



MHCA invited by Manitoba Chambers Policy committee to talk about funding infrastructure investment

Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's (MHCA) President, Chris Lorenc accepted an offer from the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce to speak about infrastructure investment and growing the economy this week at the Chambers' office in Winnipeg. Lorenc shared with the Chambers' Policy Committee that funding infrastructure investment requires a 'consensus effort' among municipalities, government leaders and policy makers.

MHCA promotes, from a Manitoba municipal perspective, a provincial consensus strategy should be developed around a number of core principles including the following:

- » Acknowledge a real municipal infrastructure deficit and agree that current revenue sources available to municipal governments are insufficient to tackle the deficit.
- » Reduce the shortfall in part by new revenue streams

dedicated by legislation to transparently address the municipal infrastructure deficit.

- » Commit to a balanced and shared role for all three levels of government which should be appropriate to their respective capacities and responsibilities

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Furthermore, MHCA encourages municipal governments to shift the emphasis from generating revenues to generating economic growth partnering with the province as a matter of policy priority in their decision making process. And, that the Province visibly engage municipalities as economic growth partners, provide access to new revenue streams or access to new tax room, each dedicated by legislation to infrastructure.

MHCA stated the federal government must also accept its shared responsibility. Its tax revenues benefit most by a growing economy. It should be petitioned to announce a Long Term Infrastructure Program (LTIP) in its 2013 budget which flows funding in amounts no less than its predecessor Building Canada Fund. Canada's LTIP focus should be on investments in infrastructure which support long-term economic growth, prosperity, rehabilitation in existing infrastructure and leveraging in the process both private sector partnership opportunities and funding from all levels of government to ensure national affordability and sustainability over the long term.

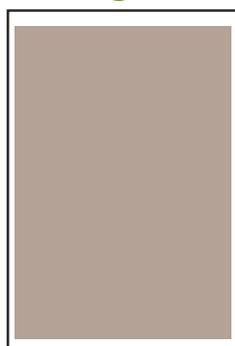
In response from questions by the Chambers' Policy Committee about how to engage policy makers, Lorenc responded that the funding discussion is more than a narrow focus on infrastructure and added, "It's about economic growth strategies and infrastructure's role in it; it's about the shared responsibilities between the federal, provincial and municipal governments to participate in and leverage reinvestment in our country's economic health; it's about enabling municipalities access to growth tax revenues so that they participate in the risk and reward of economic growth policies; it's about recognizing that sustained investment in our infrastructure, is our local provincial and national economic health program."

The MHCA maintains how we strategically invest in infrastructure over the next 10 years will shape our country's economic, fiscal and social health. Delaying today will with certainty, place an impossible financial burden on future generations, and will without question, lower our country's standard of living.

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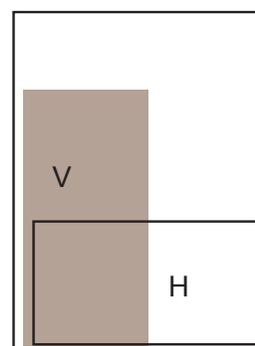
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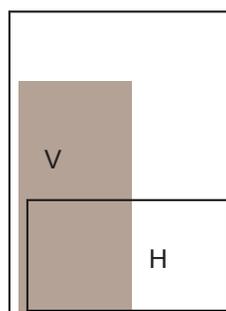
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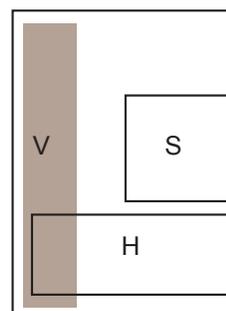
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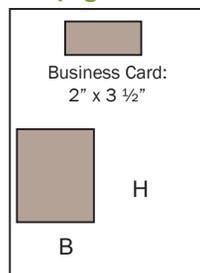
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"Careening Toward the Fiscal Cliff" by Peter G. Hall - *Economic Development Canada* - (November 15, 2012)

"It's coming, and it's big. The US economy is careening toward the so-called fiscal cliff at a frightening pace, and it's creating a lot of concern. With the election now decided, will legislators..." **Read the full article:**

<http://www.edc.ca/EN/Knowledge-Centre/Subscriptions/Weekly-Commentary/Pages/careening-toward-the-fiscal-cliff.aspx>

"Federal infrastructure plan must protect Canada's local economic foundations, says national coalition" Federation of Canadian Municipalities - (November 8, 2012)

"The federal government must secure Canada's economic foundations by making long-term investments in local infrastructure a top budget priority. That was the message today from members of the..."

