



The Heavy News Weekly



Infrastructure top priority for Manitoba voters: poll

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No matter their political party of preference, voters put a high priority on roads, potholes and overall infrastructure.

A Winnipeg Free Press/CTV telephone poll of 1,000 Manitobans conducted by Probe Research from March 28 to April 4 found 35 per cent of NDP supporters, 34 per cent of Tory supporters, and 28 per cent of Liberal supporters believe this is the most important concern or issue facing the community today.

After that, the most important issues begin shifting depending on which party Manitobans plan to vote for.

NDP supporters believe the next three priorities are health care at 18 per cent, poverty and homelessness at 17 per cent and crime at 16 per cent.

Tory supporters also rank health care second at 18 per cent, but put crime next at 16 per cent, and taxes and tax reform in third at 13 per cent.

Liberal supporters put crime in second place at 20 per cent, followed by jobs and unemployment at 11 per cent, and health care, education and recreation all at 10 per cent.

For Winnipeg voters, 52 per cent of Tory supporters, 41 per cent of NDP voters, and 37 per cent of Liberal voters view roads, potholes and overall infrastructure as the main concern.

For Tory voters in Winnipeg, crime is the No. 2 concern at 26 per cent, followed by health care and taxes and tax reform at 16 per cent, and poverty homelessness at 13 per cent. NDP voters in Winnipeg put poverty and homelessness at 20 per cent, crime and health care at 18 per cent, and education at 17 per cent.

How community issues break down (Manitoba)

Tory voters

1. Infrastructure/roads (34%)
2. Health care (18%)
3. Crime/violence (16%)

Other: Public transit/bike lanes (2%); racism/cultural issues/inequality (2%); indigenous issues (2%); environmental issues (1%)

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NDP voters

1. Infrastructure/roads (35%)

2. Health care (18%)

3. Poverty/homelessness (17%)

Other: Economic growth/business development (2%); pornography/drugs/prostitution (2%); cost of living (1%); seniors' issues (0%)

Liberal voters

1. Infrastructure/roads (28%)

2. Crime/violence (20%)

3. Jobs/unemployment (11%)

Other: Rural issues/small-town survival (2%); civic politics (2%); indigenous issues (2%); social services/public services (1%); seniors' issues (1%)

How community issues break down (Winnipeg)

Tory voters

1. Infrastructure/roads (52%)

2. Crime/violence (26%)

3. Health care (16%); taxes/tax reform (16%)

Other: Rural issues/small-town survival (1%); economic growth/business development (1%); recreation/leisure (1%); environmental issues (0%)

NDP voters

1. Infrastructure/roads (41%)

2. Poverty/homelessness (20%)

3. Crime/violence (18%); health care (18%)

Other: Cost of living (1%); seniors' issues (1%); economic growth/business development (0%)

Liberal voters

1. Infrastructure/roads (37%)

2. Crime/violence (23%)

3. Health care (12%); economy in general (12%)

Other: Social services/public services (1%); cost of living (0%); seniors' issues (0%); pornography/drugs/prostitution (0%)

About the poll

The province wide telephone poll of 1,000 Manitoba adults was conducted by Probe Research for the Winnipeg Free Press and CTV from March 28 to April 4. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 per cent, 95 per cent of the time.

Respondents were asked: "I would like you to tell me what you consider to be the most important issue or concern facing your community today."

Changes to the 2016 Directory and Rental Rates

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Terraforma Equipment Sales & Rental Rates

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Making wise investments in infrastructure

Published in the MHCA Winnipeg Free Press Insert on Marh 23, 2016

Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA) president Chris Lorenc doesn't want governments to spend money on infrastructure. He wants them to think of every dollar allocated to infrastructure as an investment.

"Investment suggests a different level of cerebral consideration of what you're going to be doing with the funds," he says. "Any fool can spend. It takes thinking, it takes planning, it takes discipline to invest."

According to a 2013 Canada West Foundation report, government investments in infrastructure fell from about 5% of GDP in the 1960s to 2% by 2000, resulting in an infrastructure deficit of billions of dollars. On a local level, municipalities are dealing with crumbling roadways, wastewater systems that are nearing the end of their life cycles and the need to develop new facilities. On a national level, improved trade routes are needed to facilitate the safe, efficient flow of goods to national and international markets.

