



Groundbreaking

LTIP roundtable meetings are underway

The federal government’s consultations on the **Long Term Infrastructure Program (LTIP)** are now officially underway. Led by **Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities** and **Winnipeg MP Steven Fletcher**, who is also **Minister of State (Transport)** kicked off today the first in a series of roundtables last week on the East Coast.

The goal of the LTIP is to establish a new long-term infrastructure plan that will sustain and improve Canada’s infrastructure network, while keeping costs down and ensuring value for Canadians. The LTIP aims to ensure lasting benefits for communities — from large urban centres to rural townships — while contributing to long-term economic growth and job creation across Canada.

Both Ministers Lebel and Fletcher will be meeting with representatives from the provinces and territories, municipalities through municipal associations and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, as well as other key stakeholder groups. These discussions will focus on broad directions and principles for a new long-term infrastructure plan for Canada that will extend beyond 2014. No date(s) has yet been officially set for Manitoba.

The Government of Canada says its developing a new plan that will continue to deliver results for Canadians through

long-term investment programs. This includes exploring opportunities that encourage greater private-sector involvement and public-private partnerships to generate better value for taxpayers, and ensure affordability and sustainability over the long term.

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Infrastructure investments are a key element of the Government of Canada's plan to create jobs, growth and long-term prosperity for Canadians. The seven-year, \$33-billion Building Canada plan, introduced in Budget 2007, was Canada's first-ever long-term infrastructure plan. The Building Canada plan will continue to deliver results for communities until 2014 and beyond; the new long-term plan will build on past accomplishments, and provide new opportunities for all orders of government to work together to improve public infrastructure in Canada.

For further information on the engagement process, please visit: www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/plan-eng.html.



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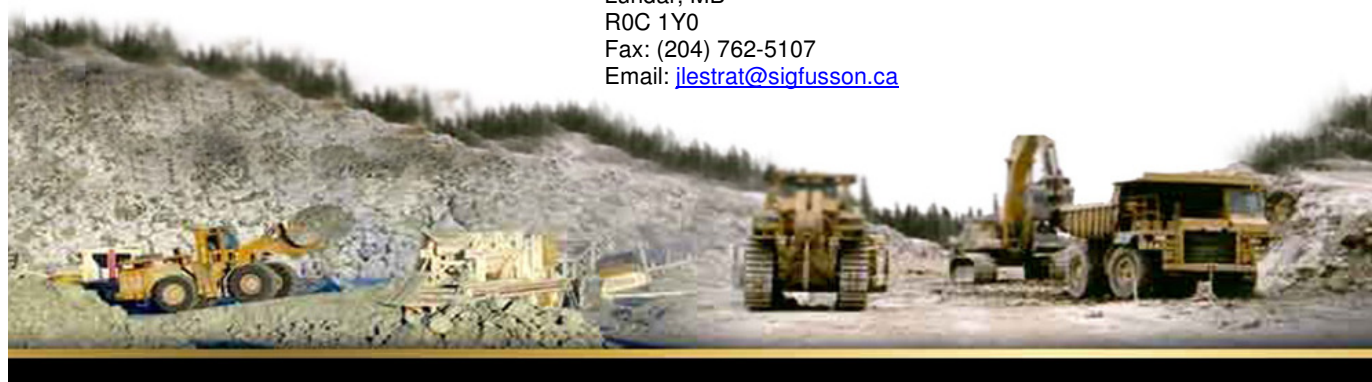
Duties of Safety Officer include:

- Provide guidance to site employees and contractors about safety issues through the interpretation of company policies, procedures and regulatory requirements
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Cities need stable cash

Gerry Klein, Saskatoon Star Phoenix

In all the years that I have been commenting upon or writing stories about civic affairs, the word most likely to flow through my fingertips is "infrastructure."

Civic leaders have been complaining for decades about deteriorating old infrastructure, overcrowded new infrastructure, and the need for more infrastructure. Among the first acts of various federal governments has been to commit to provide funds for infrastructure.

