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General Contractors Association of Ottawa Newsletter

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GCAO CALENDAR

27 Nov 09: Next Board of Directors Meeting

20 Jan 10: GCAO Annual General Meeting

If you have an issue you wish to bring to the Board's attention, please contact the appropriate director. See the full list of directors and portfolios at the end of this newsletter.

Don Chutter Awarded the Prestigious Jock Tindale Award from OGCA!

The Jock Tindale award from the Ontario General Contractors Association was created in 1998. This award recognizes an individual in the industry who has demonstrated a high standard of ethics and integrity in dealings with industry participants.

In September at the Ontario General Contractors annual general meeting our own Don Chutter received this wonderful and well deserved award

The OGCA noted "His wealth of knowledge and his level of professionalism is unsurpassed. He has worked for the improvement of the industry as a whole and is an exceptional nominee for this award."

Congratulations Don!

Ontario Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

The Ontario government has announced that the new 13-percent Harmonized Sales Tax will come into effect July 1, 2010.

What the HST will do is essentially replace the current GST and Provincial Sales Tax (PST) with one tax HST. How it will affect contractors is that it will be treated in the same way as the current GST is in that it will be one tax charged on the full amount of the contract price. For example presently for concrete supply you are charged 8 percent PST on the material and that 8 percent is included in your contract price with the owner, when you invoice the owner each month you then add 5 percent GST to your total amount of the invoice. With the HST you will now be charged 13 percent on the concrete supply but the 13 percent may not be in your contract price but when you invoice the owner you will now charge 13 percent HST in lieu of the previous 5 percent GST.

If you would like to get more information on the HST refer to the article in the OCA's October Construction Comment or to the website of the Council of Ontario Construction Associations (COCA) www.coca.on.ca

GCAO Proposed Project Awards Program

On the heels of a successful launch of the Ontario General Contractors awards programs, the GCAO anticipates to role out a similar program to the members next year.

We are pleased to report that one of our members, M.P. Lundy Construction (Ontario) Limited, was awarded the Excellence in Buildings (Commercial/Institutional) for Rideau Valley Conservation Centre project at the OGCA awards ceremony in September.



Congratulations to M.P Lundy Construction

Template for Calculation of Labour Rate and Change Order Pricing

GCAO continues to work with the OCA to develop a standard to aid in the development of labour charge out rates for change orders and to provide a check list for other site specific items that may or may not be applicable to certain projects.

Non Refundable Tender Deposits

The GCAO policy for non refundable tender deposits has been updated to include provisions for pricing electronic documents and the return of tender documents to the successful bidder. You will see the updated policy in the 2010 Report to the Membership.

Museums Corporation SGC's

During recent tenders put out by the Museums Corporation many of our members expressed their concerns regarding the many SGC's included in the tender documents. The GCAO sent correspondence at the time to the Museum Corporation and while some (but not all) of the concerns were addressed via addenda we did receive notification from them that they would entertain meeting in the future to review any suggested amendments.

The GCAO together with the OCA will be meeting with the Museums Corporation at the end of November to review their SGC's.

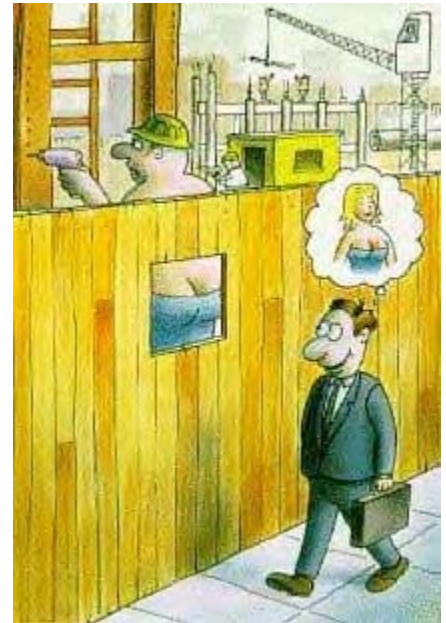
Treasures Report

Our treasurer, Paul McDonald, has reported that we are in a solid financial position and it is continuing to improve. As a result of our strong membership and continued sponsorship of our major events, member equity to the end of 2009 should be around \$37K.

Board Mandates

1. **Tendering Practices**
Michael Assal (chair)
Gary Kozak, Hubie Splinter
2. **Membership** - Doug Burnside
3. **Communications**
Hubie Splinter
4. **Entertainment**
Spencer Hagan (chair), Sean Lundy
5. **Nominating Committee**
Doug Burnside
6. **Non-Fundable Deposits**
Anders Persson
7. **Web Site** - Sean Lundy
8. **BILDCO – OTTAWA**
Gary Kozak, Doug Burnside,
Michael Assal, Hubie Splinter
9. **OVBD LIAISON**
Anders Persson
10. **Integrity and Ethics Award**
Gary Kozak

On the Lighter Side.....



2009 Board Members



Back Row Left to Right: Don Chutter, Anders Persson, Hubie Splinter, Sean Lundy, Spencer Hagan, Paul McDonald, **Front Row Left to Right:** Michael Assal, Gary Kozak, Doug Burnside. Absent from this Photo is Shawn Argue

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