



Katz hopes NDP's big win in city will help crumbling roads get fixed

Courtesy of The Winnipeg Free Press

Mayor Sam Katz hopes the NDP's big win in Winnipeg will mean the province will work to address concerns about the city's crumbling roads.

Katz said he's not surprised by the NDP's historic win, and phoned Premier Greg Selinger Tuesday night to congratulate him on the victory. Katz said he will continue to work with the province to address civic concerns, such as cracked sidewalks and "rotting" infrastructure.

"Where the NDP was strongest was certainly in the city. So I would like to think they are genuinely concerned about the people who got them elected and will work with us to address those concerns," Katz said, following this morning's executive policy committee meeting.

Katz has been at odds with the province over the best way to fund municipal infrastructure.

The city has badgered the province for a one-point share of the existing PST to help fix Winnipeg's crumbling roads. Katz, some members of council and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities tried to make it an election issue, and Katz said most of council was disappointed that the city's infrastructure was not a priority for political parties.

Last week, Transcona Coun. Russ Wyatt told reporters that the city may have to eventually close roads and bridges that are falling apart if nothing is done to address the issue.

"We will continue to dialogue with the provincial government," Katz said. "The reality is there's something wrong and something has to be done about it."

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Campaign 2011: Make a Deal – Get it Done!

NDP Wins Majority Government

The MHCA would like to congratulate Premier Greg Selinger and the New Democratic Party on their election victory on October 4th.

As you know, the MHCA launched a Public Relations campaign for the 2011 Manitoba Provincial Election, urging candidates and party leaders to make municipal infrastructure funding a major focus during their campaign drive.

We will continue to raise the profile of the imperatives associated with funding municipal infrastructure, knowing that Manitoba's municipal infrastructure deficit will reach \$13.4 billion within 10 years at current funding levels.

We look forward to working with the next Manitoba government on this important initiative.

NDP - 37 SEATS | PC - 19 SEATS | LIBERAL - 1 SEAT

FYI:

THE MHCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CHAIRMAN'S GALA IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 25TH – SAVE THE DATE AND WATCH THE HEAVY NEWS WEEKLY FOR MORE DETAILS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

MHCA Open House Generates Interest & Excitement



MHCA Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Dave Brown (Past Chair), Bob Reidy (Current Chair), Boris Gavrailoff (Past Chair), Don Eppler (Past Chair) and Cal Edie (Past Chair)

The MHCA officially opened its new facility on September 28th with an open house event that saw over 125 members and stakeholders drop in for a visit.

The new building will benefit all members, stakeholders and the public with two large training rooms, increased parking and increased visibility for all visitors.

If you would like to come visit and take a tour, drop in anytime during our office hours!



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UPCOMING MHCA/COMMITTEE MEETINGS :

MHCA Events Committee | Tuesday, October 11 | 12:00 Noon

Education Training & Gold Seal | Wednesday, October 12 | 8:00am

Aggregates | Tuesday, October 18 | 12:00 noon

Major Tendering Info Session | Tuesday, November 1 | 7:45am | CanadInns Polo Park

Informative Breakfast with Bob Brennan | Tuesday, November 8 | 7:45am | CanadInns Polo Park

Annual General Meeting | Friday, November 25 | 8:00am | Winnipeg Convention Centre

Note: All Meetings to be held at our new office at Unit 3 -1680 Ellice Avenue unless indicated.

BREAKFAST WITH LEADERS EVENT — NOVEMBER 1, 2011

New Government Tendering Policies

The Manitoba Government is committed to expanding the skills of the province's workforce and investing in capital projects.

To further this commitment, the following three policies have been implemented province-wide for tendering on publicly-funded capital works projects:

1. Tendering Requirements Policy - to ensure compliance with legislative and safety requirements
2. Apprenticeship Training and Development Policy - to increase employer participation in trades training and increase the number of apprentices in Manitoba
3. Aboriginal Persons Training and Development Policy - to increase Aboriginal participation in construction through training and development

PRESENTERS:

- Izabella Pokornowska, Treasury Board Secretariat,
- Gina Lovstad, Employment Standards Division, Labour and Immigration,
- Cordella Friesen, Apprenticeship Manitoba, Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade
- Cheryl Lavallee, Labour Market Skills Division, Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade

Location: CanadInns Polo Park — Ambassador 4 Room

Time: 7:30am Registration/7:45am Breakfast/8:00am Presentations

Price: \$30/person includes breakfast

To Register: Contact Christine Miller, MHCA Events Manager at 947-1379 or by email to christine@mhca.mb.ca

Global News takes Canada's Pulse – Infrastructure a major concern across the country

In an exclusive Global News poll, conducted by Ipsos Reid, thousands of Canadians were asked to share their thoughts on a myriad of subjects. Their feedback is revealed in Canada's Pulse, an in depth analysis into what Canadians are thinking.

