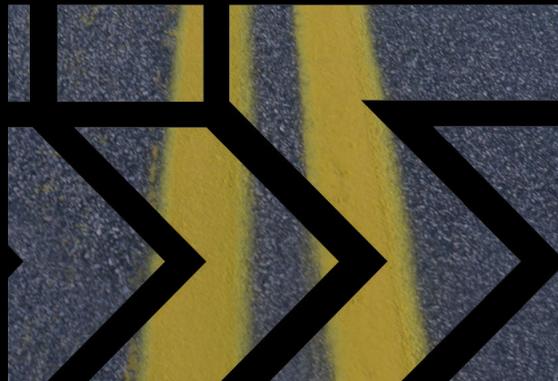




# 2017

ANNUAL REPORT



## WHO WE ARE

The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association speaks for the heavy construction contractors who build the roads, streets, bridges, sewer and water infrastructure, and the suppliers and associated businesses that support that work.

### We are heard

The MHCA has made its voice heard since its founding in 1943. We speak for the heavy construction industry in promoting sustainable and strategic investments in municipal, provincial and federal core infrastructure, to grow the economy.

### We are progressive

MHCA has led the province and nation with visionary, principled advocacy for sustained and strategic investment in core infrastructure to advance economic growth, in a manner consistent with the public best interest. The MHCA sets the standard for protecting workers, through its WORKSAFELY™ safety, health and leadership programs.

### We are influential

MHCA networks with over 45 stakeholders provincially and regionally, including a coalition of 6 leading Manitoba business organizations. We are a prominent member of the Canadian Construction Association, serving on its board and policy/advocacy committees.

### We are 75 years strong

In 2018, the MHCA celebrates 75 groundbreaking years, a history of principled work, solid advocacy with a growing membership that has allowed us to develop strong positions that have met the test of time and continue to underpin our achievements.

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# 1 MHCA'S GROUNDBREAKING IMPACT

## 12 MONTHS OF PROGRESS, 75 YEARS OF SUCCESS

A year-end review is a chance to look back, take stock, ask what we accomplished and where do we redouble our efforts. Nearing 2017's end, I can say there were some big achievements.

Let's start with Finance Minister Cameron Friesen's letter to MHCA that effectively declared Manitoba a 'no-go zone' for arbitrary reprisal clauses and local preference language in public tenders. We thank the Pallister government for what can be described as a "line in the sand" in defence of free trade.

MHCA members are to be congratulated on this historic declaration. It is your work in standing by a strong, principled position – one I am proud to note has been a long-standing pillar of MHCA's economic growth platform – that moved us past the goal post on obstructionist trade practices. Beyond the defence of free trade, it shows faith in the ability of our industry to compete, on a level playing field.

We have had other notable accomplishments in 2017. I would highlight that MHCA has:

- Reasserted the need to improve Winnipeg's procurement practices, something that was at risk of falling off the table, and for transparency in funding, and policy, of the local and regional street renewal program
- Advanced the work in the Capital Region for a regional transportation system, key to efficient movement of people and goods, to prepare for growth in population and trade opportunities
- Focused budget discussions at Manitoba Infrastructure on the 'big picture,' to leverage public-private investment in economic growth

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And we have solidified partnerships with leading business organizations. The value of engagement is seen in the Trudeau government's decision to pull back on planned changes to small-business taxes.

These accomplishments come from hard work, but also as the result of the strong foundation our members built over the decades with principled, progressive advocacy on trade, innovation and economic investment. Principles that, tested by time, have come out on the right side of history.

It is our 75th anniversary in 2018. Through the years, MHCA has charted a path others have followed.

From 1943 forward, MHCA has pushed governments to focus on a "return on investment" by the strategic use of public funds for Canada's transportation assets, the conduit of trade, domestically, continentally and globally. Our work and advocacy on national files have produced impressive results, some of which you can see in the following pages.

I think people should know this story. In our 75th year, the MHCA is planning to tell it. Our industry has played a central role in Manitoba and Canada's growth, in solidifying our national mythology. Our groundbreaking work moves the earth to strengthen the transportation links that keep the true North strong.



