



The Heavy News Weekly



Pallister Government First Throne Speech

Winnipeg - The 2016 Manitoba Throne Speech read on May 16, 2016 by Lieutenant-Governor Janice Filmon, was short, sweet, and to the point.

The speech presented a strategic vision for putting Manitoba back on track. It championed the notion of getting Manitoba to be the most improved province in Canada. It included initiatives aimed at improving results in health care, education and economic innovation, while restoring prudent financial management and open, inclusive consultation to the daily operation of government. As per the campaign pledge of no less than \$1 billion per year, it committed the province to a collaborative, strategic, long-term investment in core infrastructure.



Pictured above: Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister

Some highlights include:

- implementing a comprehensive, value-for-money review across government;
- establishing 'Fair Say' for municipalities on strategic infrastructure investments and committing to long-term, strategic infrastructure investments including improved flood protection;
- committing to no less than \$1 billion towards core infrastructure each year;
- creating a Premier's Enterprise Team;
- developing a framework for meaningful consultation with Indigenous communities;
- pursuing membership in the New West Partnership agreement and pledging support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership;

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Summer Office Hours

Please note the following changes to the MHCA office hours which will be in effect from **May 16 to August 29**

Monday through Thursday
Open: 7:45 AM Close: 4:30 PM
Lunch: 12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM

Friday
Open: 7:30 AM Close: 12:00 Noon

Saturday and Sunday
Closed



- pursuing a system by which Manitoba's progress may be measured on restoring public finances to balance, reducing wait times, strengthening infrastructure, improving educational outcomes and restoring trust in government;
- abolishing the 'vote tax' subsidy for political parties and restoring Manitobans' right to vote on major tax increases;
- establishing a team of business, labour and community leaders to find and reduce unnecessary and cumbersome red tape and;
- restoring the right to a secret ballot vote and allowing Manitobans, whether union members or not, to participate in bidding for work on publicly tendered projects

As noted above: short, sweet and to the point. The 2016 Manitoba Throne Speech said what had to be said and no more.

Clear direction, clear objectives; all Manitobans should pull for its success.

Chris Lorenc, B.A., LL.B.,
President

Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA) & Western Canada Roadbuilders &
Heavy Construction Association (WCR&HCA)



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Slow Down to Keep Workers Safe: Campaign Issues Reminder to Motorists

Press release for SAFE Roads, May 17, 2016

WINNIPEG – The 2016 SAFE Roads campaign kicks off today with its message to Manitoba motorists to reduce speed and be cautious when driving through construction zones and passing workers. Drivers are reminded to be considerate of workers' increased presence on roadways during the summer construction season.

“The SAFE Roads campaign is a timely reminder that motorists will share roadways with many workers in the busy summer ahead,” said Blaine Pedersen, Minister of Infrastructure. “The driving public can do its part to keep these workers safe by slowing down and being extra cautious in construction areas.”

The SAFE Roads campaign theme, “*This is My Workplace. Slow Down,*” will be delivered to Manitobans through billboards and transit advertisements in an effort to increase the safety of those working on and near Manitoba roads.

“I would like to commend the SAFE Roads Committee on all the work to create awareness over the years,” said Mayor Brian Bowman. “When we encounter a road crew, it is crucial to realize we are driving right through their workplace. This campaign continues to bring attention to the importance of slowing down to protect the safety of workers in their work zones.”

Winston Maharaj, President and CEO of the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba, stressed the preventable nature of road-related injuries and deaths.

“At the WCB, we see the tragic impact of workplace fatalities involving road work in Manitoba, and we know they're preventable,” said Maharaj. “We should all strive to remember that, for these workers, the road is their workplace. And everyone has the right to work in an environment that is safe and healthy.”

The campaign asks all Manitobans to play a part in keeping workers safe by making the choice to drive safely and respectfully, a message that seems to be getting through.

“Our research shows that 84 per cent of people who are aware of the SAFE Roads campaign become more considerate, empathetic and understanding of workers and their designated work zones,” said Chris Lorenc, President of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association and Chair of the SAFE Roads Committee.

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Pictured above (left to right): Derek Johnson, MLA for Interlake; Chris Lorenc, MHCA President and SAFE Roads Chair; Brian Bowman, Mayor of Winnipeg; Michelle Gawronsky, MGEU President; Winston Maharaj, WCB President and CEO at the Winnipeg SAFE Roads campaign launch May 17, 2016

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“As a municipal government serving the public, we know that many of the City of Brandon’s front-line employees are working on and around busy streets on a regular basis,” said Brandon Mayor Rick Chrest. “All workers need to feel safe in their workplaces and those who happen to share our roadways as their workplace are no different. We all have a responsibility to stay vigilant when driving through construction zones or when approaching traffic scenes involving first responders.”

