



The Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship introduces guideline that classifies Jobsite Storage Tanks

The Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship has introduced a guideline that outlines the classification of Jobsite Storage Tanks and outlines siting and operation requirements for these tanks.

On the MHCA website, www.mhca.mb.ca, under 'Top News Reports' is a link to a series of documents with information needed to assist industry with complying specifically with the requirements for the siting of a jobsite storage tank for operation before receiving fuel.

This document includes:

- Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship Guideline – Classification and Use of Jobsite Storage Tank Systems
- Template Proposal for Variance for Clause V. of Guideline
- Application for Permit to Operate a Petroleum Storage Facility
- Inspection Report
- Sample Letter from Engineer verifying Clause V. is met

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The MHCA has worked with Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship to develop a template proposal when requesting a variance if/when industry requires an alternate approach in meeting Clause V. of this guideline.

Also, please note that MHCA is working with Transport Canada to develop a practical approach for industry to meet Clause IV. of this guideline regarding the mobilization of the jobsite storage tanks. This will be concluded by the end of 2015 and more information will follow.

We hope this package of information helps streamline this variance procedure and if there are any questions please contact Jackie Jones @ 204-594-9054 or jackie@mhca.mb.ca.

Sincerely,



Don Hurst
Director, WORKSAFELY™, Education & Training

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Infrastructure Investing to Boost Canadian Economy

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The Canadian economy should start gaining momentum over the next couple of years, as the impact of new federal infrastructure spending starts flowing through, say Bank of Nova Scotia economists in a report published Monday.

The latest Global Forecast Update provides the bank's first forecast for 2017. The report sees Canadian gross domestic product (GDP) growth accelerating to 2.3% from 1.8% in 2016. For the U.S., the report predicts 2.7% growth in 2017, up from 2.5% in 2016.

"An even better U.S. economic performance awaits a stronger housing cycle, increased business investment, and improved international shipments — developments that may not materialize until later next year or until 2017," the Scotia report says.

"Canada should continue to piggyback on the momentum in U.S. domestic demand, with non-resource manufacturing and service exports getting an added boost from a more competitively valued Canadian dollar," the report says. "The Canadian economy should also receive a boost from the increased spending provided by Ottawa's newly elected federal government, though the additional infrastructure expenditures promised are likely to have a greater impact in 2017."

However, the positive impact of the new infrastructure spending will be tempered by higher income taxes for top earners, and businesses likely facing higher environmental costs, the report says, "both of which could reinforce a less buoyant trend in household and business spending."

"Canadian output growth should continue to gradually build some momentum, with a stronger growth cycle largely dependent upon a renewed upswing in commodity prices and resource-related investments, and the anticipated improvement in the U.S. economy's performance," the report says.

For 2015, Scotia also nudged its Canadian GDP growth forecast up from 1.0% to 1.1% "to reflect the slightly better tone in a number of recent data reports, most notably the pickup in export volumes," the report says.

"In 2017, real GDP growth is expected to remain solid in central Canada, Manitoba, and British Columbia, assisted by continued softness in the Canadian dollar," says the Scotia report. "The rebound in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland and Labrador is expected to continue, but at a muted pace relative to prior corrections."

For Europe, Economic growth will strengthen modestly from 1.5% this year to 1.7% in 2016 and 1.8% in 2017, the Scotia report says. And, for China, the report predicts that real GDP growth will slow from 6.9% in 2015 to 6.4% and 6.2% in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

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iMaQs Training by the Manitoba Mines Branch

The Manitoba Mines Branch will be offering iMaQs Training at the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA) on December 2 and 9, 2015.

December 2 - training session, 9 a.m. - noon
December 9 - training session, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The training will focus on:

- Registering online for an iMaQs account
- A walk-through of how to look for information as disposition owner and/or administrator conducting business on behalf of the company
- Submitting and editing an Exemption Certificate
- Submitting a Quarry Return
- Using iMaQs Map Viewer
- Entering and submitting an application online (Private Quarry)

This training course will include a live test system demonstration and hands-on training on how to effectively enter and search for information. Throughout the duration of the course, Mines Branch Quarry Recording Office staff will be available to answer questions and assist clients with how to use iMaQs. All course materials will be provided.

