



MEETING OF THE NCHCA BOARD

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

Centurion Conference and Event Centre

MINUTES

| Board Members & Association Representatives | | |
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| 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> | |

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| 1 | <p>The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.</p> <p>President Lemire welcomed new Board member Drew Paulusse.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Call to order and approval of agenda</p> <p><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></p> |
| 3 | <p>Collusion Clause</p> <p>The Board reaffirmed its commitment to adhere to the Collusion Clause.</p> |

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| 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> |

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| | <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> |

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| | <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. |

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| | <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 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 |

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| | <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> |