

TRADE CONTRACTORS DIVISION REPORT

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During 2006 the trade contractors division has been very active. We have completed and distributed the "Tip sheet" for job site security. Hopefully this initiative will help prevent theft on job sites.

I would also like to report that in April we had a special guest attending our meeting, Sylvia Bendo, the manager of the CREWS program [Construction Recruitment External Workers Services]. This program was set up in September 2001 to assist employers in hiring foreign workers. CREWS is a non-profit organization with its own board of directors and is not a placement or recruitment agency. Over 330 workers have been in the program since it started. Anyone requiring more information can go to the CREWS website at www.constructionworkers.ca.

We are presently working on improvements to change order processing and the misuse of change directives. From the time that change orders are issued to the time that they are processed and paid is taking much too long. Work that has been done in good faith often takes many months to collect and is often cut back in an effort to settle accounts. These lengthy delays are causing financial stress to the performing trades and I believe that through this initiative we can do a better job in resolving this issue. The committee and I hope that we can get the construction industry to dramatically improve on this issue.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee volunteers for their time, dedication and commitment throughout the past year as well as the staff of T.C.A. for their tireless support.

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