



## MHCA Celebrate 71 years, hosts Awards Breakfast, Annual Meeting and Chairman's Gala on Friday, November 28, 2014

With honour, the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association is preparing to host members, guests, dignitaries, family and friends at the 71st Annual Meeting, and Awards Breakfast and Chairman's Gala on Friday, November 28, 2014 at the RBC Convention Centre.

MHCA members from all over Manitoba make the journey to attend the days events, recognizing it as a timely opportunity to celebrate a safe and successful heavy construction season, to networking and liaise with old friends and new business colleagues, and acknowledge the Board of the MHCA for their dedication to the Association over the past year.

This year marks the Passing of the Gavel between outgoing Chairman Henry Borger, M.Sc., MBA (Chair, 2012 - 2014) to incoming Chairman Derek Walker, P.Eng, GSC (incoming Chair, 2014 - 2016).

The Passing of the Gavel, a time honoured tradition that the Association has been practicing for decades, signifies the responsibility, opportunity and honour that serving in the chief governance role of Chairman, MHCA, provides. To date, over 37 Chair's have served, starting in 1945.

In addition, individuals serving as Chair, MHCA, receive an honorary gold MHCA signet ring and pin, bestowed upon them by the outgoing Chair. The Association hopes to see as many members as possible on Friday; the MHCA office will be closed on Friday, November 28, 2014.

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**The City of Winnipeg invites interested MHCA members to a presentation, information and discussion session about upcoming work opportunities and challenges in the City of Winnipeg.**

The horizon in this context covers the next 5 years, with considerable clarity; as well as some insight into the next 20 years of key linear sewer work requirements.

The City of Winnipeg has an unprecedented amount of work in both the current 5 year capital and beyond for Basement Flooding Relief (BFR), Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Mitigation and Wastewater Sewer Relief Programs. The City of Winnipeg wants to share information about the upcoming workload and the technical requirements of the opportunities and to solicit constructive feedback on program delivery.

Currently, the City of Winnipeg’s estimated capital expenditures, from 2015 to 2020 in the Relief areas, is in excess of \$150 million and the work will extend considerably beyond the 5 year capital horizon as the Basement Flooding Relief Program winds down and the implementation of the CSO Abatement Program winds up. CSO Implementation is projected to infuse another \$3 to \$4 billion into the longer term plan (~20 year horizon), much of it in linear pipe installation and other control structures similar to work in the current the BFR Program.

These programs represent both an opportunity and a challenge for local industry (and beyond); both in terms of the magnitude of work to be carried out and the technology that is logically most suited to its delivery. Considerable preliminary work has been carried out for on-going programs in Jefferson, Cockburn-Calrossie, Ferry Road and Transcona. A preliminary breakdown of the diameter range (mm), length (m) and prevailing soil conditions has been compiled in the table below and provides some unique insight into some of the technical challenges that we will face are:

Size Range	Potential Running Soil	Complex Cutting Heads	Good Soil	Total Length in Size Range
<600	10,325	17,574	40,331	68,230
600-1,050	2,214	4,224	9,146	15,583
1,200-2,100	293	821	8,681	9,795
>2,100-3,000	495	2,238	2,071	4,805
>3,000	31			31
				<b>98,444</b>

From a practical perspective, much of the smaller diameter work is similar to past practice, however there will be a markedly increased requirement for more advanced trenchless technologies that are currently only supplied in very limited capacities locally. Similarly, in all other diameter ranges, there are technical requirements that have been delivered locally but with very limited capacity and some that have never been delivered in the local market place but are currently available in the North American market.

We have assembled key representatives of our consultants involved in the above noted programs to present an overview of the opportunities and technical requirements of the work based on what we currently know.

**City of Winnipeg – Water & Waste Department Presentation to the MHCA**

- When:** Tuesday December 9, 2014
- Time:** 11:45 am – doors open  
Noon – served lunch  
Presentation to follow
- Where:** Victoria Inn Winnipeg – Carlton Room
- Cost:** \$35 +GST / person
- RSVP:** Contact Christine Miller at 204-947-1379 or christine@mhca.mb.ca to reserve your seat.

