



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## The United Brotherhood of Carpenters Recognizes Contractors who are 'Building Your Community'.

**This first-ever recognition program in Canada spotlights community minded contractors who are playing their part to build communities throughout Canada.**

**Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2023:** Calling attention to the growing problem of construction industry tax fraud, The United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) proudly inaugurates the '[Community Builder](#)' recognition campaign to shine a light on some of the many contractors who play by the rules, honouring their steadfast dedication to fair practices, worker rights, and industry excellence.

Construction industry tax fraud, labour trafficking and the underground economy hurt everyone and cost the Canadian economy billions. According to Statistics Canada, the gross domestic product (GDP) at market prices for underground economic activity in Canada was estimated to be \$68.5 billion, or 2.7% of the total GDP, in 2021.

The recognition program launched in Canada is part of a broader annual industry campaign titled '**Construction Industry Tax Fraud Days of Action**,' where carpenters and millwrights throughout Canada and the United States are combating tax fraud in the construction industry and calling on municipal, provincial, state and federal governments to partner with them and take steps to tackle this growing issue.

The '**Community Builder**' recognition campaign in 2023 recognizes carpenters and millwrights and their contractor partners in UBC's five councils in Canada, including Atlantic Canada Regional Council of Carpenters, Millwrights & Allied Workers, Conseil Régional Québécois, National Construction Council, Millwright Regional Council and Carpenters Regional Council.

Listed below are the recipients of this recognition in our Atlantic Canada region:.

- Arsenault Brothers
- Black and McDonald
- Century Exteriors
- Driver Industrial Limited
- Dunbar Construction
- Lindsay Construction
- Morris Construction
- Olympic Construction
- Spanish Harbour
- Springhill Construction



## QUOTE

“Congratulations to all the well-deserving contractors in Atlantic Canada. These ethical and trusted contractors build communities by following fair practices, worker rights, and industry excellence, and are paving the way for all contractors to follow.”

**Deb Romero, Atlantic Canada Regional Council EST (Executive Secretary-Treasurer)**

## Links

[StopTaxFraud.ca](http://StopTaxFraud.ca)

<https://www.carpenters.org/tax-fraud-2/>

<https://www.ubccanadiandistrict.ca>

## Social Media

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/UBCJA\\_Official](https://twitter.com/UBCJA_Official)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CarpentersUnited>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/unitedbrotherhoodofcarpenters/>

## About The United Brotherhood of Carpenters

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) is one of North America’s largest building-trades unions, with over a half million members working in the construction and wood-products industries. The UBC is committed to providing the next generation of construction professionals with the tools and resources they need to succeed in a demanding and competitive business.

With more than 140 years of experience in the construction industry, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) provides unmatched support for their members, highly skilled tradespeople for contractors, and leadership for the industry.

## About the Construction Industry Tax Fraud Days of Action

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) has more than 500,000 members throughout the United States and Canada. Affiliates of the UBC have led the way in exposing cheaters and educating taxpayers and government representatives about the real harm that comes from construction industry employer tax fraud.

Every year, UBC runs a campaign to highlight the issue of tax fraud and the underground economy in the construction industry.

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