



MHCA opposes Bill 34; offers recommendation

(June 11, 2012)



Chris Lorenc

Earlier this week, **Chris Lorenc**, President of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA), appeared before the House Standing Committee on Human Resources at the Manitoba Legislature. Mr. Lorenc shared his disapproval of the lack of transparency and private sector consultation surrounding the drafting of

Bill 34 – The Public Private Partnership Transparency and Accountability Act (P3 Legislation).

In addition to addressing Bill 34 concerns on behalf of MHCA, a recommendation was presented that the government mandate a group of private / public sector subject matter experts and practitioners to review best practices across jurisdictions and recommend what regulatory framework, best practices and accompanying structure, if any, would make sense for Manitoba.

The full MHCA Bill 34 presentation can be viewed and/or downloaded here:

www.mhca.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/MHCA-Presentation_Bill_34_June-2012.pdf

While opposing Bill 34, Mr. Lorenc told the Committee the MHCA fully supports P3s as but one method of providing municipalities, provinces and the federal government with access to investment. He added, P3s provide a cost-certain, competitive, performance based contractual arrangement with appropriate safe guards for cost and investment value.

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Other key concerns pointed out on behalf of the MHCA include:

- » Regulations will be developed before the law is brought into force.
- » Language in the Act is so broad, any definition a regulator wishes to impose can be done potentially without any transparent or accountable public debate.
- » Authority to shape the law's ideology through regulation is in itself the opposite of transparency and accountability, which this legislation was designed to address.
- » First Nations are excluded from the legislation. Perhaps this is because of a division of federal/provincial jurisdiction, but the rationale is not stated and should be clarified.
- » Private proprietary information such as commercial, financial or intellectual property can be disclosed to the public, discouraging the private sector to bid on P3s.

WCB needs your voice by taking an important Survey



The Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba (WCB) and Workplace Safety & Health (WS&H) want to ensure that Manitoba workplaces have access to the information and services they need to reduce work-related injuries and illness

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Winnipeg Roads are the worst in Canada

Tom Brodbeck, *Winnipeg Sun* Editorial (June 10, 2012)



Other than Sudbury, Ont., Winnipeggers have the worst opinion of their city's road conditions compared with any other major city in Canada, according to a nation-wide public opinion poll of municipal services.

A staggering 53% of Winnipeggers said they were 'very dissatisfied' with the condition of their roads — more than double the national average of 25%.

And when you add in the number of respondents who said they were simply 'dissatisfied' with the condition of their roads — 29% — the overall dissatisfaction rate soars to a pathetic 82%.

In other words, eight out of 10 Winnipeg adults think our roads suck, according to a Forum Research Inc. poll conducted in May. Only residents of Sudbury had a higher dissatisfaction rate of 87% when it came to roads.

In Edmonton, only 61% of respondents said their roads were lousy. The Ontario cities of Burlington and Oakville were tied with the fewest number of people dissatisfied with their roads at 31%.

We complain a lot about the condition of our streets in Winnipeg. And it's not because we have a higher standard for roads than they do in cities like Oakville. We complain a lot about our roads because they really do suck. Big time.

Let's face it, our roads are absolutely awful and embarrassing. You have to slow down to a crawl on some residential streets to mitigate long-term damage to the front-end of your vehicle.

According to the city's own figures, the number of residential roads rated as 'poor' has increased to 19.2%, up from 17.1% in 2005.

And no, this is not justification to raise the PST by one percentage point to give to municipalities more tax dollars for roads and infrastructure, as groups like the Manitoba Federation of Labour and the Business Council of Manitoba — which now have a love-affair with higher taxes — have been calling for.

The NDP's executive is currently examining the proposal, which the party's grassroots deferred at their annual convention in Winnipeg last weekend.

The solution to our pathetic road conditions is not to hike taxes. It's to take the city's existing revenues — including the myriad of revenue streams city hall already receives from the province — and plough those tax dollars into the city's crumbling infrastructure.

What the city has been doing instead is using its growth revenues to increase the size of the bureaucracy and to spend in areas like subsidized housing, arts funding, social work and social services, which fall under provincial jurisdiction.

City council can't really say the cupboards are bare when they can set aside \$7 million for a privately-owned water park. Besides, they just raised property taxes for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, much of that will be used to grow the size of the city's bureaucracy instead of improving the conditions of our streets.

City hall's labour costs have increased 17% from 2006 to 2010, according to the city's 2010 financial report. That can hardly be described as 'controlling spending.' There were 400 more full-time equivalent people working for the city in 2010 compared to 2006. That's a problem.

What this survey tells us is that Winnipeg's bad roads are not the imagination of the media or groups like CAA. The vast majority of Winnipeggers are saying in no uncertain terms that our streets are pathetic. It's humiliating when people travel here from other cities, get off the plane and start driving down donkey-path roads like Berry Street and Ellice Avenue. It makes us look like a second-rate city, which we're not. We could do so much better.



