

Deputy Ministers & Industry Infrastructure Forum

COMMUNICATION BULLETIN

Meeting Date: June 23, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Roger Yager (Forum Co-Chair)	Vice President, Knappett Projects Inc.
Terry Brown	President, STBR Consulting Ltd.
Clark Campbell	Chief Estimator/Sr. Project Manager, Smith Bros. & Wilson (BC) Ltd.
Tom Plumb	President and CEO, Kinetic Construction Ltd.
Gurjit Sangha	Vice-President, Water and Wastewater, Western Canada, WSP
Tim Stanley	Ex Officio Director, ACEC BC; and President, Stratice Consulting Inc.
Shannon Baskerville	Deputy Minister, Advanced Education, Skills & Training
Jonathan Dubé	Associate Deputy Minister, Health
Kaye Krishna	Deputy Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure

Special Advisors:

Caroline Andrewes	President, ACEC BC
Chris Atchison	President, BC Construction Association
Kim Barbero	CEO, Mechanical Contractors Association of BC
Linda Beardsell	Director, Infrastructure Projects Procurement, BC Hydro
Deborah Cahill	President, Electrical Contractors Association of BC
Mark Liedemann	President and CEO, Infrastructure BC
Kelly Scott	President, BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association

Ministry of Finance Support:

Shannon Griffin	Director, Capital Policy, Treasury Board Staff
Shannon Haszard	Analyst, Capital Policy, Treasury Board Staff
Rob Livingstone	A/Executive Director, Capital, Treasury Board Staff

Regrets:

Shauna Brouwer	Deputy Minister, Citizens' Services
Angela Cooke	Associate Deputy Minister, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing
Amanda Farrell	CEO, Transportation Investment Corporation
Maura Gatensby	Practice Advisor, Architectural Institute of BC
Chris Gardner	President, Independent Contractors & Business Association of BC
Tiffany Ma	Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board Staff, Finance
Heather Wood (Forum Co-Chair)	Deputy Minister, Finance
Christina Zacharuk	Deputy Minister, Education

Guests and Alternates:

Corrado Agnello	Director, Capital Projects, Real Property Division, Citizens' Services
Francois Bertrand	Executive Director, Capital Management Branch, Education
Sunny Dhaliwal	Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Division, Citizens' Services
James Harvey	General Counsel and VP Infrastructure, Transportation Investment Corporation
Trevor Hughes	Deputy Minister, Labour
Melanie Stewart	Assistant Deputy Minister, Education Programs Division, Education

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SUMMARY:

- Infrastructure BC provided an update about their support to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on reinstatement of Highways 5 and 1. Infrastructure BC is entering the development phase with the preferred proponent using a collaborative model. The target is to have four lanes of traffic open by the end of the year. Highway 1 has three separate sites that need permanent repairs, and proponents for those projects will be identified by fall. A collaborative model will also be used on the Highway 5 projects.
- Infrastructure BC's Spring 2022 Major Infrastructure Projects Brochure, available on their website, provides easily accessible information about upcoming projects and will be updated every six months.
- The BC Construction Association announced that finalized BCDC 2-2022 Guidelines and Standard Documents for a Stipulated Price Bid for Use on Publicly Funded Building Projects in the Province of British Columbia are available on the BCCA's website as is information about related training opportunities. The BCDC documents needed an update to align with 2020 updates to the base CCDC 2 document. This work was undertaken a diverse group of stakeholders and the resulting documents have been endorsed by AIBC, ACED-BC and BCAA.
- The BC Construction Association emphasized the toll cost escalation is having on contractors and suppliers. The BC Construction Association also noted the Ministry of Attorney General has paused work being undertaken to advance BC-specific prompt payment legislation until summer 2023 and highlighted the challenges the issue continues to have on industry, and for which they will continue to advocate.
- The Ministry of Labour provided an update about amendments to Sick Pay Legislation. First, a calendar year is now used to establish an employee's annual paid sick leave, simplifying tracking and application. Second, clarification has been made to avoid a circumstance where some employees would be excluded from the five full paid sick days due to existing language in their collective agreements.
- The Ministry of Labour also provided information about *Labour Relations Code Amendments Act*, explaining it creates a single-step certification process, whereby there is no longer a need for a secret ballot if 55% or more employees indicate their intent to unionize by signing membership cards. The amendments also change the raid period for unionized employees in the construction industry from three years to one year.
- The Ministry of Finance provided an overview of the Environmental Social Governance for Capital Framework being developed to incorporate priority policy areas into capital projects. It was emphasized that while the framework is new, the four policy areas it includes (labour objectives, CleanBC, mass timber, childcare) are not. The intent is to bring government-wide consistency to the planning and approvals processes for incorporating these policy areas. Next steps include seeking approvals with a goal to begin implementation in late summer/fall.
- The Ministry of Citizens' Services summarized the findings of the Phase 1 Report on the Building Information Modelling Framework (BIM) project. The DMIIF endorsed the report's recommendation to develop and implement BIM for all capital ministries and the broader public sector. Next steps include seeking government approvals for funding and entering a procurement to engage a consultant to assist with the implementation of BIM.
- The DMIIF endorsed a Consent Agenda, made up of written updates for each of the DMIIF sub-committees. Through approval of the Consent Agenda, the DMIIF also endorsed the Terms of Reference and Proposed Work Plan Approach for the Capital Asset Management Framework Standing Committee.
- Capital ministries provided short updates about program and project milestones and all acknowledged challenges due to escalating costs.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for October 2022.