The MHCA encourages all three levels of government to adopt six fundamental principles to address the deficit and guide future investment:

Permanent

Programs should be permanent, not unlike our 'permanent' health care, education, and public safety programs. Infrastructure investment is our economic and social health care program.

Focus on economic growth

Infrastructure plans should focus on economic growth investments as a matter of first priority, without ignoring key assets that already enable or support economic activity.

Embrace innovation

Innovation in design, construction, maintenance and rehabilitation should become part of the design challenge (and opportunity) landscape, to stretch the service life and reduce life cycle infrastructure maintenance costs.

Harness partnerships with the private sector

Infrastructure investment strategies should harness partnerships with the private sector — the engine of innovation, growth, jobs, prosperity, taxes and revenues to government.

Dedicate revenue streams transparently

Infrastructure investment budgets should not rely on election cycles but should be sustainably funded through transparently dedicated revenue streams, including growth taxes, to these purposes.

Annual review for adjustment and correction

Ensure legislated mandatory annual and transparent public reviews of infrastructure programs to account for expenditures, experience-based adjustment for the future, and ensuring discipline to investment purpose. A disciplined, principled and objectives-driven plan is in our collective economic and social well-being best interests.

City of Winnipeg 2016 Annual & Five Year Capital Program Presentation

Please join us on Wednesday April 20, 2016, for the 2016 Annual and Five Year Capital Program Presentation presented by the City of Winnipeg

When: April 20, 2016 8:00 a.m.-9:20 a.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport Polo Park - Ellice Room (1740 Ellice Avenue)

Cost: \$35.00 per person (includes a hot breakfast)

Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m.-8:25 a.m.. Presentations will begin at 8:25 a.m.-8:50 a.m. and will be followed by a Question and Answer period.

For additional information, or to reserve seats, please contact Christine Miller at christine@mhca.mb.ca or by phone at 204-594-9053



Upcoming MHCA and Committee Meetings

April 20

Executive Meeting – MHCA Boardroom - Winnipeg

April 25

Events Committee – MHCA Boardroom - Winnipeg

April 27

Board of Directors – Investors Group Field - Winnipeg

May 2

Educational Training & Gold Seal Committee Meeting - MHCA - Boardroom, Winnipeg

May 10

COR Advisory Committee Meeting - Meseyton Construction Ltd - Portage La Prairie

COR Industry Meeting - Meseyton Construction Ltd - Portage La Prairie

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EXPO South 2016

On April 5 and 6, EXPO South 2016 was held at the Victoria Inn and Conference Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Put on by the MHCA and WORKSAFELY™, the EXPO hosted 440 students, 38 workshops and 23 exhibitors this year.

Students could choose from two day, one day and half day workshops which were designed to give them the skills needed to advance in the heavy construction industry.

“This year my training focused on courses from our Leadership Certificate Program such as Human Resource Practices. It was great to see a full class break off into the many group activities and engage with others from industry.” said Jackie Jones from WORKSAFELY™.

EXPO South also provided workshops that trained students in vocational, professional and safety education. On Wednesday there were outdoor workshops that included Aerial Lift/Scissor Lift training and All Terrain Certification (pictured below).

When EXPO South students were on their break periods they were encouraged to explore the exhibitor area where they could talk to other industry professionals and learn about a variety of products and services that support the industry.

“Many of the students were there to learn and seemed eager to connect and communicate with us,” said Tracy Morgan, Director of Operations at Vital Life “[as an exhibitor] we got to connect with people from the heavy construction industry which is not something that we get to do often. It was a great experience and everyone there had a really good vibe and good energy.”

One of the booths, brought in by WORKSAFELY™, was a John Deere excavator simulator. The simulator, which is currently being used for the Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate (HEOC) program at the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology (MITT), was an extremely popular booth and often saw large crowds of attendees around it.

“The simulator was pretty cool! It was hard if you aren’t familiar with the equipment but it was still really popular, especially with those who use this kind of equipment for a living.” said Ms. Morgan.

