

National Capital Heavy Construction Association (NCHCA) / City of Ottawa

NOTES

Date: Friday, July 15, 2022

Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Place: Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

Bruce Kenny, Sue Johns, Luc Marineau, Sanna D'Ornellas, Joanne Graham, Rob Maclachlan, Kevin Lamer, Erin O'Neill, Sajjad Haque, Elsa LaCorte, Kathy Sutherland, Steve McEachen, Debbie Mohr-Caldwell, Edson Donnelly, Darrin Alberty, Jude Tremblay, Dale Downey, Paul Lemire, Geoff Falls, Darcy Lancaster, Brian Simpson, Ivan Levac, Brad Gooderham, Riley Carter, Neil Falls, Brian Lane, Ryan Donnelly

1. Review Notes of Previous Meeting

OPS paid duty officer requirements and protocols - Sgt. Nethercott's presentation was sent out with the notes of the previous meeting. Definition of signaler protocols still need to be shared with the Industry.

Action – Cheryl to follow up with Sgt. Nethercott for definition and send to Industry.

Broadband backup alarms pilot project update - Framework has been finalized. A consultant will be hired to do the testing, which is planned for May. The City noted that this would be very helpful for working in the downtown core at night. A site and contractor have been chosen for the pilot project. Additional information will be provided to the City's working group. It is anticipated that the pilot will run until December. The Industry met with the City yesterday. The City have retained Explotech who is currently working on a literature review which will delay the pilot. If it goes ahead, it won't be until August. Draft spec has been developed but not put in place yet. Before doing costly conversions, the Industry would like to ensure equipment is acceptable to the City.

Action – Bruce to ask for an update from the working group.

Excess soil tracking software update - Regulation implementation phasing has changed. The City is still moving forward. The City is still in discussion with Tracenet but are looking at alternatives. Erin noted that the City is reviewing all options to track soil. The City plans to be ready for January 2023. She encouraged everyone to read the specs in the tenders carefully.

Follow-up – Contractor's may use their own software as long as it's compatible with the City's.

Fuel Price Adjustments - The City has received requests to include from Industry members. Bruce asked if there was any consensus from the NCHCA. The NCHCA is working on possible solutions to present to the City. The City has meet with GOTA. As they are subcontractors, they have to work with contractors on their concerns. The City also recommended that they reach out to the NCHCA to discuss their concerns. There are concerns from the Industry that the Fuel Price Index is not covering operating costs and that this issue is an ongoing, escalating problem. The City is not contractually obligated to pay for cost increases and the contracts don't provide any additional mechanisms for it. It was asked how the City and Industry arrived at 7% in original discussions 15 + years ago for the fuel price index. No one had notes indicating how that percentage was determined. The City is open to discussions with the Industry on potential solutions/ideas.

Follow-up – Bruce is looking for more information on how the City and Industry arrived at 7% in the past.

HSMS requirements – on agenda.

Labour Agreements – on agenda.

2. OHSMS

Due to a backlog, some Industry members won't be able to obtain their Core 2020 certification by 2023 even though they're actively engaged in the process. It was asked if the City would consider grandfathering in companies with 2015 certification until they're able to complete the 2020 requirements.

Follow-up – The City and NCHCA are meeting on this. The City has draft wording to include in the tender documents (below) and asked the Industry for feedback.

“Due to ongoing transition processes (e.g., COR 2020) the following list is subject to change and will be updated prior to implementation.”

3. Labour Strike

The City is concerned about losing so many days in July. Temporary water is a great concern; and before opening the ground, the City needs to know the work can be completed before winter shutdown. Some work plans may need to be adjusted. The Industry noted that discussions will be taking place into next week. The earliest vote would be the end of next week. This may go into August. It was noted that some generators were taken off site at the beginning of the strike. The Industry did this to avoid potential vandalism. The City's inspection office

can reach out to the Contractor to have them re-installed if they are actively working from the construction site.

4. AC index calculation

Contractors were advised to use the most recent Index. If it hasn't been published (for contracts closing early in the month), let the City know.

5. Excess Soils

The Industry was advised that the City is testing various solutions and should be diligent in reviewing what's indicated in the contract. Ask questions if clarification is needed, as there will be lots of variables as to how the City is doing the work. The City is having discussions with the designers about re-use of material on site. They are also exploring trying to leverage contracts that need soils, with ones that need removal; however, this may be difficult to bid. The City is open to having ideas shared with them on potential solutions.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, August 19, 2022
8:00 – 10:00 am
Microsoft Teams