



MHCA Expresses Concern with City's Late Tendering Process



The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA) has yet again expressed its concern about the slow pace of tendering progress for the 2013 construction season by the City of Winnipeg.

Case in point, the City participated in a joint City/Province media release on June 20, 2013 announcing \$2.6 million of provincial funding jointly shared with the city for south east Winnipeg road work.

The public release suggested that construction would begin by the end of June. Given however a tender close date of July 5, 2013 followed by up to a 60 day review period, work may not start until September. A similar media release was made June 25, 2013 outlining \$8.3-million worth of road work for Portage Avenue and north west Winnipeg.

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The same scenario holds true for additional City tenders not projected to be out until sometime in July.

That being the case, MHCA President, Chris Lorenc suggested that the City 'not point fingers at our industry and do not suggest that working 24/7 is somehow the remedy.'

MHCA has consistently and repeatedly offered to help assemble a group of subject matter experts (engineering and heavy construction industry professionals) who can collaboratively with City administration review the existing impediments to efficient design assignment, and make recommendations to improve the process. These now would be available for budget 2014 and beyond.

MHCA has appealed to the City of Winnipeg, Council and Administration to make immediate decisions to expedite the flow of tenders and awards to enable reasonable opportunity to complete projects for the 2013 constructions season.

In addition, MHCA has repeated its offer to immediately participate in a review of the City tender process referenced above.

MANITOBA BUILDING AND RENEWAL PLAN

South east Winnipeg

- » Park Grove Drive from Chatsworth Place to Beaverhill Boulevard,
- » Brentford Road from Meadowood Drive to Wales Avenue,
- » Lodgepine Bay at Meadowood Drive,
- » Rue des Meurons from Hamel Avenue to Avenue de la Cathedrale,
- » Rue des Meurons from Bertrand Street to Hamel Avenue,
- » St. Anne's Road from Fermor Avenue to Lavalee Road, and
- » St. Mary's Road from Coniston Street to Lyndale Drive

North west Winnipeg and Portage Avenue

- » Parr Street from Hartford Avenue to Jefferson Avenue,
- » Parr Street from Rupertsland Avenue to McAdam Avenue,
- » Manila Road from Cartwright Road to Jefferson Avenue,
- » Garton Avenue from Marianne Road to Inkster Garden Drive,
- » Allard Avenue from Sumach Street to Bedson Street,
- » Ainslie Street from Ness Avenue to Bruce Avenue,
- » Aubrey Street from Wolseley to the bus loop,
- » Aubrey Street from the bus loop to Palmerston Avenue,
- » Sutherland Avenue from Higgins Avenue to Stephens Street,
- » Dominion Street from Wellington Avenue to Sargent Avenue,
- » Crestview Park Drive from Voyageur Avenue to Hamilton Avenue,
- » Burrows Avenue from McPhillips Street to Tommy Price Street,
- » Red Roblin Place at Athlone Drive,
- » Moorgate Street from Portage Avenue to Lodge Avenue,
- » Furby Street from Portage Avenue to Ellice Avenue, and
- » Leahcrest Crescent from Angila Avenue to Argate Drive

City of Winnipeg 2014 Budget Consultations: Have Your Say

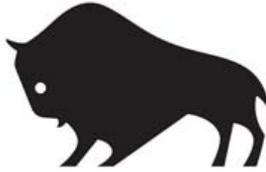
The City of Winnipeg is undertaking a consultation process to engage the citizens of Winnipeg in shaping the direction of the City's budget. All across Canada, municipalities are facing an infrastructure crisis. The list of items needing repair includes streets, bridges, sidewalks, community centers, libraries, and sewer and water systems.

Based on current revenues, the City of Winnipeg anticipates shortfalls in its 2014 and 2015 operating budgets of \$74 million and \$94 million, respectively. Under the City of Winnipeg Charter, the City must balance its budget. Given this challenge, the City of Winnipeg is seeking to understand what the citizens of Winnipeg want and expect from its civic government.

The City of Winnipeg would like to know what the citizens of Winnipeg think about. What the priorities of the City should be. What choices they would make if they were in charge of the City's budget.

Citizens can provide feedback through public workshops, an on-line survey, written submissions, by email to wpgbudget@mnp.ca or by phone to a comment line at 1.877.780.8683.

Or go online and take the survey: <http://wpgbudget.ca/>



**Attn: All Bidders and Pre-paid Tender Account Holders of
Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation's (MIT)
Construction Services Contracts for
Engineering & Operations and Water Management & Structures Divisions**

June 12, 2013

**Re: Provision of Tenders by Email
(Affecting All Contracts)**

**Receipt of Bids by Email
(Affecting Only Non-Bonded Contracts or Construction Orders)**

Starting July 3, 2013

The Engineering & Operations Division and Water Management & Structures Division of Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation will begin phasing in elements of our electronic tendering / procurement initiatives.

Bonded Contracts

Starting July 3, 2013, MIT will send tenders for bonded contracts to interested Bidders by email. Amendments to the tenders will also be handled by email. Hard copy tenders for bonded contracts will no longer be available. All pre-paid tender accounts will be refunded to account holders as soon as practical.