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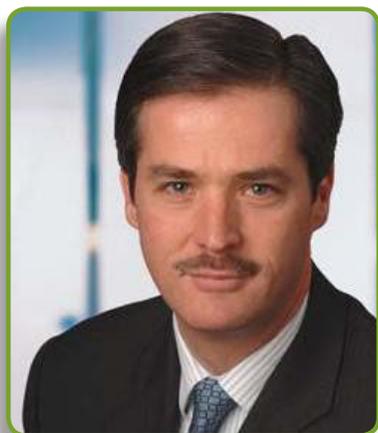
Bob Reidy

It's a boy! (# 3!)

Congratulations to **Bob Reidy**, MHCA Chairman, and his wife **Day Scarlett** who welcomed their third baby boy into the world on Saturday June 9th. Both mom and baby are doing great! Bob and Day now have three boys and are currently deciding on a name for their newest edition to the family

Trade Confidence Rebounds

Peter G. Hall, EDC Vice-President and Chief Economist



Peter G. Hall



If numbers don't lie, then Canada's recent trade statistics give cause for concern. Worries that world weakness would work its way into our export performance seem to be turning into reality. Are Canada's exporters discouraged? Quite the opposite - during the spring, the Trade Confidence Index (TCI) rebounded sharply. What's going on?

Confidence among Canada's exporters has generally been strong in the post-recession period. It suffered a multi-survey plunge well ahead of the recession, but by the fall of 2009 had climbed above previous peak levels. It floated in that upbeat zone for four successive surveys, but sunk back into recession territory last fall. Thankfully, this tumble was short-lived - the Index is right back to where it was a year ago, a level that's consistent with very decent growth in export activity.

It's a relief, but does it make sense? Put in context, indeed it does. Last fall, exports were reacting to the gloomy global data that reflected the effects of successive early-2011 natural disasters and political turmoil. These effects proved to be temporary, and world economic data improved. Moreover, at the time of the spring survey, things were also looking better in Europe. In large part, the rebound in the TCI was due to a sharp reversal of exporters' perceptions of world economic conditions.

Higher confidence also squares with underlying trade strength. Recent weakness in overall export numbers is concentrated in oil and base metals, and is greatly influenced by weaker world prices. Aside from these shifts, export volumes are much more encouraging. Auto sector

exports are up 13% thus far this year, and exports of heavy equipment and agri-food products are also sporting double-digit gains.

Increased confidence was evident across Canada and in all industry sectors. Among companies, medium-sized firms recorded the greatest gain in confidence in the spring survey. Hiring intentions are now higher than at any point since the spring of 2008. Respondents remain sensitive to the Loonie, but 97% now say that they are moderately or very prepared to deal with a parity dollar.

Clearly, perceptions of the sovereign debt crisis in Europe have deteriorated since the survey, and anecdotal evidence suggests elevated concern among Canadian exporters. Moreover, additional commodity price weakness will further weigh on Canada's trade data in the coming weeks. However, a weaker Canadian dollar and lower commodity input costs will help to balance the scales as we move through the summer.

While confidence indicators around the world are still registering post-recession gloom, the TCI bucks the trend, pointing to decent near-term export growth. Recent success in the US market is likely being augmented as Canadians diversify into new, faster-growing export markets. Almost two-thirds of respondents sell to more than one market, and while one in three companies has entered a new market in the past two years, over half intend to enter a new market in the coming two years.

The bottom line? Canada has gone against the grain a lot lately - in public finances, banking, domestic demand - and now in optimism. Maybe our new national trend is a refreshing contrariness.

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3. _____

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Use this form to enter as many golfers as you wish. If you are not registering a full team, the extra spaces will be filled by the tournament organizers. As per MHCA Board Policy, only registrations cancelled at least 72 hours prior to the commencement of this event will be refunded.



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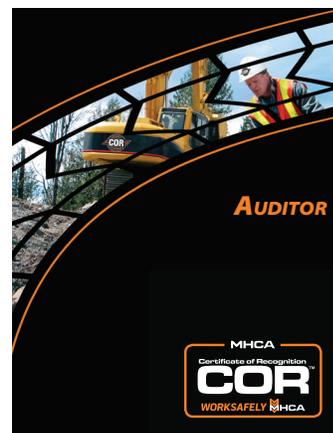
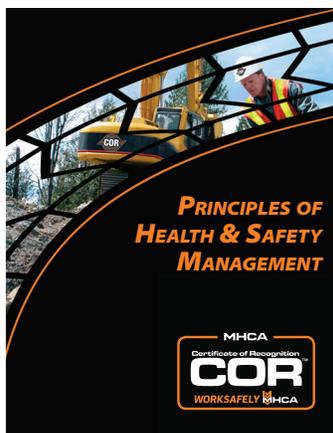
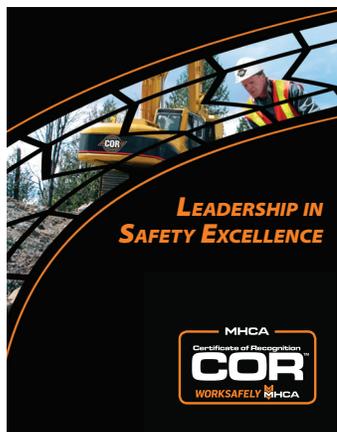
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TENDER NO. 6230 – GRADE WIDEN AND BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT

