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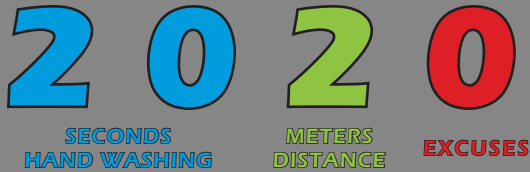
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The world has been stunned by a pandemic, leaving us in a surreal and rapidly changing environment while we search for the right answers to allow the construction industry to continue as an essential service vs. safeguarding the health of all.

What was once inconceivable is now the new normal.



Adoption of IPD in Canada Research Initiative

The University of British Columbia (UBC) has completed the third and final forum in a series of three held in Toronto, Vancouver, and Calgary. This series of workshops was run as part of their investigation into the adoption of IPD in Canada. Workshops opened with a very brief IPD 101, a morning research workshop with the UBC team, and a panel Q & A with industry experts. The research portion of these forums were only open to Canadian building and infrastructure Owners to allow for candid conversations to better understand the factors that facilitate owner adoption of IPD while to identifying the barriers, challenges, benefits and opportunities associated with it.

The UBC research team will now take their findings and begin the second phase of the initiative to compile and publish their findings which will be made available to IPDA members. This is a unique IPD initiative as it is focused only on Canadian projects. This research is led by the UBC and is sponsored by the IPDA.

IT IS A DIFFICULT TIME

Things are changing rapidly, both for Canadians and for the world in general during this COVID-19 pandemic. The agenda for the IPDA Board of Directors meeting in March was prepared and centered around approving our budget, setting travel and expense policies, and an in-depth update on the planning of our Bootcamps, (the first of which was scheduled for Kamloops in April).

From the issuance of the agenda to the time of the meeting the focus in Canada had changed drastically and, while budgets were discussed, the need to protect the health of both our Board Members and potential Bootcamp attendees was at the forefront of our minds. As such, like many of our Canadian Colleagues, it was decided that there would be no more travel for IPDA business for our Board Members until recommendations regarding non-essential travel and social distancing are less restrictive.

As a result, the IPDA Bootcamps scheduled for Kamloops in April and Toronto in June are being deferred to later dates (as of yet to be determined).

This is not a time for business as usual.

We are hoping to run additional events in the fall and will be monitoring the recommendations of the health authorities for the opportunity to schedule them - stay tuned to the events page on our website!

That does not, however, mean that we are not here for you in the now.

Your IPDA Board Members are still working to champion IPD, even in these tough times, and come up with creative new opportunities to support our membership. We have started the internal dialogue as to how we can serve you well and have a few ideas up our sleeves. Watch the Events Page of our website for creative new Members Only events that will be coming up.

In the meantime, if you have individual questions for any of our board members, you can find their contact information on our website at <https://www.ipda.ca/about-us/board-members/>. We encourage you, when time allows, to reach out directly or familiarize yourself with some of the many resources for self-education on our website.

In the meantime, stay healthy as many of you are likely transitioning to working from home, and spread a little kindness along the way!

The list of those that are working hard to keep us safe and healthy is extensive - do your part.

Stay safe, spread kindness!

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