Along with their classes, the EXPO South attendees were addressed by guest speakers during both lunch sessions. Tuesday’s lunch was addressed by Nicole Chabot from L. Chabot Enterprises Ltd. and the Education, Training and Gold Seal Committee Chair, and Jamie Hall from SAFE Work Manitoba spoke at Wednesday’s lunch. Both speakers talked about the importance proper safety training brings to the workplace.

“Expo South 2016 definitely fulfilled its goal of offering diverse training to meet the needs of our industry, starting with supervisors and existing workers to new employees. Trainers came from many different backgrounds such as SAFE Work Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Construction Sector Council, private partnered companies and WORKSAFELY™. Attendees were able to refresh existing skills such as leadership training but also learn new skills such as flagging. It was exciting to see attendees come out of their classes, and hear the broad range of discussions happening from what they learned in their training.” added Don Hurst, Director of WORKSAFELY™ Education and Training.



EXPO South 2016 Thank You

On behalf of the staff at MHCA and WORKSAFELY™ We would like to thank everyone who helped out and participated in EXPO South 2016.

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2016 NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

Make Safety a Habit

KICK OFF

Join us for the official Kick Off for the 2016 North American Occupational Safety & Health (NAOSH) week.
Brought to you by MHCA WORKSAFELY™, and the City of Thompson.

When: May 3, 10:00 AM

Where: UCN/TRCC Reception Area, Thompson, MB

Who should attend: Employees, employers, partners and anyone who is interested
in preventing injury and illness at the workplace, at home and in their community.

If you have any questions regarding the 2016 NAOSH week Kick Off please contact Jackie Jones at
204-947-1379 or by email jackie@mhca.mb.ca

See you there!

New infrastructure program invests in innovation and sustainable growth at Canadian post-secondary institutions

Published on the Government of Canada News Release page on April 6, 2016 and featured in the CCA weekly newsletter



Canadian
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\$2-billion fund will create jobs, expand research and grow innovation

Canada's post-secondary institutions are at the forefront of excellence in science, research and innovation. They help to train the workforce of tomorrow and create the knowledge and insights needed by the private and public sectors to build a clean, sustainable economy.

The Minister of Science, the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, today announced that the Government of Canada will launch the application process for a \$2-billion fund that will improve research and innovation infrastructure at universities and colleges across the country.

Announced in Budget 2016, the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund will enhance and modernize research facilities on Canadian campuses and improve the environmental sustainability of these facilities. Consultation with the provinces and territories as well as work to implement the initiative as quickly as possible are already under way.

The targeted, short-term investments under the Fund will promote economic activity across Canada and help Canada's universities and colleges develop highly skilled workers, act as engines of discovery and collaborate on innovations that help Canadian companies compete and grow internationally.

Quotes

"By improving our college and university facilities, we are supporting innovation, scientific research and entrepreneurship in Canada, which translates into sustainable economic growth and support for all Canadians."

– The Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science

"Canada's post-secondary institutions are front-line agents in fostering science and research excellence. They help to train the workforce of tomorrow and create knowledge and insights necessary for the private sector and policy makers to build a thriving, clean economy. These investments will create good, well-paying jobs that can help the middle class grow and prosper today, while also delivering economic growth for years to come."

– The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

"Canada's colleges and institutes welcome these important investments in post-secondary infrastructure. The projects that colleges and institutes undertake will strengthen the research and innovation resources available to businesses and organizations, provide students with opportunities to increase their innovation skills, and enhance the environmental sustainability of campuses and facilities across the country."

– Denise Amyot, President & CEO, Colleges and Institutes Canada

"The U15 applauds the federal government's support for post-secondary infrastructure. These investments will strengthen Canada's capacity for groundbreaking research and help us to attract and retain top talent, build strong research clusters and foster the culture of innovation that Canada needs to prosper in the globally competitive research environment."

– Feridun Hamdullahpur, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Waterloo, and Chair of U15

"Investment in post-secondary infrastructure is an investment in Canada's next generation of students and researchers. Improving the spaces where discoveries are made and where innovation takes place will fuel prosperity for years to come."

