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**Welcome  
New Members**

## 2009 AWARDS



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## Resource

### **A message from Kim McKinney, TCA Executive Vice President**

**Mark your Calendars - Recession is over, Kids are back  
in school and TCA Tuesdays**

According to CIBC's chief economist Avery Shenfeld "Mark it on your calendar - the Canadian recession ended in June" - although we could go on for a few pages on whether or not the recession is technically and practically over, we believe we are far from out of the woods yet, with construction typically lagging the general economy and many of our members still looking for the light at the end of the tunnel.



I have a better reason to mark your calendars - we have set up a series of free information sessions called "*Public Sector Construction Project Opportunities*" for you to hear directly from Public Owners and Buyers of Construction on the plethora of opportunities to bid on public construction work. There are many public owners with large portfolios, mandates and ongoing capital budgets and for one reason or another are not on everyone's radar screens. There are other Public Owners which are benefiting directly from the stimulus funds and these in particular will have a short window of opportunity, given the tight deadline of March 31, 2011 imposed by the Federal government (see update in Infrastructure Canada article "Creating Jobs: Delivering Results"). We hope to

## Centre



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Construction in Ontario

TCA members are automatically members of the above National & Provincial associations.

Click images for respective newsletters & more details.

## COMEDY CORNER



Two blondes were working on a house. The one who was nailing down siding would reach into his nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over his shoulder or nail it in.

The other blonde, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, "Why are you throwing those nails away?"

The first blonde explained, "If I pull a

get both of these groups back on your radar screens so at a minimum you will know where the activity is and we hope successfully bid on some of this construction work.

Yesterday, I attended the first information session at the Marriott Downtown with a sold out crowd to hear Mike Greidanus, Senior Vice President of Ontario Realty Corporation, explain convincingly



that ORC has changed dramatically over the last few years on how they procure construction work and they are very much open for business and aligned with the industry. If you missed this one, don't worry as ORC will be back for two follow up events with TCA - see [attached flyer](#) for more information. As shown in the flyer, we have owners and buyers of construction from many facets including federal, provincial, transportation, waterfront, infrastructure, colleges and universities and municipalities. I would encourage you to read the most recent issue of [Builders Digest](#) entitled "[Opportunity Building - Finding work in a troubled economy](#)" and watch for our next issue which will continue to focus on guiding our members out of the recession and finding construction opportunities - the light at the end of the tunnel.

Don't forget to mark your calendars!

Respectfully,

Kim McKinney

## In The News

nail out of my pouch and it's pointed TOWARD me, I throw it away 'cause it's defective. If it's pointed toward the HOUSE, then I nail it in!"


The second blonde got really upset and yelled, " You MORON!!! The nails pointed toward you aren't defective! They're for the OTHER side of the house!!".



For more information on upcoming sessions, starting September 15th please click [here](#).

**TO REGISTER:**

Please contact Barbara Mirsky at (416) 499-4000 ext. 102 or via email at [bmirsky@tcaconnect.com](mailto:bmirsky@tcaconnect.com)

 **Infrastructure Canada Creating Jobs: Delivering Results**

Infrastructure Canada has just released its second e-newsletter. The newsletter includes information on the following: Federal Infrastructure Funding, The Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, The Accelerated Build Canada Fund and The Communities Component of the Build Canada Fund. For full release click [here](#).

**Finance Minister Says Expect to See More Construction.....compliments of CCA**

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said recently that Canadians should expect to see more backhoes, trucks and hard hats in their travel as funds from Ottawa's \$46.6-billion Canadian stimulus program finally begin to manifest as construction projects in the cross-country economy.....For full release click [here](#).

**Construction in Ontario.....compliments of COCA**

For a look at the latest "Construction in Ontario"

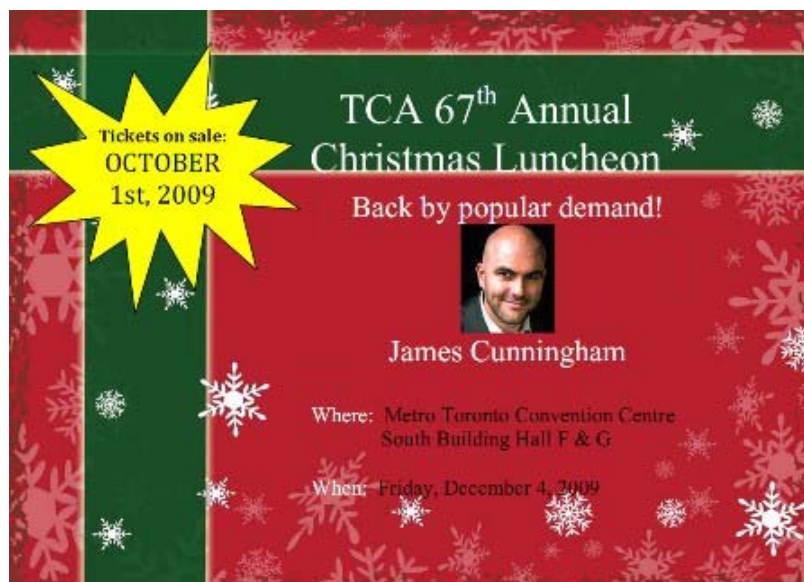
Newsletter please click [here](#).

**RAYMOND JAMES**

**Economic Backdrop**  
by: Don Ogden, CFA

This is a summary of key economic assumptions underpinning our investment strategy. The forecast for the United States is provided by Raymond James' Chief economist Dr. Scott Brown. The Canadian and global forecast are modeled from input provided by a variety of sources. For full release click [here](#).

