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Dinner with the Pallister government

MHCA Message to Members

The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association has once again secured itself as the 'presenting partner' at a marquee business event with the new Pallister government. The Manitoba Chambers of Commerce has announced its first Ministers' Dinner, to take place at the Fort Garry Hotel on Nov. 23rd.

The MHCA's lead sponsorship at this premiere event follows on the heels of its partnership in the Manitoba Chambers' sold-out dinner with deputy ministers in June.

"This is the first year for a ministers' meeting," says Manitoba Chambers President Chuck Davidson. "We've been trying to get this off the ground a long time."

MHCA Chair Derek Walker encouraged the association to attend this opportune event, to get to know the premier, his ministers and other key government members. "It certainly supports the three key aims of MHCA's advocacy goals: presence, profile, impact."

The MHCA, as lead sponsor of the Ministers' Dinner, is offered the opportunity of tabling its advocacy messages, and being prominent in the Manitoba Chambers' dinner advertising, invitations, event banners and at the dinner tables.

"This really will be 'prime time' with Premier Pallister and his ministers, in a relaxed atmosphere," says MHCA President Chris Lorenc. "It's a good chance to press views, listen to and ask questions about the government's priorities for the province."

The dinner's format will see the premier, his ministers and the House Speaker (and other MLAs) rotating to different tables for each course of the dinner. This gives diners expanded opportunity to network and chat with the decision-makers.

"This partnership with MHCA has been instrumental in the success of our organization being able to bring these types of extremely beneficial events to the business community to foster engagement with the government," Davidson adds.

Tickets cost \$175 +GST for Chamber members and \$200 +GST for future members.

There are approximately 160 tickets to this event on sale now; they are expected to sell out quickly. MHCA members are encouraged to be present. Those interested can contact MCC's director of business development Carolynne Jansen to buy tickets at: 204.948.0104 or at cjansen@mbchamber.mb.ca

Canadian Construction Association endorses reprisal-clause legal challenge

The Canadian Construction Association has decided to throw its weight behind a law suit over the constitutionality of reprisal clauses finding their way in municipal tender documents.

The CCA board and its committees met Sept. 26-28, in Ft McMurray, Alberta.

The association, through its Civil Infrastructure Council, endorsed supporting the challenge. This case originated in Burnaby, BC, but the issue has emerged in Toronto and elsewhere.

The clause ostensibly allows a municipality to deny a contractor the right to bid work for a period of five years, if it - within a period of two years prior to the tender closing date - was involved in any legal proceeding against the municipality arising from a contract. It is expected the case will end up in the Supreme Court.

Other meeting highlights include:

Pre-budget consultations - the CCA brief on the federal budget will submit recommendations that focus on labour-force development, infrastructure, encouraging federal trade-enabling nation building investments, tax reform and productivity.

Trade-enabling infrastructure - the Civil Infrastructure Council endorsed contributing \$5000 towards the research and writing of a report identifying 7 to 10 trade-enabling infrastructure projects of national significance. The decision allows CCA a voice in promoting federal investments in nationally significant projects.

Electronic on-board logging devices - CCA has submitted briefs to the federal government related to the introduction of ELD-EOBR.

Indigenous Engagement Guide - the task force co-chaired by MHCA President Chris Lorenc and Victoria LaBillois, President of Wejipeg Excavation, laid out a high-level engagement strategy for businesses seeking to work with Indigenous communities. The Business Marketing and Development Committee and the CCA Board unanimously endorsed the task force report. A series of roll-out steps will now ensure its pan-Canadian distribution and use by industry, Indigenous communities and governments.

Legislative Consultations - the CCA is engaged with the federal government in discussions on changes to the Environmental Assessment Act, Fisheries Act and Navigation Protection Act.

National Industry Summit - the CCA Chair and Executive invited the Chairs and Chief Operating Officers (COOs) to a national industry summit in Ottawa on Nov. 27 to consider key issues that affect or afflict the industry's future. The summit will be followed by a professional development day for COOs.

