

# Transformative Year

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**T**his past year has been one of transformation for both the Mechanical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan (MCAS) and the industry we proudly serve. From a leadership transition and new board directors to new initiatives, we've embraced change with a renewed focus on strengthening our association, raising industry standards and ensuring our members are equipped for long-term success.

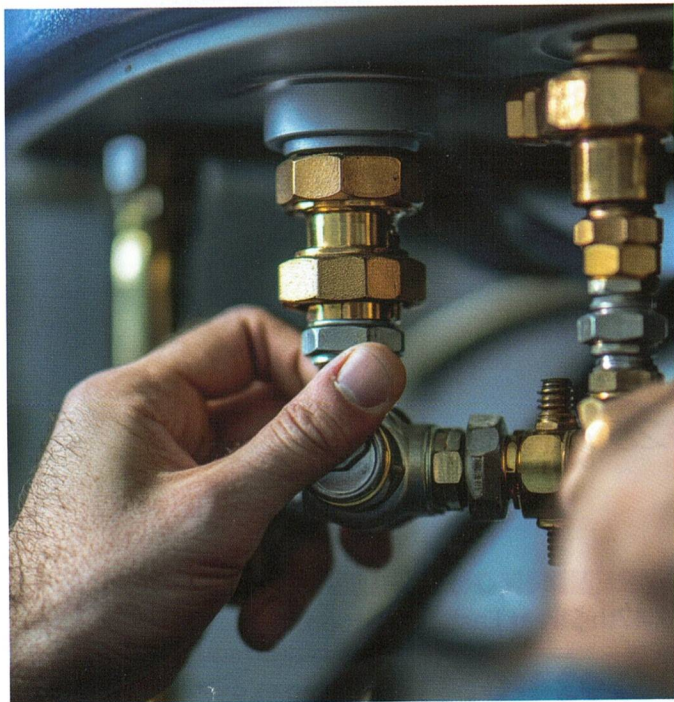
One of the most significant actions we took in 2025 has been the launch of our self-governance initiative. This is a step forward in empowering our industry and elevating its professionalism. Self-governance is a long-term vision, and I'd like to thank the MCAS team and our members across the province for their engagement and input as we explore this path together. We've seen success in the past with our lobbying efforts in securing prompt payment legislation and the expansion of the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan, so we know innovative ideas can be achieved when we all work together.

We've also celebrated community and connection. From the successful launch of LobsterFEST with our partners at SMART Local 296 to our Membership Appreciation BBQ, our events have helped bring members together to strengthen our association.

As a board, we remain focused on strategic leadership as we continued our work engaging with the provincial government and our partners this past year. Our ongoing meetings with Saskatchewan Apprenticeship to address the general gasfitter shortage by advocating for the training format to be more streamlined and accessible following the four-year journeyman course, have been productive. We were also fortunate to be invited to have a seat on the newly formed Construction Roundtable. The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement is listening to our advocacy efforts around hiring Saskatchewan companies for major projects and simplifying the procurement process so our members can bid on them. Our collaboration with government bodies, industry stakeholders and educational institutions has never been more important.

We remain committed to innovation, education and advocacy moving forward. We will continue to evolve our training programs, grow our membership and work toward our strategic goals, ensuring the needs of our contractors remain front and centre.

Thank you to our members for your continued support, participation and belief in the value of our association. Your voices guide our direction, and don't forget, we are here to help your business. ■



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