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**THE ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OF THE CANADIAN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER ASSOCIATION**

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## National

- The National Residential negotiations took place May 12th, at which time a Letter of Understanding resulted. Following language on two key areas from the lawyers, a Memorandum of Agreement should be signed within a few weeks. Following that, electronic copies of the Agreement and Wage Schedules will be distributed to all members. Wage Schedules for some areas will require local discussions, to take place this summer.
- The CASA Annual Report was distributed at the CASA Annual Conference. The report will also be available to each member company shortly. Any CASA member who wishes additional copies, please contact Debbie Tomasic at the CASA office. (Postal strike may affect delivery)
- Following a day of lobbying at Queen's Park by NTCCC members, CASA President, John Galt, met with several MPP's, all of whom showed support for the Prompt Payment Legislation. Ontario Premier, Dalton McGuinty, acknowledged the request in writing May 10th. The NTCCC remains optimistic that action will be taken on this important piece of legislation to all trade contractors following the fall Ontario Provincial election.
- CASA's 50th Anniversary Conference in Toronto widely seen as a success. New peak attendance realized in delegates, contractors with over 210 at the gala dinner.
- CASA now on LinkedIn and Facebook, please visit us and join the groups
- In the non-residential sector, the value of permits fell 33.2 per cent to \$1.9 billion in April, after reaching high levels in the previous two months. The decline was due primarily to lower construction intentions for institutional buildings in Ontario. Decreases were also posted in six other provinces.
- In the residential sector, municipalities issued \$3.5 billion worth of permits, down 12.6 per cent from March. The decrease was mainly the result of declines in the multi-family component in Ontario.
- NFPA Releases new Technical Interim Amendments for Antifreeze Systems
  - NFPA has released four new TIA's for antifreeze systems (NFPA 13, NFPA 13R, NFPA 13D & NFPA 25). The new TIA's replace the old TIA's that were issued in July and August of 2010. These new TIA's provide new technical guidance on the installation, design,

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and inspection, test & maintenance requirements for all new and existing antifreeze systems. For more information and to view all four of the Technical Interim Amendments, please visit the NFPA website with the following link <http://www.nfpa.org/antifreeze>

- **Nova Scotia Adopts 2010 National Building & Plumbing Code**  
The Regulation adopting the National Building and Plumbing Code of Canada 2010 came into force on June 1, 2011. For more information and to view copies of the new Nova Scotia Building & Plumbing Code, target <http://www.gov.ns.ca/lae/buildingcode/>

### Upcoming In-Class Educational Seminars

Halifax, NS – September 29th thru September 30th

September 29th thru September 30th – Sprinkler Protection for Storage Applications (Two Day Program)

Moncton, NB – October 3rd thru October 5th

October 3rd– Pumps for Fire Protection

October 4th– ITM of Water Based Fire Protection Systems

October 5th– Seismic Bracing for Sprinkler Systems

Winnipeg, MB – November 2nd thru November 4th

November 2nd & November 3rd –Sprinkler Protection for Storage Applications (Two Day Program)

November 4th – Plan Review Procedures & Policies

Vancouver, BC – November 17th thru November 19th

November 17th & November 18th –Sprinkler Protection for Storage Applications (Two Day Program)

November 19th – Standpipes Systems for Fire Protection

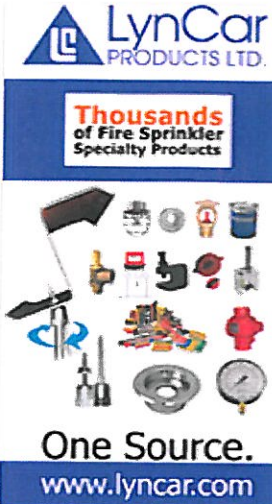
For more information and to access the registration form for an upcoming seminar please contact Matt Osburn at 905-477-2270 or [mosburn@casa-fs.org](mailto:mosburn@casa-fs.org)

### British Columbia

- The B.C. Government is proposing to cut the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) by two percentage points by 2014 for all consumers and provide transition cheques for children and seniors, if British Columbians vote to keep the tax in a critical referendum this summer.
- Canada Post is planning to begin construction this year on a new 700,000 square foot mail processing plant at the Vancouver International Airport.
- Taseko Mines submitted a revised proposal to the federal government for the Prosperity gold and copper mine near Williams Lake, B.C., after the original was rejected.
- A partnership between the Asia-Pacific Gateway Skills Table and gateway industry associations is aimed at developing a database of training opportunities for supervisors and forepersons across B.C.

