



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

NOTES

Date: Friday, September 18, 2020

Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Place: Microsoft Teams

Present:

Luc Marineau, Bruce Kenny, Joanne Graham, Sue Johns, Franco Bonanno, Gen Nielsen, Elsa LaCorte, Chris Graham, Peter McKay, Rob MacLachlan, Richard Barker, Kathy Sutherland, Debbie Mohr-Caldwell, Wade Clouthier, Bob Watson, Edson Donnelly, Nick Bray, Paul Lemire, Darrin Albery, Drew Paulusse, Ivan Levac, Geoff Falls

1. Excess Soils Regulations

Richard attended the meeting and gave a presentation reviewing:

- Implementation dates
- City's focus
- Existing soil assessments
- Opportunities to reduce sample frequency
- Training and awareness

The following questions were asked:

- Will the City be doing external training with Consultants? It is being discussed. Richard to report back.
- Will there be new specs? Specs are being slightly revised to indicate adherence to the new Regulations will be required. New specs will be released when the Regulations come into effect.
- Are soil bank properties being set up by the City? The City is reviewing what's possible. This may require licensing. There may be an opportunity for temporary ones.

- Will the City be working with Developers on opportunities? On bigger project this is already being done. A soil matching facility may be beneficial.
- Is Trail Road ready to accept soils in a timely manner? They're currently working on how to implement. A separate entrance/scale may be utilized.
- I was suggested that the City indicate at the time of tender where the soil is going.

A copy of the presentation will be sent with the notes of the meeting. Kathy to put on the NCHCA website.

Action – Cheryl/Kathy

2. Review notes of previous meeting

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. 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 downtown to stop work and contact them before resuming work, if they dig up one of the lines. Rob to discuss with Bell.

Follow-up – Rob met with Bell. Bell has a system in place that is tracking lines and they will be locating them now. Randy Zorgel is working on how they will get on the UCC plans.

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

Follow-up – Kathy has reached out to the contractor to get background information but has not yet received it.

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.

Infrastructure Services is also arranging for field testing in conjunction with the industry.

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

3. Recycling on Construction Sites

Luc noted that this is not being done on all sites. Under tender item F-001:

“The Contractor shall make provisions for the complete recycling and composting of all blue, black, and green bin non-construction waste items on the Construction site when the Contract duration is greater than or equal to 3 months. The Contractor shall actively promote the use of the recycling and composting bins with all workers.”

Luc asked the Industry to remind their staff of this requirement.

Action – Cheryl to include a copy of F-001 and the IS Directive with the notes of the meeting.

4. Update on Stimulus Funding

No update. The City is in a holding pattern and waiting to see if something is launched.

5. Effect of City's Economic Recovery Plan on Capital Project Budgets

There is a report going to FEDCO on October 6th and Council October 14th.

6. Protocol for Entering Homes

Final draft of protocol is being circulated internally. Goal is to resume entering homes with the protocol in place.

Post-Meeting action: The guideline to Staff to provide have been rolled-out allowing staff to resume entering homes for regular business as required. NCHCA was provided with a copy of the guideline.

7. Roundtable

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

NEXT MEETING

Friday, October 16, 2020

8:00 – 10:00 am

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