This commitment is easy to make. The need is great (at its recent meeting in Saskatoon, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities tabled a document identifying a \$123-billion infrastructure deficit), addressing that need carries the promise of creating jobs and economic efficiencies, and the definition of infrastructure is ambiguous enough to allow politicians to stand before almost any project with an oversized cheque and take credit.

After a freshly elected Liberal government in 1993 kicked off an infrastructure program promised in its Red Book, Quebec City got a convention centre, Calgary added box seats to the Saddledome, and Saskatoon twinned Circle Drive south of College.

In spite of these relentless ad hoc programs, cities continue to complain about the infrastructure deficit. Although the FCM is hopeful that it's on the cusp of an agreement with the federal government for a longer-lasting program, I wouldn't lay bets that two decades from now we aren't hearing the same complaints.

While the lack of adequate infrastructure clearly is a challenge, I would suggest it isn't THE problem for municipal governments. What they lack is an adequate and long-term source of unconditional operating funds that doesn't strangle economic growth, unlike the property tax. This money would allow cities to plan projects, establish reserves beforehand to reduce the size of needed debentures, pay off those debts and provide operating funds - all from the same annual allocation.

Whether it's adding environmental programs, improving police services, addressing homelessness and poverty, or establishing better transportation or housing, municipal governments around the world have proven to be the most innovative. That's because they are closer to the people who otherwise must live with the problems and thus able to tap them for ideas.

I would suggest the best funding source would be to have the federal government collect it through its GST/HST program, with half the money coming from each of the senior levels of government. For provinces with an HST that would mean turning over two percentage points of the tax, and for provinces such as Saskatchewan without an HST, it means either matching the GST amount with an equal grant, or by raising and bolstering the PST. Two GST points would equal about as much money as the Action Canada program that created 100,000 short-term jobs.

Saskatchewan already turns over to municipalities the equivalent of one percentage point of its five per cent sales tax. It could, for example, negotiate a more permanent capital grant and move that to the federal program or simply top it up. It's worth noting this wouldn't alleviate the need for ad hoc capital programs. The Conservative government and municipalities proved the worth of programs in the wake of the global economic crisis, when Ottawa quickly and efficiently pumped \$10 billion into the economy to create more than 100,000 jobs and help stave off a recession. In the process, municipal governments demonstrated how important they are to Canada's economy.

Ad hoc programs also have the advantage of providing a political boost to the politicians with the biggest cheques. Although we all grimace at the gripandgrin photos and the cash wasted on the endless Action Canada signs, these serve the purpose of providing incentive to the governments and accountability to taxpayers.

But ad hoc programs have their shortcomings, not the least of which is that everyone is required to spend a set amount of money in a short period of time on basically the same sort of materials and work. This creates bottlenecks and inflates costs unnecessarily.

If the cities are to succeed in getting better funding program in place, they need to start with the Council of the Federation. Provincial and territorial governments must be the first to demonstrate to Ottawa that they are willing to agree on a mechanism to turn over these tax points to municipalities, on condition that the federal government matches them.

Once the program is established, its adequacy can be measured and local councils held to account for its efficiency. And FCM will know it has been successful if, when the group gathers for its 100th meeting in 25 years, "infrastructure" only appears in the preamble to the president's report.

Summer Conversation Points

Peter G. Hall, EDC Vice-President and Chief Economist



Peter G. Hall



Canada Day has ushered in the northern summer, and with it the vacation season that will bring us together with friends and family. Getting to this point in the year has been turbulent, and there is no lack of conversation material. Here's a hit list of economic issues that are likely to make the rounds this summer, and a quick perspective on the key discussion points.

Is Europe going South? Many wonder aloud about the Union surviving the summer. There's a lot to lose if it doesn't, and that's what is keeping leaders at the table. Notice the pattern? Repeated crisis points have led to a sequence of ever-more-creative solutions. Expect this pattern to continue.

Is the US on the mend, or not? Despite fiscal concerns, key data continue to impress. Housing, auto sales, US consumers and factories are all on the rise. Just wait until all this activity unleashes the \$2.3 trillion in cash – about 15% of GDP – that US non-financial corporations are sitting on.

