



MHCA Welcomes New Chairman Derek Walker; record attendance, guests and members celebrate at Chairman's Gala

Over 740 guests, friends, members, dignitaries and colleagues met to celebrate a successful, safe and innovative heavy construction season on Friday, November 28, 2014 at the signature event for the 71 year old Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. Earlier that day, close to 170 members attended the MIT Project Awards and MHCA Membership Awards Breakfast. Minister Steve Ashton (MIT) presented MIT Project Awards to:

GRADING: Hugh Munro Construction Ltd.
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New MHCA Chairman Derek Walker, P.Eng, GSC, was officially welcomed, and sworn in, at the Association's 71st Annual General Meeting. Derek Walker, Vice-President, Mulder Construction, a division of Maple Leaf Construction Ltd., has a professional background as a P. Eng. (1989, B.Sc. Civil Engineering) and has been active with the MHCA for many years.

Notably, Derek served on the MHCA Executive Committee, preceded by many years of dedicated service on the MHCA Board, and served as Chair of the Highways Committee, Chair of the City of Winnipeg Committee, as well as participating on a variety of subject specific task forces, serving as Secretary / Treasurer of the Board, and most recently as Vice-Chair.

Thank you to all of the many generous sponsors who made the event filled day possible, and a very warm thanks to all members, guests, friends and colleagues who made the time to attend - Thank You! Congratulations to all members who won well deserved awards.

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The City of Winnipeg invites interested MHCA members to a presentation, information and discussion session about upcoming work opportunities and challenges in the City of Winnipeg.

The horizon in this context covers the next 5 years, with considerable clarity; as well as some insight into the next 20 years of key linear sewer work requirements.

The City of Winnipeg has an unprecedented amount of work in both the current 5 year capital and beyond for Basement Flooding Relief (BFR), Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Mitigation and Wastewater Sewer Relief Programs. The City of Winnipeg wants to share information about the upcoming workload and the technical requirements of the opportunities and to solicit constructive feedback on program delivery.

Currently, the City of Winnipeg’s estimated capital expenditures, from 2015 to 2020 in the Relief areas, is in excess of \$150 million and the work will extend considerably beyond the 5 year capital horizon as the Basement Flooding Relief Program winds down and the implementation of the CSO Abatement Program winds up. CSO Implementation is projected to infuse another \$3 to \$4 billion into the longer term plan (~20 year horizon), much of it in linear pipe installation and other control structures similar to work in the current the BFR Program.

These programs represent both an opportunity and a challenge for local industry (and beyond); both in terms of the magnitude of work to be carried out and the technology that is logically most suited to its delivery. Considerable preliminary work has been carried out for on-going programs in Jefferson, Cockburn-Calrossie, Ferry Road and Transcona. A preliminary breakdown of the diameter range (mm), length (m) and prevailing soil conditions has been compiled in the table below and provides some unique insight into some of the technical challenges that we will face are:

Size Range	Potential Running Soil	Complex Cutting Heads	Good Soil	Total Length in Size Range
<600	10,325	17,574	40,331	68,230
600-1,050	2,214	4,224	9,146	15,583
1,200-2,100	293	821	8,681	9,795
>2,100-3,000	495	2,238	2,071	4,805
>3,000	31			31
				98,444

From a practical perspective, much of the smaller diameter work is similar to past practice, however there will be a markedly increased requirement for more advanced trenchless technologies that are currently only supplied in very limited capacities locally. Similarly, in all other diameter ranges, there are technical requirements that have been delivered locally but with very limited capacity and some that have never been delivered in the local market place but are currently available in the North American market.

We have assembled key representatives of our consultants involved in the above noted programs to present an overview of the opportunities and technical requirements of the work based on what we currently know.

City of Winnipeg – Water & Waste Department Presentation to the MHCA

- When:** Tuesday December 9, 2014
- Time:** 11:45 am – doors open
Noon – served lunch
Presentation to follow
- Where:** Victoria Inn Winnipeg – Carlton Room
- Cost:** \$35 +GST / person
- RSVP:** Contact Christine Miller at 204-947-1379 or christine@mhca.mb.ca to reserve your seat.

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATIONS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Manitoba: A Centre of Excellence For Innovation in Infrastructure



Manitoba's groundbreaking joint Infrastructure Innovations Council (IIC) membership was announced at the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association's Annual Awards Breakfast, November 28, 2014, by Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton and Chris Lorenc, president, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA).

"We have a very knowledgeable group of experts on this new council and we look forward to creative ideas on how to make Manitoba's Five-Year Core Infrastructure Program even more effective," said Minister Ashton. "The council will help accelerate road construction, build capacity in the industry and meet core infrastructure investment targets."