Dan Robertson, Brandon Regional Office Director with the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba, stressed the preventable nature of all road-related injuries and deaths.



“At the WCB, we see the effects of workplace fatalities involving road work in Manitoba, and we know they’re preventable,” said Robertson. “Simply by slowing down when driving through construction zones and passing workers, we can prevent further injuries and loss of life.”

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About Safe Roads

Established in 2004, the SAFE Roads vision is to educate motorists and the general public to practice respectful and safe driving practices to protect the safety of construction, utility, emergency services personnel, equipment operators and all those who work in or adjacent to our province’s roadways.



SAFE ROADS



Service & Supply Members - Call for Technical Papers (Workshop Presentations)

Do you have a fresh perspective on a challenging subject or a cutting-edge prototype or a new innovative product that will benefit the construction industry? Then we can help you get your message out!

For the past two years the Western Canada Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association has showcased supplier members' technical innovations and new ideas that benefit the construction industry at its Annual Convention. Past presentations have been in the areas of productivity, environment, product design and quality, insurance and finance, legal issues and customer service.

Delegates have enjoyed these presentations and so once again we are offering an **outstanding, not-to-be-missed opportunity** to present your ideas to the sharpest minds in the construction industry. Plan to be a workshop presenter at the **WCR&HCA Annual Convention, January 29 to February 1, 2017 in Los Cabos, Mexico.**

The WCR&HCA Technical Papers (Workshop Presentations) are quickly becoming the foundation of the highly-respected Annual Convention. Take part and challenge us to rethink construction!

- Submission of papers opens May 16, 2016 and only those proposals received by Friday June 17, 2016 will be considered.
- Your proposal should describe what you plan to present, why it is important to the industry and what is new or innovative about your product or service.
- Proposal write-ups should be limited to a single 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper, when printed.
- Your proposal should also include a 50-word synopsis of your workshop that could be used for marketing purposes and which includes the full name and professional title of the presenter.
- Proposals (presentations) will be selected based on:
 1. impact on the industry
 2. originality and clarity
 3. innovative and thought-provoking
 4. broadness of interest
- Where equal, proposals submitted by Convention sponsors will be given priority.
- Presentations are 60 minutes in length, including a question period.
- If you have handout material, you are responsible to provide it for 50 attendees.
- The author (presenter) will be given one complimentary conference registration. Any additional presenters will be responsible for their own registration.
- You are responsible for all of your own expenses including, but not limited to, travel and accommodation.
- You will be required to provide your own laptop for the presentation but we will provide the projector, screen and appropriate microphone for you.

Given that we have only a limited number of workshop spots available, we apologize in advance that we may not be able to accept all proposals. Every proposal will be reviewed based on the criteria noted above. Plan to submit your unique entry and demonstrate that you are an industry leader in your field of interest.

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL by June 17, 2016 to: wcrhca@unconventionalplanning.com

Please direct any questions to: wcrhca@unconventionalplanning.com

NEW WEST PREMIERS WELCOME MANITOBA TO THE NEW WEST PARTNERSHIP

Manitoba Government news release for May 18, 2016

Premier Brian Pallister is pleased to announce Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, Alberta Premier Rachel Notley and British Columbia Premier Christy Clark have agreed to immediately commence negotiations that would lead to Manitoba joining the New West Partnership (NWP) Trade Agreement.

“Manitoba has enormous potential from its resource wealth and central location in North America which will be amplified under this key economic partnership,” said Pallister. “Manitoba companies and families will see the benefits of expanded business opportunities and partnerships fostered under the NWP and we look forward to formally joining within our first 100 days in office.”

The other western premiers welcomed Manitoba joining the NWP, noting the potential for the four provinces to further expand trade and business opportunities through the New West Partnership Trade Agreement. Officials from British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan will immediately commence work with Manitoba on the steps for joining the New West Partnership, starting with the New West Partnership Trade Agreement. This work will be completed as quickly as possible.

“Since 2010, the NWP has removed barriers and opened trade within Western Canada; creating new opportunities for our people, businesses and investors,” said Wall. “Manitoba joining the NWP would create even more opportunities in the West. I look forward to working together with my western colleagues to build on our competitive advantage with the goal of making our provinces even stronger and more prosperous.”

