



## **1.4 50/50 Draw**

Winner of the 50/50 draw (\$42.00) was Sarah Walder of The Glass Guild.

- There was also a denim shirt donated by AFG which Elaine from Grant Metal won.
- Ferlin also won a \$50.00 gift certificate for Petro Canada

## **1.5 Committee Reports**

### **1.5.1 CCA**

- Nothing to report

### **1.5.2 Treasurer/Membership – Ron Walder**

- 51 companies have paid dues
- 1 interested new company

### **1.5.3 Newsletter – Dan Taylor**

- Next years newsletter chair will start collecting info as soon as this year is finished.

### **1.5.4 Guest Speaker – Merit contracting**

- Employees will be harder to find in 10 years
- Foreign workers are doing well
- Government applications for foreign workers is so behind that they are now opening mail from Dec.
- The current Calgary boom is broader then the last one (early 80's)

### **1.5.5 ABEC**

- Nothing to report

### **1.5.6 Social Events – Greg West**

- Golf tourney
  - Action: Rob needs to get contact info so we can invite GTA to the golf tourney
  - June 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am start
  - Looking for sponsors
  - Grant is already sponsoring breakfast

### **1.5.7 Safety – Ray Greenland**

- Report attached

### **1.5.8 Education - William**

- No report

### **1.5.9 Certificate of Leadership/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Marg Townsend**



# Glass & Architectural Metals Association

C/O Calgary Construction Association

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- **Looking for volunteers to be on the committee**
  - **Call Marg if you are interested at 444-3648**

## **1.5.10 Past President**

- No Report

## **1.5.11 Webmaster**

- No report

## **1.5.12 New business**

- **We are setting premiums aside for insurance next year**
- **Youth employment program**
  - **Our display looks good**
  - **Looking for volunteers on May 16<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Also on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April**

## **1.5.13 PGAA –Stephen Hargrove**

- No report

## **1.12 Meeting Adjournment**

Chris George motioned to adjourn the meeting. Keith Pynoo seconded. Motion carried



April 12, 2007

**Glass and Architectural Metals Association  
April General Meeting**

**Safety Chairman Report**

The City of Calgary released an advisory bulletin last month outlining the recommended practices for contractors involved in high rise construction in the city of Calgary. This advisory was released to help prevent the re-occurrence of the incident that happened on the Livingston tower complex project in February 2007 (see attached document).

OH&S is currently investigating the non-fatal injury accident that occurred on the Homburg-Harris, where a 24 year female cement /concrete finisher fell thru a duct access hole on the eleven floor down to the ninth floor on the 31st of March, she was last reported in critical condition, but is expected to make a full recovery.

OH&S has issued a stop work order on the project until further notice and their investigation has been completed .Charges and fines are pending

The new Occupational Health and Safety regulations are coming into full effect as of February 1, 2007; this allows OH&S to enforce penalties and fines for non-fatal and fatal accidents. For further information, visit: [www.worksafely.org](http://www.worksafely.org)

St. John Ambulance has provided GAMA with First Aid training & Whmis training for a reduced rate of \$90.00 for first aid standard level A and \$54.00 for Whmis training. They will also offer a discount 25% for work place and personal First Aid Kits  
Contact St.John Ambulance @ (403)250-2922

Respectively yours,

Ray Greenland  
2007 GAMA Safety Chairman



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# Advisory Bulletin

March 2007

**Subject:**

**Securing of construction material in high rise buildings**

**Background:**

A recent incident involving wind blown construction material falling from the roof of a high rise building in Calgary and onto the site below and into adjacent property has prompted the issue of this bulletin.

Current construction practice for securing of materials especially in high rise construction must be reviewed by contractors. An example of current practices that should be reviewed is the practice of spiking down plywood sheets. In a high wind situation this may not be adequate to secure the sheets. Any materials that may be dislodged or moved when exposed to wind are to be properly secured or removed to a safer location.

In accordance with sentence 1.2.5.2.(2) of the 1997 Alberta Building Code "the owner shall ensure that work undertaken does not damage or create a hazard to adjacent properties". Materials being blown loose and falling onto adjacent properties would constitute creating a hazard to adjacent property. Part 8 of the Alberta Building Code also regulates Safety Measures at Construction and Demolition Sites.

**Advisory:**

Practices such as the following are to be considered for high buildings and high wind situations:

- Use of ratchet tie down straps to prevent sheet materials from being distributed by wind both during and after work hours
- Placing materials out of wind exposure
- Removal to ground of materials no longer needed or in excess of what is needed during and after work hours
- Removal of debris throughout work shift and a scan of the work area at end of shift
- Posting of signage at potential high wind locations to remind workers of procedures for securing of materials.

Securing of materials and safety procedures developed are also to be done in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2006 – 189

"If a worker may be injured if equipment or material is dislodged, moved, spilled or damaged, both the employer and the worker must take all reasonable steps to ensure the equipment or materials is contained, restrained or protected to eliminate the potential danger"

**Note:** This Advisory Bulletin is issued by City of Calgary, Building Regulations Division. It is to be distributed with permits for high rise construction and to be distributed by inspectors to constructors of high rise buildings