"Our vision is to harness the opportunity of Manitoba's Five-Year Core Infrastructure Program and to establish Manitoba as the first Canadian Core Infrastructure Centre of Excellence and Innovation," said Lorenc. "We will implement innovation in core infrastructure design, construction, maintenance, rehabilitation and related best practices."

The minister made the announcement at the MHCA annual general meeting held in Winnipeg. The composition of the council is:

- chair – Chris Lorenc, president, MHCA;
- vice-chair – Doug McNeil, deputy minister, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation;
- Richard Tebinka, Association of Consulting Engineering Companies, Manitoba;
- John Bockstael, Canadian Construction Innovations;
- Andy Horosko, ISIS Canada (Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures);
- Henry Borger, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association;
- Lance Vigfusson, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation; and
- Ruth Eden, Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation.

Minister Ashton also praised the recipients of this year's MHCA awards.

The list of this year's recipients will be posted online at www.gov.mb.ca/mit/contracts/index.html as well as on the MHCA website at: www.mhca.mb.ca

"We congratulate this group of outstanding road builders in Manitoba who do excellent work," said the minister. "We also salute all companies working to improve infrastructure across Manitoba."

The Manitoba government recently released the list of upcoming core infrastructure projects a month early to give the construction industry a head start as they gear up to build and repair highways, roads and bridges across the province in 2015. Minister Ashton noted the new council will also be a source of feedback to government along with advice on how to more efficiently manage projects. The Manitoba government also announced today it will continue to invest in smart infrastructure for bridges and roads, including advanced composite materials and structural health monitoring systems.

"Over the past 13 years, we have partnered with ISIS Canada Resource Centre on research into the use of innovative materials and technologies for new construction and rehabilitation of existing structures," Minister Ashton said. "This has paid off with higher standards and longer life for our transportation infrastructure."

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MHCA 2015 Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory COVER ART COMPETITION

Welcome to the MHCA 2015 Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory Cover Art Competition!

We invite you to create the eye-catching cover art that makes this Directory stand out! Check out all the rules and regulations below:



**MHCA's
2014 Cover
Art designed
by:**

SMS
Equipment,
Roy Lapa &
Greg McKee

Eligibility

Entrants must be current members of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. The contest's Artwork Guidelines states that considered submissions must be two-dimensional original, hand-rendered art (acrylic, oil, watercolour, etc.), three-dimensional works (sculptures/carvings), or photography. Submitted artwork cannot have already been previously published or reproduced in any format or exhibit. Also, the artist should not have future plans to sell, publish, reproduce or exhibit the artwork.

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MHCA and its publisher, Lester Communications Inc. hold themselves harmless of any use of submitted materials claimed to be the ownership of the party for which made submission and any and all legal issues arising with copyright of said materials will be between the property owner and the submitting party.

To enter, each artist can submit 1 (one) piece for the contest.

How to Enter

Entries must be received by **Friday, January 9, 2015**. Late entries will not be considered due to the production schedule of the MHCA Directory. The winning entrant will be contacted shortly after the closing date.

Entries must be submitted in the following formats: **PDF, EPS, or TIFF files**. JPGS are accepted but other formats are preferred. **All files need to be high-resolution 300 dpi images at 6" W by 9" H. CMYK or Grayscale are acceptable.**

Entries must be accompanied with an official entry form, containing the following information:

- MHCA member company name along with work address, telephone number and email address
- A short artist's biography
- Description of the artwork, including dimensions, medium and title

Conditions of Entry

By entering the MHCA Directory Cover Art Competition, the entrant agrees to the following conditions:

- The theme of the 2015 Directory must reflect heavy equipment
- The winning entrant agrees to permit MHCA to publish his/her own artwork on the cover of the 2015 MHCA Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory, which will be distributed across Manitoba
- The winning entry becomes the copyright property of MHCA
- The winning entrant agrees that MHCA has the right to reproduce the artwork for its corporate website and on promotional materials associated with the MHCA Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory
- The winning entrant will be publicly credited in the MHCA Equipment Rental Rates & Membership Directory as well as the official website and any other promotional materials that features the artwork
- No copyrighted images, products, or company names can be part of the submitted entry
- Ensure that all photographs used are in compliance with current Workplace, Health & Safety Regulations

The Winner

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Entries can be sent by mail or email to:

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US Business: Spending Again!

By Peter Hall

Vice-President and Chief Economist

December 4, 2014



Spending. Isn't that what consumers do? Sure, but they're not the only ones. Businesses spend too – although you don't find them in line-ups at the mall. When businesses spend, it's often on some type of machinery, or a new building, or both. This kind of spending is investment – creating the capacity to crank out a business' product or service. Crisis arrested US business investment, and it stayed in the slammer for a long time. But it has been seen in public recently; is it just on parole, or is it bursting on the scene again with its characteristic flair?