Greg Orbanski,  
Chair, MHCA



# 2017 MHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MHCA BOARD CHAIR

Greg Orbanski  
Tri-Line Construction Ltd.

### MHCA PRESIDENT

Chris Lorenc, B.A., LL.B.

### VICE CHAIR

Jack Meseyton, G.S.C.  
E.F. Moon Construction Ltd.

### MHCA SECRETARY/TREASURER

Nicole Chabot, G.S.C.  
L. Chabot Enterprises Ltd.

### MHCA IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Derek Walker, P. Eng, G.S.C.  
Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. –  
*Highways Division*

### AT LARGE

Robert Reidy, P.Eng.  
Taillieu Construction

Barry Arnason  
Arnason Industries Ltd.

Henry Borger, M. Sc., MBA  
Borland Construction Inc.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Orbanski  
Tri-Line Construction Ltd.

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SMS Equipment

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Lehigh Inland Group of  
Companies

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*Member - MHCA Winnipeg Committee*

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*Member - Education, Training & Gold Seal Committee*

Barry Arnason  
Arnason Industries Ltd.  
*Member - Executive Committee*

Derek Walker, P.Eng., G.S.C.  
Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.-  
*Highways Division Member - Executive Committee*

## PAST IS PROLOGUE – WE ARE READY FOR THE FUTURE

'Past is prologue' is a phrase that's been used for varied intent since Shakespeare first coined it. But we can agree that looking at history allows us to see patterns ahead. And I see that 75 years of accomplishment have paved a firm road ahead for the MHCA. So, while we cannot know all of what will come, I am confident our industry will embrace it, grow and, in keeping with the public best interest, continue to make our province and country stronger.

So let me say, first, congratulations. You, our members, have been careful, smart stewards of a legacy that matches the history of the most accomplished business organizations. That means we have a firm road ahead to lead us into our next 75 years.

MHCA's chairman, Greg Orbanski, has laid out for you the accomplishments of 2017. I want to describe where our work is continuing and the files we hold as our priorities in 2018.

First, the MHCA is pleased to see that the Manitoba government will not ascribe to the use of arbitrary reprisal or local preference clauses, which are inherently unfair and defeatist as a trade practices. But practices that obstruct free trade, preventing open, fair competitive bidding, remain in use in some jurisdictions. We plan to watch for and push back on those practices, wherever they emerge, in 2018.

Free, fair trade is a cornerstone MHCA principle. But for our economy to continue to grow, for Manitobans to prosper, the ground rules for business must also be rational and predictable, not arbitrary and shifting.

That, then, leads me to another priority. Securing access to this province's trove of aggregate resources – the foundation of public and private infrastructure assets – is a critical file. Our aggregate resources are at risk of sterilization in some municipalities as conflicting land uses are approved. A provincial advisory committee is in the midst of forming recommendations to the province that, we hope, will resolve these conflicts. If we don't get this right, and if the 'constructive denial' of legitimate applications to open new pits and quarries continues, everyone will pay a lot more to get the roads and highways built or repaired, to see new buildings rise and public amenities added to our communities.

I am mindful of the hard, successful work of MHCA's chairs, directors and presidents of the past. The principles they laid down guide us in forming new avenues of advocacy. In keeping with that, our priorities for 2018 include improving public procurement practices, to see early release of capital budgets and tender schedules; pressing for incremental increases to provincial highways capital budgets and for five-year program; vigilance of public tender practices to eliminate sole-sourcing; and release by the city and the province of their infrastructure investment deficits – we can't know if our trade-transportation assets are improving without a benchmark of their condition.

In the next pages, you'll see details of our priorities for 2018 and our partnerships in the community, along with a historical timeline of MHCA accomplishments. It's an acknowledgment that our influence is built on 75 years of hard work and foresight. As a prologue, it bodes well for what's to come.