# NEWS RELEASE

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www.wcb.mb.ca  
 November 24, 2014

## Average WCB assessment rates to go down in 2015

**(WINNIPEG)** – The average WCB assessment rate in Manitoba will drop 13 per cent to \$1.30 per \$100.00 of assessable payroll effective January 1, 2015, maintaining one of the lowest rates in Canada.

The WCB's healthy financial situation and strong reserves, generated from positive investment returns and the WCB's commitment to its prevention and recovery goals, made the rate decrease possible.

Overall, over 90 per cent of employers will pay lower WCB assessment rates in 2015, while less than 10 per cent will pay more. Those employers with consistently low injury experience will pay the lowest rates within their industry.

"The success of prevention and return to work efforts by the WCB, workers and employers are helping create a competitive business advantage that comes with lower assessment rates," says Winston Maharaj, WCB President and CEO. "Our effective financial stewardship has also contributed to a reserve surplus that has surpassed our target, allowing us to decrease rates."

Maharaj adds that employers can continue to help reduce assessment rates by improving health and safety at their workplaces and strengthening return to work programs.

The gradual increase in the maximum assessable earnings cap also continues, with the 2015 ceiling set at \$121,000.

The Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba is a mutual workplace injury and disability insurance agency funded by employer premiums. With a mandate to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses, the WCB is committed to building a culture of health and safety throughout Manitoba. Workplace injuries and illnesses are preventable but should they occur, the WCB is here to help injured workers, their families and employers.

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# Building on advantage:

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## Improving Canada's trade infrastructure

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## “Building on Advantage” report highlights importance of trade-enabling infrastructure for the Canadian economy

The Canadian Construction Association (CCA) was pleased with the release today of a new Canada West Foundation report entitled Building on Advantage: Improving Canada’s Trade Infrastructure, which reinforces the link between a healthy Canadian economy and reliable infrastructure. The report also emphasizes the ongoing need for sustainable and strategic investment in the country’s trade-related infrastructure.



“Canadian commodity sectors rely on the ability to move goods quickly and efficiently, particularly if those sectors are to meet increasing demand from lucrative new global markets,” said Michael Atkinson, president of the Canadian Construction Association. “This report from the Canada West Foundation highlights that a failure to address our country’s infrastructure needs has the potential to lead to future crisis. Without strategic investment in our trade-related infrastructure, Canada may miss out on the tremendous economic opportunities available to us.”

The report showcases that Canada’s current infrastructure assets have served the country well so far, but have seen a steady decline in world rankings. In the 2010 World Economic Forum’s Competitiveness Index, Canada’s infrastructure assets were ranked in 9th place. By 2014, Canada had fallen to 19th place, and behind the United States.

“As a country, we must ensure that we can meet demand and maintain our reputation as a reliable supplier,” Atkinson continued. “Investments to manage, expand and build trade-related infrastructure are truly investments in the economy, and in some cases could unlock more than \$1.3 trillion in economic output, 7.6 million person-years of employment, and \$281 billion in tax revenue. Recent investments by Canadian governments are an acknowledgment of this, and we are pleased to see infrastructure remain top of mind in many policy circles.”

The report makes several recommendations in order to initiate action on trade-related infrastructure, such as carving out an explicit portion of existing federal infrastructure funds for trade-related infrastructure, introducing a focus on innovation in the procurement of trade infrastructure projects, and the establishment of a national public-private body that would develop a long-term investment plan linked to the country’s trade agenda and priorities.

More information about the Canada West Foundation report can be found at [www.cwf.ca](http://www.cwf.ca).



## Welcome MHCA New Member !

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# MHCA 2015 Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory COVER ART COMPETITION

Welcome to the MHCA 2015 Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory Cover Art Competition!

