

Message from the Canadian Association of Pipeline and Utility Locating Contractors ~ CAPULC

In June we released the pilot draft of our preliminary Canadian Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard for the first (of two) 30-day review process. Our objective with this Standard was to develop a national line locating standard to ensure consistent practices across the country while allowing for provincial and industry variations in the future. With the help of a third-party contractor, we developed this document along with an inventory of resources and Continuous Improvement Log. Items are being placed into the Continuous Improvement Log when they are determined to be a major revision, a major discussion item, requires additional subject matter input, or is on hold to capture comments from the review processes. The purpose of the Continuous Improvement Log is to assist with the process for any future revisions, additions, modification, and deletions.

We released our <u>preliminary</u> Standard document once it had reached a key stage to solicit feedback and comments. When it has successfully passed through the first and second 30-day review processes it will be published as CAPULC's First Version leading everyone to expect that there are more versions to come. While this first version is providing the framework for our Standards, it certainly is expected to evolve

We asked everyone to keep in mind a few important items as they reviewed the pilot release:

- This document was written to encompass and reflect best practices of both public and private locating
- This document was written at a federal level and will be provincially, jurisdictionally and industry agnostic
- The scope of this document was to be applicable to underground facility locators across Canada and to multiple infrastructure types. It focuses on the steps involved in the locating process.

With the first 30-day review process having drawn to a close we wish to say a huge "thank you" to those that have taken time to thoughtfully review and comment on our pilot release. All comments (those received via email and through our online feedback form) are now being

gathered together allowing for our Committee to effectively prepare for working sessions to review and provide comment to all feedback submissions before being released for the second 30-day review.

The pilot release of our Canadian Underground Facility Locating and Marking Standard can be found at the link below. If you were unable to provide your comments and feedback before the July 25 deadline of the first 30-day pilot release, our second release provides another chance! Watch for this release in the next few weeks!

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