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PROMPT PAYMENT AND ADJUTICATION ACT RECEIVES ROAL ASSENT

Fredericton, NB – It is a historical day for the Construction Association of New Brunswick and the entire construction industry of our province, Bill 42 - Construction Prompt Payment and Adjudication Act received Royal Assent on Friday June 16th and is now law.

Contractors in New Brunswick have been financing the projects they've been building for far too long and CANB believes that Prompt Payment is a winning formula for every part of an ethical construction industry. We want this legislation to be applied to all construction contracts in New Brunswick because we believe in business fairness.

CANB President Andrew Myers said this is an important and exciting day in the right direction for our industry.

"Prompt Payment legislation will help ensure contractors and sub-contractors are being paid on time during the construction process," said Myers

"Delayed payments create significant cashflow struggles for contractors. This legislation will help make sure payments flow in an orderly, expected, and timely system" he continued. "Cashflow is king in our industry, and we've long advocated for this legislation since it's not unusual to have to wait 120 days or more for payment, getting those timelines reduced will allow our members to re-invest in their companies, grow our industry and grow New Brunswick."

Bill 42 would guarantee payment to general contractors within 28 days of an invoice being issued, and subcontractors within 7 days. Once this legislation is 'in force', this will bring New Brunswick in line with other provinces throughout Canada, including in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta that currently have Prompt Payment working to protect their industry.

"We would like to thank all members of the Provincial legislature who helped deliver on a commitment that the industry has been working towards for years. There is still a lot of work to do in finalizing the prompt payment and adjudication regime, and we remain committed to ensuring all construction contracts issued in the province are required to adhere to the legislation." said Myers.