To register for the iMaQs training course, contact Christine Miller at:

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Unit 3 - 1680 Ellice Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R3H 0Z2
Phone: 204-974-1379 ex. 14
Email: christine@mhca.mb.ca

For further information on the training itself, contact the Manitoba Mines Branch:

Phone: 204-945-6528
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Leader, Liberal Party
Thursday January 28, 2016
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Premier Greg Selinger
Leader, NDP
Tuesday February 23, 2016
Madison Ballroom

Areas of interest to be addressed in the presentations:

- Given the importance of growing Manitoba's economy, the relative priority the Leader would place on trade & transportation investments as part of a provincial economic growth strategy, including promoting CentrePort Canada and the Port of Churchill as key Canadian trade gateways and corridors;
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- Income growth has not kept pace with the cost of housing. Address the rising cost of home ownership and decline in affordability in the Manitoba market particularly as it impacts young people;
- Projected approaches to balancing the provincial budget;
- Views on reviewing the existing provincial revenue sharing and striking a 'New Fiscal Deal' all of Manitoba's municipalities;
- With the growing importance and profile of the New West Partnership an indication of intention to join, or otherwise project Manitoba's global presence and investment promotion.

Doors Open: 7:30 am

Breakfast: 8:00 am hot breakfast will be served

Presentation: 8:15 am

Cost: \$35.00 + gst / person

RSVP: **MHCA** - Brenda Perkins at 204-947-1379 or Brenda@mhca.mb.ca

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Winter Roads Training will be held at the Burntwood Hotel, in the Executive Room, from **November 30 – December 4, 2015**

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	November 30	For any training requests and to register, please contact: Sarah Higgins WORKSAFELY™ Training Coordinator e: sarah@mhca.mb.ca t: 204-594-9060
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	December 1	
COR™ Auditor	December 2	
WHIMIS	December 3 (a.m.)	
Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)	December 3 (p.m.)	
Winter Roads Training	December 4	

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

Please note that a minimum of six (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 charges will apply



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Training Schedule

November

Traffic Control Coordinator	Nov. 16 - 17	MHCA Office
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence, Thompson, MB	Nov. 30	Burntwood Hotel

December

COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management, Thompson, MB	Dec. 1	Burntwood Hotel
COR™ Auditor, Thompson, MB	Dec. 2	Burntwood Hotel
WHMIS (1/2 day AM), Thompson, MB	Dec. 3	Burntwood Hotel
TDG (1/2 day PM), Thompson, MB	Dec. 3	Burntwood Hotel
Winter Roads, Thompson, MB	Dec. 4	Burntwood Hotel

January

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Jan. 11 -12	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Jan. 13	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	Jan. 14 - 15	MHCA Office
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence, Brandon, MB	Jan. 11 - 12	St. John Ambulance
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management, Brandon, MB	Jan. 13	St. John Ambulance
COR™ Auditor, Brandon, MB	Jan. 14 - 15	St. John Ambulance
Train the Trainer	Jan. 18 - 19	MHCA Office
Flagperson (1/2 day AM)	Jan. 20	MHCA Office
Committee/Representative Training	Jan. 20	MHCA Office
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	Jan. 21	MHCA Office
TDG (1/2 day PM)	Jan. 21	MHCA Office
Excavating and Trenching (1/2 day AM)	Jan. 22	MHCA Office
Traffic Control Coordinator	Jan. 25 - 26	MHCA Office
*Team Leader (1/2 day AM)	Jan. 28	MHCA Office
*Effective Delegation (1/2 day PM)	Jan. 28	MHCA Office

February

*Written Communication (1/2 day AM)	Feb. 11	MHCA Office
*Verbal Communication (1/2 day PM)	Feb. 11	MHCA Office
EXPO North, Thompson, MB	Feb. 24 - 25	
Held at the Thompson Regional Community Centre & University College of the North		

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WORKSAFELY MHCA SAFETY TIPS

Winter Driving

With the winter season settling in, hazardous road conditions become the most prevalent factor in road accidents. An accident can occur in a split second if you don't follow basic safety rules. There are many ways to make sure you get to your destination safely - here are some safety tips to ensure you treat these poor road conditions respectfully and effectively:

Getting ready

- Get your vehicle winter-ready with a maintenance check-up.
- Have your tires checked or replaced before winter begins. Remember to check tire air pressure frequently, as it decreases in colder weather. Never mix tires of different tread, size and construction.
- Check weather and travel conditions before heading out. Don't take chances if the weather is bad.
- Put together an emergency kit and put it in the vehicle - you never know when it is needed.
- If you are traveling a long distance, plan your route ahead of time. Let someone know of your destination, route, and expected time of arrival.
- Wear comfortable clothing that doesn't restrict your movement while at the wheel. Keep warm clothing for getting out of your vehicle.
- Clear snow and ice from all windows, lights, mirrors, and the roof. After starting your vehicle, wait for the fog to clear from the interior of the windows so you will have good visibility all around.
- Keep your gas tank sufficiently full - at least a half of a tank at all times is recommended.
- Make sure you have sufficient windshield washer fluid in the reservoir and that it is rated in the -40°C temperature range. Keep an extra jug in the vehicle.

