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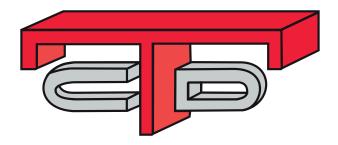


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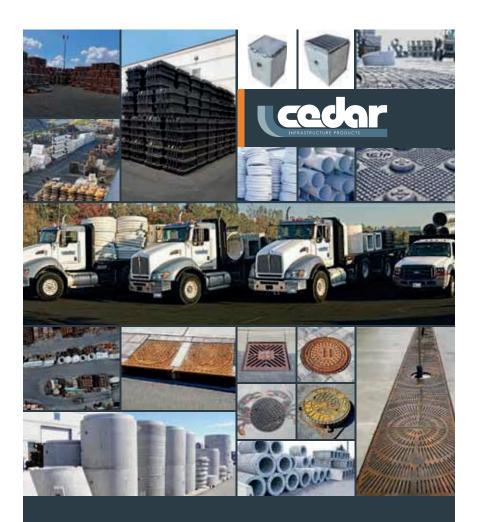


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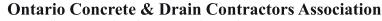
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BEST PRACTICE EXTENSION OF SEWER LATERALS

Current Situation:

In some municipalities, unfortunately the practice remains that the Storm & Sanitary Sewer and Watermain lines are installed prior to and under the road/boulevard/sidewalk, with lateral extensions taken off each line to provide service to each building in the development. These lateral extensions are typically terminated and capped underground at the property line or lot line.

Main Utility lines, such as natural gas, telephone, hydro, cable television, and fibre optics, are then installed, and will eventually provide service to each building. Their location is typically much closer to the surface than the Sewer and Water lines since they are not adversely affected by frost, and very close to the street side of the property line or lot line. Proximity to the lot line is maintained so as to minimize potential damage to the road and disruption to traffic if the utility lines need to be accessed after the development work is complete.

The Problem:

Proximity to the lot line of the Utility Services creates at least two hazards for contractors accessing the Capped Lateral Extensions when time comes to make the connection to the buildings. First, since the Utility Services are virtually directly above the Capped Lateral Extensions, there is a high risk of them being struck during excavation. Damage to Utility Services can be not only financially costly, but can have fatal consequences as well.

Second, this intersection of buried services often results in an excavation with a very steep bank, a situation made even more potentially dangerous by the fact that the soil is previously excavated and therefore not predictably stable. Increasing the excavation slope would, in the vast majority of cases, lead to completely exposing many - if not all - of the Utility Services.



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This photo illustrates how the capped laterals are positioned almost directly under the utility infrastructure. This close proximity makes it difficult to attain the proper slope and represents the typical and potentially dangerous situation the Machine Operator and Concrete and Drain worker are confronted with on a daily basis when excavating / digging to expose the laterals which were terminated at the Property line.

This is the inherent problem with the Standards that some municipalities provide to the consulting Engineers and which their design must adhere to. These standards unfortunately are what the Sewer and Watermain Contractors must adhere to even though they could quite easily extend their scope of work and eradicate the problem as illustrated by the following solution.



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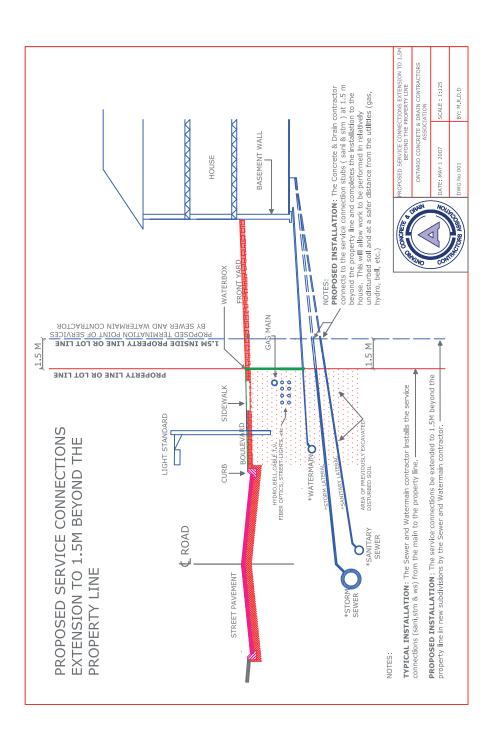
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The Solution:

Extending the laterals for storm and sanitary drains 1.5m inside the lot line when the Storm & Sanitary Sewer lines are installed will greatly reduce hazards when time comes to bring the connection into the building. The Capped Lateral Extensions will be at least 1.5m away from the intersection point with the underground utilities, allowing them to remain undisturbed during excavation, and allowing the banks of the excavation to be cut with sloped sides.



