

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

By Video Conference  
April 25, 2020 (10:00-12:00)

APPROVED MINUTES

#	Item
1	The Minutes of the March 25, 2020, meeting were reviewed. No changes were made.
2	<p>COVID-19 Roundtable</p> <p>Contractors are working at about 80% capacity.</p> <p>Contractors continue to ensure safe worksites using gloves, masks, distancing etc. Some contractors are getting masks made for workers, workers are responsible to wash. Using hockey stick distancing. Mandating pre-access screening for workers and site visitors. Some contractors are using alternatives to signing documents – taking pictures of the documents, possibility of using electronic concrete tickets.</p> <p>Worksites are being heavily scrutinized by the public and pictures are being sent to Premier Ford and the Ministry of Labour.</p> <p>Contractors are setting up COVID-19 response teams, tracking who has been in contact with who. Human resources are heavily involved.</p> <p>At the March City Liaison meeting, the City noted that its drinking water staff is being asked to do a self-assessment at each site, and asked NCHCA to confirm that it was not necessary to do multiple assessments. The answer is no – City staff must comply with the contractors’ policies and protocols on each site.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that it would be nice to recognize front line workers, perhaps driving by a hospital to recognize with horns.</p>
3	<p>Ministry of Labour</p> <p>Working at heights training has been postponed. Certification has been extended by one year.</p> <p>MOL is auditing sanitization and hygiene – hand washing stations and bathroom facilities.</p> <p>When on your site, MOL must abide by site safety measures related to COVID.</p>
4	<p>Ministry of Transportation</p> <p>MOT is not currently doing inspections. It has extended licences that were due to expire during this time period.</p> <p>Hours of service have been extended for essential services. If facing an hours of service violation, must be able to prove that it was for an essential service.</p>

5	<p>Theft</p> <p>No reports of worksite thefts.</p> <p>One firm's pickup broken into at a residence; multiple vehicles in the neighbourhood were hit at same time. The teenagers responsible were found/charged.</p>
6	<p>Ottawa Police</p> <p>2,000 officers were fit tested in last 5 weeks for full face masks. Two officers tested positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>There is a significant decrease in available officers making it difficult to schedule road closures, etc. Usually there is a pool of 600 officers for paid duty but right now there are 9 available. Their policy is if you have symptoms, are send home. Half of the force has been sent home.</p> <p>The City is looking at ways to reduce the requirement.</p>
7	<p>Ontario Provincial Police</p> <p>No update.</p>
8	<p>Fleet Safety Council</p> <p>There was a presentation by MOT at the last meeting.</p> <p>MOT and MNR officers have been deputized to issue fines.</p> <p>If a driver is sent across the US border, they will have to self-isolate for 2 weeks upon their return even if essential.</p> <p>There is no issue with crossing the Quebec border if have documentation saying is essential.</p>
9	<p>Workplace Safety &amp; Insurance Board</p> <p>Companies participating in the 2020 program are waiting to see how/what is going to happen for this year. 2019 firms are not being audited. Rebates will be calculated using previous year's numbers.</p>
10	<p>Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance</p> <p>There is a webinar meeting scheduled for April 22, 2020.</p>
11	<p>City of Ottawa</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the March 20, 2020 Liaison meeting notes.</p>
12	<p>NCHCA</p> <p>(a) New Executive Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President – Darrin Alberty</li> <li>• Past President – Steve Goodman</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st Vice President – Steve McEachen</li> <li>• 2nd Vice President &amp; Treasurer – Paul Lemire</li> </ul> <p>(b) Annual General Meeting has been postponed to June 4, 2020, Centurion Conference &amp; Event Center</p> <p>(c) NCHCA is looking into the possibility of hosting online events for members.</p>
13	<p>March Safety Award</p> <p>No nominees for March.</p>
14	<p>April 28 Day of Mourning.</p> <p>NCHCA to add Day of Mourning information to its website.</p> <p>Reflection at 11:00am, flags at half mast.</p> <p>Suggestion to consider participation in December in support of the Polytechnique massacre.</p>
15	<p>2020 Meeting Locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 16, 2020 – Tomlinson R.W. Tomlinson Limited 100 Citigate Drive, Ottawa, ON K2J 6K7</li> <li>• July 21, 2020 – Marathon Underground Constructors Corporation 6847 Hiram Road, Greely, ON K4P 1A2</li> </ul>
16	<p>Closing</p>