



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

NOTES

Date: Friday, August 21, 2020

Time: 8:00 am to 9:15 am

Place: Microsoft Teams

Present:

Luc Marineau, Bruce Kenny, Joanne Graham, Sue Johns, Marc Bezanson, Tara Blasioli, Gen Nielsen, Rob MacLachlan, Paul Everett, Sandra Majkic, Carol Hall, Renjit Varghese, Moustafa Awadalla, Kathy Sutherland, Debbie Mohr-Caldwell, Wade Clouthier, Bob Watson, Edson Donnelly

1. Review notes of previous meeting

Excess Soils – July 1st implementation date has been extended to 1 January 2021. Debbie asked if the City had more information on how it's going to implement this.

Follow-up – Richard will be attending the September liaison meeting to provide an update.

Installation of 5G lines abutting curbs - This is happening throughout Ottawa and it's been noticed that they're not following utility plans and placing the lines 2 ½ m behind the curb. This information would also not be on locates. Rob noted that they're only supposed to be in residential subdivisions and the information is on the drawings in the central registry. The Industry also noted that Bell is advising that it won't charge for damages done to redundant lines. Can this be communicated in writing? The Industry would also like this information to appear on locates and that Bell be required to follow their utility plan. Rob is meeting with Bell next week and will provide an update with the notes of meeting.

Follow-up – An update was provided with the notes of the last meeting. The lines will be identified on the as-builts and Rob will confirm if they will also be included on the UCC plans. As these will be redundant lines, the Contractor will not be responsible for damage. It was asked if Bell will pay for the contractor's downtime to stop work and contact them before resuming work, if they dig up one of the lines. Rob to discuss with Bell.

Action - Rob

Noise Bylaw exemptions included pre-tender when required to perform night work - For some overlay work tendered, with multiple locations, the tenders noted that at some locations work would take place at night or during off-peak hours. If the City can ensure at the time of tender a by-law exemption will be granted, Contractor's can

price according. Luc to discuss with staff to see if improvement can be made to this process.

Follow-up – Staff have been advised to make it clear in the tender documents if a by-law exemption has been secured for any anticipated night work.

2. Use of Trucking Routes

It's been observed lately that some trucks haven't been using designated truck routes. AMB will be sending a letter to the trucking industry asking them to adhere to trucking routes and advising them that any deviation should follow the by-law. It was requested that a copy of the letter be sent to the GOTA and the NCHCA, along with the map. The Industry also wanted to know if it was acceptable to go around the block when it's easier, and safer, for trucks to do so on residential construction sites. It was noted that some pavement structures can't handle the additional loads, and this leads to increased cost of maintenance. It was suggested that this be worked out onsite with the CA and Project Manager. The Industry also wanted to know what to do if the site they have to access is not accessible by a truck route.

Action – Moustafa to investigate and report back on questions raised.

Post Meeting Follow-up – the link to the map requested is as follows:

<https://ottawa.ca/en/parking-roads-and-travel/road-and-sidewalk-maintenance/spring-maintenance-and-flood-control#seasonal-load-restrictions>

3. Request that all signage is placed in a manner that doesn't block bike lanes and sidewalks

The City has received concerns from the community about signage blocking bike lanes and pedestrian paths and asked the Industry to be mindful of this onsite.

4. Changes in City Policy re marking water services

Recently a contractor was provided a map of water services and told that the City would no longer be marking water services. The Industry wanted to know if there was a change in policy. The City has implemented no changes and requested the details of this specific situation be sent to them to review.

Action – Kathy to send specifics to Carol Hall

5. Broadband Backup Alarms

Recently Public Works has issued a tender which specified what type of backup alarms they wanted used on their contract. Some of the equipment used for snow removal operations are also used for grading. Luc confirmed that Infrastructure Service would accept any alarms Public Works is requesting on their tender on our projects.

Everett provided the following update from the Standards Unit:

- A meeting occurred in late June with industry representatives to gather feedback on the implementation of broadband backup alarms.
- Several concerns were raised by industry.
- The environment that the pilot project, using winter maintenance equipment, was considered to be different than an active construction site. Field testing is planned with Karson and/or Tomlinson in September to evaluate this further.
- Liability concerns about modifying safety systems were brought up. We are working with Legal Services on this issue.
- Accessibility concerns were raised by City staff, so the Accessibility Office had been involved in this effort.

Action - Sandra and Everett will reach out to Public Works to understand their approach and report back.

6. Roundtable

2021 Spec Update – The Standards Unit will be sending out a call for issues in late September.

Pandemic concerns/comments – Industry feedback was that workers are in compliance with OPH guidelines. There are some supply chain delays with material that is sourced outside Canada. There's some anxiety about children returning to school and a possible second wave. There is a possibility of a people-resource problem if a second wave occurs.

Back to school – The City would like Contractors to review their safety plans and make sure that sites are prepared for increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Accessibility Assessment – This year's assessment has been delayed due to the pandemic. The Standard Unit is available, if requested, to do individual assessments.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, September 18, 2020
8:00 – 10:00 am
Microsoft Teams