We invite you to create the eye-catching cover art that makes this Directory stand out! Check out all the rules and regulations below:



**MHCA's  
2014 Cover  
Art designed  
by:**

SMS  
Equipment,  
Roy Lapa &  
Greg McKee

## Eligibility

Entrants must be current members of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. The contest's Artwork Guidelines states that considered submissions must be two-dimensional original, hand-rendered art (acrylic, oil, watercolour, etc.), three-dimensional works (sculptures/carvings), or photography. Submitted artwork cannot have already been previously published or reproduced in any format or exhibit. Also, the artist should not have future plans to sell, publish, reproduce or exhibit the artwork.

If the Contest Entry contains any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant, and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the Contest Entry, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the use.

MHCA and its publisher, Lester Communications Inc. hold themselves harmless of any use of submitted materials claimed to be the ownership of the party for which made submission and any and all legal issues arising with copyright of said materials will be between the property owner and the submitting party.

**To enter, each artist can submit 1 (one) piece for the contest.**

## How to Enter

Entries must be received by **Friday, January 9, 2015**. Late entries will not be considered due to the production schedule of the MHCA Directory. The winning entrant will be contacted shortly after the closing date.

Entries must be submitted in the following formats: **PDF, EPS, or TIFF files**. JPGS are accepted but other formats are preferred. **All files need to be high-resolution 300 dpi images at 6" W by 9" H. CMYK or Grayscale are acceptable.**

Entries must be accompanied with an official entry form, containing the following information:

- MHCA member company name along with work address, telephone number and email address
- A short artist's biography
- Description of the artwork, including dimensions, medium and title

## Conditions of Entry

By entering the MHCA Directory Cover Art Competition, the entrant agrees to the following conditions:

- The theme of the 2015 Directory must reflect heavy equipment
- The winning entrant agrees to permit MHCA to publish his/her own artwork on the cover of the 2015 MHCA Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory, which will be distributed across Manitoba
- The winning entry becomes the copyright property of MHCA
- The winning entrant agrees that MHCA has the right to reproduce the artwork for its corporate website and on promotional materials associated with the MHCA Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory
- The winning entrant will be publicly credited in the MHCA Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory as well as the official website and any other promotional materials that features the artwork
- No copyrighted images, products, or company names can be part of the submitted entry
- Ensure that all photographs used are in compliance with current Workplace, Health & Safety Regulations

## The Winner

The winning entrant of this competition will have 'bragging rights' for the year of 2015 and will receive a giftcard valued at \$250 from "The Keg". The winning selection process will take place via a panel of official MHCA judges. If no suitable cover art design is submitted, MHCA reserves the right to choose the 2015 cover art.

## Entries can be sent by mail or email to:

Manitoba Heavy Construction Association  
ATTN: MHCA 2015 Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory Cover Art Competition  
Unit 3-1680 Ellice Ave  
Winnipeg, MB R3H 0Z2

## For further inquiries about this contest, contact:

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## Lower Oil Prices: Really?

By Peter Hall

Vice-President and Chief Economist

November 27, 2014



The planet was on red alert. No, not a threat of imminent invasion. Not a global epidemic. And it wasn't about a geopolitical unraveling. Not even impending economic and financial collapse. It was all about energy. In early 2008, the messages were clear. We are running out of oil. All the easy stuff has been discovered. A larger share of production is in politically difficult countries. Higher oil costs spell the end of globalization.

The messages flashed across the globe repeatedly, and were so believable that speculation heightened the havoc. But the bubble burst, and six years on, prices are south of \$90 per barrel and falling. Do lower prices make sense, or is this just temporary?

First off, we need to understand the hyperanalysis of 2008. Oil prices began to rise in early 2007 from the low-\$50 level to just under \$75 by the fall. That's pretty dramatic, although prices had hit \$75 in 2006. Yet those gyrations paled in comparison to what was coming. Oil sold for over \$90 per barrel by year-end, and continued a steady march through July, 2008, hitting \$145.