This photo clearly illustrates the safe conditions under which the Machine Operator was able to perform his excavation and the worker was able to dig and expose the capped lateral connections in a properly sloped trench, relatively undisturbed soil and 1.5m away from Utility infrastructure. The OCDCA is committed to providing safe work environments for its workforce and the standardization of this method throughout all Municipalities would achieve this safety goal!





BEST PRACTICE EXTENSION OF SEWER LATERALS

Practice Statement:

Sewer laterals should be installed from the main to 1.5 m beyond the property line in new subdivisions.

Practice Description:

For purposes of health and safety, damage prevention and construction efficiency, sewer laterals installed in new subdivisions should be extended from the main to 1.5 m beyond the property line and plugged with a water tight plug. This allows workers installing the connections from the stubs to the homes/building, to establish a safe stable work environment and minimizes impact to the existing facility infrastructure.

Examples of Practices:

To extend the Storm and Sanitary Laterals is a practice throughout the Municipalities within the Regions of Durham, Halton, Peel and several in York, several in Simcoe and surrounding municipalities.

Benefits:

Extending connections 1.5 m beyond the property line:

- enables contractors to pick up the connections in more stable soil conditions
- allows for proper trench sloping
- · reduces the potential for cave-ins
- provides for safer excavation conditions
- reduces potential damage to existing facility infrastructure.

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On January 1, 2014, the new 2012 Building Code (O. Reg. 332/12) came into Force. Building permits applied for on or after that date must comply with the updated requirements of the 2012 Building Code. New provisions added to the 2012 Building Code include the new definition for "sewer lateral extension" that relates to the connection between the public sewer and building sewer, and the new provision regarding inspection and testing of a sewer lateral extension.

Division A - 1.4.1.2. Defined Terms

Sewer Lateral Extension means an extension of a public sewer that connects to a storm building sewer or sanitary building sewer 1.5 m beyond the property line and that serves not more than one property.

Division B - 7.3.6.1. Tests and Inspection of Drainage or Venting Systems

(6) A **Sewer Lateral Extension** need not be tested and inspected if the sewer lateral extension was constructed, tested and inspected at the time of the installation of the public sewer.

In summary, as the 2012 Building Code regards a sewer lateral extension "...as an extension of a public sewer...", the Building Code requirements applicable to the storm building sewer or sanitary building need not apply to the sewer lateral extension, including testing and inspecting, if the sewer lateral extension was constructed, tested and inspected at the time of the installation of the public sewer.

The OCDCA is pleased to see, that our efforts to create Safe work environments, protect the public, and the promotion of infrastructure damage prevention has finally been recognized by the Ontario Building Code and the Construction Industry overall.

We would like to thank the Municipalities that have adopted the "1.5 m Extension of the Laterals Safety Best Practice" and have changed their standard drawings to reflect it, and we encourage all other municipalities to follow suit in providing the same Safety Standards.



TEMPORARY STAIRS TO BASEMENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES JANUARY 1ST, 2020 - LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT

The following sections have been amended:

STAIRS AND LANDINGS

- 75. (1) No work shall be performed in a building or structure unless stairs are installed in accordance with this section. O. Reg. 213/91, s. 75 (1)
 - (2) As the construction of a building or structure progresses, permanent or temporary stairs shall be installed from the lowest level, including the basement, up to. (See: O.Reg. 327/19, s. 1 (2))
 - (a) the uppermost work level; or
 - (b) if stairs would interfere with work on the uppermost work level, no more than two storeys or nine metres below the uppermost work level, whichever distance is shorter.O. Reg. 213/91, s. 75 (2); O. Reg. 142/17, s. 13.
 - (3) Subsection (2) does not apply with respect to,
 - (a) a part of a building or structure in which only the structural steel beams or columns are erected:
 - (b) a structure to which a permanent ladder is attached before the structure is raised into position.
 - O. Reg. 213/91, s. 75 (3); or (See: O. Reg. 327/19, s. 1 (3))
 - (c) a part of a building or structure in which formwork or falsework is erected to a suspended slab.