Chris Lorenc, B.A., LL.B.  
President, MHCA



MHCA is founded; Scott Fowler named 1st Chair; Mb & Sask form Prairie Roadbuilders Assoc.	Red River Floodway opens, a 6-year project that moved 2.3 billion feet of earth		MHCA launches what is known now as WORKSAFELY™	Colleen Munro elected MHCA's 1st female chair, a 1st for heavy civil organizations in Canada	City task force (SIRP), co-chaired by MHCA President, issues call to fix Winnipeg's infrastructure deficit				
1943	1950s	1968	1983	1989	1993	1995	1997	1998	1999
	MHCA, via Prairie Roadbuilders, renews push for a national highway; TransCanada opens in 1962	MHCA champions TRIP/Canada, now basis of CCA's national advocacy	<b>WORKSAFELY</b>	MHCA national advocacy spurs federal launch of 1st Canada Infrastructure Works Program		Industry rallies during Flood of the Century; builds 42-kilometer Brunkild Z-Dike	MHCA publishes its 1st Equipment Rental Rates Guide; national COR™ program established		

## Setting our sights – MHCA 2018 priorities

- Increasing Manitoba Infrastructure Highways Capital Program by the annual rate of inflation to protect value; push for annual & five-year program to enhance program value
- Ensure transparent and consistent process to access Manitoba's aggregate minerals
- Press for continuation of open, competitive bidding practices, awards to lowest qualifying bidder
- Oppose sole-source contracts except in emergency
- Advancing transparent, accountable budgets for Winnipeg's local and regional streets and highways
- Pursue public release of municipal and provincial infrastructure investment deficit
- Press for timely approval of capital budgets, early release of public tender schedule
- Guard against trade/procurement policies that use local preference or reprisal clauses
- Improved snow clearing policies in Winnipeg, attracting/retaining bidders for competitive area-clearing contracts
- Protecting companies' choice of industry-based safety program, to qualify for new WCB 15% rate rebate
- Champion a new fiscal deal for Manitoba municipalities

## Strength in numbers – Partnership advocacy

- New fiscal deal for municipalities: MHCA joins with five other leading Manitoba business organizations – **Business Council of Manitoba, Manitoba and Winnipeg Chambers of Commerce, Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, and the Manitoba Home Builders' Association** to push for a new way for municipalities to raise revenues to better meet the demand for public service

- MHCA worked with the **Canadian Construction Association** to oppose reprisal clauses in public tenders
- Regional transportation plan – MHCA is part of a public-private project of the **Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region** to co-ordinate transportation priorities among 18 municipalities
- **CentrePort Canada** – MHCA works with CentrePort Canada, North America's largest inland port, drawing more than \$600 million in public/private investment
- MHCA joined the **Canadian Chamber of Commerce** to oppose Ottawa's planned changes to Canadian-owned corporate taxation that would have damaged investment and succession planning for small businesses

## Getting heard – MHCA in the community

- MHCA sponsored the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Deputy Ministers Dinner this spring; it spoke about infrastructure investment deficits and the imbalance of tax revenues received by municipalities
- As presenting partner this month for the MCC's Ministers' Dinner, MHCA will again be at the podium, with board members at preferred seating with provincial ministers
- MHCA is sponsoring the first Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Civic Leaders Dinner this month, and will address the Mayor, councilors and senior administration
- MHCA's President published articles on industry priorities in the Winnipeg Free Press through 2017, spoke at numerous community groups and has been quoted in various media, including the Free Press, CBC, Winnipeg Sun and CJOB on infrastructure priorities and public budgets
- MHCA made public presentations to Winnipeg City Council, to Manitoba Finance's budget consultations and to the provincial Red Tape Task Force

Sustained advocacy sees highways capital program tripled (since 2002)	MHCA leads push for CentrePort Canada, Canada's 1st inland port	Assiniboine River floods; Lake St. Martin outlet channel is built		Building Manitoba Fund requires 1/7th of PST dedicated to infrastructure	Gov. of Manitoba declares public tenders will not contain arbitrary reprisal or local preference clauses			
2004	2006	2008	2009	2011	2013	2014	2015	2017
MHCA defends industry against 'forced unionization' in floodway-expansion project	CCA embraces MHCA call to link investment in infrastructure, to trade and economic growth		Infrastructure Funding Council, chaired by MHCA President, calls for "new fiscal deal" for municipalities	Winnipeg adopts annual 1%+1% tax increases dedicated to local and regional streets	Capital Region councils endorse coordinated, regional transportation system			

## CCA REVIEWING ITS STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AS IT ENTERS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**N**ational partnership with the Canadian Construction Association ensures local organizations, such as the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, are heard in Ottawa and across country where mutual concerns require attention and response.

