

Day One - Track Two

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Panel Presentation: If Contractors Were in Control, How Would We Do It Different?

Facilitator: Louie Larocca, Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors Association (GTSWCA)

Panelists: John Currey, Earth Boring; Julia Risi, SCS Consulting;
Robert Pocrnic, TACC Construction

Facilitator Biography



Louie Larocca, P.Eng is a Professional Engineer and is the area District Manager for Central, Ontario and Western Canada where he is responsible for the successful operation and strategic management of the district. Louie has spent over 20+ years of his progressive career in the construction industry where he has held various roles in field operations and project procurement areas of the industry. As the District Manager, Louie is a member of the division level management team and brings extensive knowledge and experience in the estimating and execution of projects of varying procurement models. Louie provides leadership to the estimating and operations teams of the business. Louie is an active member of the construction community and is presently an active board member of the Greater Toronto Sewer and Watermain Contractors Association.

Panelists Biographies



Julia Risi has invaluable experience as a senior project manager overseeing a team of staff through project coordination, field inspection and contract administration in both residential and commercial developments. Due to her construction management expertise and close to 20 years of industry experience, Julia is responsible for design reviews for efficient constructability, overseeing tender and contract analysis, construction coordination of specialty and group developments, project workload and budgeting coordination, and development acceptance and assumption

process progression.

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John Currey heads Operations at Earth Boring Co Limited. Part of the first horizontal directional drilling crew, John pioneered environmentally sound construction techniques that have been leveraged across the company's trenchless construction lines of business. His no nonsense approach to project analysis and his eye for detail have developed into a formidable trenchless solutions manager. His counsel is sought for challenging trenchless crossings in environmentally sensitive and wetland areas. His environmentally minded business approach, balancing the needs of the construction industry and responsible environmental stewardship has been a welcome addition to the GTSWCA Environmental efforts.



Robert Pocrnic is a Professional Engineer with over 20 years of experience in the construction industry, holding various roles responsible for design, inspection, site supervision and project management. Following his career start, as both a Design Engineer and Site Engineer with a Consulting Engineering firm, Robert joined TACC Construction Ltd. in 1996 as a Site Supervisor. Having progressed to the position of Project Manager, he currently manages several residential, commercial, and industrial subdivision projects in the Greater Toronto Area, involving earthworks, site servicing and roadworks. Robert continually strives to find solutions to increase productivity, while safeguarding both the public and natural environment and without compromising health and safety.

Abstract

Currently, the construction industry operates via a linear model with respects to an environmental plan. Typically, the owners hire consultants and they establish a threshold for environmental protection based on costing from the owner. Contractors are expected to implement these Environmental plans with no input or feedback, and yet they are required to carry all the risk. This presentation will highlight "why" the current model does not work. The presenters will also table a new model for the audience to consider establishing a balance that assists all the parties involved.

Learning Objectives

1. Review the benefits of collaborative approach to environmental planning;
2. Why establishing a plan prior to tendering is important; and
3. Discuss the need for continuous communication throughout the process.