



PCA Congratulates NDP on its Re-election in B.C

(Victoria, Oct 28, 2024) – The Progressive Contractors Association of Canada (PCA) whose members build major infrastructure projects in B.C., congratulates Premier Eby and his NDP on returning to office, this time with a razor-thin majority following the Oct 19 B.C. provincial election.

“Voters have made it clear that more of the same old will not do,” said Dan Baxter, Regional Director, B.C., for PCA. “We’d like to see change start with the scrapping of a regressive labour policy that shuts many of our contractors and their workers out of public projects. We’ll just keep pushing until this government does what’s right.”

Since 2019, the province’s NDP government has shut contractors out of many key public projects unless their workers joined the favoured Building Trades Unions. Restricting competition has resulted in fewer bids, a smaller labour pool and higher public construction costs, forcing taxpayers to pay billions of dollars extra for projects ranging from the Trans-Canada highway widening, to construction of the Cowichan District Hospital.

Currently, B.C. is the only Canadian province with labour policies that ban contractors and workers from public projects that their tax dollars help fund.

“If the NDP government is serious about making life more affordable, it should scrap its costly labour policy that has led to massive overruns on too many public projects,” added Baxter. “British Columbians want and deserve policies that serve the public and not special interests.”

About the Progressive Contractors Association of Canada (PCA)

PCA is a national association of leading construction companies that employ more than 40,000 skilled tradespeople, who are represented primarily by CLAC. Our member companies are responsible for 40 percent of energy and natural resource construction projects in British Columbia and Alberta and are leaders in building and maintaining many of Canada’s capital and infrastructure projects.

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