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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS FEBRUARY 1, 2021, MEETING WITH MINISTER MCNAUGHTON

DISCUSSION NOTES

1. COVID-19

- Appreciate the Minister's efforts in lobbying the cabinet to keep our industry open.
- The Minister offered the best way for our industry to assist in fighting the pandemic is remaining vigilant keeping the sites safe.
- It was also offered that child care coverage would be available for construction workers families shortly.
- It was noted that rapid testing would be available, with forty thousand test to cover two test per week or twenty thousand workers with a supply for approximately five months.

The Government is still working on scheduling but it could be within the month.

Costs if any for the testing were not discussed. Testing will be a key component in getting the full industry open.

2. Comprehensive Review of the Labour Relation Act

- We reminded the Minister that at our last meeting we mentioned that a comprehensive review of the construction section of the LRA was last addressed with the 1991 George Adams report.
- We discussed how in our opinion the construction section of the Act was dated and somewhat antiquated.
- Advise the Minister of CECCO's survey requesting input as to the government commissioning a comprehensive review of the construction section of the LRA.
- 100% of responses received were in agreement that this should be carried out.
- I believe it was the general consensus that if this moved forward and with the pandemic being front and centre, we would be looking after the next Provincial election in 2022.

3. Expiry of Provincial Agreement

- We discussed the general consensus that moving to 4 year agreements would assist in increasing stability in the industry. The Minister advised that this may occur before the 2022 round of bargaining. We advised the Minister that the EBA labour and management need to know this as soon as possible to work it into their

bargaining strategy. *In a post meeting discussion with the Minister's staff due to the pandemic and the last House non election year session coming this fall it is unlikely that the LRA act will be open for revisions.*

- It was also mentioned that with the 2022 negotiations on the horizon there was some concern on behalf of some of the EBAs that negotiating virtually offered some challenges that may not be in the industry's best interest.

4. CLOSING

- We thanked the Minister for his time advising due to the time constraints we were unable to cover our full agenda
- There was agreement that our discussions would continue in our next bimonthly meeting.