A good illustration of such a shared issue is that of punitive or arbitrary reprisal clauses, which are increasingly and without warning creeping into public tender documents and contracts. The CCA, through its Civil Infrastructure Council, chaired by MHCA board member Henry Borger, is supporting a contractor's court challenge in Burnaby, B.C., against the municipality's use of reprisal clauses. But this is not the only jurisdiction where bid-barring language is in use.

The CCA is also the unified voice that speaks on federal files, such as the strategic use of transportation infrastructure investment, policy and programs to grow Canada's economy.

The CCA is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2018. The retirement of longstanding CCA president Michael Atkinson this fall, along with other staff changes – including the hiring of Atkinson's successor, Mary Van Buren – the CCA board launched a strategic planning review to ensure its outlook is focused on key priorities and that the association understands the needs of the local members. CCA executive members are having conversations across Canada with local construction organizations.

On October 31, CCA 2nd vice-chair John Bockstael (Bockstael Construction) and Borger, who serves on the CCA executive committee, met with MHCA past chairs and current board members.

It placed upon the table the results of a recent

"environmental scan" CCA conducted with representatives of local organizations. Top trends and issues identified include the pace of technological change, complexity of projects, mergers and acquisitions, contract payment terms and deteriorating quality of design documents.

In August, the CCA updated its top industry priorities list, which includes: prompt payment; legalized marijuana's implications for construction industry; quality of design documents; federal infrastructure program; reprisal bidding clauses; updated Trade Contractors Guide; social procurement; review of federal environmental laws.

The CCA asked for feedback on the identified priorities, and the specific challenges of local firms.

The MHCA session sparked a vigorous exchange. The CCA was told that it is important that it attend to the regulatory and mechanistic details of construction, as day to day issues for members. The top items that arose from the environmental scan are all 'valid.'

However, uniformly the message from the table was that the CCA must position itself to be the national advocacy body on 'big picture' files, and to be recognized in Ottawa and across Canada as the leading voice on key economic issues, including:

- 'nation-building' infrastructure policy and investment
- positioning Canada for increased trade
- getting Canada's natural resources developed and to market in a sustainable, environmentally responsible manner
- federal taxation and fiscal policy

The CCA's profile and influence in Ottawa, with the political offices and the bureaucracy, depend on strong relationships and regular, meaningful contact. CCA has strength in both its numbers, with more than 20,000 members and 64 local and provincial partner associations, and policy advocacy. The CCA was told it must also create strategic partnerships with other national associations – the value and impact of which were recently seen in the national campaign on the Trudeau government's planned reforms to small-business taxes.

The CCA now is gathering the results of its local and regional sessions to bring them to its national strategic planning session in November 2017, in Winnipeg.



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Association**

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## YOUR INVESTMENT IN SAFETY IS PAYING OFF

The heavy construction industry has a strong record of leadership and success in safety dating back almost 30 years. What does safety success look like for our industry? MHCA WORKSAFELY™ has over 350 companies certified through the nationally recognized COR™ Program. Close to 75% of the industry workforce now works for a COR™ certified company.

This commitment to safety and health is paying huge dividends. Recent statistics from the WCB show the heavy construction industry's time-loss injury rate fell to an all-time low of 3.7 injuries per 100 workers in 2016. For 2017 the news is even better. So far, the rate has fallen to 3.3 injuries per 100 workers.

These improvements translate into lower overall WCB compensation rates for our companies. The average WCB compensation rates our industry's companies will pay in 2018 will be less than half the 2012 rates.

How will WORKSAFELY™ build on these successes? How can we go from 'Good to Great?'



**Improving communication with our clients** – In 2017 we launched the WORKSAFELY™ e-newsletter; it now reaches over 1,000 e-subscribers. In 2018, we will implement on-line payment and WORKSAFELY™ course enrolment.

