



MHCA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

MHCA Boardroom (Winnipeg) Wednesday December 19, 2012

ANNUAL/FIVE YEAR ROLLING EARLY TENDER TIMELY AWARDS

Continue to press upon the Province a proposal for an annual and five-year capital program, early tendering and timely awards of contract and rolling capital budgets.

AGGREGATE FEES

Section 4 of Manitoba Regulation 18/2008 under The Municipal Act requires a review of the established Aggregate Licensing and Transportation Fees prior to January 1, 2013.

The MHCA Board of Directors adopted a proposal for the establishment of a consolidated Community Enhancement Levy (CEL) on aggregate extraction. It was submitted again on December 11, 2012 for consideration and discussion as part of the above contemplated review.

During the last review, the merits of a province-wide Community Enhancement Levy (CEL) were explored in lieu of the current and more complicated municipal licensing process. At that time, the urgency for immediate increases to municipal revenues precluded implementation of any innovative new program which would have required more substantive regulatory changes.

We anticipate that a meeting of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), MHCA and appropriate provincial departments would be convened in January 2013 to undertake the review.

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Welcome NEW MHCA Members !

Giesbrecht Excavating Ltd.

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Services: Build roads, sewer and water; basements, gravel pit, hauling, shop work and clearing snow.

MHCA's Heavy Santa visits David Livingstone School



MHCA's Heavy Santa dropped by David Livingstone School in Winnipeg's North End to share his holiday spirit last week. Thanks to funds raised at MHCA's Spring Mixer, Heavy Santa was able to provide gifts for close to 100 kids and serve up a pizza lunch. Heavy Santa also fulfills one wish list item for the school every year, and in 2012, staff received not one, but TWO iPads for educational purposes. Heavy Santa's "little helpers" included MHCA President Chris Lorenc and all MHCA staff.



Visit us on www.facebook.com/ManitobaHeavy for all the Heavy Santa visit photos!

MHCA's Highways Committee meeting Tuesday January 15, 2013

You are invited by **Jack Meseyton**, Chair of the MHCA Highways Committee to attend a committee meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013** at the MHCA offices.

Staff and associates of member companies are all welcome to attend, but **MUST** RSVP to Wendy Summerfield at: wendy@mhca.mb.ca

A number of topics for consideration

1. Annual MIT/MHCA annual Program Review 2013

The meeting involves the participation of the MHCA Executive Committee, the Chair of the MHCA Highways Committee and the senior executive of MIT led by Doug McNeil, Deputy Minister.

The topics are driven from two sources: The MHCA Highways Committee and the MHCA Executive Committee.

The Highways Committee is asked to identify a list of topic areas requiring attention as we approach the 2013 construction season.

2. Annual MIT Project Managers Meetings

This is an opportunity to address issues with MIT Managers. MHCA speaking representatives are the MHCA Chair and Chair of the MHCA Highways Committee.

3. Priority areas for 2013

Identify three to five top priorities for the Highways Committee for 2013.

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REHAB PROGRAM UPDATE

- 1. Rehab levies continue to be dedicated by legislation to the Rehab Program
- 2. Every effort will be made to cap program expense at no more than 18% to annual rehab levy revenues
- 3. The fee shall rise from \$.10 to \$.12 per extracted tonne effective April 1, 2013
- 4. The sole source threshold to award contracts shall increase from \$25,000 to \$50,000 effective January 1, 2013
- 5. A Rehab Program promotion between the department and the MHCA will be launched to inform stakeholders

MHCA met with the Mines Branch, Manitoba Innovation, Energy & Mines regarding point #5 and advises the following:

- 1. An update on revenues received and program expenditures undertaken in fiscal 2012 will be available within the next week or so. For 2012 roughly \$2.314m was spent on the rehab program.

In 2011 \$23.855 tonnes were extracted generating roughly \$2.385 million in revenues and \$2.24m in rehab program expenditures. There is a program reserve of between \$5-6 million.

- 2. A promotional piece(s) announcing the changes and promoting the program will be published in the MHCA Weekly, distributed to all members, and published in the February 2013 edition of the MHCA 'Groundbreaker' magazine. We will also have a link on our website to enable online program applications.

MHCA 2013 PRIORITIES REPORT

Presented MHCA's Priorities report and priorities as adopted at the November 23, 2012 MHCA AGM. View the document HERE:

http://www.mhca.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/MHCA_Priorities_2013.pdf

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Four new companies are now COR™ certified - totalling just over 200 companies.

