

Underground Network

Q4-2014



www.scga.ca

Daryl Posehn

Executive Director, SCGA

e-mail: dposehn@scga.ca

Best Practices Manual – Version 1

The Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) has released the first version of this national document that has been adopted by all of the provincial Common Ground Alliances. Congratulations to those on the Committee that have worked diligently to complete these harmonized.

Participants of the SCGA AGM on December 2 were able to look at it first hand and heard from Vice Chair of the SCGA Best Practices Committee the plans for updating the manual through a member driven process.

Every member of the SCGA can receive a copy of the manual. If you have not already received your copy please send a request to info@scga.ca.

The Committee looks forward to receiving proposals for additions to the Version 1 document. There are still opportunities for members to join the Best Practices Committee and advance this very important effort for the SCGA and its members.

A copy of the CCGA Best Practices Manual is available on the SCGA website.

http://www.scga.ca/files/201411_CCGABestPracticesV1.pdf



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 Contractor Breakfasts. They are also working on developing a program to best communicate the items in the Best Practices Manual through workshops that would be held across the province.

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).

CCGA Issues National Damage Report

The CCGA has released its second annual National Report on Damage to underground infrastructure. The report contains data from Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec for the years 2012 and 2013.

The report analyzes incident data that has been captured and identifies the root cause of these incidents. In 2013 40% of damages were caused by failure to make a locate request. Go to the SCGA website to read the entire report. <http://www.scga.ca/files/2012-2013NationalReport.pdf>

SCGA has Registered to Gather Incident Data using DIRT

The SCGA has registered with the CCGA to utilize its DIRT system to gather and analyse underground incident data for Saskatchewan. It is expected that data entry will start early in 2015. If you have any questions about this please call Daryl Posehn. If not, look for you opportunity to become a part of this in 2015.

SCGA to Share Office with Safe Saskatchewan

The SCGA has entered into a MOU with Safe Saskatchewan where office and administrative resources will be provided on a as needed basis to the SCGA. This opportunity is seen as the most effective way to manage the growing activities of the SCGA. This relationship will start on January 1, 2015. The new mailing address will be:

Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance
4141 - 25th Avenue
REGINA SK S4S 6S8

Welcome to New Members

Over the last few months membership in the SCGA has continued to grow. Welcome to the following new members: Klark's Trenching and the Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure.

If you would like to join the SCGA in 2015, please fill out the membership form at the SCGA website. http://scga.ca/?page_id=213

Calendar Reminders for 2015

- March 2015 -- SCGA Best Practices Workshops (TBD)
- April 2015 -- CSAA Contractor Breakfasts
- June 4, 2015 -- SCGA Member Meeting, Evraz Place, Regina
- October 2015 -- CCGA Damage Prevention Symposium, Montreal
- December 2, 2015 -- SCGA Annual General Meeting, Evraz Place, Regina

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for a Safe 2015