Bids will still need to be submitted in a hard copy paper format due to bonding requirements. MIT will provide guidance to Bidders in the contract Special Provisions regarding minimum bid submission requirements.

Non-Bonded Contracts (Construction Orders)

Starting July 3, 2013, MIT will send tenders for non-bonded contracts (Construction Orders) to interested Bidders by email and may also be provided by fax. Amendments to the tenders will also be handled by email or fax.

Also starting July 3, 2012, bids may be submitted by email for non-bonded contracts (Construction Orders). MIT will provide guidance to Bidders in the contract Special Provisions regarding minimum bid submission requirements.

For any questions or additional information regarding MIT's electronic tendering initiatives, please contact:

Dustin Booy
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Contract Services Branch
Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation
204-945-0018
dustin.booy@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 media@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!

Build Your Future

Safety Professional III

Lehigh Hanson is currently seeking a Safety Professional based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The ideal candidate will have 3-5 years' experience of relevant safety knowledge with a strong OHS background in the heavy manufacturing, building materials, or construction industry. The area of responsibility will include all operations in the Province of Manitoba but will be based out of Winnipeg. The successful candidate will possess post-secondary education in OHS, NCSO program or equivalent. We require relevant safety experience in WCB claims, return-to-work programs, and the development and implementation of safety programs. Strong communication and influencing skills at all levels from senior operation leadership to plant level employees are necessary. Competency in coaching and teaching of employees as well as federal, provincial and local Safety and Health regulations, combined with a high degree of Microsoft Office proficiency, are essential to this position.

Reporting to the Director of Safety and Health, key responsibilities for this position include but are not limited to:

- Implementing and supporting all Safety and Health programs including all regulatory compliance programs and the Lehigh Hanson safety/Health Management system
- Providing ongoing S & H support and guidance to plant management and employees
- Continuous interpretation and compliance planning for current and emerging safety regulatory requirements at all levels affecting the assigned facilities including federal and provincial legislation
- Monitoring and proactively reporting facility Safety and Health performance
- 50-75% local travel within assigned area, 5% travel outside of assigned area, generally for corporate meetings
- Ensuring compliance requirements are met through organizational and procedural measures including implementation of group guidelines, completion of required training, and monitoring compliance

Contact Us!

Qualified and interested candidates may submit their resume in confidence to:
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Area Human Resources Manager
#222, 885 – 42nd Ave, SE Calgary, Alberta T2G 1Y8
Fax: (403) 214-4163
Email: cfowler@lehighcement.com

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Annual Golf Classic

Wednesday August 14, 2013 | Elmhurst & Pine Ridge Golf Courses

REGISTRATION FEE - \$225.00 / person + gst

10:30am – registration desk opens

12:00 noon – shot gun start

Four Person Texas Scramble includes:

Green Fees & Motorized Cart

An Assortment of Spectacular Contests

Fabulous Steak Dinner

Bus shuttle between courses

before/after dinner

Member Company

Invoiced for to _____

Team Capt _____

****Email** _____

Other Golf _____

Golf registration is SOLD OUT!!!

Contact Christine Miller for wait list information

christine@mhca.mb.ca or 204.947.1379

Visa / MC / AMX # _____

Signature _____

Dinner Only (\$50.00 / person all inclusive) _____

Invoice Tournament Fees: _____

Submit registrations ASAP by:

FAX: (204) 943-2279 | Email: christine@mhca.mb.ca

REMINDER:

The MHCA Events Committee will settle course placement by draw on August 7, 2013. All golfers will be notified by fax or email (if you provide one on the registration form) about course location on **August 8, 2013**. **All team captains are responsible for notifying the rest of their team of course placement.**

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.



GOLF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MHCA Golf Classic – Wednesday August 14, 2013
Elmhurst & Pine Ridge Golf Courses

Let us advertise your company and/or product at one of the largest and most popular golf tournaments for the heavy construction industry in Manitoba! Don't Miss Out!

Fax completed form to (204) 943-2279 or phone Christine at (204) 947-1379 | christine@mhca.mb.ca

FIRST COME...FIRST SERVED!!

HOLE SPONSORSHIP

\$399.00 + gst

DUAL HOLE SPONSORSHIP

\$649.00 + gst

LONGEST DRIVE

\$399.00 + gst (includes prize & sign)

CLOSEST TO THE LINE

\$399.00 + gst (includes prize & sign)

BALL IN THE WATER CONTEST

\$399.00 + gst (includes prize & sign)
-sink your ball in the water & enter a draw to win

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

\$399.00 + gst (includes prize & sign)

CHIPPING CONTEST

\$399.00 + gst (includes prize & sign)

SOLD OUT

FREE PUTTING CONTEST

\$399.00 + gst / per course
(includes prize & sign)

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BUS TRANSPORTATION

\$350.00 + gst / 2 buses
-donation towards bus shuttle between courses

SOLD OUT

BEVERAGE CART / DRINK SPONSORSHIP

\$999.00 + gst / per course
-signage on 2 carts per course
-includes 1 drink per golfer

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GOLF CART SPONSORSHIP

\$999.00 + gst per course
-windshield signage on each golf cart

SOLD OUT

"TOURNAMENT BALL" CONTEST

\$750.00 + gst plus prize donation in excess of
\$235.00 per course
-your corporate ball with logo for each team to use

SOLD OUT!