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The Great Canadian Infrastructure Challenge Now Open

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) launches The Great Canadian Infrastructure Challenge initiative to bring Canadians into the conversation about municipal infrastructure and its importance in our day to day lives. Over the next several months The Great Canadian Infrastructure Challenge website www.FCMchallenge.ca will feature a series of challenges that will give Canadians the opportunity to get more involved in the national debate on long-term investments in our core infrastructure.



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Highway Traffic Act amendments to increasing weights

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Currently, allowable vehicle weights and dimensions on classes of highways are prescribed by Lieutenant Governor in Council in the Vehicle Weights and Dimensions and Classes of Highways Regulation (MR 575/88). While the HTA provides MIT to restrict and/or close highways temporarily for things such as necessary repairs or spring road restrictions, there is no parallel ability to temporarily increase weights on highways.

The proposed amendments would make it easier and faster for weight increases to be implemented. MIT's ability to increase weights would be limited to a two-year period. Longer term weight increases would be reflected in the Lieutenant Governor in Council Regulation, MR 575/88.

The amendments would require that Ministerial Orders increasing weights be posted on the department's website with the effective dates. The Motor Carrier Division is also committed to continuing its practice of notifying motor carriers of highway weight/classification changes in advance of the increase taking effect. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed amendments to the HTA, please contact Jennifer Faulder at (204) 945-4603 or Jennifer.Faulder@gov.mb.ca

Have a story for us? We'd love to hear about it!

The MHCA is only successful thanks to our strong membership roster that continues to grow, and now we want to hear from you!

We want to hear about a success story and anything you want to share with us and the rest of the MHCA membership!

We'd like to hear from our members on things such as:

- A New Exciting Construction Project your company is involved with
- A Recent Successful Completion of a Construction Project
- A success story or achievement for your company or staff member(s)

Feel free to submit your idea or story to **Rob Wozny**, MHCA Manager of Marketing & Communications at rob@mhca.mb.ca.

We will contact you for more information or details on your story, and then have it ready for a future issue of the Heavy News Weekly!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, November 23, 2012 8am - 12pm
Winnipeg Convention Center - Room 2H (2nd Floor)

Keynote Speaker:
Casey Vander Ploeg
Senior Policy Analyst, Canadian West Foundation

Casey Vander Ploeg will highlight key points from his report, At the Intersection: A Brief on the Importance of Public Infrastructure to Canada's Future Economic and Social Prospects. The report demonstrates a link between sustained investment in infrastructure and economic growth.

Awards & Membership Presentations to follow.

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Training Schedule

Winnipeg Schedule:

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence		December 3-4
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management		December 5
COR™ Auditor		December 6-7
Safe Work Procedures		December 10
Prime Contractor		December 11
Back Injury Prevention (1/2 day AM)		December 12
Fatigue Management (1/2 day PM)		December 12
Toolbox Talks (1/2 day AM)		
Safety Administrator (1/2 day PM)		
New Worker Orientation (1/2 day AM)		
Train the Trainer	November 19-20	December 17-18
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	November 21	December 19
TDG (1/2 day PM)	November 21	December 19
COR™ Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)	November 22	December 20
First Aid 1- CPR	November 23	December 21

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

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THOMPSON, MB WINTER ROADS TRAINING

Winter Roads Training will be held in Thompson Manitoba at the Thompson Royal Canadian Legion, 101 Elizabeth Drive, December 3rd – December 7th

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	December 3rd
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	December 4th
COR™ Auditor	December 5th
Winter Roads Training	December 6th
WHIMIS	December 7th (a.m.)
Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)	December 7th (p.m.)

***This training is open to anyone, Training for Aboriginal Communities building winter roads will be sponsored by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation**

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



Please note that a minimum of 6 students is required to hold the training. WORKSAFELY™ policy states cancellation must be made at least twobusiness days in advance otherwise full course fee charge will apply.



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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

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