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MHCA Media Monitor
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"**Surprise of the Year: Foiled Again!**" by Peter G. Hall - *Economic Development Canada* - (December 20, 2012)

"Four years beyond the onset of recession, and what do we have to show for it? No conclusive recovery, deterioration in structural indicators, unprecedented pessimism and lots of...." **Read the full article:**

<http://www.edc.ca/EN/Knowledge-Centre/Subscriptions/Weekly-Commentary/Pages/surprise-of-the-year-foiled-again.aspx>
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"**2013 Construction Forecast: Global Challenges**" On-Site Magazine - (December 12, 2012)

"Our country is not immune to global forces," said Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in November. 'Nor can we control the economic shocks that ripple outwards from other nations.' Global realities have led.."

Read the full article:

<http://www.on-sitemag.com/news/2013-construction-forecast-global-challenges/1001922429/>
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"**Canadian, U.S. Cities Sound Similar Notes On Infrastructure Funding**" Huffington Post - (December 8, 2012)

"Canadians and Americans may not agree on every issue of public policy, but when it comes to the issue of infrastructure, municipal leaders on both sides of the border appear to be singing from the same songbook...."

Read the full article:

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/shachi-kurl/infrastructure-funding-canada-us-kansas-city_b_2229519.html

WCB debuts FlexPay in 2014

Coming in 2014, the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba will introduce FlexPay, a new and enhanced payroll reporting and payment system.

"Employers have asked for online payroll reporting and for greater flexibility in when and how premium payments are made," says Alice Sayant, Vice-President of Prevention, Assessments and Customer Service. "We're working on a new system that, when launched, will offer more choices for our customers."

The FlexPay payroll reporting system will require all employers to report their payroll only once a year, saving them time and paperwork.

Making premium payments will also get easier. All employers will be able to set up pre-authorized payment plans if they wish to spread their payments over the year. How you pay depends on the annual premium amount, and may include using a debit card or credit card, in addition to the currently available online, by phone or in-person at most financial institutions, by cash or even cheque.

"We are providing information well in advance so that employers will have an opportunity to explore which payment schedules work best," says Sayant. "It's one reason we created the FlexPay calculator. Employers simply enter their yearly premium amount and then choose from a number of payment options. By selecting the "Calculate" button you'll soon see an estimated payment plan that tells you how much you'll pay and when the payments are due." The calculator resides at <http://www.wcb.mb.ca/FlexPay> and is designed to also work on mobile devices.

All told, the FlexPay system will make payroll reporting easier, provide more options for when and how payments are made and offers the convenience of 24/7 online access. It's better service for employers and it's coming in 2014! In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments regarding FlexPay send an email to FlexPay@wcb.mb.ca or call the WCB at **204-954-4917** (in Winnipeg) or toll free at **1-800-362-3340**, ext. **4917**.



From the staff at the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association

Training Schedule

Winnipeg Schedule:

COR Leadership in Safety Excellence	Jan.14-15
COR Principles of Health & Safety Management	Jan.16
COR Auditor	Jan.17-18
Train the Trainer	Jan.21-22
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	Jan.23
TDG (1/2 day PM)	Jan.23
COR Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)	Jan.24
Workplace Safety & Health Committee Training (1/2 day PM)	Jan. 24
Excavation & Trenching (1/2 day AM)	Jan.25
Flagperson (1/2 day PM)	Jan.25
First Aid 1- CPR	Jan. 25
Safe Work Procedures	Jan.28
Prime Contractor	Jan.29
Back Injury Prevention (1/2 day AM)	Jan.30
Fatigue Management (1/2 day PM)	Jan.30
Toolbox Talks (1/2 day AM)	Jan.31
Safety Administration (1/2 day PM)	Jan.31

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To Register:
 Email: sarah@mhca.mb.ca
 OR Fax: 204-943-2279

For the most up to date training schedule for the coming months visit www.mhca.mb.ca/worksafely

SWAN RIVER, MB

WE ARE TRAINING IN YOUR REGION!