Why are there so few US jobs? Patience. Just like its reticence to part with its money, corporate America is in no rush to hire. Employment is always a lagging economic indicator. But as soon as the business machine believes that the recovery is real – and that's anytime now – watch out.

Why can't I find workers? Unlike the US, Canada is already facing labour constraints, and well ahead of global recovery. Get used to it. Our resource sector is at the near end of an investment boom, and our work force is ageing. Best to develop a strategy that goes beyond mere pay increases.

Most exciting new acronym: TPP You'll be hearing a lot more about this one. The Trans-Pacific Partnership is a new

approach to free trade agreements, and at the recent G-20 meeting in Los Cabos, Mexico, Canada was invited to join the negotiations. Membership will likely require significant changes to Canada's current industrial policy, so at present, it still looks a long way off.

BRIC slowdown: should I worry? The feted emerging market heavyweights are all slowing. It isn't trivial – collectively, they account for 30% of world GDP. Public stimulus has been a big part of their success through the recession-rebound period, and current troubles are a matter of getting the stimulus-mix right. Also, rising US momentum should help them revive again by the end of the year.

Cheaper oil: here to stay? Lower oil prices will help the world economy over the summer months. \$80 per barrel oil isn't likely to persist, but on the higher side, triple-digit crude is too high given world fundamentals. Expect something in between – and hope that pump prices finally follow suit.

There's a lot more to discuss, from Japan's debt bomb (public debt-to-GDP is 205%, vs 170% in Greece), to Mexico's election (will peace and safety follow?), to a rumoured federal cabinet shuffle and then, among many other subjects, there is the London Olympics.

The bottom line? As we mull over these issues over the summer, keep in mind that, barring any major missteps, the world economy should be well on its way to recovery by the autumn. If that good news sinks in, it may begin to lift the debilitating cloud of global pessimism. Have a happy summer!

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What's it about?

Summer in Manitoba is a great time for construction, but more construction leads to the possibility of increased workplace injuries. In 2011, there were a total of 4,339 injuries in the construction sector. This summer, there will be more safety and health inspections at construction sites to help reduce these injuries...because work shouldn't hurt.

What are the key messages?

- Safety doesn't take a summer vacation. If you run a construction company, you can expect an inspection.
- WSH has increased the number of Safety and Health inspectors to enforce SAFE Work practices during construction season, even after hours and on weekends.
- Spot the Hazard, assess the risk, find a safer way, every day.
- All workplace injuries are preventable.

Where will you see it?

Outdoor electronic billboards, radio ads, restaurant and cabaret ads

Call to Action

If you work in the construction industry, you can review your construction safety regulations and SAFE Work resources at www.safemanitoba.com.



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Training Schedule

Winnipeg Schedule:

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	July 9-10	August 13-14
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	July 11	August 15
COR™ Auditor	July 12-13	August 16-17
Safe Work Procedures	July 16	August 20
Prime Contractor	July 17	August 21
Back Injury Prevention (1/2 day AM)	July 18	August 22
Fatigue Management (1/2 day PM)	July 18	August 22
Toolbox Talks (1/2 day AM)	July 19	August 23
Safety Administrator (1/2 day PM)	July 19	August 23
Train the Trainer	July 23-24	August 27-28
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	July 25	August 29
TDG (1/2 day PM)	July 25	August 29
COR™ Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)	July 26	August 30
Excavation & Trenching (1/2 day AM)	July 27	August 31
Flagperson (1/2 day PM)	July 27	August 31
First Aid 1- CPR	July 7	August 31

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COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	July 9-10
Train the Trainer (6pm - 9:30pm)	July 9-10
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COR™ Auditor	July 12-13

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C.O. X04393 - FLOOD RESTORATION

Location: PTH 10, 5.5 kms South of Mafeking

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, July 10, 2012

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 622-2061

The work involves supply and deposit approximately 200 m³ Granular Base Course and Stone Rip-Rap for flood restoration.

