



Ontario Construction Users Council

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – Dember 15, 2017

Location: 5110 Creebank Road, Mississauga, ON

Member:

Eric Hopkins	Metrolinx
Michael Nieznalshi	Toronto Transit Commission
Scout Randall	Nova Chemicl
Danny Chui	Exhibition Place, City of Toronto
Harry Banikin	H Banikin & Associates
Ian Worte	Ontario Construction Secretariat
Roger Belair	Roger Belair H & S Consultant
Robin Grenger	Retiree (OPG)
Ian Cunningham	COCA – Council of Ontario Construction Associations
Kristine Lampman	The State Group
Paul Spain	PERI Formwork
Leslie Williams	Town of Milton
Dan Bechberger	York Regin
Jodi Travers	ECAO
Paul Casey	IHSA
Eric Yapp	Crawford
Wayne Peterson	CECCO
Tracey Smith	OPG
Gino Squeo	E S Fox

Guest:

Douglas Randall	Back & McDonald
Angela Hoyos	Birnie Electric
Michael Neumann	Birnie Electric

1. Welcome and Introduction

OCUC Chair Eric H started the meeting at 8:45 AM welcoming everyone and reflection a bit on last years activities. He said we will have U of T student this year to fix up our web site so that it would catch up with the technology and allow new members to gain and share information about OCUC as well as reviewing presentation materials of the past, potential speakers for future, etc. He thanked the members for coming out to this meeting, making this group valuable. He mentioned other groups such as CURT and Construction Institute in the States and their initiatives. One of the initiatives called Construction 2.0. Today, much of the construction is still in the construction 1.0 (the 1930) while manufacturing today is in 4.0. Construction 2.0 is to look at ways to bring itself to the fore front as other industries with the help of technology on procedures and methodology to boost productivity and output to bring the construction into the 21sr century for more efficiency, economic, and thus a more profitable business.

As for safety moment, Eric H mentioned the issue of “fit for duty” which is more than drug and alcohol; it is the “burnt out” such as insufficient sleep and over commitment on other tasks such as hockey games, parties, etc., then you are not fit for duty on your job and that is how most of the accidents came about.

This was to remind ourselves to keep our life styles in balance that we are always fit for duty and have the capacity to do our job.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was emailed to all members over a week ago. One item under New Business was added by Danny C for Revision of Constitution. **Motion to approve the December 15, 2017 Council agenda as amended; Moved by Harry B and Seconded by Gino S. Motion carried.**

3. Approval of Council Minutes

Minutes were sent to all members by emails over a week ago and no comment was received. **Motion to approve the November 3, 2017 Council minutes; Moved by Robin G and Seconded by Ian W. Motion carried.**

4. Approval of Proposed 2018-2020 Board of Directors

The slate of Board of Directors was sent to all members by emails over a week ago along with the agenda. Eric H introduced all the 2018-2020 proposed Board of Directors to the members. No motion to add any name to the slate in the meeting. **Motion to approve the Proposed 2018-2020 Slate of Directors; Moved by Michael N and Seconded by Roger B. Motion carried.**

5. Approval of Proposed 2018 Operating Budget

Danny C presented the proposed 2018 Operating Budget with the comparison of 2017 approved budget and the estimated actual to December 31, 2017 to the council. **Motion to approve the proposed 2018 Operating Budget; Moved by Harry B and Seconded by Ian W. Motion carried.**

6. Proposed 2018 Board and Council Meeting Dates for Information

Danny C presented the proposed 2018 dates for the Board and Council meetings to council for information subject to the availability of the CHSI.

At this point, Eric H asked everyone to introduce themselves.

7. Presentation I:

Tom Garvey – Exova Group Limited – The SMART Team of Exova

Exova's Material Science Team – nicknamed Team S.M.A.R.T. – This team in Mississauga works with the construction industry and institution to develop and validate the performance characteristics of the everyday products that go into everything around us, from the walls and roofs of our home to the seat-warmer switch in the car. S.M.A.R.T. is actually an acronym for the gentlemen that make up the team:

S is for Sufi Ahmad – Product Technologist;

M is for Muhammad Ahsan – Building Product Specialist

A if for Alexander Jackson – Weathering Specialist

R is For Rubaiyat Khondker – Senior Technical Advisor; Building Products

T is for Thomas Garvey – Team Leader; Supervisor, Building Products Group

The team presented the general topic of Building Material Performance as follows:

- the evolution of building envelope design
- the importance of the building envelope in overall building performance
- critical materials used in contemporary building envelope designs
- performance requirements contemporary materials used in the building envelope

8. Subcommittee Report

8.1 Education

Roger B mentioned that MOL launched the working at height program evaluation to review the effectiveness of these managers working in this program. There were 450 thousands workers receiving the training in which IHSA trained 100 thousand of them. IHSA also has certified between 160 to 180 thousands Ontario workers in this program. Fatality rate has dropped by 5.75 % in this category from 2013 to 2016. He also mentioned that OGCA has launched an online free training program called Safety PASS system similar to Manitoba; which has 15 modules and a test at the end with approximately three hours to complete. There have been a few large construction firms registered. OGCA is now asking for comment and which will be officially launched in the spring of 2018. Site specific is still required by individual owners with their own orientations.

