



Call referendum on infrastructure tax

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Mayor Sam Katz didn't have much by way of news to tell Winnipeggers in his state of the city address before the Chamber of Commerce Friday, so he did a lot of recapping of what's been done. The most obvious, outstanding item, however, is yawning before us ever wider as the spring thaw has its way with streets, lanes and sidewalks, opening crevices and potholes.

They are but the most evident symptom of the city's multibillion-dollar infrastructure deficit, which grows each year. The mayor noted the city, in its budget, dedicated one per cent of the 3.87 per cent property-tax hike to street renewal and would do that annually from now on. Streets are but a slice of the capital renewals required.

For years, Mr. Katz and various economic and industry groups have called for the provincial government to dedicate a stream of revenue -- one percentage point of the provincial sales tax -- to the infrastructure deficit. The Selinger government has refused, but has added more cash to transfers.

A one percentage point hike to the PST would raise \$262 million a year, which would go some way to fixing the rotting or crumbling buildings, roads, pipes and playgrounds in Manitoba, estimated now at \$11 billion.

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MCSC's Advanced Construction Supervisor Program

Advanced Supervisor Program helps senior construction supervisors and company owners learn to better address the complex human resource issues that are part of a contemporary workforce. Leading a workforce at a senior level requires superior management skills, great communication skills, knowledge of human resource legislation and practices and the ability to create positive change as a means to strengthening your company.

The Manitoba Construction Sector Council turned to many of the industry's leading professional in the design and development of this advanced leadership program. The courses in the Level 2 Construction Supervisor program were developed and are instructed by owners of construction firms, managers of human resource departments and experts in important issues like legislation, employee recruitment, retention and diversity.

Courses are either 3 or 6 hours in length and are discussion-based, with a focus on critical thinking and problem solving using authentic industry scenarios.

There are no educational pre-requisites for these courses, but registrants should hold a senior supervisory position in a company associated with one of the construction industry sectors. Upon completion of the 16 courses or 54 credit hours, participants will receive 9 gold seal credits from the Canadian Construction Association. Visit www.mbcsc.com to view the video and learn more about the courses offered.

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Women in Construction (3 hours)

Women are seeking careers in construction in increasing numbers. Find out what some construction companies are saying about the advantages of hiring women and what companies need to do to attract more women to their work force.

Instructor: Brenda Hryshchuk, Project Manager, Nelson River Construction

Date: Monday March 6, 2013
Time: 9:00 am.-12:00 pm.
Location: Board Room #1 - 1000 Waverley

Reviewing Employee Performance (3 hours)

Participants in this advanced course will learn to develop measurable and specific objectives and outcomes for the job roles of their employees, and match the outcomes to evidence that will validate the employee's skills and abilities.

Instructor: Donna Cox, HR Consultant Workplace Training
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Time: 1:00-4:00 pm.
Location: Board Room #1 - 1000 Waverley

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Labour Laws and Employment Standards (3 hours)

An instructor from the Human Rights Commission and Employment Standards will inform participants about recent changes to labour legislation and employment standards with a focus on questions most frequently asked from the construction sector.

Instructor: Beatrice Watson, Human Rights Commission; TBD, Employment Standards

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2013
Time: 9:00 am.-12:00pm.
Location: Training Room 104 - 1000 Waverley

Friday, March 22, 2013

Building a Progressive Workplace Culture (3 hours)

How will construction companies in Manitoba build a progressive workplace culture in this rapidly changing world? Engage in conversation with John Shubert, the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Construction Association and President of McCaine Electric Ltd., who will speak to the importance of innovation and collaboration as the industry faces change. This includes addressing the infrastructure deficit, skilled labour shortages, human resource issues, and the introduction and adoption of new technologies. John Shubert comments, "Together with all of you, I look forward to Building Canada's Future." Join us for this thought provoking session.

Instructor: John Schubert, President McCaine Electric Ltd. President Canadian Construction Association

Date: Friday, March 22, 2013

Time: 9 am-12 pm.

Location: Training Room 104 - 1000 Waverley

Risk Management for the Construction Industry (3 hours)

The construction industry has become a fast-paced and more complex industry. Risk management identifies and estimates risks to personnel and property impacted upon by a project. Instructor Glen Black from the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's WORKSAFELY, will guide you through the principles of risk management for the construction industry.

Instructor: Glen Black, Director WORKSAFELY™, Training and Education, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association

Date: Friday, March 22, 2013

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Location: Training Room 104 - 1000 Waverley

Thursday, March 28, 2013

Integrating Immigrants into a Construction Workplace (3 hours)

Find highly-skilled immigrant professionals and learn how to assess their skills to meet your company's staffing needs. Instructor Linda Maxwell is a leading expert with Workplace Education Manitoba, who matches immigrant skills and qualifications to workplace expectations.

Instructor: Linda Maxwell, Leveraging Differences Specialist

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2013 or April 10, 2013

Time: 9:00 am.-12:00 pm.