The poll reveals, for example, that 95 per cent of people in New Brunswick and 94 per cent in Saskatoon think their communities are great places to live.

A whopping 92 per cent of Vancouver residents and 86 per cent of Toronto residents think their respective cities are too expensive to live in.

The results also show that infrastructure is a major concern in communities across the country.

In the poll, 15 per cent of the respondents identified infrastructure as the most important local issue facing their communities.

That made it the top local concern along with healthcare (15 per cent), ahead of the economy (12 per cent), city taxes (11 per cent) and crime (eight per cent).

Darrell Bricker of Ipsos Reid says infrastructure issues are "plaguing cities right across the country," and he attributes the problem to a mix of growing urban populations and dwindling government funding.

"The last decade in which more people lived in rural areas than in urban areas was the 1920's. Ever since then, people have been moving from rural areas to cities — and immigrants have been settling there too," he told GlobalNews.ca.

"Most of the cities' infrastructure was built immediately after the Second World War. Demographics were different then.

"The federal government is no longer involved with funding infrastructure, and the provinces are trying to meet healthcare costs," he added.

"That means infrastructure becomes the responsibility of the municipalities -- and they just don't have the tax base to address the issue.

"So, when people say infrastructure is a problem you can look at them and say, 'Yeah, you're right!'"

In Montreal — where 35 per cent of respondents identified infrastructure as the most pressing local issue — Mayor Gerald Tremblay is trying to reassure nervous residents, but he has his work cut out for him. A giant slab of concrete fell on an expressway in the city just a few months ago.

"The problem is just going to get worse," said Bricker.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos Reid poll conducted between August 26 to September 1, 2011 on behalf of Global Television. For this survey, a sample of 6,883 Canadians was used from Ipsos' Canadian online panel.

A survey with an unweighted probability sample of this size and a 100% response rate would have an estimated margin of error of:

+/-4.8 percentage points for each individual city/region, 19 times out of 20, of what the results would have been had the entire population of that particular city or region been polled;

+/-1.2 percentage points for the national Canadian population, 19 times out of 20, of what the results would have been had the entire population of adults living in Canada been polled.



Brazil: Ocean of Opportunity

By Peter Hall, Vice-President and Chief Economist of Export Development Canada

Soaring over the giant city of Sao Paulo, one gets an instant impression that Brazil is on the move. Among the endless sea of buildings there are ample new construction projects. Roads are jammed full of commuters, and are being upgraded to accommodate even more. Industry continues adding to last year's surge, leaving its telltale brown smudge on the sunlit skyline. Is the nascent grinding of the global economic gearbox a threat to this upbeat picture, or will Brazil's resilience persist?

Despite appearances, a palpable slowing is occurring. But unlike most other nations, the weakness is not imported. September exports are up 23% over last year's levels, and the trade balance remains healthy. But trade is just 24% of GDP, well under the emerging market average. Brazil's slowing is actually a domestic affair, concentrated in consumption and investment. What's going on?

At present, Brazil is suffering from its own success. Hit by shockwaves from the global recession in 2009, Brazil recovered in dramatic fashion last year, surging ahead by 7.5% for 2010 as a whole, and up 9.2% year-over-year in the first six months. The sudden rebound prompted sharp increases in prices, with consumer inflation well ahead of the target level by year-end. Worried, the central bank raised interest rates 200 basis points by July, and tightened by a further 150 basis points in the first half of 2011. This, together with a 20 per cent appreciation of the real has slowed Brazil's GDP growth to just 3.1 per cent in the second quarter of 2011.

