

Ontario One Call

Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday September 09, 2021
Location: Teleconference
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

In Attendance: Bav Mistry (Chair), Nectar Tampacopoulos (Vice Chair), Katie Gotsman (Secretary), Eric Boere, Nick DeStefano, Reza Habibollahi, Terry Hall, Andrew Kottelenberg, Michael McGivery, Jason Meyer, Malcolm Robertson and Josie Trapani

Also in Attendance: Ben Hamilton, Ian Simpson, Brandon Denton and Cory Officer (Note Taker)

Absent:
Absent with Regrets: Chris Faith

1. Meeting Opening – 10 minutes

Bav Mistry

1.1 Call to Order – 9:04am

1.2 Confirmation of Quorum – Confirmed

1.3 Safety Moment

Eric Boere

1.4 Review of previous minutes (*Attach 1 – 3 pages*)

1.5 Motion to approve previous meeting minutes as written

Motioned by: Eric Boere
Seconded: Andrew Kottelenberg
In favour: All
Opposed: None

2. Chair Items

Bav Mistry

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 Industry Reset Recommendation – Final Submission (*Attach 2 – 16 pages*) – 30 minutes

Bav Mistry

A working group of the Operations Committee has met a number of times since the Committee motioned forward the Industry Reset recommendation to the HR, Nomination & Governance Committee (sub-committee of the Board of Directors).

Some of the key recommendations are as follows:

- Transform the system to respond to more complex locate requirements that address the needs of various stakeholders that include Project Planners, Excavators, Utility Owners and Locators
- Self-service model built on certified, skilled and comprehensive locate professional trade, similar to electricians to attract and retain locators
- More equitable Project Proponents pay model for projects

- Modernize the legislation, bring new thinking and ideas, incorporating learning by various stakeholders

The Operations Committee recommendations will:

- Allow earlier written documentation preparation based on project-specific risk and need
- Reduce written documentation effort just prior to excavation to final field corrections, allowing more efficient locator time focused on ground markings
- Increase efficiency by requiring inter-utility provisions of drawings/mapping to project stakeholders earlier in the process
- Eliminate red-tape, remove barriers and create incentives for projects to secure a competent and dedicated locator for all utilities
- Establish excavators to have similar standing as Members under the Act and Ontario One Call
- Improve safety, reduce damages, save cost and expedite construction project delivery

The core issue is that there are not enough locators to do the work and the locators that are working are not paid enough. That is why the Project Proponent Pay approach is something that should be focused on.

The Compliance data for 2021 shows poor performance across the province as volumes reached unprecedented levels. In the short-term while, the act and by-laws are in the process of being modified, types of work may be a way to define project.

3.2 Project Definition – 30 minutes

Bav Mistry

The sub-committee that put together the Industry Reset recommendations for the Board of Directors have come up with a definition for a 'Project' it is as follows:

- Greater than one city block and/or
- 500 square metres

3.3 Types of Work – (Attach 2 & 3 – 2 spreadsheets) – 30 minutes

Katie Gotsman

The Committee reviewed the Contractor and Homeowner types of work lists. There were a couple types of work that Committee Members has questions about, each were discussed at length on whether to keep, remove or change.

3.4 Review Action Register - (Attach 4 – 1 spreadsheet) – 10 minutes

Bav Mistry

See action register.



4. Round Table – 25 minutes

All



5. Meeting Finalization - 5 minutes

Bav Mistry

5.1 Confirmation of next meeting date/location

October 07, 2021 at 9:00am

Teleconference

5.2 Meeting Close

Motion to Adjourn – 12:10pm

Motioned by: Malcolm Robertson

Seconded: Jason Meyer

In favour: All

Opposed: None