Unclear of the reasons for the runup, markets presumed that it was a reaction to the significant current and near-future needs of emerging markets, together with steady increases in demand from the rest of the world. It sure looked as if prices were unstoppable, surging toward \$200 per barrel.

It's easy to forget now, but the drama didn't end there. Prices hit a low of \$30 just before Christmas as financial and then economic crisis swept over the globe. Most analysts were red-faced and befuddled, and energy investors were livid. Fortunately for both camps, there was a quasi-recovery. Prices were back to \$75 by late-2009. What followed this was, once again, extraordinary.

The rebound in 2009-10 made sense in light of the precedent-setting deluge of global fiscal stimulus. But the flat economic performance that soon ensued – and persisted for four years – suggested prices much lower than the 2011-13 average of US \$96. So, were the 'supply-bears' right?

Actually, the data prove them quite wrong. Inventories soared in the wake of crisis, as production increases clashed with significantly lower usage worldwide. Moreover, the price scare encouraged lower energy intensity – oil usage per unit of GDP continued to fall in developed and emerging markets alike. But the price spike also encouraged higher exploration and development. Oil plays that were previously uneconomic became viable, and spurred on innovation that continues to lower the cost of recovery. Since 2005, US production has soared by 4.5 million barrels per day (mmbd), thanks to the significant contribution from shale deposits. At the same time, Canadian supply is up 1.2 mmbd, and there have been significant increases in Brazil, the Middle East and other key producers. We should hardly be surprised; production increases always follow price spikes. Pre-crisis, peak global production was pegged to occur sometime toward the end of the last decade. That date, always a moving target, has been shifted out to 2025.

Why, then, were prices so resilient? In a word, liquidity. The vast amounts of cash reserves amassed by corporations in addition to unprecedented cash injections by the Fed occurred at a moment when the world didn't really need them. Corporations weren't investing. Consumers weren't borrowing; indeed, they were deleveraging in a big way. But the cash still had to earn a return, and it seems that in the general search for yield, it made its way to the periphery of the market, including commodities. It's possible that prices have been artificially high for a long time.

Now, with the economy recovering and geopolitical tensions compromising key oil flows, we should expect prices to be rising. However, the opposite is happening. Increased supplies are a key factor, but they don't explain everything. Lower prices are also roughly in synch with the Fed's tapering program. If so, then we can expect oil prices to continue weakening as tapering morphs into other forms of monetary tightening.

The bottom line? It's clearly abnormal, but it looks like higher world growth will mean lower oil prices. It's not the best news for oil producers. But here's a neat upside: the growth that leads to lower oil prices will be further fueled by them – a timely and badly-needed bit of 'growth insurance'.

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Dec. 4 - 5

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### January

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence  
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management  
COR™ Auditor  
Flagperson (1/2 day AM)  
Committee/Representative Training (1/2 day PM)  
Traffic Control Coordinator  
COR™ Auditor Refresher 1/2 day AM

Jan. 12 - 13  
Jan. 14  
Jan. 15 - 16  
Jan. 19  
Jan. 19  
Jan. 20 - 21  
Jan. 23

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COR™ Auditor, **Brandon MB**  
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COR™ Auditor Refresher 1/2 day AM  
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Feb. 17  
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3	4	5 COR Leadership in Safety Excellence	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Training Flagperson	15	16
17	18 COR Leadership in Safety Excellence	19 COR Leadership in Safety Excellence	20 COR Auditor	21 COR Auditor	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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**November 27, 2014 Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation**

[www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html)

**TENDER NO. 6493 - REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERT**

Location: Construction in West Pine Creek and East Pine Creek on PTH 12, (East of PTH 89)

Tender Availability: Currently available Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 2, 2014

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves the construction of a Double Cell Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert in West Pine Creek on Provincial Trunk Highway 12, 2.7km E of PTH 89, in NE 1/4 Sec 32-1-12E, Municipality of Piney and Construction of a Single Cell Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert in East Pine Creek on Provincial Trunk Highway 12, 3.5 km E of PTH 89 in NW 1/4 Sec 33-2-12E, Municipality of Piney.

