



2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAM
PENTICTON TRADE & CONVENTION CENTRE
June 1st – June 5th, 2026
“60 Years of Building Excellence”

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Professional Development A:

Pre-Registration is Required for Professional Sessions

8:00am – 12:00pm Excel - Advanced
Presenter: Thonda Darbyson, Okanagan College

Designed for learners with a solid foundation of MS Excel skills, this advanced session focuses on using Excel as a practical data management and decision-support tool. Participants will learn to structure and analyze operational data, summarize complex information for reporting, and build reliable models that support planning and oversight. Topics include working with large datasets, applying advanced formulas and logic, automating calculations, creating clear summaries and dashboards, and improving data accuracy and consistency. Emphasis is placed on interpreting results, supporting budget and resource decisions, and communicating insights to stakeholders. By the end of the course, learners will be able to use Excel more confidently to monitor performance, identify trends and risks, and support effective operational and strategic decision-making in a facilities or operations environment.

12:30pm – 4:30pm Construction Contracts, Builders Liens and Common Pitfalls
Presenter: Devon Lehrer, Construction Lawyer, Jenkins Marzban Logan LLP

An overview of common terms found in tender documents and contracts (with a focus on common CCDC language). Common misconceptions about contractual terms and how to avoid common pitfalls when negotiating and following your contract. An overview of the Builders Lien regime in British Columbia with a focus on common misconceptions and missteps when claiming and enforcing claims of builders lien.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Professional Development A:

8:00am – 10:00pm Indigenous Cultural Competency in the Education System
Presenter: Mike Bowden, SD#73 Kamloops

This session introduces facilities and operations leaders to the concept of cultural humility and its practical application in education systems. Participants explore Indigenous terminology, Local Education Agreements, and protocols, while building skills to lead respectful, relationship-based practices across teams and systems. The program emphasizes reflection, real-world scenarios, and actionable strategies to support culturally responsive and inclusive school environments.

10:00am – 12:00pm Prime Contractor / Refusal of unsafe Work
Prevention and Program Services, WorkSafeBC

Professional Development B:

9:00am – 1:00pm Mental Fitness: The Most Practical Mental Health Strategy You've Never Heard
Presenter: Joshua Froc, Josh Froc Consulting Inc.

Josh founded and grew a 6-figure 1-person coaching business, helping great leaders become even better, starting with re-learning how to lead themselves. Josh goes beyond “mental health” and teaches leaders how to have the kind of presence that moves rooms, even after they are gone, and the kind of work-life balance that transforms people and cultures.

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Professional Development B: con't

2:00pm – 4:00pm	Lighting and Controls & Health Impacts Presenter: Peter Kan and Rafael Feeney, Quantum Lighting, Inc., To review current lighting systems, explore options for upgrading or modifying lighting, and understand requirements for dimming and controls to support safety, learning, and accessibility.	
1:00pm – 5:00pm	EFMA 28 th Annual 9 Hole Golf Tournament Sponsored by: BC Building Science Canstar Restorations Core Products GDL Property Kimco Controls National Air Technologies	<i>Penticton Golf & Country Club</i>
3:00pm – 7:00pm	Registration – Members and Exhibitors Sponsored by: Victaulic	<i>South Lobby</i>
3:00pm – 7:00pm	Exhibitors Set-Up	<i>Ballroom II/Salon A</i>
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Presidents Reception Sponsored by: Caliber Sport Systems	<i>North Lobby</i>
10:00pm – 12:00am	Hospitality Suite – Everyone Welcome Sponsored by: RCABC Rocky Point Engineering Soprema	<i>Station Public House (Balcomo)</i>

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:30am – 9:00am	Registration – Members and Exhibitors Sponsored by: Victaulic	<i>South Lobby</i>
8:00am – 9:30am	Breakfast Sponsored by: Kimco Controls	<i>Salon B/C</i>
8:00am – 10:30am	SSABC Annual General Meeting, Roundtable and Meet and Greet	<i>Room 1</i>
8:30am – 9:00am	New Member Orientation	<i>Room 2</i>
9:00am – 9:30am	Zone Meetings Zone 1 – Room 3 Zone III & Zone VI – Room 6 Zone V – Room 7 Zone II – Room 8 Zone IV – Room 5	
9:00am – 9:30am	Exhibitor Training – Conference Overview	<i>Ballroom II/Salon A</i>
9:30am – 10:00am	Zone Chair and Executive Meeting	<i>Boardroom</i>
9:30am – 11:30am	Visit Exhibitors Booths - Coffee Sponsored by: Station One Architects	<i>Ballroom II/Salon A</i>

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- 11:30am – 1:30pm Opening Ceremonies
Delegates, Exhibitors and Partners Luncheon
Keynote: Tom Watson, Handshakes to Hugs, Who You are Makes a Difference
Sponsored by: **Quantum Lighting** *Salon B/C*
- 1:30pm – 3:00pm Visit Exhibitors Booths - Coffee
Sponsored by: **Breakwater Engineering** *Ballroom II/Salon A*
- 3:00pm – 4:30pm 1. Unlocking the Value of Cooperative Procurement *Room 2/3*
Presenter: Kim Theissen, Canoe Procurement Group of Canada

This session introduces how cooperative procurement supports school districts by meeting trade agreement requirements, reducing administrative workload, and simplifying complex purchasing. Participants will learn how to use cooperative contracts strategically to support their organization's goals, strengthen procurement outcomes, and streamline purchasing processes.
2. Shops 2026 – Injuries, WorkSafe & Shop Safety *Room 1*
Presenter: Alan Kavanaugh, Taylor Risk Solutions