– Elizabeth Cannon, President, University of Calgary, and Chair of Universities Canada

Quick facts

- The Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund supports the Government of Canada's climate change objectives by encouraging sustainable and green infrastructure projects.
- The Government of Canada will cover up to 50 percent of a project's eligible costs. The remaining funding will come from other partners, including provincial and territorial governments and the institutions themselves.
- Institutions that are affiliated or federated with an eligible institution—for example, research and teaching hospitals, research parks, incubators and accelerators—will also be able to apply through the university or college to which they are affiliated.
- The program will support projects that:
 - improve the scale or quality of facilities for research and innovation, including commercialization spaces;
 - improve the scale or quality of facilities for specialized training at colleges focused on industry needs; or
 - improve the environmental sustainability of research- and innovation-related infrastructure at post-secondary institutions and of college training infrastructure.
- Applications are due by May 9, 2016. Visit <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/051.nsf/eng/home> for more details



Our Link to the World

By Peter G Hall, Vice President and Chief Economist



Transportation is a critical element in Canada's economic history. Blessed with a vast land mass, Canada's opportunity – and massive challenge – has been in great measure defined by the development of transnational transportation systems and the various multi-modal networks that feed them. The development of rail, road and water transportation systems are among our greatest early national achievements. Transportation was important then, is even more so today, and given the state of global trade development, critical to Canada's economic future.

As a share of Canada's national output, transportation is not a standout, but in its own right, accounts for a decent amount of economic activity. It's hovering around 4 per cent of GDP at present, and has actually outpaced growth in other industries, recently rising to its highest share of GDP since 1997. Trucking forms the largest share of transportation GDP, at 29 per cent. Support activities for all transportation modes comes next, at 18 per cent. Then there is a cluster of categories at the 10 per cent level, in their rank order from highest to lowest, air transport, transit and sightseeing, rail, pipeline and postal/courier services. Water-borne transportation picks up the rear, at just 2 per cent.

Canada's transportation compares favourably with the rest of the world. Scores for our infrastructure tabulated in the annual Global Competitiveness Index produced by the World Economic Forum typically put us in the top 20 overall, and also in the specific transportation categories. However, we have been slipping. Our overall score slid from 11th to 14th from 2010 to 2014, and in three of four sub-categories – air, rail, roads and ports – scores also went down. For the quality of our roads, we were actually ranked 26th, well off our 14th-place finish in 2010. Given our winters, keeping pace is not easy, but given how much trucking we do, this is alarming. Our port infrastructure also fell out of the top-20, getting a score of 21 in 2014.

Admittedly, trade growth hasn't been stellar worldwide since the Great Recession, and as such, the urgency for keeping up and enhancing trade infrastructure may not have been as intense as in prior years. However, it's still not so long ago that we experienced transportation capacity crises: North America's West Coast ports fiasco in 2004, and the winter-hobbled rail logjam in Canada in early 2014. On both occasions, reliability of supply lines were the key issue. Fast-growing countries sourcing goods and services were considering adjusting to more reliable suppliers, given the immense costs of potential disruption. Couple that with the future demands of an increasingly wealthy emerging market arena, and any economy deemed to have insufficient transportation capacity is at risk of being bypassed, regardless of the available supply or quality of its products.

Of note is the increasing sophistication of transportation networks. Increasingly, the most efficient networks are looking in detail at all aspects of international trade's transportation continuum, from sourcing inputs, producing goods and services, participating in supply chains, delivery, the calibration and digitization of these functions and movement of the people involved in trade. Increasingly, these functions are being looked at as a whole.

Filling transportation deficits can be a Herculean task for any government – but it's increasingly essential to get it right. Transportation is critical to national competitiveness and the participation in trade on a broad, diversified front.

The burden doesn't just fall on national governments, though. Private investment funds, eager to diversify and boost returns, have long since looked to infrastructure plays as a great source of stable future income. P3 structures have sprung up everywhere, and with the increasing prominence of institutional investors in the post-recession financing market, there are at least ample sources of funding for transportation projects.

The bottom line? The importance of transportation to Canada's economic development pre-dates Confederation. Our location and geography dictate this. It's disquieting that we appear to be falling behind, but our transportation legacy and the still-high position we enjoy suggests that we have what it takes to succeed on this front.