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**Strengthening the COR™ Program** – We have improved the quality assurance system for the WORKSAFELY™ COR™ Program to align it with Safe Work Certification. We have also developed in-house training on out-of-province COR™ requirements to assist companies seeking to work in other jurisdictions. In 2018, we will be working to be the first industry-based safety provider in Manitoba to develop and implement return-to-work certification as an optional add-on to our COR™ Program.

**Enhancing the benefits of the COR™ Program** – The alignment of the WORKSAFELY™ COR™ Program with the Safe Work Certified Program ensures that our COR™ companies will qualify for the 15% rebate on their 2018 WCB premiums. This is above the reductions already anticipated for 2018. In 2018, we will continue working with the provincial government to eliminate the \$100,000 threshold, to make COR™ a minimum bidding requirement on all provincial construction projects.

**WORKSAFELY™ training** – We will update our training courses and materials, such as the Roadbuilder Safety Training System and the Traffic Control Coordinator program, and work to provide on-line tools and resources for other courses. As part of our customized training provided in the workplace, we will add new courses to the COR™ offering such as leadership training; specialized requirements for pump trucks; workshops on issues like substance abuse in the workplace and utility locates; and, specialized training on return-to-work certification.

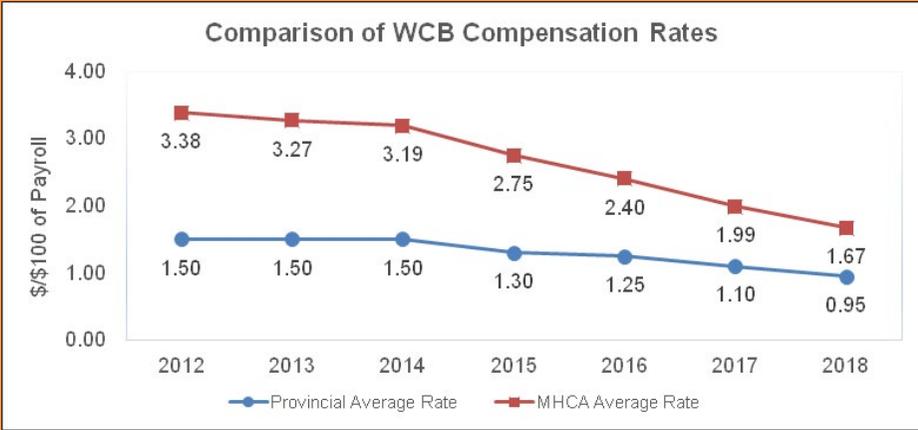
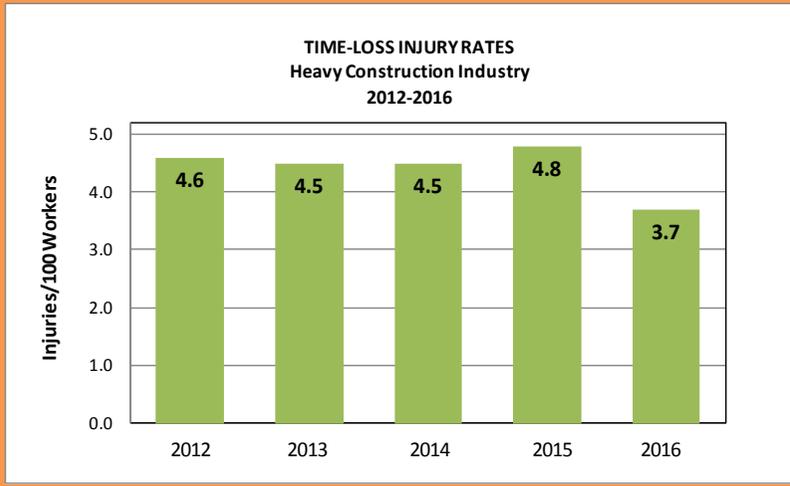
**WORKFORCE™ training** – We're working with the Manitoba Construction Sector Council to deliver courses for new industry workers, simulator-based heavy equipment operator readiness training and in-seat heavy equipment operator instruction in Winnipeg, rural and northern Manitoba.