### 2011 In-Class Educational Seminars - Vancouver, BC.

November 17 & 18 Sprinkler Protection for Storage Applications  
(Two day seminar)



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## Alberta

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- Construction owners in Alberta are predicting higher labour costs and that could be a potential headwind for new oil sands projects, says a new report from Canaccord Genuity. According to a new outlook from the Construction Owners Association of Alberta, the expected future labour need for 2011 is up significantly from this time last year. At the same time, the Construction Sector Council recently published a forecast that suggests that the trades industry labour supply will be limited going forward.
- The province moved Tuesday to make warranties mandatory for all new homes and proposed whopping increases to maximum fines for negligent Alberta builders.
- This year, Canada's baby boom generation will start to turn 65. That means over the next +20 years, Alberta's senior population will more than double. Many of these seniors will need or want to live in senior's living facilities. Alberta currently has over 370,000 seniors, about one in ten Albertans. In 10 years, Alberta can expect to have 550,000 seniors. These figures clearly indicate that current, affordable housing for Alberta's seniors will not meet future requirements.

## Saskatchewan

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- For its first major project in Saskatchewan, Ledcor Construction couldn't have picked a bigger-more high profile-project to build-the 20-storey, \$100-million Hill Centre Tower at the corner of Hamilton Street and 12th Avenue.
- Construction on the east side of Prince Albert is continuing to transform what was once an empty field into an array of banks, restaurants and grocery stores.
- With an abundance of natural resources, Saskatchewan has become a dominant force in the mining industry not just locally, but on a global scale as well. Forty-three billion dollars will be invested in mining in the province from 2008 through 2028.
- There are several multi-billion dollar potash expansions underway in Saskatchewan right now, in both new Greenfield potash projects, and with existing, Brownfield mines.

## Manitoba

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- NHL hockey returns to Manitoba! Go Jets!
- Flooding, as of mid-May, there were 663 municipal roads closed and 112 provincial roads that were fully or partially closed.
- Changes to the Workplace, Safety and Health Regulation will introduce new requirements to protect workers from psychological harassment in the workplace, Labour and Immigration Minister Jennifer Howard announced.
- The province will begin construction of a \$14.1-million expansion of the Ste. Anne hospital in the coming weeks.

## 2011 In-Class Educational Seminars\* - Winnipeg, MB

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November 2 & 3	Sprinkler Protection for Storage Applications (Two Day Program)
November 4	Plan Review Procedures & Policies

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## Ontario

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- CASA staff met with the Ministry of Corrections, Safety, on the protection of care facilities
- Provincial Prompt Payment Legislation appears to be delayed until after the next provincial election
- "The Ontario Building Code be amended require automatic fire sprinklers in all newly constructed residential buildings, regardless of size or height."  
<http://www.thestar.com/news/crime/article/1003815--jury-recommendations-about-saving-people-s-lives>

## Atlantic

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- The second Atlantic Fire Sprinkler Design Symposium 2011, in Moncton, New Brunswick, was a great success. All the seats were filled. It was a day long program with our keynote speaker Cecil Bilbo from "The Academy of Fire Sprinkler Technology ". Thanks to our sponsors, Victaulic, Viking SupplyNet, Westlund, TYCO Fire Protection Products, Reliable, Troy Life & Fire Safety, Wade Atlantic, and ANNEX. Thanks to all the attendee's and to Joe Oliver from Troy Life & Fire Safety.
- The Auditor General has released a report on a number of issues in Nova Scotia, one being the examination of the operations of the Office of The Fire Marshal. It was concluded that the Fire Marshal is not doing enough to ensure that public buildings and other places where people gather are being adequately inspected for fire hazards. These issues are not new and some were cited as far back as 2001.
- Next Atlantic Regional Meeting will be held on September 14, 2011 in Moncton, New Brunswick.

## 2011 In-Class Educational Seminars\* - Halifax, NS

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September 29 & 30	Sprinkler Protection for Storage Applications (Two Day Seminar)
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## 2011 In Class Educational Seminars\* - Moncton, NB

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October 3	Pumps for Fire Protection
October 4	Inspection, Testing & Maintenance of Water Based Fire Protection Systems
October 5	Seismic Bracing for Sprinkler Systems

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