These Amendments will reduce the exposure to injury from ladder use and will provide more efficient access and egress for all the trades entering basements, and best of all will facilitate for improved emergency response!

On behalf of The Ontario Concrete & Drain Contractors Association, and our Member Companies that employee a Unionized Workforce, we would like to thank the Ministry of Labour,

Training & Skills Development for recognizing the importance of creating safer work environments by legislatively implementing Temporary stairs to the Basements of construction sites as of January 1st, 2020!

The OCDCA is Committed to Progress and Safety!



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Subgrade & Formwork

All snow and ice shall be removed before concrete is placed on any surface.

In order to pour, the surface must be at a **minimum of 5°Celsius**, and after placing the concrete it must be protected and maintained at a temperature not less than 10°Celsius for 3 days. Calcium chloride or other de-icing salts shall not be used as deicing agents in the forms.

Settlement Conditions

Settlement conditions for a slab on grade is generally caused as a result of unsuitable sub-grade. Proper compaction or clean coarse aggregate should be considered.

Placing of Concrete in Cold Weather

When the air temperature is below 5°Celsius concrete shall be kept at a temperature of not less than 10°Celsius or more for a minimum of 72 hours (3 days) after placing. Concrete to be protected by means of heated enclosures, insulated covering blankets or other suitable means. Form work to be kept in place for a minimum period of 7 days.

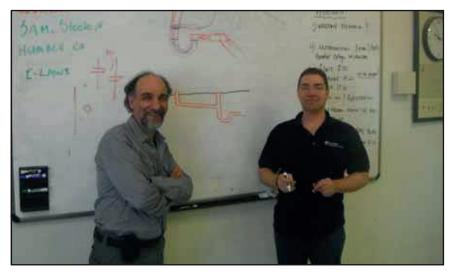
Finishing Methods for Concrete Slabs

Suggested broom finish for porches and garage floor slabs instead of smooth trowelling.

DRAIN LAYERS SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAM



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As well, the OCDCA would like to express its gratitude to the Instructors from the Ontario Plumbing Inspectors Association, and to Vito Sestito of the OCDCA, for their assistance in course development and delivery of the program.



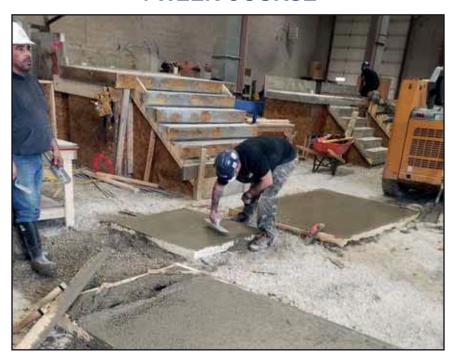
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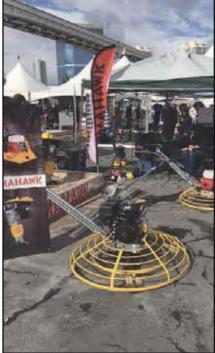
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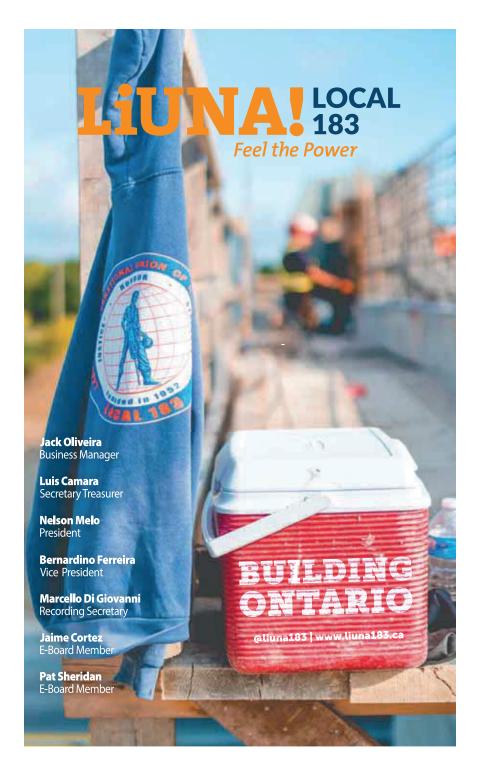
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