

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

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### NOTES

**Date:** Friday, January 19, 2024, 8:00 to 9:00 AM

**Place:** Microsoft Teams/655W

### PRESENT

Bruce Kenny, Chris Malloy, Luc Marineau, Matt Knight, Laberge, Sandra Majkic, Joanne Graham, Carol Hall, Phil Klein-Swomink, Eslam Maher Mohamed, Renjit Varghese, Everett Paulin, Mark Hoyles, Rebecca Belrango,

Kathy Sutherland, Edson Donnelly, Debbie Mohr Caldwell, Earlana Lavergne, Geoff Falls, Chris Phippen, Luigi DiNuzzo, Dale Downey, Nick Bray, Darrin Alberty, Yannick Lamontagne, Ryan Donnelly

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#### 1. Review Notes of Previous Meeting

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 than 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.

Follow-up – IS/DWS/ROHUD to meet on 31 January 2024 to discuss process and provide clarification before the spring start up.

Education Series – Debrief meeting scheduled for next week.

Concrete Specs – There have been changes to the specs the previous few months without consultation. Sandra noted that the proposed changes are draft and there was still time for comment. Final draft will be in January 2024. There will be more conversations with the NCHCA on shoring up the spec review process. The Concrete Industry wants more time to review and feed into the process.

Follow-up – will be addressed at spec review.

Changes to the Construction Act – The City is looking at building phased holdbacks into new multi-year projects. The City is also considering how fall holdback release could be built into Overlay projects where the work is primarily self performed to avoid situations where the holdback is not released until early the following summer.

Follow-up – scope of the project will need to be reviewed before building into a contract. IS will work with Legal to map out a business process. The City will look at the MTO structured model currently in place to see what they're doing.

Steel Indexing - the Industry asked if there was openness to including it as steel is a commodity that fluctuates quite a bit. There have been discussions at the OCA regarding this also. The City is open to a risk-sharing approach. This will need to be a takeaway to discuss with Standards and Supply to develop a business process. Prepayment is a challenge and if considered would need to include additional surety requirements.

Follow-up – Bruce to consult with Supply.

HSMS – 2024 – on the agenda.

2. Addition of prompt-payment discounts into OPS tenders

The OPS tenders will be updated to include prompt payment when the spec updates are released (March 2024). Joanne was asked if this applies to RFP's also—this will be a take away. The average discount City-wide is 2.93%. The discount has to be part of the signed contract; there is an option in Merx's but it needs to be included in the form of tender.

3. HSMS Requirements

Anything over 10M is going to be subject to HSMS requirements.

4. Roundtable

ISO – The City is looking at a QA system, but is not looking at ISO certification in the near future. This is also not connected to HSMS requirements.

Tender postings/closings – The Industry asked for some flexibility over the March break. The City will try to stagger tenders put out and will consider requests from the Industry.

CCPCA – Chris Phippen has taken over for Jude Tremblay.

**NEXT MEETING**

Friday, February 16, 2024  
8:00 – 10:00 pm  
Microsoft Teams/in person