“The West has always included Manitoba, so it’s a pleasure to welcome the first western province to join Confederation into the New West Partnership,” said Clark. “A strong West makes Canada stronger not only as an economic engine, but through reducing barriers to trade, and diversifying markets through Canada’s Pacific Gateway.”

“There are a great number of shared interests across the new West,” said Notley. “We look forward to working with Manitoba to advance our shared desire to maintain Western Canada as the driving force in the national economy and key international exporters of innovative products, cutting-edge services and sustainable resources.”

The NWP is a historic partnership created in 2010 by Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The premiers noted that with the inclusion of Manitoba, NWP will cover over 30 per cent of the Canadian population and the significant economic potential of all four western provinces.



MHCA Welcomes New Member

The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association is pleased to welcome new member **Lecol Inc.**

Located in Gormley, ON, **Lecol Inc.** is a major distributor of highway safety products within Ontario and available across Canada. They offer a wide variety of products including guide rail material, crash cushions, end treatments, noise walls, concrete barriers and cable guide rails. They also boast the capacity to accommodate any size of highway safety product material sales orders.

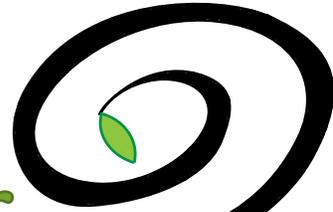
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2016 Spring Mixer



Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Assiniboia Downs - 3975 Portage Ave.
Reception: 5 p.m. | Dinner: 6 p.m. | Live Racing: 7 p.m.

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**To order tickets or for more information, please contact Christine Miller at christine@mhca.mb.ca
ph: 204-947-1379 or fax: 204-943-2279 .**

As per MHCA Board Policy, only registrations cancelled five business days prior to the commencement of this event will be refunded.

FMCA calls on government for inclusion in Fort McMurray rebuild



Written by Richard Gilbert for the Daily Commercial News website on May 12, 2016 and featured in the CCA weekly newsletter

Members of the Fort McMurray Construction Association (FMCA) are calling on the Alberta government to allow local contractors to be included in the procurement process and provided with an opportunity to bid on wildfire fighting and cleanup work.

“The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has a plan for the fire cleanup, but they told local contractors that you did not register so we are not including you,” said FMCA president Charles Iggulden. “Obviously, we were busy at the time the fire started, but now there are resources available that were not available when the ministry went out.”

Members of the FMCA are disappointed and upset that Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) is not allowing them to register and be listed as pre-qualified contractors to bid on Fort McMurray cleanup work, said Iggulden.

Premier Rachel Notley toured Fort McMurray on May 9 and said about 2,400 buildings, or 10 per cent of the buildings in the city, have been damaged or destroyed. Most of Fort McMurray’s infrastructure was not destroyed, but the wildfire is still out of control and covers about 229,000 hectares.

In response to this situation, Iggulden sent a letter on May 10 to Notley and Oneil Carlier, the minister of agriculture and forestry.

“Notwithstanding the economic conditions many of the businesses in Fort McMurray were dealing with prior to the fire, the Fort McMurray Construction Association has concerns that the Alberta Government and other authorities will ignore the fact that Fort McMurray has a large supply of contractors and equipment who can assist with the needs of Sustainable Resource Development to aid in the fight of the fire and the subsequent cleanup,” said Iggulden in the letter to Carlier.

“By ignoring our local contractors at this stage of the fight, you may actually be inflating the cost associated with rebuilding as these contractors may have to close down their businesses.”

The FMCA’s difficulties with SRD began about a year ago, when a registry of prequalified contractors was created. At that time, the SRD said they would not use Fort McMurray contractors because they were not on the list.

“What we are saying is we have resources here, which can save the government money in terms of mobilization and get guys back to work,” said Iggulden. “Even if guys have to commute for a while, at least they would have an income coming in to support their families. This also provides certainty in their lives and businesses. I know we can’t handle everything, but every dollar that goes back to local contractors is spent in the local community.”

Iggulden has yet to receive a response from Carlier to the letter, which said FMCA members are able and ready to help SRD in the issuance of contracts.

For example, the FMCA has been working with the Regional Emergency Operations Centre to provide a comprehensive list of contractors in Fort McMurray.

Iggulden also sent a letter to Notley asking for interim finance for construction contractors because many FMCA members are currently in need of a helping hand.

