



Build up Canada strategically

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A study by the Canada West Foundation makes a convincing case for a long-term infrastructure investment program, but it may be too late to influence the federal government's upcoming budget, which may make balancing the books and holding the line on taxes a priority before the next election in 2015.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said no decision has been made on extending the current program, which ends next year, but he added further stimulus wasn't a priority in Canada at the moment.

That probably means municipal and provincial governments will be out of luck in the budget, particularly since about \$6 billion is left to be spent from the Building Canada Plan introduced in 2007.

The Harper government is obviously focused on the next election, but it should use the next year to develop a program along the principles articulated by the Canada West Foundation (CWF).

Canada has had major infrastructure programs for the last 15 years, but they have been all over the road in terms of focus.

Canadians, for example, have witnessed plans to stimulate the economy in general, boost rural infrastructure, recreation spending, transit programs, green initiatives and so on.

The Canada West study, however, says not all infrastructure spending delivers the same bang for the buck. As such, it calls for a more pointed approach, specifically one that focuses on strategic investments to boost the economy and productivity.

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Strategic projects would include core services and major roads and bridges that facilitate trade and commerce. The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, for example, says IKEA would never have located in Winnipeg if it hadn't been for core investments in roads, sewer and water.

It's not a question, therefore, of more infrastructure, but "the right infrastructure in the right places," the CWF says in its report, which tapped 200 studies on the subject. It means making choices, rather than spreading the wealth, and also refurbishing old infrastructure in addition to building new.

Congestion on Toronto's roads, for example, costs the local economy at least \$6 billion a year in late deliveries, missed appointments, higher fuel consumption, wear and tear on roads, vehicles and even on human health.

Canada experienced an infrastructure building boom during the 1950s and 1960s, but by the 1970s priorities had shifted to health care, education and social programs. As a result, the country's vast networks of bridges, roads, sewer and water mains and other important facilities, such as community centres and arenas, began a long decline.

While total government spending on infrastructure in the 1960s equalled five per cent of the GDP, it had fallen to just two per cent in 2000.

The CWF acknowledges it is not clear if infrastructure growth follows a strong economy, or if the reverse is true. The relationship is probably "mutually stimulating," something closer to a "push-pull," rather than a single thrust.

The evidence shows, however, a clear correlation between infrastructure, productivity and economic growth, although there is a law of diminishing returns. When lots of modern infrastructure is in place, for example, adding more has a limited impact on the economy, the studies show, while the reverse is true in cases where there is little infrastructure.

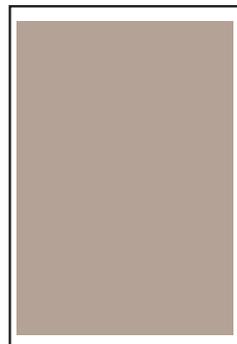
The risk of elevated spending on infrastructure is that it reduces the funds available for other needs and priorities, but if strategic investments can elevate productivity, then every sector of society should benefit.

Short-term stimulus may not be needed today, but the government needs to consider a long-term plan -- something in the order of 20 years -- on key infrastructure investments that will provide predictability and sustainability for provinces and municipalities as they struggle to compete in an increasingly competitive global economy.

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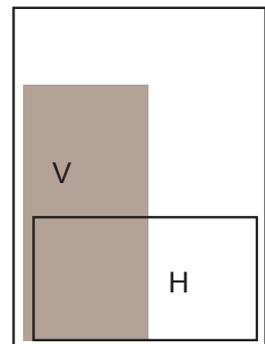
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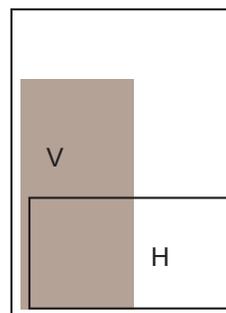
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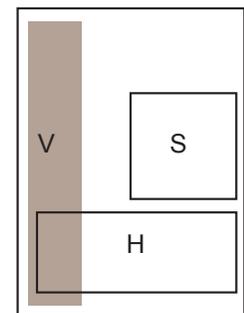
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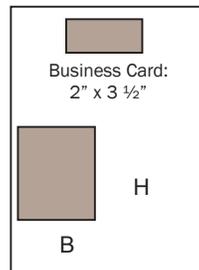
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"Canadian Construction Association Awards 38 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals" (February 5, 2013)

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http://www.cca-acc.com/en/?option=com_content&view=article&id=642&Itemid=157&catid=187



"Cause of that Montreal flood? Aging pipes, city says" Maclean's - (January 29, 2013)

"A century-old pipe in dire need of repair is being blamed for a big downtown flood that paralyzed Montreal's core on Monday, cancelling..."

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<http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/01/29/cause-of-that-montreal-flood-aging-pipes-city-says/>

EXPO registrations going fast!

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Registration for the 2nd annual **MHCA Heavy Construction EXPO** opened just a few weeks ago exclusively to MHCA members and many sessions are filling up fast! This year's EXPO offers 70+ quality education courses for entry level, skilled labourer, equipment operator, front line supervisors and management professionals.

Additionally, EXPO provides Gold Seal Certification, human resource leadership, COR™ education and training certification, risk management and so much more!

What makes EXPO such a popular event is that construction professionals get the opportunity to maximize their educational investment with interactive and current sessions, while suppliers get the chance to market their products and services directly to the heavy construction

industry. More than half of the display booths have already been sold; and that's before EXPO opens up for general registration on February 15, 2013.

