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RE: Bill 211, Alberta Underground Infrastructure Notification System
Consultation Act

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APWA Alberta Chapter was founded in 1979. Our public works professionals from both the public and private sectors plan and manage the roads and bridges, water and wastewater treatment facilities, traffic signals and lighting systems, parks and city buildings, snow removal, sanitation and mass public transit services representing the backbone of Alberta communities that are sustainable, safe and healthy places to live, work, play and invest.

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Alberta's built infrastructure both public and private is the life blood of our personal safety and economy. APWA Alberta Chapter members not only manage and cares for the public infrastructure they also regulate private infrastructure within Alberta municipalities.

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Imagine a day without a bank machine because the fibre optics line is broken down. Imagine the airport closing because the petroleum products pipeline is damaged while a road is being built. Image a community without heat because a natural gas line was hit. As public works professionals, we experience these scenarios throughout the province.

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It is costly to repeatedly search for unregistered infrastructure in public rights of way. Considerable expenses are added to the design of these projects. Further costs and extensive delays are added waiting for locates to occur and we continue to see damages occur which can cause serious immediate injury and takes services such as banking and even 911 out of service. With our advances in technology related to mapping and GPS., it's astonishing we are having this conversation in 2019.

We ask that the Gov't of Alberta move with speed to create a direct and deliberate method for every owner whether public or private to register their asset(s), their owned infrastructure, in a central registry. The central registry may then be queried to determine whether it might be impacted and require the owner to identify their asset to others, thus

preventing unnecessary damage and cost.

This system has worked in Alberta close to 40 years on a voluntary basis but provincial government departments, federally regulated telecoms, some private enterprises and a handful of municipalities still ignore this "voluntary process". We need everyone to get on board and preserve the safety of Albertans and our economy.

APWA Alberta Chapter asks you to support Bill 211.

Sincerely,



Peter McDowell
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