We will discuss the ongoing concerns and safety related requirements for IA Shops operated by Schools and Maintenance operations. The requirements for Guarding, Safe Workspaces, Ventilation & Dust Mitigation, Safe Work Procedures, Training and Supervision will be discussed. Join Alan for an in-depth discussion on Injuries, WorkSafe, Shop design and Shop Safety for the future.
3. Energy Project Underperformance: Discussion of Factors and Strategies to Mitigate *Room 5*
Presenter: Kyle Hasenkox, Rocky Point Engineering,

Energy saving projects sometimes fail to reach their desired targets, we will discuss factors that can impact project results, strategies to mitigate them and methods to verify. We have been involved in a number of projects during various stages including post implementation where we are attempting to understand why expectations differed from reality.
4. Custodial Workload *Room 6&7*
Round table open discussion. Custodial cleaning schedules
- 6:30pm – 9:00pm Exhibitors Hosted Evening *Ballroom II/Salon A*
Costume: **Casino Royale** (*costumes encouraged*)
- 9:00pm – 12:00am Hospitality Suite – Everyone Welcome *Station Public House (Balcomo)*
Sponsored by: **RCABC**
Rocky Point Engineering
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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

7:00am – 8:00am	Buffet Breakfast - Everyone Welcome Sponsored by: FortisBC Energy Inc.	<i>Salon C</i>
8:00am – 10:00am	EFMA Annual General Meeting and Elections	<i>Salon B/C</i>
8:30am – 10:00am	The Journey of a Mental Health Claim with WorkSafeBC	<i>Room 1</i>
9:30am – 10:00am	Exhibitors Meeting - Appointing New Exhibitor Representative	<i>Ballroom II/Salon A</i>
10:00am – 1:00pm	Visit Exhibitors Booths / Hosted Luncheon Sponsored by: SMcN Consulting Inc.	<i>Ballroom II/Salon A</i>
1:00pm – 3:00pm	5. Ministry <i>Salon C</i> 6. Cultural Safety and Humility <i>Room 2&3</i> Presenter: Jared Basil, Ktunaxa Cultural Framework Ambassador Cultural Safety and Humility, Cultivating Safe Space, Showing Up, Trauma Informed Practice 7. Energy Landscape of BC and Where Do We Go from Here <i>Room 5</i> Presenter: Ben Nishi and Vlad Kostka, Fortis Energy Inc. Presentation on energy delivery, history, pricing in BC over the years and what we might see in the near future. 8. Practical Enclosure Improvements through Maintenance and Renewal <i>Room 1</i> Presenter: James Bourget, RDH Building Science This presentation introduces core building science principles using clear, applied language tailored to facilities and operations teams. It explains how heat flow, moisture control, airtightness, and thermal bridging influence performance, durability, and service life in British Columbia school buildings. The session emphasizes incremental, low-risk enclosure improvements that can be incorporated during planned repairs or renewals, supporting informed maintenance planning, effective consultant engagement, and more durable project outcomes. Practical wildfire-resilient detailing is also covered, including non-combustible roof and wall assemblies, ember-resistant vents and soffits, improved air-sealing, and cladding/interface upgrades that reduce ignition risk and extend building survivability during wildfire exposure. 9. Supporting Inclusion when Safety is of Concern: <i>Room 6&7</i> Practical and Statutory Considerations (<i>Part 1</i>) Presenter: Vince White, Director – Provincial School Outreach This session will explore both statutory and practical considerations for rare circumstances in which supporting a student's inclusion is raising concerns about their safety and/or the safety of others. The presentation will include a framework for supporting balanced decision making that is informed by statutory obligations. Session attendees will gain insight into what decisions school leaders need to make regarding safety and inclusion and how this shapes some of the requests facilities personnel receive. (See session 13 for Part 2)	

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- 3:15pm – 5:00pm 10. Energy Manager Round Table *Room 2&3*
Chair: Adrian Pettyfor, Energy Manager, SD#43 Coquitlam and Aron Garrecht, BC Hydro
11. Maintenance Round Table *Room 1*
Chair: Justin Taylor, SD#68 Nanaimo/Ladysmith
12. Operations/Custodial Round Table *Room 5*
13. What Happens Outside the Classroom: *Room 6&7*
A School Leader's Perspective on Inclusion and Safety (*Part 2*)
Presenter: Sydney Harrison, Vice-principal – Provincial School Outreach
- Inclusive education extends beyond classrooms into hallways, resource rooms, playgrounds, and shared spaces often managed by facilities and safety teams. Drawing on experience as a school vice-principal and counsellor in the inclusive and Indigenous education contexts, this session examines how physical environments influence regulation, behaviour, safety and relationships. Participants will explore how design choices, lighting, layout, equipment, and supervision affect escalation and risk, and how unclear roles can unintentionally compromise safety. The session clarifies the difference between safety plans and behaviour plans and highlights how facilities and safety staff can proactively support inclusion while meeting occupational health and safety obligations.
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Reception
- 7:00pm – midnight Dinner, and Social *Penticton Trade and Convention Centre*
Sponsored by: **Proactive Hazmat & Environment**

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

- 9:00am – 10:30am 14. Disability Management: Learning from Case Studies *Room 1*
Presenter: Mark Somerville, Manager Health and Safety, SD#36 Surrey
- This session reviews four common disability management scenarios in education, including scent-related and lighting-related accommodations. Using real cases, participants will explore practical strategies for responding early, reducing barriers, and supporting safe, productive workplaces.
- 9:00am – 12:00pm 15. a) BCPSEA *Salon B*
b) School Protection Plan
c) Ministry Update

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