As economic indicators go, the crisis was pretty tough for US business investment. After adjusting for inflation, total private investment fell by 20 per cent in just 18 months, and from there it took 48 months just to climb back to pre-crisis levels. While a relief, that's really not a huge achievement. Trend investment growth would have had it well above that level by now; as a share of GDP, investment is still 500 basis points below where it ought to be, so there is still a lot of catch-up to do. Are US businesses up to the task?

Perhaps a little context will help. Prior to the global crisis, US businesses were investing at a breakneck pace. They had to, in order to keep up with frenzied global activity. Consumers everywhere were overspending, housing markets were impossibly hot, and businesses the world over had to keep pace, regardless of the fact that activity was ultimately unsustainable. When the bubble finally burst, it left businesses with a massive surplus of capacity that was obviously going to take a long time to get used up.

As such, investment shut down; why increase capacity when there is already far too much? Since the crisis, US business has been doing just that: growth in the economy has in large part been serviced by existing industrial capacity.

Trouble is, this below-trend investment growth has persisted for quite a few years, and has become sort of normal. Does that mean it will never get back to the higher trend growth of yesteryear?

Some believe so, but this opinion flies in the face of current data. Over the past four years, even the tepid economic growth we have seen has steadily used up spare capacity stateside. Now, the total capacity utilization rate is just 1 per cent below the previous peak, and rising. Capacity is almost as tight as it was, without the frenzied pace of pre-crisis activity. Multiple indicators suggest that investment is sub-par and needs to rise. But is all this evidence enough to jolt businesses out of their post-crisis, hesitant, 'you-first' investment mentality?

Only if activity proves it to them. The moment US businesses sense that tight capacity is cheating them out of potential profit, they are likely to open up the coffers. At the current pace that purchasing managers see orders flowing in, businesses already appear to be behind the curve. The Duncan leading indicator agrees, as does the MNI-Chicago Business Barometer and the Economic Policy Uncertainty index.

A more direct indication of business investment intentions is the Philly Fed's capex orders index – which thankfully is on a strong up-trend and consistent with levels of rapid investment growth.

There's additional evidence in construction spending. In the energy sector, construction put in place is currently up 29 per cent year-over-year, an impressive increase. For all the naysaying that it takes, US manufacturing is also active. The same indicator for this sector is up 20 per cent over 2013 levels. What is striking about these industries is their rapid response to conditions. Typically, it takes a couple of years for needed construction to get put in place.

This time around, capacity is likely turning this kind of investment on much more quickly. If so, suppliers could be facing a great dilemma. If demands are surging, will they actually have the capacity to create the capacity that these industries need? With capacity particularly tight in the machinery industry, it's not entirely clear.

The bottom line? The US industrial machine is facing very tight capacity at the same time as growth is ramping up. This has unshackled investment, and this time, it's no day pass. Firms have already begun to invest, so their suppliers need to wake up. Their competitors also need to take note, as they may soon have an opportunity to 'help' fill the capacity gap.



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10	11	12	13	14 Training Flagperson	15	16
17	18 COR Leadership in Safety Excellence	19 COR Leadership in Safety Excellence	20 COR Auditor	21 COR Auditor	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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December 4, 2014 Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation

www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html

TENDER NO. 6500 - BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT (INCLUDES PASSING LANES)

Location: PTH 16, PTH 1 - PTH 50 Tender Availability: Currently available Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 9, 2014

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves reconstruction of Provincial Trunk Highway 16, including, intersection improvements and curve re-alignments, reclamation of existing bituminous pavement and construction of bituminous pavement, from Provincial Trunk Highway 1 to Provincial Trunk Highway 50 for a total construction distance of approximately 23.6 km in the Municipalities of Westbourne and Portage la Prairie. Major items of work include:

- 105 000 t of Recycled Bituminous Pavement Class "B"
- 56 000 t of Granular Base Course Class "A"
- 19 500 t of Granular Fill (Modified)

TENDER NO. 6501 - DETOUR CONSTRUCTION

Location: PTH 5 at Shell River, 0.4 km of PR 583 (East of Roblin), PTH 10 at Drifting River, 4.8 km South of PR 267 (North of Ashville), PTH 20 at Fork River at PR 269.

