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CARBON TAX AT THE PUMPS STARTS IN APRIL

Manitoba decided last year it would not impose its own carbon tax on fuel. As a result, the federal government's "back-stop" program – which includes a carbon tax – applies in this province (and three others, similarly).

What will it cost?

The carbon tax will add:

Diesel	6.3 cents per litre
Gasoline	4.4 cents per litre
Natural Gas	3.9 cents per cubic metre
Propane	3.1 cents per litre

What is the federal government doing with the revenues from Manitoba?

Manitobans will get annual rebates, which they file for at tax time this year. Those rebates will be higher than the cost of the tax on individuals, Ottawa estimates. The rebates this year:

Single/1st adult	\$170
2nd adult in house	\$85
Per child	\$42

(Ottawa estimates the average payment to Manitoba families will be \$336, but the av-

erage cost to families will be \$232. Cheques will be sent with tax assessments.)

Will business or industry get help?

Business or industry in Manitoba will not get rebates. Farmers, however, will not pay carbon tax on fuel used for tractors, trucks and other farm machinery used on the farm.

What is Manitoba doing?

In absence of a carbon tax (and its revenues), the provincial government intends to set up 'carbon savings accounts' that track efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions. It has set goals in five-year periods and any shortfall gets added to the next five-year account.

The province has set up sector working groups to identify programs or initiatives to spur GHG emission cuts. The MHCA, part of the transportation sector working group, has suggested a variety of measures – including tax incentives – to assist industry in the adoption of new technologies to reduce emissions or fuel use. The MHCA has asked senior Manitoba MP Jim Carr for a meeting for a similar conversation on potential federal measures.

CCA's new construction standards, contract documents available



Statutory declaration seals no longer sold individually

CCA has informed member associations that new and updated construction and contract documents will be available on February 4.

The new and updated documents are:

- CCDC 9A and 9B 'Statutory Declaration' (free download)
- CCDC 10 'A Guide to Construction Project Delivery Methods' (new document)
- CCDC 11 'Contractor's Qualification Statement'
- CCDC 23 'A Guide to Calling Bids and Awarding Construction Contracts'
- CCDC Master Specifications Division 00 'Procurement and Contracting Requirements' (new document)
- CCDC 30 'Integrated Project Delivery Contract' (new contract form)
- CCDC 40 'Rules for Mediation and Arbitration of Construction Industry Disputes'

To note

- CCDC 9 – 2018 seals will only be sold in a package of 100 and not individually.
- We will have a three-month transition period (before Monday May 6, 2019) during which we will continue to sell the older versions of CCDC 9, CCDC 11, CCDC 23, and CCDC 40 which will be of the same price as the new versions.
- We would be happy to exchange existing documents and seals with the new versions free of charge. We would suggest that be done after the transition period.

Should you have questions, please contact the MHCA office at 204.947.1379 or at info@mhca.mb.ca

MHCA Committee Meetings

MHCA Executive committee
MHCA Office
February 27 • Noon

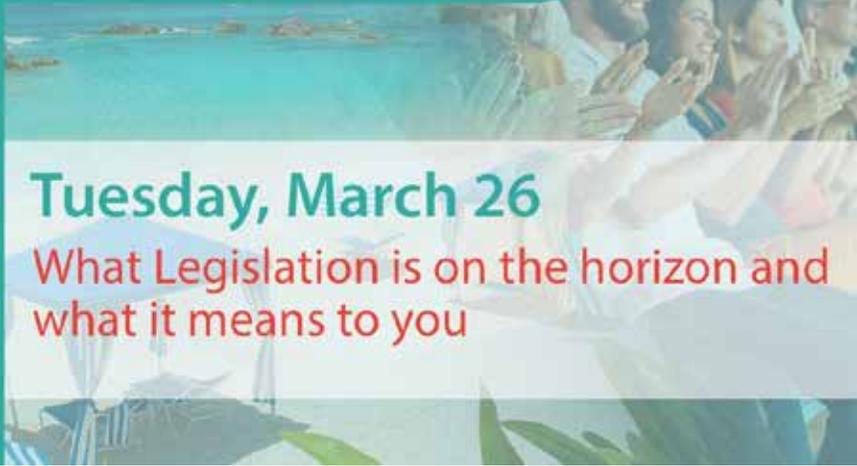
MHCA Board of Directors
MHCA Office
May 1 • Noon

