

ORBA - MTO Highway Maintenance Committee Meeting Notes – March 25, 2024

Date: Monday, March 25th, 2024

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Teams Video Meeting

Attendee	Organization	Attendee	Organization
Doug Wipperman	The Miller Group	Walid Abou-Hamde	ORBA
James Stracey	Emcon Services Inc.	Sheri Graham	MTO
Frank Rizzardo	Emcon Services Inc.	James Hamilton	MTO
John McBride	Fowler Construction	Valérie Labbé	MTO
Paul Krajc	Fowler Construction	Andrew Alkins	MTO
Abdallah Tannoukhi	Webber Infrastructure	Nedim Oren	MTO
Thelep Ampalavanar	Webber Infrastructure	Neil Pawluk	MTO
Greg Ehman	Ledcor	Lori Zimak	MTO
Brian Green	GIP Highway Maintenance	Michael Sleeth	MTO
Simarpreet Kaur	ORBA	Nasr Slabi	MTO

*Strikethrough - Did not attend the meeting

General:

Brian Green is now the sole representative for GIP.

Sheri Graham is now the Director of HOMB.

1. **Past Meeting Notes** – shared and accepted by all.

2. Standing Items:

a. MTO Application update

- ORBA identified some contractors having issues with MMIS entries.
- MTO is exploring modernizing our applications, including MMIS. Although some contractors are having difficulties, others are not. MTO suggests forming a working group related to maintenance applications for the purpose of information exchange and modernization.
- MTO will seek nominees who have subject matter experience. A chair and co-chair will be established to draft a terms of reference.

ACTION ITEM: Industry to nominate members who are familiar with technical requirements of the applications.

b. Winter Materials Working Group

c. Operators Working Group

d. Equipment Working Group

- Industry Representatives
 - i. Emcon – N.Potterfield@emconservices.ca
 - ii. Webber – Don Silveira (donald.silveira@webber.com) & Ab El Tannoukhi (abdallah.tannoukhi@webber.com)

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- iii. Miller – Todd.Chapman@millergroup.ca
 - iv. Fowler – Dave (dhebner@fowler.ca)
 - v. Ledcor – Mike.Cor@ledcor.com
 - MTO Representative:
 - i. Erik Johansson
 - e. Winter Operations Working Group**
 - Industry Representatives:
 - i. Emcon – P.Ratthe@emconservices.ca
 - ii. Webber – Abdullah Fakhri (abdullah.fakhri@webber.com) & Ab El Tannoukhi (abdallah.tannoukhi@webber.com)
 - iii. Miller – Greg.Smart@millergroup.ca & Kristi.Vankessel@millergroup.ca
 - iv. Fowler – Dianne (dlandstrome@fowler.ca) & Paul (prussel@fowler.ca)
 - v. Ledcor – Greg.Ehman@ledcor.com
 - MTO Representative:
 - i. Brian Utigard
 - f. Summer Operations Working Group**
 - Industry Representative:
 - i. Emcon – P.Ratthe@emconservices.ca
 - ii. Webber – Charbel Khouri (charbel.khouri@webber.com) & Ab El Tannoukhi (abdallah.tannoukhi@webber.com)
 - iii. Miller – Greg.Smart@millergroup.ca & Kristi.Vankessel@millergroup.ca
 - iv. Fowler – Dianne (dlandstrome@fowler.ca) & Paul (prussel@fowler.ca)
 - v. Ledcor – Greg.Ehman@ledcor.com
 - MTO Representative:
 - i. Michael Sleeth
- ACTION ITEMS: AA and DW to meet offline to discuss framework/scope of work and then pass on to the individual groups. Once framework/scope of work has been shared, each group will have a kick off meeting.**
- DW to reach out to GIP again as a follow-up on nominees from their company for Working Groups.**
- 3. New Business:**
- a. Operator Challenges:**
 - i. Update on Winter Season**
 - IMOS: overall improvement in obtaining operators however, still some challenges in smaller communities where there is competing industries such as forestry and mining.
 - Emcon: overall improvement in obtaining operators however, still some challenges in smaller communities where there is competing industries such as forestry and mining.
 - Webber: No operator issues this season.
 - Fowler: Not present.
 - Ledcor: operator challenges predominantly in the Northern contract areas.
 - GIP: Not present.

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ii. Update on Work Program (SOLGEN)

- IMOS: No success due to lack of interest at field level.
- Emcon: Actively pursuing, and encountering difficulties at the field level.
- Webber: Actively pursuing, and encountering difficulties at the field level.
- Fowler: Not present.
- Ledcor: Actively pursuing, and encountering difficulties at the field level.
- GIP: Not present.
- MTO: will meet with SOLGEN and MLITSD and review opportunities to work with service system managers and employment Ontario providers.

iii. Update on Driver Certification Program

- IMOS: Submitted application in Fall last year, and awaiting feedback.
- Emcon: in final stages of approval process.
- Webber: already certified.
- Fowler: not participating.
- Ledcor: not participating.
- GIP: not present at the meeting

b. Equipment Challenges

- i. **No time**

c. ORBA – update on Safety Working Group (previously worked on by Andrew Hurd):

- i. **No time**

d. Approved Procurement Schedule

- i. Approved procurement schedule was presented by MTO (shared with members).

e. Optimal timing for Patroller Training and Nomination Options

- i. **No time.**

f. Solar Eclipse Planning

- i. MTO: Niagara through to Kingston, expecting major traffic disruptions. Thank you to those who are supporting by having patrollers carry water, granola bars in case something should arise.
- ii. **ORBA:** requests related to timing and type of work should be communicated via INC.

ACTION ITEMS: MTO to provide consistent messaging to industry on expectations and requirements via INC.

g. Bid Enquiries

- i. **ORBA:** Frustrated with BE process. We're not getting fulsome answers that assist bidders in providing RFP and price that will be the same for all bidders.

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ACTION ITEM: Industry to provide examples of BE's where information wasn't sufficient and what type of response industry estimators are looking for in order to provide a better RFP/estimate.

h. Procurement Approach & RFP Scope Workshop prior to the next round of contracts

- i. **ORBA:** interested in scheduling a partnering session to assist with strengthening relationship and identify ways of modernizing maintenance.

ACTION ITEM: MTO to review internally.

6. Roundtable

- i. **No time**

7. Presentation: Crash Truck Conspicuity Consultation (WSP)

- i. Heather McClintock & Max Perchanok from WSP presented Crash Truck Conspicuity research to date and requesting feedback from HMC members.

8. Next Meeting: May 20, 2024.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Valérie Labbé