

Underground Network

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CSAA Annual Contractor Breakfasts

As part of April being Safe Digging Month, the Contractor Safety Awareness Association held their annual safety breakfasts in 29 communities throughout the province March 27 – April 11. The message, heard by over 4,600 individuals was the value of taking that very first step – *Call Before You Dig*. Thanks very much to the organizing committee for a job well done!

A copy of the video presentation and various media stories is available on the SCGA website. http://scga.ca/?page_id=126

Safety Patrol Program Introduced on May 1

Homeowners and contractors doing excavation work in new neighbourhoods in Saskatoon and Regina this construction season will encounter Safety Patrols designed to reduce damage to buried utility lines.

The Safety Patrols will check that homeowners and contractors have contacted Sask 1st Call for line locates and that underground lines have been marked prior to the project getting underway. This program has been introduced as utilities identify a rising trend in facility damage caused by third-party excavation work in new neighbourhoods. The initiative, is believed to be the first of its kind in Canada.



Sask 1st Call Sets Record!

A busy and growing construction scene in Saskatchewan has impacted Sask 1st Call. In 2013, it established a new record of 131,721 line locate tickets created for those who are planning to dig, excavate or otherwise disturbing the ground. This represents an increase of 3% over 2012 and demonstrates the increased activity level in Saskatchewan. As of May 2014, Sask 1st Call now represents 59 Subscriber companies and is continuing to grow as a service provider.

CCGA Continues to Expand its representation

A number of national associations with common damage prevention objectives have recently joined the Canadian Common Ground Alliance. The recent growth in membership indicates the concerns for safety amongst a number of stakeholders in Canada. They include Canadian Electrical Association (CEA), Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), North American Telecommunications Damage Prevention Council, Canadian Association of Pipeline & Utility Line Locating Contractors (CAPULC), Canadian Nursery & Landscape Association (CNLA), Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC), and the Canadian Public Works Association.

CCGA Rolls-Out National Brand to Trigger the Damage Prevention Process...Call, Click or Tap the App

Traditionally, damage prevention has been all about "Call Before You Dig", but as the song goes, "the times they are a-changing". Today, there are options. The age of technology delivers rapid change and nothing stays the same for very long. In that light, more people are choosing to "Click" or even "Tap" before they dig than ever before.



It was with this in mind that the CCGA embarked on a project to develop a timeless damage prevention process trigger because no matter what technology brings, a responsible person will always have to do "something" before they dig.

Canadian Senate hear Industry Experts on the State of One Calls in Canada

The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources has launched a study to examine and report on the current state of "One Call" programs that identify critical underground infrastructure in Canada.

Senators will hear from a variety of witnesses including the CCGA, municipal authorities and stakeholder groups representing utilities and the construction industry. The committee will be making recommendations for specific measures to enhance harmonization of best practices and the potential development of a national one call service by the end of 2014.

Invoice Reminders

For those members who have not paid their 2013/14 membership fees it would be appreciated if you could submit a cheque as soon as possible. To those that have, THANK YOU very much!

Welcome to New Members

Over the last few months a number of two new members have joined the SCGA. Welcome to the following new members: Colt Electric and LineStar Utility.

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

June 2, 2014

SCGA Member Meeting
10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Salon 1, Queensbury
Convention Centre
Regina, Saskatchewan

October 28 – 30, 2014

CCGA National Damage
Prevention Symposium
Banff, Alberta
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December 2, 2014

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