Sponsorship Recognition Includes:

- Networking at one of the largest golf tournaments in Manitoba;
- Exposure to over 320 private sector decision makers in the heavy construction industry;
- Recognition in the facility, golf cart and dinner programs;
- Recognition in the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association Heavy News Weekly – which is circulated to over **1,000** companies plus stakeholders, associations across Manitoba, all Manitoba MP's, MLA's, City Councilors and agencies at all three levels of government throughout the province of Manitoba.

Company: _____

Contact Person: _____ Ph: _____ Fax: _____

Special Instructions: _____

Training Schedule

Winnipeg Schedule:

Construction Safety Excellence™

Traffic Control Coordinator	June 3-4
Owner Operator	June 5-6
Flagperson	June 7 (1/2 day AM)
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	June 10-11
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	June 12
COR™ Auditor	June 13-14
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	June 17-18
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	June 19
COR™ Auditor	June 20-21
Workplace Safety & Health Committee Training	June 24 (1/2 day AM)
Flagperson	June 24 (1/2 day PM)
WHMIS	June 26 (1/2 day AM)
TDG	June 26 (1/2 day PM)
COR™ Auditor Refresher	June 27 (1/2 day AM)
First Aid 1- CPR	June 28



FOR THE FULL CALENDAR
www.mcha.mb.ca/worksafely

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

WORKSAFELY COR™ WEEK **HELD AT THE MHCA OFFICE - WINNIPEG, MB**

We are holding COR™ Week at the MHCA Office,
 Unit 3 - 1680 Ellice Avenue, June 17th - 21st, 2013

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	June 17th & 18th	8:30a.m - 4:30p.m
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	June 19th	8:30a.m - 4:30p.m
COR™ Auditor	June 20th & 21st	8:30a.m - 4:30p.m

REGISTER TODAY - SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

For any other training requests and to register please contact: Sarah Higgins at sarah@mhca.mb.ca

Construction Safety Excellence™

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



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A Defining Moment for Europe

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



Peter G. Hall



Claims in early 2008 that Europe had decoupled from America's woes are now laughable. Multiple 'cliff-edge' panic points over the past four years have largely originated in Europe, and although now is a period of relative calm, the risk of disruption remains palpable. Europe's manifold woes have been fuel for pervasive pessimism. Are there any signs that this ravaged region is turning around?

One look at area-wide GDP would suggest not. First-quarter data revealed that the Euro-Area recession is six quarters long and counting. Current output is 1 per cent below last year's level, and based on performance to date, forecasts are again being revised down. Today's indicators are mixed, and complicated by the ups and downs of global demand, unusual weather and the disruptive effect on output and expectations of US fiscal deadlines.

Euro-area performance looks grim until held up to the light of fiscal austerity. For the past two years, governments have been tightening fiscal measures considerably – radically in not a few cases – to the point that on average, they have outstripped regional potential growth. Under such circumstances, it is almost impossible to avoid a policy-led recession. In fact, it is remarkable that, all things considered, the rest of the economy has been able to generate enough growth to hold at bay the punishment of the public penury. Recent IMF analysis of the knock-on effects of austerity on the rest of the economy suggests that in the absence of the severe tightening, growth would be fairly strong.

This raises an interesting and critical issue. If government cuts and tax increases have had such influence on growth, what will happen when the cuts stop? If the current pattern of growth persists, the end of additional austerity – which incidentally is slated for 2014 – will bring an instant and desperately needed jump in growth. The speed, if not the magnitude, of this

growth pop could be enough of a surprise to inject some badly-needed optimism at both the business and consumer levels – which would no doubt add to the growth pop, aiding upward momentum.

At present, that sounds like the stuff of dreams, but time and again it has been proven that that's how fiscal dynamics work. A key risk is that, with the sustained decline in area-wide GDP, austerity begins to eat into core growth. On this point, the data are unclear, making the current period a defining moment for Europe – a juncture that could see the region take a turn for the better...or the worse.

Significantly, the European Central Bank last week stated amid a volley of mixed data that they believe that growth is actually showing signs of improvement. Clearly, certain economies are sporting positive performance, acting as regional growth engines. Higher US growth could also be shoring up the trade side, both directly and indirectly. But the rise could also be marking the deceleration in austerity – the growth dividend from smaller fiscal cutbacks may already be hitting the bottom line.

If so, it couldn't come too soon. After all, the EU accounts for over 20 per cent of world GDP. Any rise in growth will be felt the world over, and while the region is a long way from taking on the role of growth engine, higher-than-expected growth will at the very least help to lift the world away from the pessimism that has persisted for a half-decade – an extraordinarily long run for the post-war period.

The bottom line? All eyes remain on Europe. Better times there are a must for a world economy that is now overdue for its next growth cycle. It may well be that data releases in the coming three-to-six month window are the most critical since the crisis hit. We'll be paying very careful attention.