Industrial Security Clearances - the federal government continues to improve the security clearance process, with input from the CCA. Discussions continue this fall.

Carbon Pricing - CCA has provided comments to the minister's office on how the construction sector can help lower overall emissions from buildings. Ottawa is negotiating a national carbon tax with the provinces. A First Ministers meeting is to take place in October.

Temporary Foreign Workers - CCA has been working with the Immigration minister to ensure more timely access for the construction industry to the program.

The MHCA is represented on CCA's board and committees by Derek Walker, MHCA Chair, Henry Borger (chair of the Civil Infrastructure Council and Executive Committee member), Bob Reidy and Chris Lorenc, MHCA President.



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THE MINISTERS' DINNER

Wednesday, November 23, 2016 | The Fort Garry Hotel

5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Tickets—\$175+ GST for Members, \$200 + GST for Future Members

If interested, contact Carolynne Jansen at 204.948.0104 or at cjansen@mbchamber.mb.ca for tickets



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Ontario modernizing construction laws to support industry growth



September 26, 2016; Ministry of the Attorney General

Ontario is supporting the growth of the province's construction sector and the more than 400,000 people who work in it by modernizing Ontario's construction laws.

Over the past 18 months, construction law experts Bruce Reynolds and Sharon Vogel of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, have led a thorough and comprehensive review of the Construction Lien Act. Their findings and recommendations can be found in their report, *Striking the Balance: Expert Review of Ontario's Construction Lien Act*.

Ontario's construction industry is a driving force of the provincial economy. Ontario proposes to introduce legislation in spring 2017 to better support workers and the industry based on the main principles found throughout the report:

Modernizing the construction lien and holdback rules

- Introducing rules around prompt payment
- Creating a new process to speed up dispute resolution
- To ensure the proposed legislation is fair, balanced and reflects diverse opinions, the Attorney General will gather feedback on the recommendations in the report through meetings with industry and stakeholder groups throughout fall 2016.

Modernizing Ontario's construction laws is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number-one priority to grow the economy and create jobs. The four-part plan includes helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, roads, bridges and transit in Ontario's history and is investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

Quick Facts

- In 2015, the construction industry accounted for 6.7 per cent of Ontario's GDP. This compares to 6.5 per cent in 2013 and 6.4 per cent in 2014. Ontario's Construction Lien Act establishes financial protection to those who supply services or materials to a construction project.
- Ontario commissioned a review of the Construction Lien Act in February 2015 in response to stakeholder concerns related to prompt payment and effective dispute resolution in the province's construction industry, such as the need to encourage timely payment for services and materials, and making sure payment risk is distributed fairly.
- As part of the review process, Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Vogel received 77 written submissions and held 30 stakeholder meetings, involving more than 60 key construction industry groups.
- Mr. Reynolds and Ms. Vogel also created an advisory group of qualified subject matter experts with expertise in different areas of the construction industry. The group met throughout winter and spring 2016 to address the diversity of stakeholder opinions and industry issues, and to refine the recommendations that were heard during consultations.

To download the full report go to <http://tinyurl.com/hbs7c4c>



Awards Breakfast & Annual General Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2016 8 am - 11:30 pm
RBC Convention Centre, room 2EF (second floor)

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Awards, Year in Review, Membership and Future Priorities presentations

Tickets: \$49 +GST (per person)

No. of tickets: _____

MHCA Annual Chairman's Gala *Under The Sea*

Friday, November 18, 2016

**RBC Convention Centre
York Ballroom
Winnipeg, MB**

Cocktails 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm

Tickets \$205 +GST per person
(all inclusive)

Tickets available as individual or tables of 10

No. of tickets: _____

Company: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Phone: _____ **Please Invoice:** _____

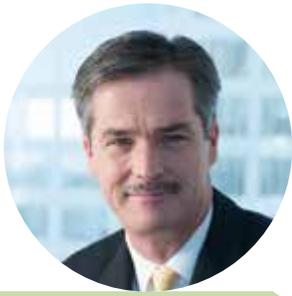
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Delta Winnipeg, reservations: 1-844-294-7309 - room rates starting at \$135

