

Underground Network

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Mandatory One Call White Paper Issued

The SCGA Mandatory One Call Task Force has completed a position paper outlining the benefits for Saskatchewan to introduce Mandatory One Call Service in the Province of Saskatchewan.

The paper recommends that a stakeholder committee be developed and tasked with the responsibility of reviewing the opportunity and implications of implementing such a mandatory service. It is expected that legislation would be required and that it could take 2-3 years to complete the initiative.

The province would benefit significantly from the introduction of this service. Every day, incidents occur that could be avoided by having full participation in the one call service. Costs, estimated to be over \$10 million annually, that are related to the direct repair of the underground infrastructure, equipment damage and project downtime as well as indirect costs such as service downtime and emergency response could be significantly reduced with the effective delivery of such a service.

The Task Force will keep the SCGA members and other members of the digging community informed of its progress on this very important initiative.

A copy of the White Paper is available on the SCGA website. <http://scga.ca>

SCGA Public Awareness Committee

This new committee has met a couple times over the summer and is currently working on actions to support the Annual CSAA Contractor Breakfasts. A full strategy for increasing Public Awareness and Education will be developed for the December SCGA AGM.

If you would like to join the group please contact the chair of the committee, Karen Hammond (KHammond@saskpower.com) or Daryl Posehn (dposehn@scga.ca).

SCGA Best Practices Update

The SCGA Best Practices Committee has met with the CCGA Committee to finalize version 1.0 of the national Best Practices. This document is expected to be available by the end of October to all members of the SCGA.

CCGA Hosts Annual Damage Prevention Symposium

The CCGA will host the 2nd Annual Canadian Common Ground Alliance Damage Prevention Symposium on October 28 - 30, 2014 at The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta.

This event will focus on critical issues specific to Canadian stakeholders. This is an excellent opportunity to network with your peers from across Canada and share knowledge and ideas. Go to the CCGA website for more information and to register. www.canadiancga.com

National Click Before You Dig Promoted

TransCanada PipeLines Limited sponsored the Swift Current Bronco Alumni Golf Event recently and took the opportunity to promote ClickBeforeYouDig.com.

The National Portal allows access to all Canadian One Call or First Call Centers from one web location. Thanks to Steve Loney, TransCanada and SCGA Board, for promotion of this service in Saskatchewan. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vhOfmOX20&feature=youtu.be>

SCGA Introduced to Saskatoon Stakeholders

The SCGA Board of Directors hosted a small reception at The Willows in Saskatoon on September 11 to introduce key stakeholders in the digging community in and around Saskatoon to the SCGA and its initiatives.

The introduction is expected to help increase participation in our efforts from a broader provincial perspective.

Welcome to New Members

Over the last few months membership in the SCGA has continued to grow. Welcome to the following new members: Astec Safety, City of Regina and Maxim Energy Services.

If you would like to join the SCGA in 2014, please fill out the membership form at the SCGA website. http://scga.ca/?page_id=213

Calendar Reminders

October 28 – 30, 2014

CCGA National
Damage Prevention Symposium
Banff, Alberta

www.canadiancga.com

December 2, 2014

SCGA AGM
10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Evraz Place
Regina, Saskatchewan