

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

NOTES

Date: Friday, October 20, 2013 8:00 to 9:00

Place: Microsoft Teams/655W

PRESENT

Bruce Kenny, Luc Marineau, Matthew Knight, Christopher Malloy, Joanne Graham, Sandra Majkic, Franco Bonanno, Carol Hall, Mark Hoyles, Kevin Lamer, Renjit Varghese, Rebecca Belrango, Erin O'Neill, Eslam Maher Mohamed

Kathy Sutherland, Edson Donnelly, Nick Bray, Darrin Alberty, Earlane Lavergne, Debbie Mohr Caldwell, Nick Gianetto, Geoff Falls, Brian Lane, Dale Downey, Jude Tremblay, Ryan Donnelly

1. Review Notes of Previous Meeting

Pre-populated unit rates - The Industry provided examples of rates that are out of date. The City suggested that the Industry send over a list of the rates they would like increases on to the spec committee. A breakdown of co-ordination, third party costs, etc will be provided for Paid Duty Officer item. NCHCA to send information. City is open to change. NCHCA will provide information to the City. City to review along with the fuel price index. It was clarified that VPM scores are frozen the day prior to postings. The City is revising rates and will be sending a draft to the NCHCA Executive. The City is behind on sending these out, if there's any large contracts left to go out, we'll be able to put them in, the rest will go in as part of the spec review.

Follow-up – Bruce to check if the rates have been updated. If they haven't, it will be done through the spec review.

Excess Soils – There have been some issues with receiving sites.

Social Procurement – Please send any comments to Joanne or Jen McCabe.

Electric Vehicles on Integrated jobs – The Industry asked what will happen when residents with electrical vehicles can't park in their driveways due to construction?

Follow-up – the City is putting information in the notices to residence advising them to make alternative arrangements for charging their vehicle and that use of extension cords are not permitted.

2023 Spec Update – The City is looking at making this an ongoing process. NCHCA will advise their members to let the City know of issues as they come up.

2. DWS scheduling and process clarification

The Industry requested a mapped out process to improve timing and communication. Renjit noted that timing is important when requesting permits. Discharge permits have been the hold up recently and that this has been happening more on the development side then the capital. If the Industry advises DWS of the approximate timing, permits can be issued in advance. Another problem being encountered and causing delays is that crews have been booked at the same time as permits have been requested. Crews can't schedule and coordinate work before they receive the permit.

Action - Renjit will map out the process for development and capital projects.

3. Ticketing on construction sites

The Industry expressed concerned with By-law staff coming onto construction sites and ticketing construction vehicles; and that this is a health and safety issue. Like other government agents, if there is a legitimate reason for By-law to be there, they may be exempt from following on site health and safety protocols. The Industry requested that if By-law comes on site that they report to the contract administrator to announce their presence and wear PPE. Although construction vehicles should not be ticketed when they have a permit, Rebecca noted that permits don't exempt private vehicles. In conversations with by-law, Rebecca has suggested that they reach out us before sending their staff to construction sites. Industry to advise Bruce of specific situations so he can address with By-law.

Action - Rebecca to send contact information for By-law to Bruce. Bruce to follow up with By-law and Sgt. Brownrigg regarding the standard operating procedures wearing PPE.

4. Education Series

The Educational series is scheduled for January 18th and will be a one-day event.

5. Sewer Department

Recently there was an issue with bypass pumping in an open stream. Hasnaa Zaknoun is the manager responsible for linear and Cheryl Beam for pump stations. Bruce has met with Hasnaa to discuss roles and responsibilities. Design and Construction Municipal will be engaging her group earlier (design process) in addition to making the specs clear. Bruce will be working together with Hasnaa to map out the process.

6. Roundtable

Ministry of Labour - will be holding consultations for excess soil regulations.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, November 17, 2023

8:00 – 10:00 pm

Microsoft Teams/in person