TENDER NO. 6237 – BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT

Location: PTH 10, Overflowing River to 10 km south of PTH 60

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, July 10, 2012

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 945-3637

The work involves construction of a granular base course, bituminous pavement and bituminous pavement shoulders on Provincial Trunk Highway 10, from the Overflowing River Bridge to approximately 10 km south of Provincial Trunk Highway 60 for a total construction distance of approximately 14.4 km in Unorganized Territory. Major items of work include:

- 26 000 t of Granular Fill (Modified)
- 50 000 t of Granular Base Course, Class 'A'
- 39 000 t of Bituminous Pavement, Class 'B' and Class 'C'

C.O. X15304 - ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION OF LEAD-CONTAMINATED SOILS

Location: Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation Bridge Yard, Beausejour, MB

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, July 12, 2012

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 945-6855

Work shall consist of the supply of all labour, plant, tools, equipment, transportation, loading, unloading, insurance and warranty of workmanship and materials supplied by the Contractor, as required for the environmental remediation of lead-contaminated soils at the Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation Bridge Yard in Beausejour, MB. Project includes but is not limited to:

- Demolition and disposal of existing timber storage racks;
- Excavation and disposal of lead-contaminated soils;
- Supply, placement and compaction of granular base; and
- Supply and construction new timber storage racks

TENDER NO. 6239 – SPOT GRADE IMPROVEMENTS

Location: PTH 21, West Junction PTH 2 to 2 km South

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, July 12, 2012

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 945-3637

The work involves roadway repair including construction of granular base course and asphalt surface treatment of Provincial Trunk Highway 21, from the west junction of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 to approximately 2km south of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 and roadway repair including construction of granular base course and bituminous pavement on Provincial Trunk Highway 21, from approximately 13.3 km north of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 to approximately 3.3 km south of Provincial Trunk Highway 1 for a total construction distance of approximately 3.6 km in the Municipalities of Sifton and Whitehead. Major items of work include:

- 14 400 t of Granular Base Course, Class 'A' (Modified)
- 1 450 t of Bituminous Pavement, Class 'B' (Oils Supplied by Contractor)

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TENDER NO. 202 – 2012 SEWER RENEWALS – CONTRACT NO. 15

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, July 17, 2012

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 986-2491

TENDER NO. 374-2012 – 2012 SEWER RENEWALS BY CIPP LINING CONTRACT 9

Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, July 17, 2012

Owner: City of Winnipeg

Phone: 986-2491

Flood Projects

No tenders this week

Other

No tenders this week



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No results this week

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EVALUATED RESULTS

TENDER NO. 345 – 2012 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A SCISSOR LIFT

Closing: June 26, 2012

Results:

*Westcon Equipment and Rentals	\$23,750.00
Superior Forklift Ltd.	\$25,975.50
*United Rentals of Canada	\$26,367.11
First Choice Group Canada	\$27,895.00
Hepburne Ent. Inc.	\$27,900.00

EVALUATED RESULTS

TENDER NO. 430-2012 – JEFFERSON EAST COMBINED SEWER RELIEF CONTRACT 1

Closing: June 27, 2012

Results:

*Darco Enterprises Inc.~	\$3,380,072.00
*Nelson River Construction Inc.~	\$3,444,985.75
*Al-San Underground Ltd.~	\$3,767,632.00
*Tri-Core Projects Manitoba Ltd.~	\$3,797,350.00
*Borland Construction Inc.~	\$3,983,901.00

EVALUATED RESULTS

TENDER NO. 429-2012 – WAVERLEY WEST ARTERIAL ROAD PROJECT PART II (B) – WAVERLEY STREET EXTENSION – TIM SALE DRIVE TO THE FUTURE KENASTON BOULEVARD WAVERLEY WEST ARTERIAL ROAD PROJECT PART II (B) – WAVERLEY STREET EXTENSION – TIM SALE DRIVE TO THE FUTURE KENASTON BOULEVARD

Closing: June 28, 2012

Results:

* Taillieu Construction Ltd.~	\$3,125,305.00
*Borland Construction Inc.~	\$3,238,115.00
*Bayview Construction	\$3,315,910.00
*Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.~	\$3,365,990.00
*Nelson River Construction Inc.~	\$3,577,970.00