Quote: Manitoba Heavy Construction Association

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To request a special meal, to accommodate any food allergies and/or dietary restrictions, please call or email Christine at 204-947-1379



2016: The top 10 risks

Peter G Hall, Vice President and Chief Economist



Ever wonder if today's world is riskier than ever before? It certainly feels that way, especially during those periods where we endure an almost daily barrage of negative news. To put this in perspective, EDC Economics periodically assesses the top 10 country risks facing Canada. This commentary is a check-in about what's changed in the world since our last assessment, highlighting a select number of tail risks you should consider.

For starters, the whiff of increased protectionism and regulation across the southern border is undeniable. The upcoming US presidential election with its Fortress America discourse has propelled this issue into our Top 10. Although our team's latest scenario analysis on the elections indicates a high probability that Congress would constrain either candidate from pursuing the most extreme campaign promises on the economy and trade, the US is moving in the overall direction of greater isolationism. For Canadian companies this will likely entail more aggressive US action against perceived trade imbalances, but stops well short of renegotiating NAFTA. At greater risk is a Congressional nod to the Trans-Pacific Partnership, given the election campaign's anti-trade sentiment. The US elections look to have accelerated the populist anti-globalization movement, with issues like income inequality taking center stage. It has also magnified the rise of political risk in the developed world.

EU collapse. Over the years, the Continent has moved almost without interruption from one crisis to another. Just as growth in this troubled zone finally looked ready to turn a corner, on June 23rd Britain shocked financial markets by voting to leave the European Union. While the final economic and political fallout will depend on whether it will be a "hard" or "soft" Brexit and when, the uncertainty has dented the near-term outlook. This is already having an impact on investor plans and is expected to lower Canadian UK-bound exports by as much as 8 per cent in 2017. The vote has also crystallized Continental skepticism toward the supra-national institutions created to cement stronger cross-border ties, evoking greater nationalism. This sentiment may well complicate ratification of multilateral trade deals such as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The agreement, if ratified at the Canada-EU summit in October, would significantly increase Canadian exports to the EU.

If this weren't enough, an Italian banking crisis poses a further threat to the eurozone. The IMF estimates Italy's bad loan pile at €360 billion – about a third of the eurozone total. Weak banks have continued to lend to weak companies in a stagnant growth environment, and banks now require immediate capital injections to restore investor confidence. However, current EU banking rules forbid direct state assistance. Prime Minister Renzi, already pressured by the upcoming referendum on his constitutional reform package, is running against the clock to find a solution. If it ends badly, this risk could be more potent than Brexit.

The risk of Chinese economic crisis remains one of the highest in our view, even if news coming out of Beijing is less foreboding. The risk remains centered on the Communist Party's difficult quest to balance short-term growth with medium-long term transformation of the economy. The government's continued use of monetary and fiscal stimulus to buttress growth is also increasing financial sector risk. Given the broad global impact of a Chinese crisis, we'll be keeping a close eye on this one.

Rounding out some of our top risks is our longstanding concern of a Japanese debt bomb. It has been evident for some time that Japan's public debt, now north of 250% of GDP, is unsustainable and a change in market risk perceptions over the medium term would have significant impacts on Japan's large financing needs. As noted in the spring, a financial crisis in Japan would have global implications. With no new and conclusive policy moves expected in the foreseeable future, the likelihood of this risk will continue to grow.

The bottom line?

In the post-recession period, numerous heightened country risks are the unfortunate norm. Exporters need to understand both the negative impacts of increasingly complex risk events, but also the opportunities they present. The Country Risk Quarterly – the latest issue released today – was created expressly for this purpose.