### Upcoming Events



The poster features a red and green background with white snowflake patterns. A yellow starburst on the left contains the text: "Tickets on sale: OCTOBER 1st, 2009". The main text reads: "TCA 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Luncheon" followed by "Back by popular demand!". Below this is a small portrait of James Cunningham, with his name underneath. At the bottom, it lists the location: "Where: Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building Hall F & G" and the date: "When: Friday, December 4, 2009".

Friday, December 4, 2009  
MTCC - South Building, Exhibit Halls F & G  
**REGISTRATION OPENS - OCTOBER 1, 2009**  
For more information click [here](#).



Your Toronto Argos Proudly Present...  
**Toronto Construction Association Day**



Join TCA for a night out at the Rogers Centre to watch the [Toronto Argonauts](#) take on their arch-rivals, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats! Sit and network with other TCA

members. Game is Friday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. Contact Polyanna Fok at [pfok@tcaconnect.com](mailto:pfok@tcaconnect.com) or (416) 499-4000 ext. 115 for details on how to reserve your seat! Tickets still available!!!

Would your company like to compete in the first annual Construction Cup October 2nd? [Contact the Argonauts directly.](#)



Over 90% SOLD OUT

For more information please click [here](#).



Click on image for more details  
**RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!**

An evening to remember - click [here](#) to see a video of one of our past gala events.

**Members Supporting Members**



### Which one are you?

Members asked me why the four guys in the 2009 membership campaign logo? I ask them back.....who do you think they look like? To find out more click [here](#).



### Volunteers needed

October 19th to October 23rd - just one day within this week from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Polyanna at (416) 499-4000 ext. 115 for more information or via email at [pfok@tcaconnect.com](mailto:pfok@tcaconnect.com)



### Prize donations wanted

To contribute a prize donation, please contact David at (416) 499-4000 ext. 105 or via email at [dfroese@tcaconnect.com](mailto:dfroese@tcaconnect.com)



To visit our MCA office or for more information about this location please contact Kristina at (905) 567-1077 or via email at [kkouznetsova@tcaconnect.com](mailto:kkouznetsova@tcaconnect.com)

**Education / Continuing Professional Development**

## Mark Your Calendar!

### **COURSE**

#### [Help with Green Building Rating Systems](#)

Mon., Sept. 14 - Oct. 26

#### [Blueprint Reading & Estimating Level 1](#)

Tues., Sept. 15 - Nov. 17

#### [Construction Law](#)

Wed., Sept. 23 - Nov. 25

#### [Planning & Scheduling for Contractors](#)

Thurs., Sept. 24 - Nov. 26

### **PROGRAM**

#### [The Leadership Challenge](#)

Wed., Oct. 28 - Fri., Oct. 30

### **SEMINAR**

#### [Leed for Construction](#)

Thurs., Sept. 24 & Nov. 26

For more information on The Construction Institute of Canada and detailed information on the list of 2009 course and seminar offerings please contact:

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**TCA Advantage Club**



To see how this exciting program can benefit you, become an Advantage Club member today. To view the many opportunities for significant discounts and special offers please click [here](#).

### Top Five Savings For Consumers

[Ontario Place](#) continues to offer up to 40% off on regular admission. The Toronto Argonauts' season is well underway and Advantage Club members [save up to 24%](#) on seats and why not consider a [luxury suite](#) for your corporate event? [Canada's Wonderland](#) tickets are offered once again to Advantage Club members at up to 40% off per visit. Advantage Club members can also save up to 35% off on CNE admission, [click here](#) to order yours today! [Mark's Work Wearhouse](#) offers 10% off almost everything in the store, everytime!

### Top Five Savings For Business

Ask if your company is using [Petro Canada Superpass](#) - your company receives a 2.4 cent dividend for each litre purchased. [Park 'N Fly](#) still gives TCA Advantage Club members the exclusive rate of 25% off. Get the lowest possible car rental rate at [Thrifty](#) even during peak periods. Save thousands of dollars on fleet vehicles purchased at selected [Chrysler](#) dealerships. [Choice Hotels](#) offers excellent rates at over 270 locations in Canada!

Don't forget to [sign up for your Advantage Club account](#) if you haven't already!

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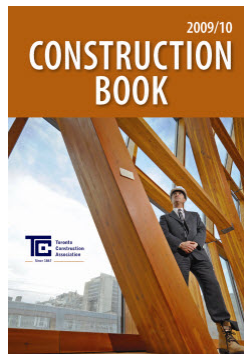


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The 2009/10 Construction Book is now available! A copy is currently being mailed to each member company. If you would like a copy for yourself please order online or visit TCA at 70 Leek Crescent, Richmond Hill, Ontario.



**A+Network joins the TCA Advantage Club as a new partner**

A service agreement was recently signed by our President, John Mollenhauer and Martin Leblanc, Managing Director of A+Network, to offer our Platinum membership with discounted services in the following areas; wireless, office supplies, websites, courier, transport, and long distance calling. They are represented locally by Diana Petrini (416) 527-2446 and Jeffrey Ethier (647) 222-2050, who will be contacting you in the near future to inform you on how you can benefit from their offer. Should you like to reach them in the meanwhile, you may call their toll free number at (877) 567-7632. More information to follow.

**Project Bid Opportunities**



The TCA & MCA [Physical Plans Rooms](#) are for contractors and suppliers to view construction drawings & specifications [out for tender](#).



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For more information on our featured project click [here](#) or contact:

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Don't Forget you can also visit our Mississauga Construction Association Plans Room, located at 1900 Minnesota Court, Unit 122 (401 & Mississauga Road) and view all project drawings, specifications, addenda's document centre, affidavit & oath services all free to our basic membership & plans room subscribers.



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## Young Construction Executives' Club



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