**Developing our WORKSAFELY™ team** – We have recruited a strong, experienced team of safety advisors and administrative personnel to support our industry and our WORKSAFELY™ programs. We have supported staff development on data-base programming, utility-locates systems and learning-management systems. In 2018, we will work with Safe Work Manitoba and other associations to develop additional training/facilitator resources for our own WORKSAFELY™ instructors.

I want to thank the MHCA chair, directors and members for their continued support of the WORKSAFELY™ Education and Training Program. Our team is committed to developing and delivering programs that enable industry companies to safely go from good to great.

Don Hurst,  
WORKSAFELY™ Director  
Education and Training





# New 2017 COR™ companies

6669884 Manitoba Ltd.  
*t/a Parish Backhoe*  
 Beech Electric Ltd.  
 Coyote Ridge Contracting Ltd.  
 D K Landscaping Ltd.  
 Fast Brothers (1978) Ltd.  
 J H Excavating  
 Hamiota Municipality  
 Hard Rock Electric Ltd.  
 Hollow Water East Side Road  
 Construction Ltd.

Municipality of Russell-Binscarth  
 Norwest Manufacturing  
 Northlands First Nation  
 RM of Wallace-Woodworth  
 Timberline Transport Ltd.  
 Town of Morris  
 Valley Rock Construction  
 Zenith Aggregates Ltd.  
 Wichi Enterprises



- Key observations:**
- Continued improvement in the injury rate – now below 4 injuries per 100 workers for the first time.
  - With reduction in overall injury rate, the average number of days lost to injury has climbed to 26.1
  - The average WCB rate for the heavy construction industry in 2018 will be \$1.67/\$100, down 30% in just 2 years

# EVENTS 2016/2017



## Awards Breakfast and Chairman's Gala November 18, 2016 RBC Convention Centre

Our 2016 Annual General Meeting saw the passing of the Chairman's position from Derek Walker (Maple Leaf Const. - Highways Div.) to Greg Orbanski (Tri-Line Const.) who will serve for the next two years.

Infrastructure Minister Blaine Pedersen gave the keynote address at the Awards Breakfast; Manitoba Infrastructure Awards were handed out in the following divisions:

- Paving – *Russell Redi-Mix Concrete, Division of Coco Group*
- Grading – *Hugh Munro Construction Ltd.*
- Special Projects – *Sigfusson Northern Ltd.*
- Major Structures – *MD Steele Construction Ltd.*
- Minor Structures – *MD Steele Construction Ltd.*

MHCA recognized 29 companies for their "milestone" membership commitments. The Chairman's Gala attracted more than 600 members, guests and public officials.

## Heavy Santa December 2, 2016 David Livingstone School

It was all about having fun in the snow at the Heavy Santa party, with MHCA delivering gifts to 107 students in Grades 1 to 3. The school received shovels, sleds, snow molds and helmets as per their wish.

These presents were purchased through fundraising at the Chairman's Gala (gaming tables), Curling Bonspiel (50/50) and Spring Mixer (silent auction).



## Curling Bonspiel January 26, 2017 Heather Curling Club

24 teams participated in the bonspiel  
A Event winner – *Superior Asphalt*  
B Event winner – *EF Moon Construction #1*  
C Event winner – *EF Moon Construction #2*

## Information Breakfast Sessions March 10 & April 24, 2017

The Pallister government's climate change adviser David McLaughlin met 22 attendees for a Q&A session on March 10, on plans for carbon pricing for Manitoba.

On April 23, Infrastructure Minister Blaine Pedersen joined 44 MHCA members for breakfast to talk about the year's infrastructure investment plans and highways capital projects.



## Heavy Construction EXPO April 4 & 5, 2017 Victoria Inn & Conference Centre, Winnipeg, MB

Expo brought 285 students to a two-day event where 31 courses were offered and 18 exhibitors were on display. Among the highlights was a lively workshop on the need for good workplace impairment policies as the industry prepares for legalized marijuana in Canada.

## Spring Mixer May 31, 2017 Assiniboia Downs

This year, the Spring Mixer added caricaturists and tableside entertainment to the lineup, alongside the "main attraction" horse races. Some 478 people attended the networking event, including members, politicians and key industry stakeholders.