Location: Training Room 104 - 1000 Waverley

Coaching for Supervisors in Construction (3 hours)

The purpose of a coach is to inform, guide, advise and lead. Good coaches help workers improve technical skills and develop essential or soft skills on the job. This course will help supervisors become better coaches to guide the skills development of their employees.

Instructor: TBA

Date: Thursday, March 28, 2013

Time: 1-4 pm.

Location: Training Room 104- 1000 Waverley

Monday, April 1, 2013

Building a Positive and Engaging Workforce (3 hours)

A great workplace, where employees are respected and engaged in their work is critical for companies to be able to recruit and retain a dynamic workforce. At Bituminex employees return year after year to work for the company where they know they are valued for their contribution. It is not about the pay, it is about the people. Find out how Bituminex attracts and retains employees in their company resulting in employee satisfaction, low turnover and reduced training costs.

Instructor: Boris Gavrailoff, President/Owner Bituminex Paving Ltd.

Date: Monday, April 1, 2013 Time: 9-12

Location: Training Room 104 - 1000 Waverley

Adapting Construction Job Roles for Persons with Disabilities (3 hours)

Employers accommodate injured workers until they are able to return to full duty by adapting job roles to address physical limitations. Find out how the supervisor can work with the injured worker to accurately assess and match their physical abilities to workplace expectations. This course is taught by Lori Hirtig of Reaching E-Quality.

Instructor: Lori Hirtig, Program Manager, Reaching E-Quality

Date: April 1, 2013

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm.

Location: Training Room 104 - 1000 Waverley

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Negotiation Skills for the Construction Industry (3 hours)

The supervisor negotiates issues related to equipment, materials and staffing to satisfy the needs of the internal and external customers. Participants will learn some common tactics and negotiation styles and will identify strategies to overcome difficult and demanding situations.

Instructor: Gord Lee, President, Nelson River Construction

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To view promotional videos for the session above, please click here:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18WcoOvNfeqcF12aowzj4A>

Vendors to be showcased at educational event April 2, 2013

Emco Waterworks and Sandale Utility Products will be showcasing top vendors for the sewer and water industry. We are inviting contractors, Engineers and Rural Municipalities to join us for this informative, educational event.

See the latest innovations from North America's premier manufacturers, including pump demonstrations, fusible PVC, insulated pipe, fusion machines, septic systems and much more.

Where:

Brandon - The Victoria Inn April 2 9am- 4pm

The Pas - Kikiwak Inn April 4 9am-4pm

Questions and to RSVP call Kim 204-697-3120

MHCA Media Monitor

"Wood Someone Check These Prices?" BDC Canada - Peter G. Hall - (March 7, 2013)

"Commodity prices have scored high on the economic shock-talk scale in the past decade. Although prices are generally still riding high, the recent trend..."

Read the full article:

<http://www.edc.ca/EN/Knowledge-Centre/Subscriptions/Weekly-Commentary/Pages/wood-someone-check.aspx>

"Public entity competition a growing concern: CCA" Daily Commercial News - (March 4, 2013)

"Outgoing Canadian Construction Association (CCA) chair John Schubert has identified competition from public entities and international firms as changes that are impacting the national construction landscape."

Read the full article:

<http://www.dcnonl.com/article/id54247>

"A river runs through it" The Economist - (March 2, 2013)

"IN 1969 Neil Armstrong landed on the Moon; the Boeing 747 took its maiden flight and the states of Indiana and Kentucky set their sights on building a new crossing over..."

Read the full article:

<http://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21572794-natural-experiment-infrastructure-river-runs-through-it>

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A referendum would meet the conditions for a tax increase laid out in the province's balanced-budget legislation. The NDP is fond of repeating it was not elected to raise taxes, but that is semantics given its hikes to fees and expansion of the items that are taxes. A referendum that supports hiking the PST would lift some of the responsibility from the province's shoulders for the decision.

A dedicated tax would need careful definition of the purposes for which the revenues could be used. There is no shortage of justified causes, meaning all levels of government could agree on a prescribed list.

The provincial budget next month is not going to meet the demands of municipalities and industry groups that understand most intimately the connection between good roads, well-maintained sewer and water systems and strong recreational facilities, and prosperous, healthy communities.

It is a good time, however, for Finance Minister Stan Struthers to send a signal his government has heard and recognizes the validity of this extraordinary measure. Mr. Struthers should commit to launching discussions with Manitoba's mayors and citizens on increasing the sales tax to dig out of the infrastructure holes.

We've updated our logos and we hope you will, too!