The effect of high real interest rates is likely to weigh on growth for the remainder of the year, but the effects should dissipate, as the central bank has already begun to ease up. Brazil's potential growth, underpinned by huge private and public investment projects, suggests that near-term output should accelerate. But actual capacity to grow is another issue. The country faces labour market constraints, boasting a 6 per cent unemployment rate and an education system that is not delivering enough skilled graduates. Spending on infrastructure has slowed, causing concern about looming deadlines.

Internal pressures may be creating key opportunities for external customers. Many are beating a path to Brazil, seeing its huge domestic market and ambitious growth plans as a welcome change to conditions elsewhere. Canada is among



these visitors, with recent visits from the Prime Minister and senior cabinet members, and the creation of the Canada-Brazil CEO Forum underscoring the current and future importance of the Brazilian market to Canadian exporters and investors.

Over the past few years, Canadian interest in the Brazilian market has surged. Beset by stubborn strength of the loonie, Canadian exporters began to diversify sales. While merchandise exports to the US increased by a scant 0.7 per cent annually in the 2001-08 period, sales to Brazil were rocketing up at a 12 per cent pace. Primary goods played a role, but growth was broadly-based: high-end goods, now almost one-third of exports, rose on average by 19 per cent annually over this timeframe. Canadian businesses are also investing in Brazil, but at a slower pace, and in South America, the stock of investment is a distant second-place to Chile – there is clearly more potential here.

The bottom line? Brazil's economy has great near-term potential, and constraints to that growth are creating promising opportunities for Canadian businesses across a wide industrial spectrum.

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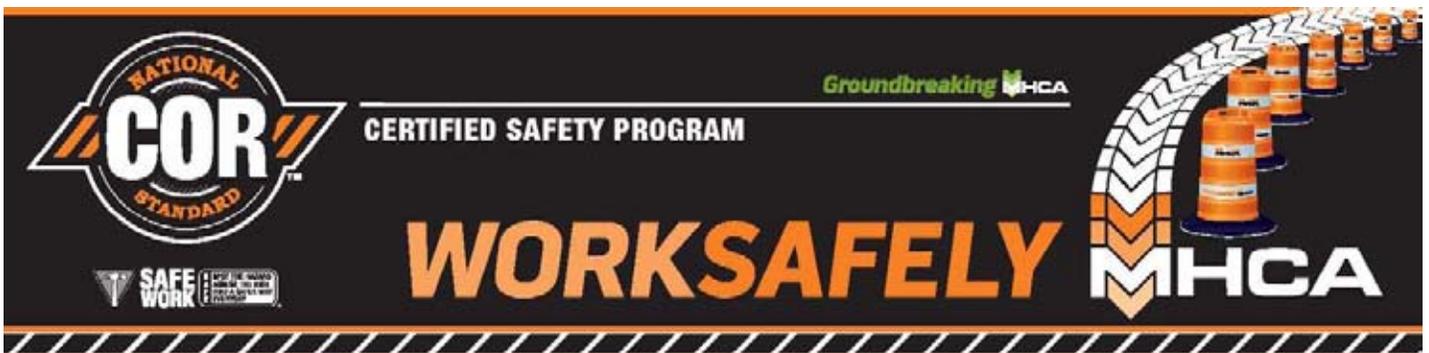
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September 21	WHMIS (1/2 day AM)/ TDG (1/2 Day PM)
September 22	COR™ Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)
September 23	Excavating & Trenching (1/2 day AM)
September 23	Flagperson (1/2 day PM)
September 23	First Aid 1 - CPR

Construction Safety Officer	
October 7	CSO Prep Course
October 28	CSO Exam

Winter Roads Training	
December 5-9	Thompson, MB

OCTOBER 2011	
October 3-4	COR™ Leadership
October 5	COR™ Principles
October 6-7	COR™ Auditor
October 11	Safe Work Procedures
October 12	Prime Contractor
October 13	Back Injury Prevention (1/2 day AM)
October 13	Fatigue Management (1/2 day PM)
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October 14	Toolbox Talks
October 17-18	Train the Trainer
October 19	WHMIS (1/2 day AM)/ TDG (1/2 day PM)
October 20	COR™ Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)
October 21	Excavating & Trenching (1/2 day AM)
October 21	Flagperson (1/2 day PM)
October 21	First Aid 1 - CPR

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