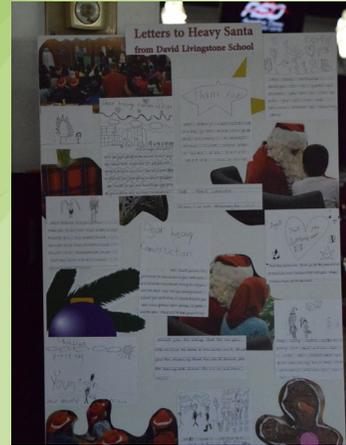


## Annual Golf Classic August 9, 2017 Pine Ridge & Elmhurst Golf Courses

Rain did not hamper the fun for 304 golfers who teed up at the two courses this year, sponsored at various levels by 50 companies.

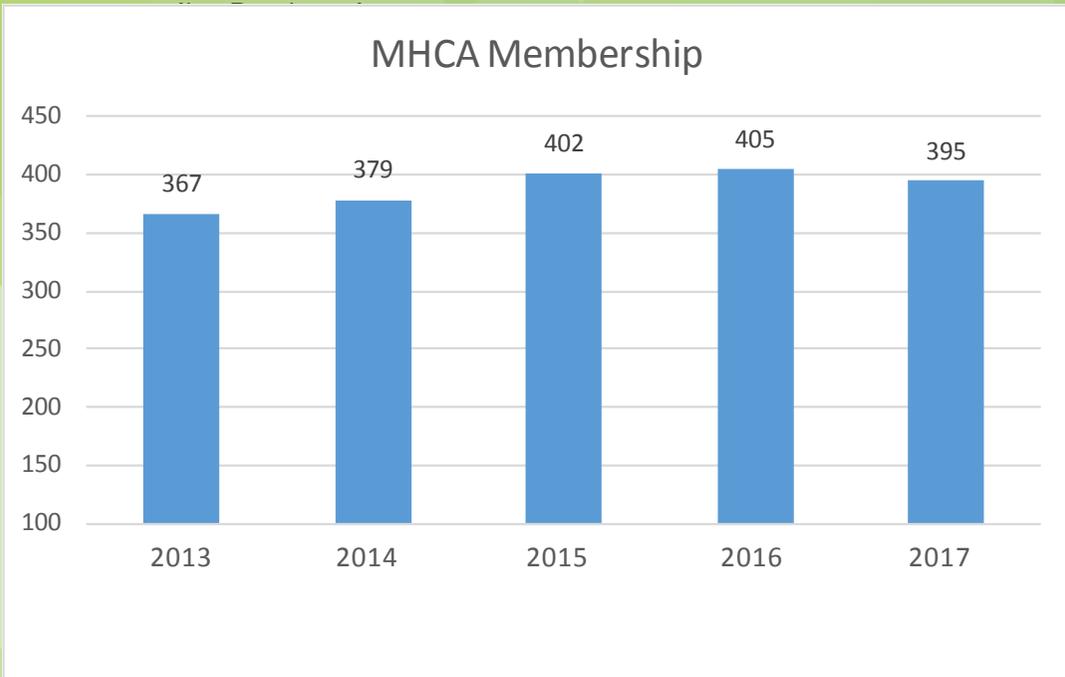
Hitrac (1974) placed 1st under par and ISCO Industries Ltd. placed 2nd under par.

# 2017 Highlights



# New MHCA members in 2017

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3572405 Manitoba Ltd.               | Mr. Gravel Inc.                       |
| 6P Marketing Inc.                   | NetSet Communications                 |
| ABS Trucking Ltd.                   | Nor Col EZ Dock                       |
| Air Unlimited Inc.                  | Norwest Manufacturing                 |
| All Terrain Concrete & Snow Removal | Pasak Farm Ltd.                       |
| Cal McKay Construction              | Peter Kiewit Sons ULC                 |
| Enigma Networks                     | Poly-Mor Canada Inc                   |
| Fleet Profit Center Inc             | Potzus Paving & Road Maintenance Ltd. |
| FMI Corporation                     | Proforma Engineering                  |
| GFL Environmental Inc.              | Travelers Financial                   |
| Groeneveld Lubrication Solutions    | Under Pressure Mechanical             |
| In-Line Contracting Partnership     | Wallin Industries                     |
|                                     | Wreck It Demolition Inc.              |
|                                     | Zydex Inc.                            |



# 2016 BURSARIES

MHCA awards two bursaries to Red River College students training for careers in the heavy construction industry.