Tender Availability: Currently available Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 9, 2014

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves construction of a temporary Shoo-Fly detour including granular fill, crushed rock and granular base course on Provincial Trunk Highway 5 at the Shell River Bridge on Provincial Trunk Highway 10 at the Drifting River Bridge and one Provincial Trunk Highway 20 at the Fork River Bridge in the Municipalities of Hillsburg, Gilbert Plains and Mossey River. Major items of work include:

- 33 750 t of Granular Fill (Modified)

TENDER NO. 6504 - GRADING AND GRANULAR BASE COURSE

Location: Stony Mountain Maintenance Yard, Vicinity of Stony Mountain Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 noon, December 9, 2014

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves construction of a crushed rock, recycled bituminous pavement and granular base course surface, including drainage, for the approximately 19 acre maintenance yard site at the North West quadrant of Provincial Trunk Highway 7 and Provincial Road 321, in the Municipality of Rockwood. Major items of work include:

- 40 000 t of Crushed Rock 150mm Minus (Limestone)
- 25 000 t of Granular Base Course Class "A" (Limestone)

C.O. X02457 - STOCKPILING SEAL COAT COVER CLASS "A"

Location: Graysville-Treherne-Portage La Prairie Area in the South Central Region Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 9, 2014

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves stockpiling seal coat cover Class "A".

TENDER NO. 6495 - BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT

Location: PTH 17, PR 233-PR 325 (North of Fisher Branch) Tender Availability: Currently available

Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 11, 2014

Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation

Phone: 204-945-3637

The work involves construction of a widened embankment and bituminous pavement, on Provincial Trunk Highway 17 from approximately 300 meters south of Provincial Road 233 to approximately 200 meters north of the Junction of Provincial Road 325, for a total construction distance of approximately 11.9 km in the Municipality of Fisher Branch. Major items of work include:

- 55 000 t of Bituminous Pavement Class "B" (Modified)
- 50 000 t of Granular Base Course Class "A" (Limestone)
- 34 000 t of Crushed Rock, 50mm Minus & 100mm Minus (Limestone)

TENDER NO. 6499 - DROP STRUCTURE REPAIR

Location: Tobacco Creek (Vicinity of Kane) Tender Availability: Currently available
 Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 11, 2014 Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation Phone: 204-945-3637
 The work involves repair of Drop Structure No. 1 located at N 18-5-2W, including Earthworks on Tobacco Creek in the Municipality of Morris. Major items of work include:

- Install and Stress Soil Anchors
- Supply and Place Concrete

TENDER NO. 6505 - NORTH DIKE REHABILITATION

Location: Gardenton Floodway, Vicinity of Gardenton Tender Availability: Currently available
 Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 11, 2014 Owner: Infrastructure and Transportation Phone: 204-945-3637
 The work involves north dike rehabilitation on the Gardenton Floodway, consisting of approximately 9.3 km of reconstruction in Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 31, 32 - 1 - 7E in the Municipality of Stuartburn. Major items of work include:

- 150 000 m3 of Composite Excavation (Modified)

[City of Winnipeg\(As of December 4, 2014\) www.winnipeg.ca](http://www.winnipeg.ca)

TENDER NO. 1109 - 2014 - CITY OF WINNIPEG REGIONAL STREET PROGRAM - PROTAGE AVENUE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION: PART A- EASTBOUND FROM SHERBURN STREET TO MARYLAND STREET; PART B - WESTBOUND FROM EMPRESS STREET OT MINTO STREET

Tender Availability: Currently available Tender Due: 12:00 Noon, December 11, 2014
 Owner: City of Winnipeg Phone: 204-986-2491



(M) Indicates MHCA member / (COR™) Indicates an MHCA WORKSAFELY COR™ Certified Company
MANITOBA HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION - 3-1680 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg MB R3H 0Z2
 Tel: (204) 947-1379 Fax: (204) 943-2279 Email: brenda@mhca.mb.ca AT December 4, 2014

Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/contracts/tenders/index.html (as of December 4, 2014)

TENDER NO. 6491 - GRADING AND GRANULAR BASE COURSE, PR 276, 0.8 KM NORTH OF PR 269 TO 3.8 KM NORTH OF PR 269

Closing: November 25, 2014	Results:
(M) Strilkiwski Contracting Ltd. (COR™)	\$1,065,000.00
Glenko Enterprises (1994) Ltd. (COR™)	\$1,431,500.00
(M) Dyck Construction (WPGOSIS) Ltd. (COR™)	\$1,478,600.00
(M) Hugh Munro Construction (COR™)	\$1,556,175.00
(M) Glacier North Limited (COR™)	\$1,713,000.00

TENDER NO. 6492 - STOCKPILING AGGREGATE - MINNEDOSA-BRANDON--BOISSEVAIN-KILLARNEY AREA

Closing: November 27, 2014	Results:
(M) Russell Redi Mix Concrete (COR™)	\$2,834,900.00
(M) Collet Gravel (COR™)	\$2,889,836.00



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