8.2 Health and Safety

Michael N provided update on the 2017 MOL report to PLMHSC - MOL REPORT TO LABOUR-MANAGEMENT NETWORK – DECEMBER 2017 MEETING for the period from October 16 to November 15 as follows:

Section 1: Month Fatality was 2; Critical Injury was 24;

Section 2: MOL Current Event: free app that can be downloaded - Your Guild to Construction Health and Safety legislation in Ontario; Ontario seeking public input to strengthen worker safety - voluntary OHSMS Accreditation Standard deadline is now extended to January 26, 2018; "It's Your Job" student video contest now open - deadline for submissions is March 2, 2018. Read; The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board has launched "Compass", a new online health and safety tool. For the first time, Ontarians can find and compare health and safety statistics for businesses across the province;

Section 3: MOL prosecution cases:

Court Bulletin 1 – Company Fined \$60,000 After Worker Falls From Peterborough Building - Pro Renovations Solutions Inc., in Mississauga, a company subcontracted to make repairs to an apartment building in Peterborough. A worker on a 10-storey building lost balance at the roof edge and fell to the ground, sustaining critical injuries as a result. The worker was not protected by any form of fall protection while on the roof.

Court Bulletin 2 – Court Imposes \$313,000 in Fines for Worker Death at Brampton Community Centre Site on One corporation, two individuals - 1428508 Ontario Limited of Concord, carrying on business as Forma-Con Construction. Forma-Con had been contracted by Bondfield Construction Company Ltd. to provide formwork and case cement for the project. A crane was being used on the worksite that had been identified 12 days previously as being a danger. While being used to transport aluminium joists, the crane tipped over and the boom struck a worker, who was killed.

Section 4: Total accumulated Fatality to date were 15 and Critical Injury 240 in 2017 compared to 13 and 112 in 2016 respectively with the following sectors significantly contributed to the critical injury are COMM – 4, RESM – 5, and RESS – 6.

8.3 Labour Relations

There was concern expressed shortage of workers in ICI sector in the next 2-3 years. Alberta oil Slow down may not be in time to fill the gap. Owners are now trying to attract university grads who could not get into their perspective profession to get into construction. OPG at the moment has no concern getting experience workers. Ontario is gradually using modular construction to increase productivity and efficient use of workers. There is no evident in replacing skill workers by method of modular construction.

8.4 Recruitment and Board Report

Eric H had no specific report on recruitment other than actively pursuing website revival. For board report, he mentioned MOL voluntary accreditation worth paying attention.

9. Presentations II

John Stuttard –PERI Formwork Systems Inc.

Danny C indicated that John was not available and sent his regret in last minute due him being stuck in the UK during his vacation with his family and could not be in this meeting for presentation.

10. Presentations III

Michael Neumann – Bernie Electric – Home Safe

Michael Neumann is an Electrical Solutions Specialist for Birnie Home Safe. He has over 25 years of experiences in providing both mechanical and electrical services to commercial, industrial and residential applications. He is also a former employee of the ESA where he was entrusted with advancing their “Continuous Safety Services” program throughout Ontario. At Birnie Home Safe, Michael has taken on the role of electrical solutions specialist where he provides initial home assessments at residences and educates homeowners on electrical safety and hidden hazards in their homes. He has made guest appearances on the Marilyn Weston Show n 740AM and also on the Home Improvement show hosted by Frank Cohn on 1010AM radio. Michael also speaks to various organizations and service in promoting electrical and home safety on a daily basis. Michael presented the many aspects of electrical safety illustrations at home including outlets, appliances, wiring, distribution box, circuit breaker, ground fault protection, faulty outdoor connections, rust corrosion, loose connection, damage insulation in wires, moisture in basement and wall, leaking roof, arcing at outlets and connections, overloaded outlets, etc.

11. New Business – Notice of Motion – Revision of Constitution

This was to notify the council members that a revision of our OCUC constitution is coming. By the present constitution, any revision is required to be brought to the attention 3 meetings prior to the actual changing date. The revised constitution was sent to all members for comments over two weeks ago and seeking input from members. The Board will be debating the revision and any comment in the next two meetings and will bring the final draft for council approval on April 6, 2018.

12. Adjournment – Moved by Ian W at 12:05 PM

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