“The wildfire in Fort McMurray has decimated our community, but the disaster will continue to get worse if the trades and small businesses in Fort McMurray are unable to survive both the loss of work, and the loss of Accounts Receivable,” said Iggulden in the letter. “That is, the fire has, in many cases, eliminated all opportunities to earn income in the immediate and near future.”

More importantly, Iggulden said not all of the money earned for work performed prior to the fire will be collectable as those clients are facing the same plight as FMCA members.

“When the rebuilding effort gets underway in earnest, it may be too late for many of us to save our business,” he said.

For this reason, the FMCA is asking for immediate access to government-backed loans and emergency bridge financing to sustain local businesses in order for them to survive until the rebuild really begins.

Iggulden said this funding must be in place within weeks, not months, or the relief will be too late to save local business. Immediate action is necessary to prioritize the local business owners who are facing both the damage and loss to their businesses and, in some cases, the additional loss of their own homes, he said.



5 Minutes for Business

The Soaring Costs of Alberta Wildfires

May 17, 2016

The brave firefighters seem to have the upper hand in the 230,000-hectare wildfire near Fort McMurray. If there was any doubt about the importance of the oil and gas industry to Canada's national economy, it can now be laid to rest. We've all seen the human impact in the harrowing pictures on the news, and our hearts go out to the affected people, but the economic impacts will also be severe.

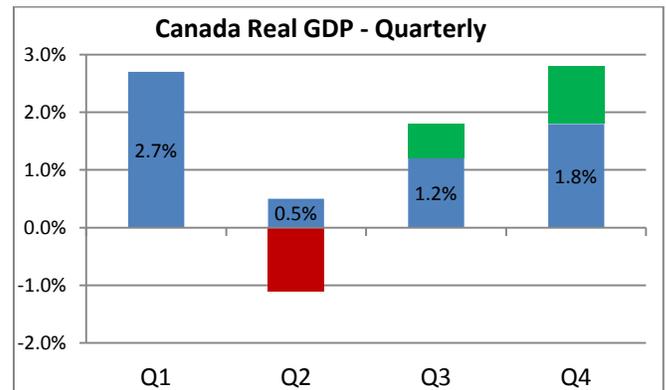
Eight major oil companies, including Syncrude and Suncor, [suspended operations](#) reducing oil production by 1.2 million barrels per day. (Canada's [total oil production was 3.9 million bpd](#) before the fires.) The loss to the oil industry is roughly \$63 million a day. Even with the fire under control, it could take weeks or months to get full production back on line. Some of the equipment, such as upgraders, is not meant to be shut down because the bitumen can solidify inside the machinery.

The Government of Alberta announced that the wildfire, which covered about 1,600 square kilometres, has destroyed 2,400 buildings in Fort McMurray. This means that 85% of the city is still intact, but many businesses have been damaged or destroyed in the fire. Until these parts of the city are rebuilt, much of Fort McMurray's economic activity will be reduced.

It's hard to gauge the economic impact because we just don't know the duration of the shut-downs and the speed of rebuilding. Our only comparable precedent is the much smaller fire in Slave Lake.

Also, the economic repercussions stretch well beyond Alberta. Our friends at Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) point out that there are [1,800 manufacturers in Ontario and Quebec that supply goods into the oilsands](#). Insurers will also be hard hit: the Bank of Montreal estimated the disaster could cost as much as \$9 billion in payouts.

We were expecting that Canada's GDP would grow at around 1.6% (annualized) in the second quarter. We now expect that GDP growth will be just 0.5%. It's a harsh hit, and we think it's a conservative estimate.



Projecting further becomes more complicated. The perverse thing about GDP is that natural disasters often boost economic growth. When a flood or fire hits, we don't subtract the damaged assets from GDP, but all the reconstruction and rebuilding shows up as extra economic activity. That's why we are estimating an additional 0.6% growth to Q3 and 1.0% to Q4.

This gives us overall growth in 2016 of 1.6% instead of 1.7%. This means that the worst fears about the impact from wildfires will not be realized in large part because of the courage of firefighters and the rapid response and admirable resilience of Fort McMurray's people. If you have not already donated to the Alberta Chambers Relief Fund, please do so [here](#).