SAFE Roads committee
MHCA Office
March 9 • Noon

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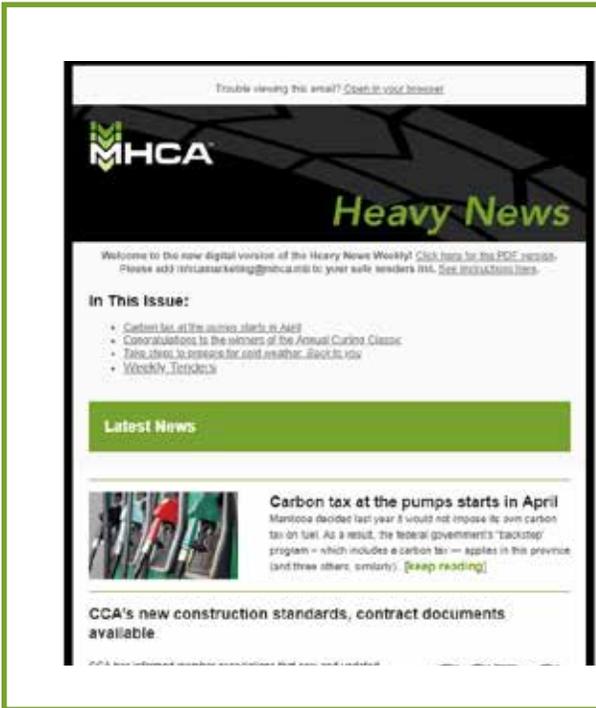


Conference Speaker Chris Lorenc



Tuesday, March 26

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CCA announces members of the board composition working group

Mary Van Buren, President of the CCA, announced the following members of the board working group:

- Joe Wrobel, chair. Civil sector. British Columbia (non-voting)
- Stephanie Roll. CCA board of directors, Calgary Construction Association board of directors, trade contractor. Alberta
- Mark Cooper. COO, Saskatchewan Construction Association. Saskatchewan
- Henry Borger. CCA executive committee, civil sector. Manitoba.
- John Mollenhauer. COO, Toronto Construction Association. Ontario
- Mike Reinders. CCA board of directors, general contractor. Ontario
- Mark Van Bree. CCA board of directors, civil sector. Ontario
- Jean-Francois Arbour. CCA board of directors, trade contractor. Quebec
- Brendan Nobes. CCA executive committee, general contractor. Nova Scotia
- Mary Van Buren. President, CCA (non-voting)



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The working group will have its first meeting on January 30 and will present an update at the board meeting in March. Tng has been engaged to guide the working group and provide expertise on best practices.

MHCA welcomes new member

The MHCA is pleased to welcome its newest member:

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'B' Event Winners

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TEAM: **E.F. Moon Construction**

Team members are: Mark Moon, Ted Moon, Brendan Moon and Shane McCulloch.



'C' Event Winners

Sponsored by MHCA

TEAM: **ATCO Structures and Logistics**

Team members are: Jason Katcher, Sebastian Putzke, Colin Richards and Brady Davis.

Consolation prizes

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'A' Event Consolation: **Arnason Industries**

'B' Event Consolation: **Maple Leaf Construction**

'C' Event Consolation: **Superior Asphalt Paving Co.**

Hoggin the Line Contest Winner

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Peter Panufnik – Intact Insurance



Take steps to prepare for cold weather

Back to you

Don Hurst
Director of WORKSAFELY™
Education and Training

Unfortunately, we are into one of those infamous stretches of Manitoba cold weather! Our industry is often working in these elements and it is important that you take the necessary precautions to avoid cold-weather related illnesses like hypothermia and frostbite.

To ensure that your workers stay safe and healthy during these frigid temperatures:

- Wear the proper clothing
- Take breaks often to warm up
- Eat or drink warm foods or beverages (avoid caffeine)
- Plan highway travel carefully and ensure workers

- have appropriate means of communication
- Avoid working alone
- Have emergency supplies ready

Also, ensure that workers working in extreme cold conditions are trained in the symptoms of frostbite and hypothermia so that problems can be addressed before they become major issues. Make sure you have the required number of people trained in first aid, so they can help your employees survive an emergency event.

Take precautions in cold weather both on the job and off. Look out for your co-workers as well as yourself. Stay safe and stay warm!

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- 11-12 **COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence**
- 13 **COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management**
- 14-15 **COR™ Auditor**

No training scheduled as of yet

March 2019

- 5 Flagperson (1/2 day AM)
- 5 Safety Committee/Representative (1/2 day PM)
- 6 Train the Trainer - Facilitation Skills
- 11-12 **COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence**
- 13 **COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management**
- 14-15 **COR™ Auditor**
- 19-20 Traffic Control Coordinator
- 27 Excavating & Trenching (1/2 day AM)
- 27 Incident Investigations (1/2 day PM)

April 2019

- 18 Addressing Workplace Psychological Hazards Workshop (no charge)



SAFETY TALK

Slips, trips & falls on icy surface

As the temperature drops, the number of slips and falls rises. No matter how well the snow or ice is removed from parking lots, sidewalks and the jobsite, you will encounter slippery surfaces when walking outside in the winter.

