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## NTCCC Continues Push for Legislated Prompt Payment

Last week, Sen. Donald Plett outlined his frustration in the Winnipeg Free Press with the lack of movement in the House of Commons on his private members bill to ensure prompt payment on federal construction projects, which was unanimously passed by the Senate of Canada on May 4, 2017. NTCCC has been engaged in ongoing discussions with federal officials to support a legislative solution to the prominent issue of payment delays.

Late in 2017, the Ontario government passed Bill 142, a first of its kind act that will ensure promptness of payment on construction projects in that province.

Members of the National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC) want to see a quick resolution and are grateful to the Senator, and other key champions for helping the Bill get to the House of Commons.

“We are working with the Government of Canada and the Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to pass legislation that addresses concerns of all stakeholders as soon as possible” says John Galt, Council Chairman.

“We have told the government that passing binding legislation in the near future is crucial because nothing else will work to solve the problem”.

Senator Plett knows that passing a bill is vital and that trade contractors, suppliers, their employees and families have been waiting a long time for government action. “We are very close to having this solution and look forward to legislation being debated in the House of Commons so we see improvements before the end of this government’s mandate,” said Galt.

“Momentum has built on this issue and with legislation passed in Ontario and coming forward soon in other jurisdictions we will continue to encourage the federal government to move forward quickly,” he concluded.

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