

MEETING OF THE NCHCA BOARD

May 11, 2022 (3:00pm-5:00pm)

Centurion Conference and Event Centre

MINUTES

Board Members & Association Representatives		
Darrin Alberty	Nick Bray	Dale Downey
John DeKroon	Edson Donnelly (CEO)	Brad Gooderham
Brian Lane (regrets)	Paul Lemire	Chris Lesaux (regrets)
Ivan Levac (ORBA)	Dave McClure	Steve McEachen (regrets)
Jeff Mulcock (OSWCA)	Nick Regalbuto	Drew Paulusse
Sandro Ricci	Stephen Turner	Bob Watson
Staff		
Kathryn Sutherland	Kerri Albright	
Guests		
Neil Falls <i>Chair, H&S Committee</i>	<i>Scott Luchak, Chair, VPM Committee</i>	

	Item
1	The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. President Lemire welcomed new Board member Drew Paulusse.
2	Call to order and approval of agenda <i>MOTION: It was moved by D. Alberty, seconded by B. Watson that the agenda be approved, and the Chair be authorized to modify the order of discussion. Carried.</i>
3	Collusion Clause The Board reaffirmed its commitment to adhere to the Collusion Clause.

4	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p><i>MOTION: It was moved by D. Downey, seconded by J. DeKroon that the Minutes of the March 9, 2022, Board meeting be approved. Carried.</i></p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report & Approval of Expenses</p> <p>(a) Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of the end of April our revenue is \$274,035.21 and our expenses to date are \$121,480.46, for a net of \$152,554.75. • As of the end of April we received \$126,352.50 in membership renewals which represents about 153 of our 217 members. • We have held three events so far this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Education Series generated sponsorship revenue in the amount of \$1,500. ○ The Curling Bonspiel generated registration and sponsorship revenue for a net of \$3,787. ○ The AGM generated registration and sponsorship revenue for a net of \$7,920. • Our planning for the Pothole Open continues. As of the end of April, we had sponsorship in the amount of \$33,500 and registration in the amount of \$26,000. <p>(b) Approval of March & April 2022 Expenses</p> <p><i>MOTION: It was moved by N. Bray, seconded by D. Albery THAT the expenses for March & April 2022 be approved. Carried.</i></p>
6	<p>For information: City of Ottawa</p> <p>(a) Road cut permit costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to inquiries from NCHCA, the City released a memo confirming that there should be only one road cut permit fee charged per project. <p>(b) OHSMS requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City's Health & Safety Management System requirements allow for COR 2020 as one of the acceptable certifications, however IHSA has a backlog and COR 2020 certification will likely not be available until 2025. • The following were considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ask the City to update their requirements to provide that COR 2015 will remain acceptable as long as companies can demonstrate that they are registered for COR 2020. ○ request an extension of all three deadlines. ○ suggest to the City that they work this out with IHSA. <p>ACTION – K. Sutherland to schedule a meeting with the City.</p>

	<p>(c) Recouping costs due to inflation</p> <p>NCHCA wrote to the City on April 19, 2022 to communicate our concerns with rising costs and the impact on infrastructure projects. We made two suggestions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the City consider awarding projects within 7 days as that is all our subcontractors and suppliers are able to commit to, and • that the City consider allowing materials escalation clauses in existing and future projects. <p>The City responded that they will not be able to award tenders within 7 days, and asked us for more information as to what we propose for escalation clauses.</p> <p>NCHCA's working group is meeting on May 13, 2022 for further discussion.</p> <p>(d) Broadband backup alarm pilot project</p> <p>The pilot project has been postponed by the City. They plan to do a further literature review before deciding whether the pilot project should proceed.</p> <p>(e) Liaison notes April 22, 2022 – not yet received</p> <p>(f) May 4, 2022, Forecast Tenders List – received</p> <p>(g) Agenda items for May 20, 2022, Liaison meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City's reduced level of service • Locates
7	<p>Board Business</p> <p>(a) Status of locates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locates are slow and jobs are being shut down in some cases. • City locates are also slow. • Promark is behind to a point where they have closed older tickets in the queue forcing the contractor to reapply. • Bill 93 was just passed, sharing of locates is now legal. • It was suggested that contractors add sub-contractors to the locates to reduce request volume. • If there is no civic or permit number (in a field for example) the locate gets put into the "suspended" pile. <p>ACTION: NCHCA to meet with the City and Promark on May 16, 2022 to discuss.</p> <p>(b) Union negotiations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Capital Road Builders Association is in negotiations in Ottawa at this time. Discussions include working conditions, travel allowance, salary etc. • Operators for cranes, boom trucks, etc. are not available. <p>(c) New member applications</p> <p><i>MOTION: It was moved by S. Ricci, seconded by D. McClure that 2656852 Ont Inc. Hoy Farms and KU Power Group be approved for membership as associate members.</i></p>