What's the danger?

A slip or fall will happen when there is not enough traction between the footwear and the walking surface.

Slips on ice often result in serious injury. Injuries to arms, wrists, back and head are the most common.

Snow that accumulates on the jobsite will create ruts and slippery surfaces.

Accumulation of snow and ice immediately outside of doorways, as well, can cause visitors and workers to slip.

How to protect yourself

It is important for everyone to be aware of these dangers and learn how to walk carefully on ice and slippery surfaces.

- Always look forward to assess slippery ice surfaces ahead

- Inspect all frequent travel paths and spread sand or salt to make walking safer
- Keep walkways clear of mud, snow and ice
- Use caution getting in and out of vehicles and equipment
- Use caution when carrying heavy loads on ice
- Watch for slippery floors when entering workshops
- Practice good housekeeping to reduce the clutter or objects that can be tripped over
- Remove as much snow and water from your boots as you can

What would you do?

What behaviours cause the greatest risk of slips, trips and falls at your work site in the winter?

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

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Performed by: _____

Supervisor: _____

Location: _____

Concerns:

Corrective Actions:

Employee Name:

Employee Signature:



Mexico's next move

By Stephen Tapp, Deputy Chief Economist

Mexico is experiencing a sea change in its political landscape. Frustrated by years of inaction on corruption, voters rejected the ruling PRI and established PAN parties. Last July 1 they elected the populist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, commonly referred to as AMLO, by a landslide. The new administration took office on December 1, old news now – but what is news is the lingering question of what the administration is going to do. I was in Mexico last week, and there were some surprising learnings.

Business is in a state of general uncertainty. Confidence is down since the inauguration, reflecting the ill ease of the commercial world. Key to this sentiment are the statements that AMLO has made over the course of his drawn-out, 15-year campaign. He has often taken aim at corruption and concentration of wealth, and favours a broader distribution of income. He has set high expectations among his vast following, and will be expected to deliver – but now that he has the power, it is unclear how he will execute on these promises. Unsure of the way forward, businesses I spoke with are generally holding back on large investments, waiting to see what the government will do.

Project cancellation disconcerting
One of the clearest policy actions to date is the cancellation of the new Mexico City airport project – which was already one-third complete. This is a massive and needed undertaking, as the current airport is insuffi-

cient to handle current, let alone future, travel activity. However, to the new administration this was a symbol of corruption, and they took action. Currently, the reasons given for the cancellation were muddled, and while there is an alternative project, its relative merits are unclear. Foreign holders of the airport project bonds were thrown into confusion until a plan was set to make them whole. Clearly, the AMLO administration has demonstrated its willingness to make changes to ongoing business arrangements, which is causing key investors to hold back their plans.

Energy sector on hold?

The energy sector is also on edge. One of the hallmarks of the previous Pena Nieto government was deregulation in the energy sector that allowed foreign players to inject badly needed capital into areas that were previously domestic-only. The cancellation of tenders has sent a clear message that the government is re-evaluating the policy. Much foreign money seems to be sitting on the side until there is greater clarity on the go-forward plan.

Auto industry more sanguine?

Canada's auto sector has been through the wringer, between CUS-MA negotiations, key OEM investment decisions, market conditions and now the change in Mexican leadership. For the moment, there seems to be a sense that the AMLO government will respect the investments that are in place, but the future has become a bit more cloudy. The cancellation of ProMéxico, the agency responsible for attracting investments into Mexico, and the accompanying announcement of the termination of financial assistance for inbound foreign auto sector OEMs suggests that investments are welcome, but will not get the same red-carpet treatment. As these have

been significant to overall Mexican performance in recent years, this, together with the late stage of the North American auto cycle is not likely to bode well for big, new auto sector market entry or expansion projects.

Mexico's own brand of populist reactionism is having the same effect as elsewhere on the planet: at the very moment in the economic cycle that business investment should be ramping up – to address capacity constraints and significant pent-up demand – policy changes, whether rumoured or actual, are causing businesses to freeze up. Mexican operations, like those in the rest of the world, are quite busy processing current orders, and we expect this to continue. But longer-term commitments are clearly on hold until more is known about the rules of the game.

One further concern goes beyond policy announcements, to policy execution. The salary cap on public workers poses a risk to retention of talent: there are fears that the machinery needed to implement policy changes may be compromised.

The bottom line?

At first blush, this is a scary list of proposed and actual changes to Mexican policy. But these are early days, and the new government is for the most part treading carefully. There are clues that a measured approach is being taken to broader business issues, and there is clearly a desire to avoid a sharply negative financial market reaction. For the time being, there is uncertainty, but cautious optimism about final outcomes. Unlike a certain other Latin American economy this one has been compared to, in Mexico's case, there's not a lot of spare cash lying around to bankroll a radical regime-shift.



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