The 2013 EXPO is expecting approximately 700 people to participate in three day event April 8 – 10 at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg. For courses, sponsorship and display opportunities, visit www.mhca.mb.ca/EXPO

From accredited courses to dynamic speakers, **EXPO** has it all!

New Fire Truck Manufacturer at CentrePort

Fort Gary Fire Trucks has opened the doors on its new, state of the art manufacturing facility at CentrePort Canada – a move that will allow FGFT to continue to grow its leading edge business of building high quality fire trucks, customized pumpers, water deliver tanks, aerial ladders and other emergency equipment for export to countries all over the world.

The 50,000 square foot facility is 20 per cent larger than the previous plant and will employ a workforce of approximately 100 employees, a 10 per cent increase. Building a new facility allowed the company to streamline its production system, implement new cutting edge technologies, and gain the efficiencies of having production, inventory, sales and service located at one site.

'Our production system has evolved over time and we'd outgrown our previous space. Since we are in the business of making customized emergency equipment, it made sense for us to customize our own manufacturing facility,' said Rick Suche, president of FGFT, which also operates a custom rubber manufacturing business serving clients throughout Canada. 'With the majority of our equipment being built for

export outside of Winnipeg, we felt that CentrePort provided us with an ideal location.'

'I'd like to congratulate Rick and his team at Fort Garry Fire Trucks on their new facility and their strong commitment to our community,' said Diane Gray, president and CEO of CentrePort Canada Inc. 'The company is world renowned for its fire trucks and emergency equipment, and the opening of this new plant is an important milestone in the development of our inland port.'

FGFT manufactures emergency equipment for cities and municipalities all over the world including Canada, the United States, China, the United Arab Emirates, Africa, and Central and South America. The company's global clientele reflects the success FGFT has had in making trucks and equipment that are built to perform in extreme environments, from the Arctic to the desert.

On February 15, 2013 The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce will host BOLD Winnipeg – an event focused on sharing and discussing BOLD ideas for a prosperous and growing City of Winnipeg. BOLD is a launching pad to identify and support BOLD ideas, BOLD initiatives and BOLD leaders.

On Feb. 15, community and business leaders are invited to share some of their BOLD ideas that will be the building blocks of the BOLD Winnipeg platform.

Send us your BOLD idea at BOLD@winnipeg-chamber.com, share on Facebook, or Twitter or call (204) 944-3316.

To register for this BOLD event, email info@winnipeg-chamber.com or call (204) 944-8484.

Save date for Winnipeg tender release information and presentation



The City of Winnipeg will be releasing details about its Public Works and Water and Waste Department's tenders for 2013. MHCA will host a special presentation offered by the City and its representatives to provide more information about the tendering schedule to MHCA members:

Thursday February 28, 2013

Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport – Polo Park
The Ellice Room

7:30am doors open

8:00am hot breakfast served

8:20 am Presentation followed by Q& A

Cost is \$35.00 + GST per person

City of Winnipeg Guest Presenters

Geoffrey Patton, P.Eng
Manager of Engineering Services
Water and Waste Department

Lester P. Deane, P.Eng.
Manager of Engineering
Public Works Department

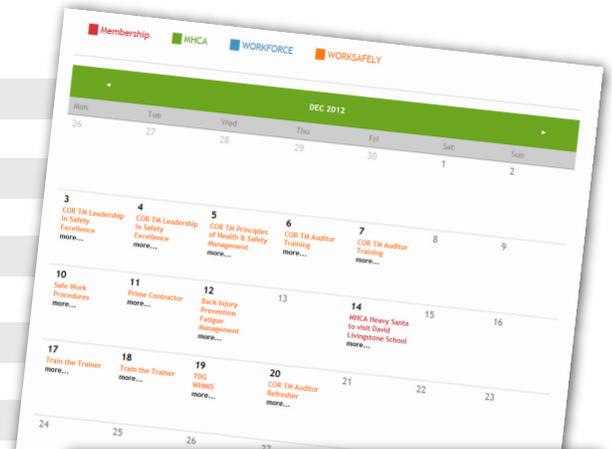
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Training Schedule

Winnipeg Schedule:

Construction Safety Excellence™

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Feb.4-5
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Feb 6
COR™ Auditor	Feb.7-8
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Feb.11-12
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Feb.13
COR™ Auditor	Feb.14-15
Workplace Safety & Health Committee Training (1/2 day AM)	Feb.19
Train the Trainer HEOT	Feb.20-21
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	Feb.21
TDG (1/2 day PM)	Feb.21
Excavation & Trenching (1/2 day PM)	Feb.22
First Aid 1- CPR	Feb.22



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Training will take place at the Ste. Rose Du Lac Fire Hall, 205 Railway Street from 8:30am - 4:30-pm February 19th - 22nd, 2013

First Aid 1/CPR	February 19th
Train the Trainer	February 20th -21st
WHIMIS (AM)	February 22nd
TDG (PM)	February 22nd

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

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Open House

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- **Why should you attend**
 - To be informed
 - To identify new processes
 - Networking opportunity
 - To help save you money

Date: March 6, 2013

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Location: 1155 Pacific Avenue, Training Rooms A, B & C
Parking available – Refer to map

If you have any questions, please contact me at garycampbell@winnipeg.ca or 204 794-4379.



AGENDA

- 9:45 AM
- Registration
 - Introduction
 - New items for 2013
 - Cut assessment
 - Pavement Restoration Guidelines
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 - Backfilling
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 - Q & A

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