

Virtual Meeting Minutes Zone 4 / Northern Ideas Group

We failed to have a huge turnout yet managed to have 7 Municipalities represented and kicked things off with news from APWA, Alberta Chapter and AMSA with focus on conferences both upcoming and past, respectively, followed by a wonderful presentation from Frank Klita of Armtec (Canada Culvert) supported by Ryan Yavis from RMA Trade Division:

- Canada Culvert name slowly disappearing as Armtec name gaining popularity and more relevance;
- New Facility in Calgary serving Southern Alberta;
- Failures mostly a result of poor design;
 - o Qualified Engineers on staff;
- Pro Eco Lite Headwall a fraction of the weight and cost of traditional concrete;
- CSP, HDPE, and Duromaxx (steel reinforced HDPE);
- BinWall is AT approved retaining wall product with many applications;
- Tunnel Liner;
- Bridge-in-a-Box installs in one day and is about 2/3 of the cost of traditional;
- Current shortage of steel causing high prices;
- RMA Trade Agreement Pre-Ordering prevents Contractor from adding markup on products as well as many other benefits....

Highlights from the closing Round Table discussion were:

- Grader Blades;
- Mini-drone from Civil Tracker;
- Covid Restrictions;
- Spring Runoff going really well for everyone;
- Tool-cats and Bobcat Trade-up program;
- Calcium / Road Stabilizers;
- Upcoming Howard Laverick retirement;
- Budget cuts;
- Upcoming Council retirements;
- AEP monthly meetings....

A great big shoutout to all those who attended, and hoping to 'see' everyone else at the next one,

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