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Training Schedule

April		
Traffic Control Coordinator	April 16-17	Russell Inn - Russell
Flagperson (1/2 Day PM)	April 18	MHCA Office
Committee/Representative Training (1/2 Day PM)	April 18	MHCA Office
*Environmental Practices (1/2 Day AM)	April 21	MHCA Office
*Effective Meetings (1/2 Day PM)	April 21	MHCA Office
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	April 25 - 26	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	April 27	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	April 28 - 29	MHCA Office
May		
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	May 16 -17	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	May 18	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	May 19 - 20	MHCA Office
Flagperson (1/2 Day AM)	May 24	MHCA Office
Committee/Representative Training (1/2 Day PM)	May 24	MHCA Office
Traffic Control Coordinator	May 25 - 26	MHCA Office
Excavation & Trenching (1/2 Day AM)	May 27	MHCA Office
Train the Trainer	May 30	MHCA Office
June		
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	June 13-14	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	June 15	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	June 16-17	MHCA Office
Flagperson (1/2 Day AM)	June 27	MHCA Office
Committee/Representative Training (1/2 Day PM)	June 27	MHCA Office
Traffic Control Coordinator	June 28-29	MHCA Office
Excavation & Trenching (1/2 Day AM)	June 30	MHCA Office
*Leadership Certificate Program/Gold Seal		



**You're invited to attend
our next COR™ meeting!**



- Agenda:**
1. WHMIS 2015
 2. SAFE Work
 - How COR™ fits with the proposed SAFE Work certification
 3. 2016 Workplace Safety & Health Priorities

DATE: May 10, 2016
WHEN: 10:30 a.m. - noon
WHERE: Meseyton Construction Ltd
 Highway #1
 West of Portage la Prairie, MB
 South Service Road

Please RSVP on or before May 3, 2016 to
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WHMIS 2015 and GHS - Are You Ready?

As of February 11 2015, WHMIS has aligned with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), a worldwide hazard communication system.

The main components of WHMIS 2015 are hazard identification, product classification, labelling, safety data sheets (SDS) and worker education and training.

What has Changed?

- Hazard classes (now tiered based on risk)
- Pictograms used to communicate hazards (aligned with TDG placard symbols)
- Required elements on labels.
- The format of (M)SDSs (now 16 sections, was 9 sections)

What has Not Changed?

- Canadian provinces require that employers educate their workers about hazardous products in the workplace.
- Supplier labels and workplace labels must be attached to hazardous products and that (M) SDS sheets are available on site.

When is WHMIS 2015 Effective?

Phase 1 (Feb 11, 2015 - May 31, 2017):

- Manufacturers and importers are permitted to use WHMIS 1988, but should begin transitioning to WHMIS 2015.
- Distributors and employers can continue to use WHMIS 1988 or transition to WHMIS 2015 if they wish.

Phase 2 (June 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018):

- Manufacturers and importers must be using WHMIS 2015.
- Distributors are permitted to use WHMIS 1988 but should begin transitioning to WHMIS 2015 if they haven't already.
- Employers can continue to use WHMIS 1988 or transition to WHMIS 2015 if they wish.

Phase 3 (June 1, 2018 - November 30, 2018):

- Distributors must be using WHMIS 2015.
- Employers may continue to use WHMIS 1988 but should begin transitioning to WHMIS 2015 if they haven't already.

Completion (Dec. 1, 2018)

- WHMIS 2015 is now in affect across Canada.
- Manufacturers and importers, distributors and employers must all be using WHMIS 2015.

What WHMIS 2015 Means for...

Employers:

- Employers must update their SDS inventories as the new SDS are received.
- Workers should be trained on WHMIS 2015 as soon as SDSs and/or labels are present in the workplace or by December 1, 2018
- Workplace labels must be updated to be WHMIS 2015 compliant when WHMIS 2015 products are present in the workplace and when provincial legislation is updated.

Workers:

- Workers must become familiar with WHMIS 2015 and participate in their employers WHMIS 2015 program, training and transition plan.

Note

Workplace Safety and Health Act/Regulation Ammendment:
Part 35 Manitoba Regulation 217/2006 ammended