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Western Canada Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association 2017 Convention

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Hot States, Not States

By Peter G Hall, Vice President and Chief Economist



It can't be said enough. America is hot, whether news services, pundits or the general public believe it or not. Key signals of this are its looming capacity constraints. Unemployment is getting down to levels that suggest sustained wage pressure. Industrial and office space are both getting tight, due to a combination of persistent under-investment and rising demand. It's a nice problem to have, for a change, and indicators suggest there's still a lot of runway. But are all US states participating?

Good question. Few economies can boast labour markets as fluid as America's. Picking up and going to the opportunity zone is in American DNA, stretching back to its westward expansion, the Gold Rush, more recently the shale oil craze, and so on. Capital is sort of the same – it seems to move across the lower-48 with relative ease, finding its way to the 'next big thing'. Multi-country surveys typically score the US highly for these features; growth spreads easily in the US. Thus, it should be possible to track America's hot spots and not-spots by tracing these movements.

Employment tells a big tale. Generally, unemployment rates are moving down everywhere, suggesting that labor mobility is smoothing things out. However, in the oil and gas regions, they have wobbled. Employment trends are more revealing. Clearly, regions that are more resource-dependent are faring less well. Things definitely seem to be slowing in the West South Central zone, and there is likely more weakness to come. Oklahoma has softened considerably, and mighty Texas has recently geared down. Similarly, the trend is winding down in the West North Central zone. North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas are particularly weak job-generators at the moment. Capital movements also illustrate the woes of the oil and gas-producing states. The investment surge is definitely off, but the worst effects of the oil price plunge are likely still ahead: both employment and investment are lagging indicators that take time to fully react to economic events.

Who's hot? Job growth is definitely decent elsewhere. US growth is doing a good job of spreading, and when unemployment rates tighten in one zone, they generate movement. However, certain spots stand out. The Pacific region is doing well, with California driving the bulk of regional employment growth. The Pacific Northwest is also pitching in: Washington and Oregon are both seeing a decent acceleration in activity. The South Atlantic region is also ramping up. It boasts some of the strongest recent job growth activity, and shows little sign of a let-up. Also impressive is the East North Central zone. Known in the post-recession period as a sluggish rust-belt, job gains there have been steady, and in recent months saw an exciting upswing.

Canadian exports to the US follow a distinctly similar pattern. Michigan is the top destination for our exports, and happily, growth is doing well. On a year-to-year basis, merchandise exports earlier this year were up as much as 39 per cent. The success of auto sector shipments is obvious. Sales to California are also doing well. Posting 15 per cent growth last year, at one point a few weeks ago they were up by 27 per cent compared with last year. In the South Atlantic region, exports are generally impressive, with sales to Florida taking the lead.

Among the large states, New York is a disappointment. Contrary to what we'd expect, sales there have been very flat over the past year. But the real soft spots for Canada are shipments to the states that have a significant oil and gas industry. One by one, the shipments to these states are down sharply. There's Oklahoma, down 19 per cent last year, Montana, down 28 per cent, North Dakota off 16 per cent and Wyoming, down a crushing 44 per cent.

Going forward, the areas of strength and weakness aren't expected to shift much. Energy sector shipments are likely to see further weakness, while consumer goods, autos and industrial equipment are all likely to fare well.

The bottom line? Dive below the surface in the US and a very different picture of Canadian exports emerges. With all the growth Canada is seeing, there are particular hot spots to watch.

SAFETY TALK



Industry Best Practices - Road Safety

Flagpersons, their employers and drivers can all help ensure the safety of flagpersons and other road construction workers.

The highway Traffic Act requires drivers to watch for and obey directions given by flagpersons. The Workplace Safety and Health Regulations outlines responsibilities for employers and workers.

Employer Responsibilities:

Employers are required to take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety, health and welfare of workers.

Employers must

- Ensure flagpersons are certified by a recognized organization
- Ensure flagpersons wear and use all required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including employer provided:
 - ✓ CSA Class 3 Level 2, high-visibility apparel in fluorescent yellow green
 - ✓ protective headwear in a fluorescent colour (equipped with retro-reflective tape during hours of darkness)
 - ✓ a STOP/SLOW paddle with reflective surfaces
 - ✓ CSA approved footwear
- Ensure all workers and supervisors are aware of hazards in the workplace
- Ensure workers and supervisors are trained in, and follow, safe work procedures and necessary precautions
- Provide an effective means of communication with other flagpersons when visibility is obstructed
- Provide a flashlight fitted with a red signalling wand when working during hours of darkness
- Provide workers with competent supervision
- Set up and remove road signage



Worker Responsibilities:

Workers are required to attend safety and health training, and follow the safety and health rules and safe work procedures of the workplace.