Staying safe

- See and be seen in low light conditions - turn on your vehicle's full lighting system in poor visibility
- Leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle ahead. Stay at least four seconds behind the vehicle ahead of you.
- Heavy slush can build up in the wheel wells of your vehicle and can affect your ability to steer. Look far ahead as you drive, so you can recognize hazards and have plenty of time to respond.
- Adjust your driving to the road and weather conditions. Slow down and avoid sudden turns of the steering wheel and sudden braking/accelerating which could cause a skid. In a skid, decelerate by taking your foot off the brake, step on the clutch or shift to neutral, then look where you want your vehicle to go and steer in that direction.
- Be careful when approaching shaded areas, bridges, and overpasses, as these sections of road freeze much sooner in cold weather and stay frozen long after the sun has risen.
- Watch out for black ice as they can cause your vehicle to suddenly lose traction.
- Slow down, keep your foot off the brake, and be ready to shift to neutral or step on the clutch as your vehicle crosses these areas

- On snow-covered highways, large trucks and buses can raise or blow snow onto your windshield leading to a sudden loss of visibility. Always drive defensively and leave enough space to avoid their snow spray.

If you're stuck or stranded

- Don't panic. Stay with your vehicle for safety and warmth and wait for help to arrive.
- Be careful if you have to get out of your vehicle when on the shoulder of a busy road. If possible, use the door away from traffic.
- Draw attention to your vehicle. Use emergency flashers, flares or a Call Police sign. Run your motor sparingly. For fresh air, slightly open a window away from the wind. You may have to exit your vehicle occasionally to make sure the exhaust pipe is clear of drifting snow before running the engine.
- If you attempt to free your vehicle from the snow, be careful. Dress warmly, shovel slowly and do not overexert yourself. Body heat is retained when clothing is kept dry. Wet clothing due to the weather or perspiration can lead to a dangerous loss of body heat.
- In blizzard conditions, especially overnight, make sure one person stays awake, because help could take some time to arrive. Maintain circulation by moving your feet, hands, and arms.

All But Quiet on the Currency Front

By Peter G Hall, Vice President and Chief Economist



Having fun yet? The global currency jolt over the past 17 months is making theme parks jealous. Try as we may, we just don't seem to have the formula for ending large shifts like this. Keynes tried his best back in the 1930s. Globalization was supposed to help. Derivatives were thought to be the latest remedy. Instead, movements seem to have become more dramatic. Why are we on this wild ride, and is it about to end anytime soon?

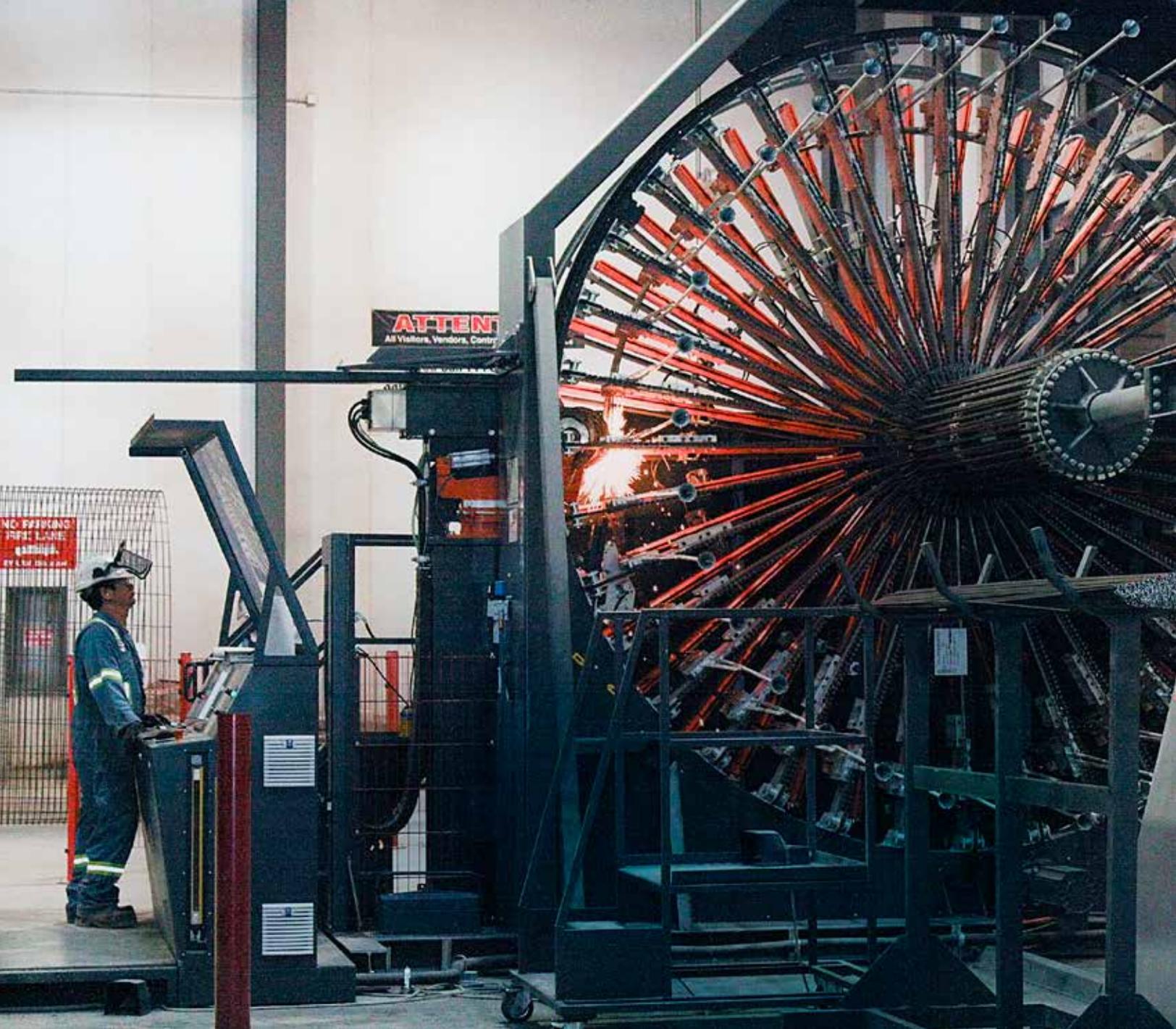
How wild is it? Fasten your seat belts. Emerging market currencies are collectively down almost 15% over the past 17 months against the US dollar, with some fluctuating much more than others. Ah, the usual suspects; but with their structural weaknesses, doesn't this make sense? Far from it; many have learned the lessons of the past and substantially strengthened "their structural currency drivers." At the same time, many developed countries have seen deeper currency swings. Europe is down 21% in the same time frame, and Canada is down by 19%. Clearly this is not just an emerging market thing. What's going on? Simply put, the Great Reversal, discussed in last week's issue, is profoundly affecting many currencies.