Upcoming MHCA Meetings

MHCA Executive Committee
MHCA Office
October 19, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

Membership Committee
MHCA Office
November 2 - 12:00 noon

MHCA Annual General
RBC Convention Centre
November 18, 2016 - 9:30 am

MHCA Board of Directors
RBC Convention Centre
November 18, 2016 - 11:00 am

MHCA Executive Committee
MHCA Office
November 30, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

MHCA Executive Committee
MHCA Office
January 18, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

MHCA Board of Directors
Location TBD
January 25, 2017 - 12:00 Noon



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EXPO

APRIL 4 & 5, 2017

Victoria Inn Conference Center Winnipeg

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SAFE Work Certified What does this mean for you?

WORKSAFELY™ Back to You

SAFE Work Manitoba (the prevention division within the Manitoba Workers Compensation Board) is in the process of establishing a provincial standard for occupational safety and health called SAFE Work Certified.

SAFE Work Certified is being built on the same principles as WORKSAFELY™ COR™ certification. The program will be developed with the intent of making the WORKSAFELY™ COR™ benefits that the heavy construction industry has had for 20 years available to other Manitoba industries.

This is further evidence that WORKSAFELY™ COR™ program is the gold standard.

We are all familiar with the WORKSAFELY™ COR™ program. This program is nationally recognized and endorsed by participating members of the Canadian Federation of Construction Safety Associations, providing industry with an effective safety and health management system to reduce incidents, accidents and injuries. Currently we have 354 COR™/SECOR™ companies certified, covering 75% of the workforce in Manitoba's heavy construction industry.

Simply put – WORKSAFELY™ COR™ certification will qualify you under the SAFE Work Certified program – COR™ is your vehicle to enable you to meet SAFE Work Manitoba's requirements, allowing you to achieve future benefits of SAFE Work certification.

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MEET YOUR WORKSAFELY™ ADVISOR

Terry Didluck - Western Region



Terry Didluck began his career in safety as the safety coordinator/facilitator for Vale Base Metals. He then joined the WORKSAFELY™ team two years ago and is now the Safety Advisor for Manitoba's western region.

Terry is committed to supporting his clients and assisting where needed in the heavy construction industry. He is dedicated to his companies and his community. In his capacity as Safety Advisor, Terry supports his companies through training, COR™/SECOR™ certifications and company audits.

WORKSAFELY™ is dedicated to ongoing learning of its staff so they can better support their clients. Terry has recently completed the University of New Brunswick Occupational Health and Safety two year certificate program. Through this program he has found a more solid foundation of knowledge in OHS that he will continue to bring with him while training and working with COR™ companies.

If you would like to contact Terry Didluck regarding auditing, COR™ and safety training or another issue related to WORKSAFELY™ he can be reached at:

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Upcoming training with Terry:
COR™ Training
November 21-25
St. John's Ambulance - Brandon



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

DATE: October 27, 2016
WHEN: 11:00 a.m. - noon
WHERE: Tri-Wave Construction
936 Douglas St
Brandon, MB R7A 7B2



Please RSVP on or before October 20, 2016 to
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Companies Are Proudly Paperless

Congratulations To The Following Companies!

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Brad Graham Construction Ltd.
Fast Brothers Ltd.
Camster Construction Ltd.
L.E.T. Construction [1984] Ltd.
Westech Contracting Inc.
MultiCrete Systems
Aabacus Welding Inc.
Perimeter Concrete Ltd. Northland Ready Mix Concrete
Silver Dirtworks
Wichi Enterprises
Accurate HD
Southgate Enterprises Ltd.
General Aggregate Equipment Sales
Pfund Trucking
Superb Construction Group Ltd.
Boulet Brothers Concrete Ltd.
Rempel Excavating
Ebb and Flow Construction LP
Metro Piling Ltd.
Municipality of Roblin
Marathon Drilling Co. Ltd.
Pembina Landscaping & Irrigation Ltd.
Interock Trucking Inc.
B-Sharp Excavating Inc.
Stocki Trucking Inc.
Rondor Excavations Ltd.
Friesen Hauling and Excavating Inc.