Workers must

- Care for and use required safety equipment, clothing and devices properly
- Be alert and aware of their surroundings
 - ✓ Use of personal electronic devices, including cell phones and other music or media players while working is prohibited
- Use an effective means of communicating with other flagpersons when visibility is poor or obstructed
- Hold, and carry with them, a valid flagperson's training certificate if performing the duties of a flagperson

Flagperson Ahead Sign:



Fluorescent yellow-green flagperson ahead signs are used to indicate the presence of flagpersons at road or highway construction sites.

This sign must be turned down or covered when no flagperson is on duty.

Training Schedule

May

Flagperson (1/2 Day AM)	May 24	MHCA Office
Committee/Representative Training (1/2 Day PM)	May 24	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™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	June 13-14	Brandon - Canad Inns
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	June 15	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	June 15	Brandon - Canad Inns
COR™ Auditor	June 16-17	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	June 16-17	Brandon - Canad Inns
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

For the full calendar of upcoming training schedules, visit www.mhca.mb.ca/worksafely

COR™ Advisory Meeting/COR™ Meeting

On May 10, 2016, WORKSAFELY™ hosted the COR™ Advisory Meeting and COR™ Meeting at Meseyton Construction's new facility in Portage La Prairie.

Advisory discussions included updates on HEOC, COR Quality Assurance, E-learning, Jobsite Storage Tanks, SAFE Work Certification and Construction Camp Permits. The Advisory group also discussed the possible impact that the legalization of marijuana may have within the heavy construction industry, as well as Manitoba Infrastructure requirements for flagging.

SAFE Work Manitoba's Peter Malegus reported at both meetings on SAFE Work updates as well as SAFE Work Certification. The SAFE Work Certification process will take the idea of the COR safety standard for construction and spread it out into other industries such as agriculture and retail. It will include training and auditing. Peter Malegus stressed that this will not be a replacement, nor an alternative, to COR™ for the heavy construction industry.

During the general COR™ meeting, Darren James, a Workplace Safety and Health Officer, reported on the WSH 2016 enforcement strategy which includes:

- Excavation/trenching
- Hearing protection
- MSI
- Vulnerable workers
- Training of workers

WORKSAFELY™ would like to add a thank you to Paul Meseyton and staff for providing a stunning location for our meeting.



Pictured Right: Attendees of the May 10, 2016 COR™ meeting stand for a picture in front of the Meseyton Construction office.

GROWING MANITOBA'S ECONOMY

Pillars in Support of 'Growing Manitoba's Economy'

In today's globally competitive business environment it is imperative that government create a climate that attracts new business and allows existing businesses to grow and thrive. For Manitoba to reach its full potential there are seven key public policy pillars that political parties must address to demonstrate their political commitment to "Growing Manitoba's Economy," in their 2016 Provincial Election platforms.

I. FISCAL COMPETITIVENESS

Manitoba must have an effective and fiscally prudent government committed to creating a competitive tax jurisdiction to attract and retain new investment.

II. VENTURE CAPITAL

Commitment to the creation of an accessible venture capital fund and supportive tax credit policies to leverage investment in the growth of new and existing businesses.

III. GLOBAL TRADE

Commitment to pursuing an expanded global trade profile for Manitoba which derives substantial economic benefit.

IV. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Commitment to a strategic, sustained, disciplined approach to investment in Manitoba's core infrastructure.

V. ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT

Commitment to the creation of an Aboriginal Engagement Strategy to ensure inclusion and partnership in economic growth policies.

VI. SKILLED WORKFORCE

Commitment to attracting, educating, training and retaining a skilled, responsive workforce is fundamental to ongoing economic growth.

VII. 'NEW FISCAL DEAL' FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Commitment to address the existing fiscal framework between the province and municipalities to meet the challenges of the future.

CONCLUSION

The above principles are supported and respectfully submitted by the following supporting organizations each of which are committed to pursuing 'Growing Manitoba's Economy,' in the 2016 Provincial Election.

Business Council of Manitoba (BCM)
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME)
Manitoba Chambers of Commerce (MCC)
Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA)
Manitoba Home Builders Association (MHBA)
The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce (WCC)





Pictured above: MHCA President and SAFE Roads Chair Chris Lorenc makes the opening remarks at the SAFE Roads Spring Campaign launch on May 17, 2016. Press release on page 3.



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