

WeirFoulds Partner Glenn Ackerley comments on proposed changes to *Ontario Construction Act*

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Partner Glenn Ackerley, Chair of WeirFoulds' Construction Practice Group, was quoted in [an article](#) written by Mark Buckshon for *Ontario Construction News* on December 4th, 2023.

The article summarizes a "Construction Law Update" panel that Glenn moderated during The Buildings Show 2023 on Wednesday, November 29th, where panellists discussed legal and regulatory issues relating to occupational health and safety, contracts, experts, adjudication and mediation.

Glenn discussed the 86 suggested changes to the *Ontario Construction Act* that are currently under review by the Government of Ontario. The suggested changes are designed to address various issues with the legislation, which first went into effect in 2018 and 2019, and were advocated for by Glenn in a report that was submitted to the Attorney General of Ontario in order to ensure that the Act is "working for everyone."

Based on "meetings with the senior policy people in the government," Glenn explained that "they're working on a process internally at this point to figure out how best to tackle the problem of making these changes." He is optimistic that these changes can be made by the end of 2024, stating that he hopes "we'll be able to report on changes that are being made to the *Construction Act* to actually fix some of these problems" during The Building Show 2024.

A construction lawyer with almost 35 years of experience, Glenn is regularly consulted about negotiating and preparing construction and consultant contracts, procurement and tendering issues, and risk avoidance strategies, and was a member of the Expert Panel's Advisory Group on changes to Ontario's *Construction Liens Act*. Glenn sits on the National Advisory Council of the Canadian Construction Association, and is a Past Chairman of the Board of the Toronto Construction Association.

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