



**OCUC**  
ONTARIO CONSTRUCTION USERS COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING December 13, 2019**  
**Location: Centre for Health and Safety Innovation**  
**Board Room E - 5110 Creekbank Road, Mississauga, ON**

**Member:**

Eric Hopkins	Metrolinx
Michael Nieznalski	Toronto Transit Commission
Danny Chui	Exhibition Place, City of Toronto
Harry Banikin	H Banikin & Assoc.
Ian Worte	Ontario Construction Secretariat
Doug Randall	CHANDO
Ronin Granger	Others
Ian Cunningham	COCA
John Martin	Ellis Don
Dennis Christie	Ellis Don
Gino Squeo	ES Fox
Paul Cases	Innovation Health & Safety Assoc.
Sophia Sestito	McIntosh Perry
Tracey Smith	OPG
Brian Asselin	OPG
Dylan Howe	the State Group
Vlado Di	Toronto Transit Commission

**Guest:**

Emiuh Gardiner	CHANDOS
Scott Duncan	CHANDOS
Chris McKean	IHSA
Bill Roy	MLTSD
Rod Cook	WSIB

**1. Opening Remark by the Chair, Introduction and Safety Moment**

Eric Hopkins, Chair of OCUC, started the meeting at 8:32AM and asked everyone to introduce themselves one by one. He followed with the safety moment citing two near misses at work in the last two weeks at Metrolinx with one person lost an eye and are kicking some contractors off its site. Statistically, December usually is not a great month with people have their minds off some places else instead of their work places. Near misses on a railway general involve tons of steel and people jumping. Consequences are vitally just a few seconds difference and the result are critical of life and death; is like "OH thanks God it missed me vs family grieving". If you see somebody who does not seem right or mind is not thinking, talk to them. May be he or she needs a break that day from work; instead of finding out later that person can no longer work due to injuries after; or worst, family seeing a black car pulling into the drive way. Nobody wants to see something like that happens in the last month of the year with holidays coming up, celebration of work well done for the year, and family longing to see each other for the happy season.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda, as presented, be approved and the Chair be authorized to suspend the regular order of business.

**Motion to approve the Council agenda; Moved by Ian C and Seconded by Harry B. Motion carried.**

## **3. Approval of Council Minutes September 13, 2019**

Minutes were sent to all members by emails earlier and no comment was received.

**Motion to approve the Council minutes; Moved by Doug R and Seconded by Robin G. Motion carried.**

## **4. Approval of**

### **A) 2020 Board of Directors (As attached)**

Danny C presented the proposed 2020 Slate of Director to Council, which was recommended by the board for the approval of council. The Chair asked if any volunteer for the position as Director of Large without any taker.

**Motion to approve the 2020 Board of Director; Moved by Ian C and Seconded by Gino S; Motion carried;**

### **B) 2020 Budget (As attached)**

Danny C presented the proposed 2020 operating budget, which was recommended by the board for the approval of council. A few questions were raised, discussed and answered by Danny C and various directors.

**Motion to approve the 2020 operating budget; Moved by Doug R and Seconded by Tracy S; Motion carried; and**

### **C) The 2020 Council Meeting Dates (As attached)**

The proposed 2020 board and council meeting dates were presented to the council. Danny C reminded council that these dates could still be change subject to the availability of the Centre for Health and Safety Innovation. Council received this item for its information

## **5. Subcommittee Report**

### **5.1 U of T Study Update**

Eric H reported that he received email of Professor Brenda McCabe of U of T that she would not be able to attend today council meeting due to other commitment. She mentioned that the research study is doing well and collecting data. The study should be concluded this year.

### **5.2 New Website Update**

Eric H briefly introduced the new web site on line. It provides information of the organization, its board members, its past council meeting dates and agendas. It contain meeting minutes and presentation for access by members only. The OCUC logo and graphic was slightly modified. Previous presentation and people can apply membership through the website. Ian W added that there is a maintenance contract in place for up keeping, updating information, adding new materials, posting info as required, and managing the website on monthly basis.

## **6. Safety Symposium**

### **Safety System Accreditation, COR 2019 & Excellence Program**

#### **6.1 William Roy - MOLTSD – Supporting Ontario Safe Employers**

William introduced himself as a northern guy growing up in Sudbury. Worked for Dufferin construction in road and bridge projects in early years and became inspector for MOL. Currently he is now in the director role in the prevention office. He mentioned that the Excellence Program is voluntary and intended to be national.

Highlight of his presentation included: accreditation; employer recognition criteria; verification process; financial and non-financial incentives; and remaining in good standing with the MLTSD. The program was launched on November 22, 2019.

Please refer to the OCUC website for the slid presentation

### **6.2 Matt Wilson – WSIB – new Health and Safety Excellence Program**

Matt has been with the WSIB in various capacities for almost 30 years. He moved to prevention in 2008 to manage the WSIB SCIP program to make a bigger contribution to Ontario businesses. He assumed the position of Director, Workplace Health and Safety Services in 2013 and was asked in 2017 to lead the integration of work well, safety groups and the small business program in 2017.

Highlight of his presentation included: a flexible program options; alignment with WSIB program; 36 topics (Foundation -10, Intermediate – 17, and Advance -9); alignment between the H & S Excellence Program and MOLTSD accreditation – from awareness to excellence; the journey and rebate on premium.

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### **6.3 Paul Casey – IHSA –**

Paul joined the Infrastructure Health & Safety Association in 2011 as Vice President of Programs and Strategic Development. Paul's mandate with IHSA is to champion the successful development and implementation of a strategic plan and lead employer health & safety recognition programs. Paul contributes to IHSA's organizational and educational excellence through his efforts leading IHSA's Human Resources Department, Program Development and Organizational Excellence. Prior to joining IHSA, Paul enjoyed a successful 20 year career with the WSIB in the Prevention and Operations divisions where he contributed to the Safe Communities Incentive Program and led the consultation, design, and implementation of the Safety Groups Program.

Highlight of his presentation included: background; alignment between H & S Excellence Program and COR; IHSA's H & S Excellence Program; and Plan to manage growth.

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## **7. New Business & Next Meeting – February 21, 2020**

## **8. Adjournment – Council meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM**

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