

Final Report – November 25, 2019: Bricklayer

The Bricklayer TAC was mandated to review the current trade regulatory provisions and the NSCC Pre-apprenticeship program as well as enhance trade participation and the brand image. The review portion of the work is complete, and the trade participation and brand image work are ongoing through working groups.

Through outreach and partnership engagement, the committee undertook a variety of activities including attracting over 700 high school students to the Bricklaying “Try a Trade Booth” at the 2019 National Skills Competition. Employers are now offering summer employment and work experience in the Bricklayer trade through the Building Futures for Youth. An interactive demonstration pilot was developed for use in High School Skilled Trade Centres providing the opportunity for students and employer journeypersons to engage, interact and experience the trade as part of career exploration. The 2020/2021 Academic year will offer a new Brick and Stone Masonry program at NSCC, at standard tuition, and with new content and better work placement timing. The review of regulatory provisions is complete, and the industry has agreed to increase block levy to fund youth programs and provide sustainable support for the next generation of Bricklayers.

The work of this TAC has been concluded.