, Senior Manager, Industry Programs and Standards (IPS), AIT.

June 17, 2013:

Committee members met with Mr. Peter Crawley (past Senior Manager with AIT) and hired Mr. Crawley as a Consultant to help Industry get through the process of optional trade designation. SMWIA 8 agreed to pay initial fees for the Consultant.

December 3, 2013:

A small group meeting was held to discuss ways of expediting the process

December 22, 2013:

Committee members attended a meeting in Edmonton hosted by Clark Builders. Mr. Crawley reviewed what was expected of industry and the criteria of AIT in order to have the designation of Architectural Cladder recognized as an optional trade in Alberta.

At that meeting, a Steering Committee was formed and members were assigned to research information required for the criteria of AIT.

January 21, 2014:

Mr. Crawley, Ms. Burdek and Mr. Rick Carter (Steering Committee Presiding Officer) met at the AIT offices

Mr. Crawley and Mr. Carter provided:

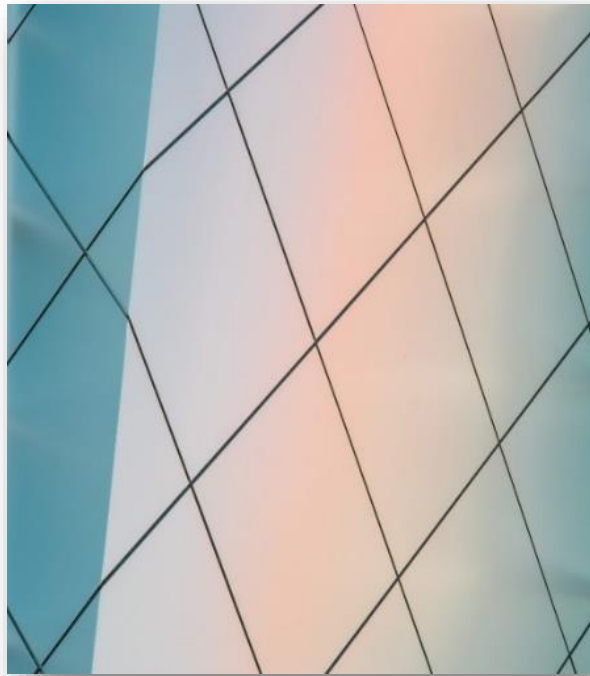
- A review of background and overview of industry activity to date.
- Copies of eleven applications for a Provisional Committee were provided to AIT
- A review of Steering Committee work assignments supporting the eight criteria areas the Ministry requires.
- A review of the draft Time Lines Chart.

Ms. Burdek gave an update on the organizational review that Industry Programs and Standards is currently conducting and how it may impact the Architectural Cladder designation application.

- Provisional Committee: applications go to the AIT Board in March, 2014.
- Consultation with related trades will be scheduled some time after an IPS Manager is assigned to the application.

March 6, 2014:

Steering Committee met at Clark Builders to turn in work assignments and discuss short falls needed to build the "Document" that will be eventually handed into AIT.



March 26, 2014:	Alberta Cladding and Decking Association held their AGM meeting in Red Deer. At the meeting there was a motion to pay towards the cost of the Consultant Mr. Crawley.
April 16, 2014:	Steering Committee met at Clark Builders, reviewed draft Document and discussed short falls.
June 18, 2014:	Steering Committee met at Clark Builders, reviewed revised Document and did edits to the Document.
September 25, 2014:	The Presiding Officer and other members of the industry committee met with staff from Apprenticeship and Industry Training to present the application support document addressing the Minister's Criteria for designating an optional certification trade.
Fall 2015:	The committee had some changes with Rick Carter moving to BC and Jason Wright joining the committee.
March 2016:	A online survey was sent out to industry to garner support for the application and allow people to express questions and concerns.
May 2016:	Focus groups were held in both Edmonton and Calgary for employees and employers. Discussions were around the definition of Architectural Cladder, trade overlap, and existing training. The results were extremely positive and in favor of continuing with the application.
November 2016:	AIT recognizes the creation of the Provisional Committee and was given a 3-year mandate.
Currently:	The provisional committee has been working hard at developing legislation, course outline and curriculum.

MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the newest member to the committee, Joseph (Joe) Schock. Joe brings years of experience, knowledge, and a willingness to help. Joe is currently working for Flynn Canada.

*Colin Tull is no longer on the committee due to other commitments. We would like to thank him for his passion and service.

YOUR PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE



From the left: Rod Wispinski (Manager AIT); Barry Clark; Don Roberts; Jason Wright (PO); John Weran; Jeff Helm; *Colin Tull; Derrill Ayotte (Alternate PO)

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