Location: PTH 3, East Junction of PR 254 to South Junction of PTH 21

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, June 19, 2012



Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 945-3637

The work involves construction of bituminous pavement on Provincial Trunk Highway 3 from the east junction of Provincial Road 254 to the south junction of Provincial Trunk Highway 21 for a total construction distance of approximately 22kms, in the Municipalities of Brenda and Winchester.

Major items of work include:

- 53 500 t of Bituminous Pavement, Class 'B'
- 37 600 t of Granular Base Course, Class 'A' (Modified)
- 200 sta of Shoulder Preparation

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C.O. X05863 – BRUSH SPRAYING

Location: PTH 6 – PTH 10 – PR 395

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, June 22, 2012

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Fax: 677-6506

The work involves Brush Spraying within the right of way on PTH 6 - PTH 10 – PR 395.

TENDER NO. 6231 – SHOO-FLY DETOUR

Location: PTH 6 at Burnt Lake (North of Lundar)

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, June 21, 2012

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 945-3637

The work involves construction of a Shoo-Fly detour using crushed rock with granular base course and an asphalt surface treatment at Bridge Site No. 2783-00 approximately 6.8 km north of Lundar in the Municipality of Coldwell.

Major items of work include:

- 15 000 t of Crushed Rock, 125mm Minus (Limestone)
- 3 000 t of Granular Base Course, Class 'A' (Limestone)

TENDER NO. 6232 – FERRY LANDING MOORING STRUCTURES REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

Location: Split Lake and York Landing
Tender Availability: Currently available
Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, June 28, 2012

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 945-3637

The work involves removal and replacement of the existing ferry landing mooring structure in the communities of Split Lake and York Landing.

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TENDER NO. 384-2012 – PEMBINA HIGHWAY MILL AND FILL/ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

Tender Availability: Currently available
Due: 12:00 Noon, June 21, 2012

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 986-2491

TENDER NO. 345-2012 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A SCISSOR LIFT

Tender Availability: Currently available
Tender Due: 4:00 PM, June 26, 2012

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 986-2492

TENDER NO. 429-2012 – WAVERLEY WEST ARTERIAL ROADS PROJECT PART II (B) WAVERLEY STREET EXTENSION – TIM SALE DRIVE TO THE FUTURE KENASTON BOULEVARD

Tender Availability: Currently available
Tender Due: 4:00 PM, June 26, 2012

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 986-2491

Flood Projects - No tenders this week

Other

M.W.S.B. No. 1076 – R.M. OF PIPESTONE COMMUNITIES OF CROMER AND SINCLAIR CURB STOPS & SERVICE PACKAGES 2012

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TENDER NO. 6225 – CONCRETE REHABILITATION PTH 75 US BORDER TO RIVIERE AUX MARAIS (S/B) (US BORDER TO LETELLIER)

Closing: June 7, 2012

Results:

*Nelson River Construction Inc.~	\$5,537,475.00
*Borland Construction Inc.~	\$6,166,165.00
*Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.~	\$6,805,765.00

TENDER NO. 6227 – SUPPLY OF PRECAST PRESTRESSED CONCRETE GIRDERS FOR A BRIDGE OVER BOWSMAN RIVER ON PTH 10

Closing: June 7, 2012

Results:

Armtec	\$358,920.00
*Lafarge Precast~	\$494,688.00

TENDER NO. 6228 – MICRO-SURFACING SPOT TREATMENT PTH 1, BRANDON-GRISWOLD-VIRDEN, EMULSIFIED ASPHALT SLURRY SEAL PTH 2 SOURIS

Closing: June 12, 2012

Results:

*Nelson River Construction Inc.~	\$1,066,560.00
West-Can Seal Coating Inc.	\$1,362,760.00

TENDER NO. 6229 – STRUCTURE REHABILITATION AND SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT AT BOWSMAN RIVER ON PTH 10

Closing: June 12, 2012

Results:

Minty's Moving	\$1,779,516.00
Sharp Bridges	\$1,781,096.90
Armcon	\$2,559,085.60
Surespan Construction	\$2,582,109.11
*M.D. Steele Construction	\$2,981,971.47

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No results this week