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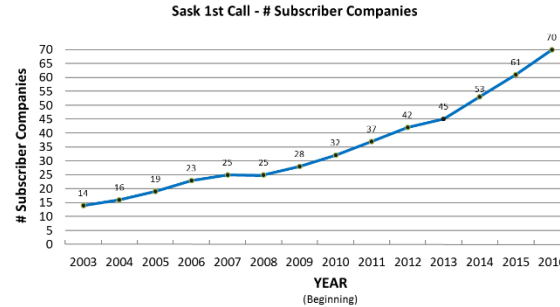
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Sask 1st Call Continues to Grow its Subscriber Base in 2015

2015 set a record year for new Subscriber companies joining Sask 1st Call, with 12 new companies joining. There are now 70 companies with underground facilities active with Sask 1st Call. However, there are still many, many companies that are not part of the provincial One Call. SCGA is working on introducing Mandatory One Call Legislation in Saskatchewan which would see this number grow exponentially.



“Defying Expectations”

This article in the Damage Prevention Professional highlights the surprises that excavators and locators alike experience day in and day out with unusual installations of utilities. The article, written by Christopher Koch, describes his experiences and advice when providing locates. [Damage Prevention Professional Winter 2016](#)

SCGA Hosts Contractor Safety Breakfasts

The SCGA and supporters are continuing to host the annual Contractor Safety Breakfasts in **April** of 2016. For more information on locations and dates, go to the SCGA website.

[SCGA CONTRACTOR BREAKFASTS--APRIL 2016](#)

This year the Breakfasts will focus on the Excavation tolerance zone and provide those attending the breakfasts some information on what to do when excavating near underground facilities.



**Government of Saskatchewan
Declares April 2016
Safe Digging Month**

Canadian Senate Moves Forward with Legislation

The Senate of Canada continues to move forward with the introduction of legislation (Bill S-233) that would require federally regulated facilities to be part of the regional One Call system. Also any facility that is buried on federal lands would be also be required to be part of the One Call System.

The first reading took place last fall and the Bill S-233 Team have reviewed industry comments and provided feedback for a second draft that is expected shortly. The [CCGA WEBSITE \(Bill S-233\)](#) provides the forum for review of this initiative and a means to provide further feedback.

CCGA Best Practices

The Regional Best Practice Committees have reviewed Version 1.0 of the Best Practices for Underground Infrastructure Damage Preventions and recommended that 13 changes/revisions be made. The CCGA Board has approved this recommendation and the electronic version will be updated and be available on the SCGA website shortly. The changes from version 1.0 will be highlighted in this new version. [Best Practices for Damage Prevention](#)

Welcome to New Members

Over the last few months membership in the SCGA has continued to grow.

Welcome to the following new members:

- Worley Parsons Canada Services;
- X-Calibur Ground Disturbance Solutions; and
- Quality Control Assurance.

If you would like to join the SCGA in 2016, please fill out the membership form at the SCGA website. [SCGA Membership](#)

CALENDAR REMINDERS FOR 2016

March	2015/16 Membership and Sponsorship Fees Due
April 6-20	Contractor Safety Breakfasts - see website for specific locations/dates Contractor Breakfasts
TBD	Best Practices Forum
May 30	SCGA Member Meeting, Prairieland Park, Saskatoon
October 18-20	CCGA Damage Prevention Symposium, Banff
December 6	SCGA Annual General Meeting, Evraz Place, Regina