We are holding training in Swan River at the Westwood Inn, 473 Westwood Road, Swan River MB. January 14th - 18th, 2013

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	January 14th - 15th
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	January 16th
COR™ Auditor	Jan 17th - 18th
Evening Courses:	
Prime Contractor	January 14th
Flagperson	January 15th
Confined Space Entry Awareness	January 16th
Safety Administration	January 17th

For any other training requests and to register please contact:
 Sarah Higgins at sarah@mhca.mb.ca or by phone at 204-594-9060

Canadian Construction Association Update

Highlights from the October 2012 meetings of the CCA Board of Directors in Montreal

CCA to Work with Provincial Partner Associations on Long-Term Infrastructure Program

The CCA Industry Advocacy & Regulatory Affairs Committee, acting upon a recommendation from the Western Canada Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association and the CCA Civil Infrastructure Council, received the board's endorsement to launch a coordinated and strategic public relations campaign with its provincial partner associations to promote the importance of sustained and strategic investment in infrastructure to economic growth. Part of this campaign will include making the CCA Board Chair available upon request to accompany local partner association representatives in their meetings with provincial premiers to convey that message and to seek the full participation of provincial governments in the new federal Long-Term Infrastructure Plan expected to be announced in the next federal budget.

Civil Infrastructure Council Working with Canada West Foundation

The CCA Civil Infrastructure Council has commissioned the Canada West Foundation to prepare a report on the link between infrastructure investment and economic growth. The intent is to use this research and its findings to support the promotional campaign CCA is launching with its provincial partner associations on the need for sustained and strategic infrastructure investment.

CCA Approves Funding for Construction Sector Council

The CCA board approved an annual financial contribution from the CCA for the ongoing operations of the newly re-structured Construction Sector Council.

Council Looking at Incomplete Design

The CCA Standard Practices Committee will develop a discussion paper examining the causes, problems and issues associated with incomplete design documents. This was prompted in part by a discussion at the Vertical Building Forum and a report from the Winnipeg Construction Association regarding its efforts to address this problem in Manitoba.

Joint Industry Taskforce on Naming of Subcontractors Established

At the request of the CCA Trade Contractors Council, a joint industry taskforce has been established to develop the

mechanism by which owners can request the naming of subcontractors in accordance with the recently adopted CCA policy.

Vertical Building Forum Hears About IPD Project in Canada

The CCA Vertical Building Forum was treated to a presentation on the use of the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) approach in Canada. CCA Board member Kees Cusveller of the Graham Group spoke about the \$80M hospital project in Moose Jaw.

CCA Concerned with Use of Third Party by AFD Contractor

CCA will seek to meet with PWGSC and PWGSC's Alternative Form of Delivery (AFD) service provider to express its concerns regarding a new requirement for contractors to register (at the contractor's expense) with a third-party contractor management organization as a pre-requisite to pursuing contracts with the AFD contractor.

CDBI Holds Sold-out Conference

The Canadian Design-Build Institute (CDBI) held a sold-out conference in St. John's, NL, October 10 – 12 celebrating the theme: Connect... Conceive... Construct. The CDBI Award of Excellence went to PCL Constructors Canada Inc. and Brisbin Brook Beynon Architects for the new Ottawa Convention Centre.

CCInnovations Launches Industry Roundtables

Beginning in November 2012, CCInnovations will be holding a series of roundtable discussion meetings with members of the design and construction industries as well as construction users. The first of these meetings will be held in Vancouver.

New Integrated Partner Association

CCA is pleased to welcome back as an integrated partner association the Yukon Contractors Association.

2013 CCA Budget Approved

The board of directors approved the 2013 CCA budget. It does not include fee increases.

WCR & HCA Annual Convention

Orlando, Florida

March 17-20, 2013

...Magical

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Registration for convention, air and hotel is NOW open!

www.wcrhca.org

Are you a contractor attending the Convention for the first time?
Register online by the early bird deadline (January 18, 2012)
for a chance to win **\$1,000 USD**

If you're new to WCR & HCA Conventions, we're confident you will see a tremendous return on your investment with exclusive networking opportunities, inspirational keynote speakers, engaging workshops and superior entertainment for you and your family.

The convention program has been designed for you to focus on business in the mornings and enjoy free afternoons at Disney with friends and family. In the evening, experience theme events generously supported by our sponsors. We're expecting 500+ attendees from western Canada who will be treated to a spectacular display of all the Disney has to offer and much more!

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, participants will experience four fun filled and informative days with workshops and events exploring heavy construction's key issues and enjoying world-class entertainment.

If you require more information or have any special requests, please e-mail info@wcrhca.org

Western Canada Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association

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Thursday January 10, 2013

Heather Curling Club • 120 Youville Street • 8:00am – 5:00pm

REGISTRATION

Entry Fee: **\$225.00 + GST / TEAM** - OR - **\$56.25 + GST / INDIVIDUAL**

Price Includes: - a fun day of curling & networking – coffee, donuts – a fabulous buffet lunch!!

I would like to enter a team of 4 curlers _____

I would like to enter as a single player _____

I would just like to attend the delicious lunch

(\$30.00 + gst) _____

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