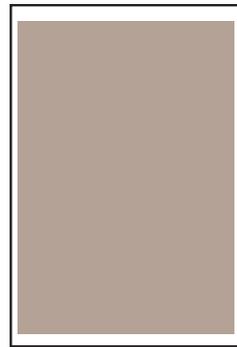
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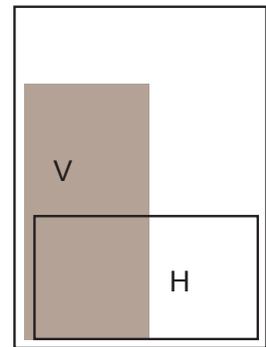
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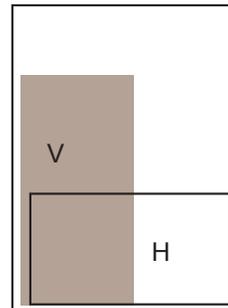
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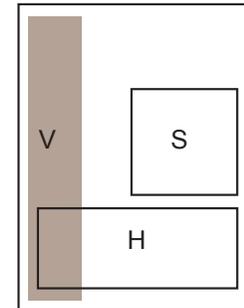
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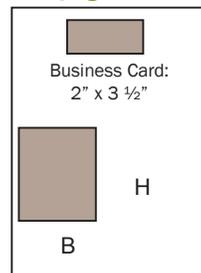
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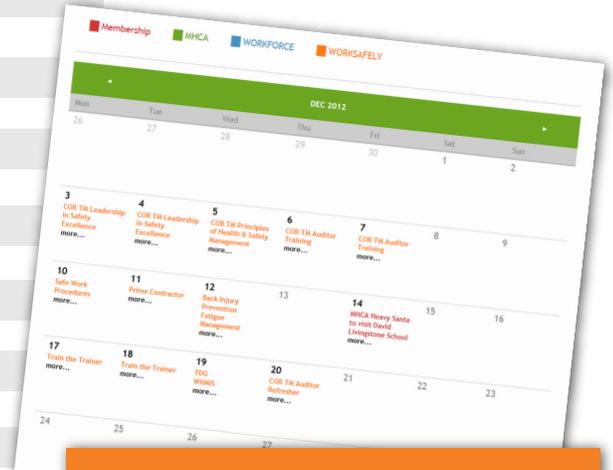
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Training Schedule

Winnipeg Schedule:

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COR™ Auditor	Mar.7-8
Train the Trainer	Mar.11-12
COR™ Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)	Mar.13
Workplace Safety & Health Committee Training (1/2 day PM)	Mar.13
Flagperson (1/2 day AM)	Mar.15
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Mar.18-19
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Mar.20
COR™ Auditor	Mar.21-22
First Aid 1- CPR	Mar.22
Prime Contractor (1/2 day AM)	April.1
Safety Administration (1/2 day PM)	April.1
Excavation & Trenching (1/2 day AM)	April.2
Flagperson (1/2 day PM)	April.2
Safe Work Procedures	April.3
COR Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)	April.4
Workplace Safety & Health Committee Training (1/2 day PM)	April.4
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	April.5
TDG (1/2 day PM)	April.5
COR Leadership in Safety Excellence	April.15-16
COR Principles of Health & Safety Management	April.17
COR Auditor	April.18-19
First Aid 1- CPR	April.26
COR Leadership in Safety Excellence	April.29-30



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 April 1st - 5th, 2013

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	April 1st & 2nd	8:30a.m - 4:30p.m
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	April 3rd	8:30a.m - 4:30p.m
COR™ Auditor	April 4th & 5th	8:30a.m - 4:30p.m
Flag Person	April 1st	6:00p.m - 9:00p.m
TDG	April 2nd	6:00p.m - 9:00p.m
Prime Contractor	April 3rd	6:00p.m - 9:00p.m
Workplace Safety & Health Committee/Representative Training	April 4th	6:00p.m - 9:00p.m

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

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Please be advised that due to continued cooler temperatures, imposition of the 2013 Spring Road Restrictions will be delayed.

Spring Road Restrictions in Zone 1 will not start before 6:00 a.m.

Monday, March 18, 2013. When a decision to implement is made, notice will be communicated 72 hours prior to the start date, in the following manners:

- » on the Internet at <http://www.manitoba.ca/mit/srr/index.html>
- » by calling the Road Information Line at 204- 945 3704, or 1- 877- 627 6237.

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Please be advised that due to continued cooler temperatures, imposition of the 2013 Spring Road Restrictions will be delayed.

Spring Road Restrictions in Zone 2 will not start before 6:00 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2013. When a decision to implement is made, notice will be communicated 72 hours prior to the start date, in the following manners:

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NOTICE OF PERMIT OFFICE CLOSURE

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013 (EASTER MONDAY)

Please be advised that the Motor Carrier Permits and Development (MCPD) office will be closed on April 1, 2013 and staff will not be available to issue or advise on permits.

The MCPD office will re open on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:30 am (CST).

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the MCPD office:

Phone: 1-877-812-0009 or 204-945-3961

Fax: 204-945-6499

Email: Permitservices@gov.mb.ca

For further details on the MCPD and what services and information are available, please refer to our website; <http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/mcd/mcpd/>