Valley Rock Construction
Westshore Construction
Iron North Limited Partnership
Stratacore Ltd.
Glenat Enterprises Ltd.
Rob Smith & Son Backhoe & Trucking Ltd.
Building Products & Concrete Supply Ltd.
Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman
Steinbach Hydro Vac Ltd.
Earth Max Construction Inc.
Farm Boy Asphaltting Inc.
RM of Ellice-Archie
Anderson Logging Inc.
Hamiota Municipality
Willm's Craning Ltd.
3572405 Manitoba Ltd. [Joey Werbicki]
Water X Industries
Saler's Backhoe & Trucking Ltd.
ProStar HDD
Great Plains Rail Contractors Inc.
Wildcard Excavation Inc.
Ross Industries Ltd.
Barylski Contracting
Dig All Construction [1994] Ltd.
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SAFETY TALK

Sprains & Strains Preventing & Stretching

Explain dangers

Stretching before work helps prevent injury from sprains and strains. With cooler temperatures approaching, the muscles take longer to warm up. It is important that workers take the time to stretch.

Identify controls

Tips for safe stretching:

- Stretch slowly
- Remember to breathe normally
- Hold each stretch for at least 15-20 seconds,
- Repeat each stretch 2-3 times

Demonstrate

Practice the following stretches:

Shoulders:

- Extend your arms and move them in large, slow circular motions. Forward then backwards
- Grab the opposite elbow and pull the elbow across your body

Back:

- Bend slowly side to side
- Place your hands on your lower back, bend your neck back and arch your back
- Place your legs together, slowly bend down and try to touch your toes
- Slowly twist your upper body side to side

Legs/Knees:

- Stand in one leg and reach behind your back and pull your foot up
- Spread your legs, bend down and try to touch the ground

Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and file for COR™ / SECOR audit purposes.

Date: _____

Performed by: _____

Concerns:

Employee Name:

Supervisor: _____

Location: _____

Corrective Actions:

Employee Signature:

Training Schedule

October

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| COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence | Oct 17 - 18 | MHCA Office |
| COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management | Oct 19 | MHCA Office |
| COR™ Auditor | Oct 20 - 21 | MHCA Office |
| Flagperson 1/2 day AM | Oct 25 | MHCA Office |
| Committee/Representative Training 1/2 day PM | Oct 25 | MHCA Office |
| Traffic Control Coordinator | Oct 26 - 27 | MHCA Office |
| Excavation & Trenching 1/2 day AM | Oct 28 | MHCA Office |
| Auditor Refresher 1/2 day PM | Oct 28 | MHCA Office |

November

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| Flagperson 1/2 day AM | Nov 8 | MHCA Office |
| Committee/Representative Training 1/2 day PM | Nov 8 | MHCA Office |
| Traffic Control Coordinator | Nov 9-10 | MHCA Office |
| COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence | Nov 21-22 | MHCA Office |
| COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence | Nov 21-22 | (Brandon) St. John's Ambulance |
| COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management | Nov 23 | MHCA Office |
| COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management | Nov 23 | (Brandon) St. John's Ambulance |
| COR™ Auditor | Nov 24-25 | MHCA Office |
| COR™ Auditor | Nov 24-25 | (Brandon) St. John's Ambulance |
| Excavation & Trenching 1/2 day AM | Nov 28 | MHCA Office |
| Auditor Refresher 1/2 day PM | Nov 28 | MHCA Office |
| Train the Trainer | Nov 29 | MHCA Office |

December

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| COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence | Dec 12 - 13 | MHCA Office |
| COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management | Dec 14 | MHCA Office |
| COR™ Auditor | Dec 15 - 16 | MHCA Office |
| Flagperson 1/2 day AM | Dec 19 | MHCA Office |
| Committee/Representative Training 1/2 day PM | Dec 19 | MHCA Office |
| Traffic Control Coordinator | Dec 20 - 21 | MHCA Office |
| Excavation & Trenching 1/2 day AM | Dec 22 | MHCA Office |