



June 16, 2016

Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General
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Dear Minister Naqvi,

On behalf of Prompt Payment Ontario (PPO), I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment as Attorney General of Ontario. Given your previous role as Minister of Labour, the severe issues related to delinquent payment in Ontario are likely familiar to you.

PPO is a sole-purpose coalition of trade contractor associations, unions, suppliers, general contractors, pension trust funds, and is open to anyone else who has an interest in seeing prompt payment legislation enacted in the Province of Ontario.

The intent of this letter is to inform you of all previous communications between our coalition and the Attorney General's office to help ensure that there are no further delays in getting the Construction Lien Act Review's Report to the public. The Ontario construction industry is dependent on legislative changes that are effectively put on hold without the release of the Report. Delinquent payment is an urgent issue that impacts more and more businesses and families as time goes on.

The organizations that make up Prompt Payment Ontario have been supportive of the processes surrounding the creation of prompt payment legislation in Ontario – beginning with Bill 69 in 2013. Our members have participated in consultations and have provided ongoing assistance with the CLA Review. Our participation in this process was based on the understanding that the Review's Report would be released promptly upon completion. However, in addition to the numerous delays the Review faced, in both its initial start as well as its completion, the Report continues to be kept from the public. Our trade contractors, labour organizations, suppliers and workers are losing faith in the Ministry to do the right thing.

As you are aware, the office of the Attorney General received the CLA Review on May 2nd, and it has since been translated, yet no timeline for release has been announced. The Government has had sufficient time to process the Report and we ask that the same consideration be given to those directly affected by the Report's outcomes.

Given that the House has now adjourned until September 12th, 2016, we ask that the Report be made public immediately, or at the very least, that the Report be made available to an advisory council so that those previously involved in the consultations for the Review have time to process the findings and consult with their memberships accordingly.

Representatives of Prompt Payment Ontario would like to request a meeting with you to help brief you on previous communications with the Attorney General's office and discuss how we can move forward on this important issue. Please contact Ashley at 647-317-9057 or ashley@impactcanada.com to arrange a meeting with our group.

Sincerely,

Ron Johnson
Director, Prompt Payment Ontario

Encl.:

1. Letter to Minister Meilleur, May 31st
2. Prompt Payment Ontario Briefing Document, May 11th
3. Letter to MPPs, March 17th