	<p><i>Carried.</i></p> <p>This makes 7 new members so far this year.</p> <p>(d) Mayor's Charity Golf Classic, August 9, 2022 at The Marshes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The foursome confirmed during the meeting includes S. McEachen, J. Mulcock, B. Watson, P. Lemire.
8	<p>Update on Events</p> <p>(a) Slo-pitch tournament, May 26, 2022, RA Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 133 registered, looking for 6 more players \$4,600 in sponsorship <p>(b) Pothole Open, June 21, 2022, Greensmere Golf & Country Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$49,500 in sponsorship Room for one more foursome BBQ style lunch, drinks on hole and 6pm dinner <p>(c) Manhole Open, August 25, 2022, The Meadows Golf & Country Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced registration is now open to sponsors <p>(d) BBQ Shine & Show, July 21, 2022, 1299 River Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration and sponsorship are now open <p>(e) Construction Community Cares Parade, September 10, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be room for about 55 vehicles. Consider limiting the number of vehicles allowed for each company to allow more companies the chance to participate. Consider a gift to recognize the drivers who have donated their time N. Bray and S. Ricci volunteered to help organize this event. <p>ACTION: I. Levac to provide a video from last year's parade.</p> <p>(f) Fall Retreat, September 2022 – location to be confirmed.</p> <p>(g) Fall Dinner Dance, November 19, 2022, The Shaw Centre</p>
9	<p>For information: Committee Reports</p> <p>(a) Nominating – no report.</p> <p>(b) Bursary – applications are open for the 2022 bursary.</p> <p>(c) Education – no report.</p> <p>(d) Excess Soil – a bulletin is underway to highlight the implications of the pause.</p> <p>(e) Health & Safety – Large truck safety will be the topic of the next Newsletter. Book 7 terminology has changed to include bike lanes, traffic control and roundabouts. Hard copies not available until end of May or June.</p> <p>(f) Specifications</p> <p>(i) Asphalt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City is using WSP for quality assurance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mix design approvals have been slow but since approved. <p>(ii) Concrete – No report.</p> <p>(iii) Sewer & Watermain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explosion-proof pumps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the City has pushed back on some sites because of lack of clarity however on others, if you can prove there is no confined space by using a monitor to clear yourself of potential risk of atmospheric hazard it may get approved. <p>ACTION: K. Sutherland to look to a consultant for advice.</p> <p>(g) Theft Prevention – protect fuel resources.</p> <p>(h) VPM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCHCA met with the City on May 10, 2022. • Re disclosure of VPM scores: the City has confirmed they do not have the authority to share the scores so they are equally available to all contractors. They feel they cannot fix a mistake with another. • The system requires improvement. VPM should not be applied where scores are over 80. A margin of error that is plus or minus a predetermined amount should be considered and would remove the subjectivity. <p>ACTION: ACEC is meeting on May 16 and will meet with the City on the May 27. E, Donnelly to provide K. Sutherland with discussion points from their meeting with the City.</p>
10	<p>Industry Linkages</p> <p>(a) Ottawa Construction Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCA Symposium moved to October 5-6, 2022 • S. McEachen will be the OCA Linkage going forward <p>(b) Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Ontario – No update</p> <p>(c) Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association – Next meeting is in June which will include strategic planning for the next 3 to 5 years.</p> <p>(d) Ontario Road Builders' Association</p> <p>Recent meeting discussions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill 93 that was passed in April of this year • Revising the ORBA strategic plan to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education of public on industry challenges such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Labour shortages ▪ Trucking issues following the trucking strike in GTA ▪ Discussion about building “affordable and sustainable infrastructure” ▪ Indexation measures, particularly for fuel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ERS system – it was modified in 2018 or 2019 to remove bonuses and unfairly disadvantages contractors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORBA has not had any traction with the MTO to make any adjustments, this is a priority for many members. Major advocacy issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflation – large issue particularly where owners are slow to release contracts Perth County procurement issues – sole sourced contract Bill 93 – One call bill has been passed allowing dedicated locators – to help speed up locate process Bill 88 – OHSA regulations such as Naloxone Kit to be on construction sites, the right to disconnect Excess Soils legislation – officially on pause for balance of 2022 Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OAPC has the partners in quality, eastern region was in Kingston and had low turnout and I passed a message that I believe was heard to have it in Ottawa if half of the low turnout is from Ottawa participants. Commercial Landscape Association of Eastern Ontario – banquet was well attended, golf tournament coming up.
11	<p>Roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOTA rate sheet for tri-axels and fuel index are being discussed. Some feel they should pick a price and give flexibility to adjust pricing. Trucks are sitting because the cost of fuel is not reflective of existing agreements. Consider requesting a fuel price adjustment for small City jobs so that risk would be shared should the price of gas increase or decrease. <p>ACTION: NCHCA to ask the City to consider a materials escalation clause.</p>
12	<p>Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 8, 2022 – R.W. Tomlinson Limited July – no Board meeting August 10, 2022 – Enerdu, Almonte September 14, 2022 – Possible retreat date
13	<p>The meeting closed at 5:00pm.</p>