**TENDER NO. 6496 - BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT (INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS)**

Location: PR 251, PTH 21 - Waskada Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 4, 2014 Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves construction of bituminous pavement including intersection improvements and base on Provincial Road 251, from the Junction Provincial Trunk Highway 21 to North of the Junction Provincial Road 452, for a total construction distance of approximately 18.0 kms in the Municipality of Brenda. Major items of work include:

- 44 000 t of Bituminous Pavement Class "B"
- 19 000 t of Granular Base Course Class "A"
- 180 sta of Surface Preparation, Type "C" (Modified)

**TENDER NO. 6498 - STOCKPILING AGGREGATE**

Location: Melita-Virden-Birtle-Russell Area Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 4, 2014 Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves supplying, crushing, loading, hauling and stockpiling aggregate for use on Provincial Roads in the Municipalities of Ellice, Birtle, Wallace, Woodworth, Pipestone, Sifton, Albert, Hamiota, Russell, Whitehead, Shellmouth Boulton and Arthur. Major items of work include:

- 37 300 t of Stockpiling Traffic Gravel Class "C" (Modified)
- 19 600 t of Stockpiling Granular Base Course, Class "A" (Modified)
- 4 500 t of Stockpiling Aggregate for bituminous Pavement Class "A"
- 3 200 t of Stockpiling Seal Coat Cover Class "A" (Modified)
- 24 000 t of Stockpiling Granular Material 100mm Minus

**City of Winnipeg (As of November 27, 2014) [www.winnipeg.ca](http://www.winnipeg.ca)**

**TENDER NO. 1062-2014 - JEFFERSON EAST COMBINED SEWER RELIEF-CONTRACT 4 - SEMPLE OUTFALL**

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 5, 2014

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 204-986-2491

**Other No tenders this week**



Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation [www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html) (as of November 27, 2014)

**TENDER NO. 6485 - STOCKPILING AGGREGATE (EPP), ST. THERESA POINT AIRPORT**

Closing: November 20, 2014	Results:
3572405 Manitoba Ltd. c/o Joey Werbicki	\$694,000.00
Glenko Enterprises (19940 Ltd. (COR™))	\$955,000.00
(M) Arnason Industries Ltd. (COR™)	\$993,000.00

**TENDER NO. 6487 - STOCKPILING AGGREGATE (EPP), PR 280, SPLITE LAKE-GILLIM AREA**

Closing: November 18, 2014	Results:
(M) Smook Contractors Ltd. (COR™)	\$5,097,860.00
(M) Hugh Munro Construction (COR™)	\$5,831,450.00

**TENDER 6489 - INTERSECTION IMPROVMENTS, PTH 16, 1.2 KM E OF PR 350 - 0.3 KM E OF SOUTH JCT PTH 83**

Closing: November 18, 2014	Results:
(M) Russell Redi-Mix Concrete (COR™)	\$3,244,015.00

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**TENDER NO. 520-2014 - LAGIMODIERE BLVD. NORTHBOUND - COTTONWOOD ROAD TO DUGALD ROAD AND ARCHIBALD STREET - PLINGUET STREET TO #80 ARCHIBALD STREET MILL AND FILL/LAGIMODIERE BLVD. NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND SHOULDER PAVING**

Closing: November 18, 2014	Results:
(M) Bituminex Paving (COR™)	\$2,938,000.00
(M) Borland Construction (COR™)	\$3,051,030.00
(M) Maple Leaf Construction (COR™)	\$3,060,122.00
(M) Nelson River Construction (COR™)	\$3,378,812.00
(M) J.C. Paving Ltd. (COR™)	\$3,671,188.00





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