**MHCA Construction Management Award**

Nicholas Simpson

Established in 2011, the \$1,500 bursary is awarded to a full-time student entering the Construction Management Degree Program, having achieved a minimum 70% average in Grade 12 English and Mathematics, with one more course (highest grade). Selection is based on financial need, the student's statement on why he/she has chosen Construction Management, and an optional letter of reference.



**MHCA Cornerstone Award**

Raza Hameed

Established in 2010, the MHCA Cornerstone bursary recognizes its past Board Chairs who, since 1945, have laid the cornerstone foundations upon which the MHCA has been built. The \$1,500 bursary is awarded to a fulltime student in any year of the Construction Management Degree Program. Selection is based on a letter of recommendation from a person(s) (teacher, character reference, guidance counsellor, employer) who can speak to the applicant's initiative, energy, enthusiasm and perseverance to succeed and passion to make a difference.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to submit the MHCA Treasurer's Report for the year ended June 30, 2017.

While the MHCA has consistently and for successive years posted surpluses, 2016/2017 was a challenge as the deficit in the report below demonstrates. The losses are a reflection of downturns in the infrastructure budgets, less room in company budgets for membership fees, attendance at events, training and related association support. Cumulatively, this resulted in the deficit and impacts on assets and equity, also noted below.

This has not escaped the Board's attention. It is now, as it has always been, focused on a return to balance and surplus. This will take at least one more budget year. The projected budget deficit on operations for the period ending June 30, 2018 is \$19,710, significantly lower than at June 30, 2017. However, early indicators for budget 2018 already suggest that memberships are returning, new companies are joining and financial support for industry activities, growing. These give objective evidence for the Board to remain optimistic in the fundamental fiscal health of the MHCA going forward.

The audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017 as reported on by MHCA auditor Charles Weppler, C.A., were adopted by the Board of Directors on September 13, 2017.

### **MHCA Financial Statements – Year ended June 30, 2017**

MHCA assets have decreased by \$96,534. MHCA continues to support the Manitoba Heavy Construction Training Academy Inc. (WORKFORCE) with a \$50,000 interest-free loan. Liabilities, including accounts payable and deferred revenues, were decreased by \$31,670.

The MHCA posted a loss of \$64,864 at year end. This was due largely to a reduction in revenues in all areas of the operation. The MHCA has undertaken an examination of its expenditures and revenues and has made changes including significant expenditure reductions. The objective is to return to break-even budgets as soon as possible.

The MHCA Board, by policy, attempts to maintain cash reserves of \$290,000 in alignment with the MHCA auditor's recommendation. The MHCA board has reserved the amount of \$247,323 for industry education and training. The Board continually reviews the reserve amount as a matter of fiscal prudence.

### **MHCA Schedule of SAFE Roads Campaign Revenues and Expenses – Year ended June 30, 2017**

The MHCA collaborates with public- and private-sector stakeholders on the SAFE Roads public-awareness media campaign. SAFE Roads was initiated by the MHCA some 14 years ago and since inception has been chaired by the MHCA President. The MHCA holds and administers in trust a fund of \$13,140 for the SAFE Roads Committee. The fund is reviewed by Weppler Chartered Accountants Inc. The review was presented to and adopted by the MHCA Board and the SAFE Roads Committee.

### **TRIP/CANADA – Manitoba Chapter – Year ended June 30, 2017**

The MHCA makes an annual commitment of \$6,250 to the Canadian Construction Association, for the work of the Civil Infrastructure Council on behalf of the industry.

The MHCA levies a small, voluntary surcharge on all members invoiced since November, 2001, to build a reserve for promoting infrastructure renewal. The reserve has funded media promotion, sponsorships and strategic partnership initiatives. At June 30, 2017, the reserve fund stood at \$179,291.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Chabot,  
MHCA Secretary/Treasurer





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Communications  
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