In response, EDC Economics has developed a list of countries that we believe are most exposed to external conditions. Four indicators were used in our assessment: growth in private credit; the current account balance; portfolio flows; and the strength of the country's commercial environment. We narrowed the list to 43 of the larger emerging markets, and ranked them on overall vulnerability. Argentina and Venezuela made the top 10, for obvious reasons. EU hopeful Turkey ranked third, also unsurprising. More surprising results are Colombia and Peru, countries that have made great strides in their recent development.

In general, we can expect more currency volatility. But volatility alone is not necessarily a sign of structural weakness, for a number of reasons. First, in great part, this is a US thing. As the tide of Fed liquidity retreats, the backward current is affecting almost all non-US markets – it's almost impossible to resist. In fact, those that are resisting are paying the price. China's heavily managed renminbi is down only 3.2% against the USD, on a year to date basis, mostly because of the August devaluation, and it looks like China's exports are getting hammered. Second, past fallout from market swings has led many emerging markets to restructure in ways that are insulating them more from current movements. Among these changes are beefing up foreign currency reserves; minimizing hard-currency debt exposure; reducing foreign-held debt ratios; and creating rainy day funds. On the corporate side, among the BRICS, all but one country have foreign-currency debt at less than 40% of total outstanding debt. Third, the currencies of resource-dependent markets fluctuate with commodity prices, which are clearly in freefall. A good few emerging markets have constructed financial shock absorbers for this, but the fallout is almost impossible to avoid.

So, what's the effect of all this mayhem on Canadian exporters? First, a huge gain in competitiveness with the U.S., which also happens to be leading the global growth charge. Second, our success in the US shouldn't give the impression that it's the same everywhere else. Far from it; while on balance, Canada has actually depreciated against all our non-US trading partners, it's by just 2.8% in the past 17 months. Against Mexico, we are up by over 3%, and we have also appreciated against Brazil, Russia and South Africa. Granted, much non-US trade is conducted in USD, but the bilateral math is likely leading to discounts: exporters should still expect strong price competition. Finally, currency fluctuations can dissuade already-tentative exporters from pursuing foreign sales, and even more skittish international investors from finalizing direct investment projects abroad. But inside this threat is also an opportunity.

The bottom line? In today's cautionary climate, currency volatility isn't exactly helpful. What's different about today's currency swings is that they can be directly traced to renewed global growth, and as such, it seems that volatility is here to stay, for now. Those with the stomach and creativity to manage through the mayhem stand to gain – perhaps like never before.



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