



The Canadian Common Ground Alliance is dedicated to damage prevention solutions that will benefit all Canadians.

### A chance meeting...





### **CGA Regional Partners**





# Damage prevention issues of national interest

- Simplified Access to One Call Centres and the Damage Prevention Process
- Best Practice Harmonization
- One Call Systems Serving all of Canada
- Damage Prevention Legislation and Meaningful Enforcement of same
- Mandatory Damage Reporting (DIRT)



# Simplifying access to One-Call Notification Services





### The CCGA's application for 811





### How to simplify access?



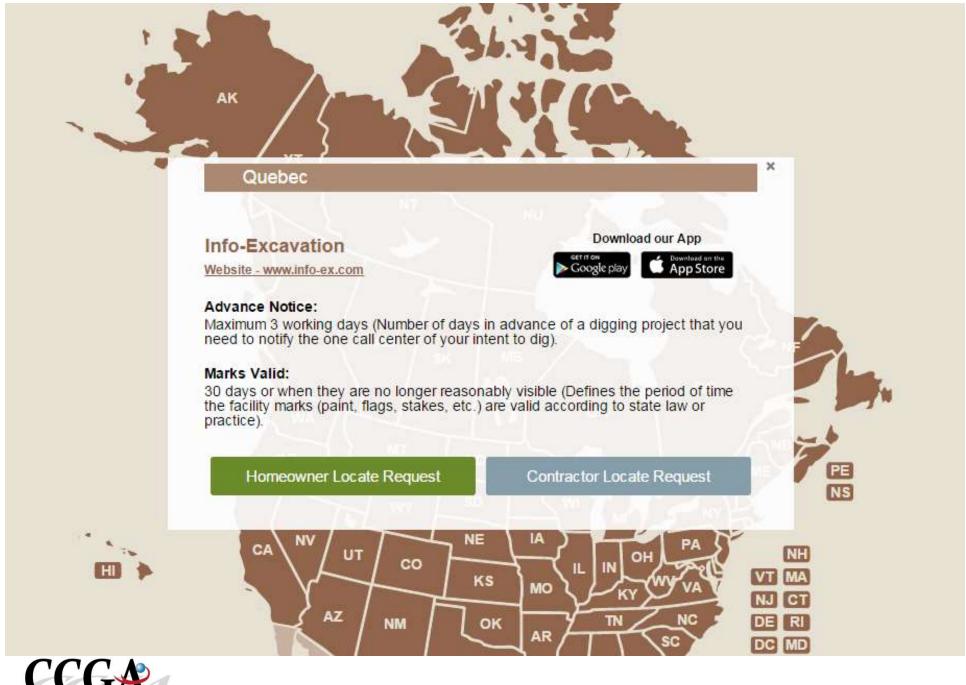
# NORTH AMERICA'S new ClickBeforeYouDig.com Portal





### **Know What's Below.**

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### Why ClickBeforeYouDig.com?

#### Placing requests online has benefits:

#### For Users:

- Place locate requests 24/7
- Never be on HOLD!
- Eliminate errors in data entry
- Include attachments / photos

#### **For Contact Centres:**

- Decreased processing time
- Reduce cost to members

# Prime Is Money 6

#### **For Members**

Attachments reduce the need to locate while maintaining system integrity



### Mobile "One Call" Applications

Putting safety in the palm of your hand





#### **CSA Z247**

# Damage prevention for the protection of underground infrastructure

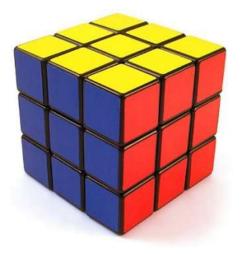




### Challenge

Securing a cross-section of buried utility owners, operators and their associations, locators, and regulators to the CSA Technical Committee from across Canada...

...and designing a Damage Prevention Standard that applies to all of them.







### **Z247's Technical Committee**

- Regulators (five regulators)
- Transmission Pipelines
- Distribution pipelines
- Telecommunications
- Municipalities (FCM)
- Electricity
- Excavators
- One-Call Systems / Services
- Locators
- Buried infrastructure associations (CEPA, CAPP, FCM, CCGA, CAPULC)
- Water and Sewer
- Upstream facilities



"...the federal government facilitate efforts to establish a national access point for information on the location of buried infrastructure, as well as the promotion of one-call centres and call-before-you-dig initiatives. Information on the coordinates of underground infrastructure should be consulted prior to any excavation activities by a third party"





**February 2014:** Motion passed to examine

One Call Services and Damage

Prevention Best Practices.

**December 2014:** Released "Digging Safely – One

Call Notifications Systems and the

Prevention of Damage to Canada's

Buried Infrastructure"





#### **Recommendation 1**

That the federal government reference the CSA Z247 standard for protection and prevention of damage to buried infrastructure in relevant federal legislation and encourage provinces and territories to reference the standard in legislation.





#### **Recommendation 2**

That buried facilities on federal land be registered with a provincial or territorial one-call service; and that the federal government require anyone undertaking construction or excavation on federal land to call a one-call service, where one exists.





#### **Recommendation 3**

That the federal government require all owners of federally regulated buried infrastructure to become members of a provincial or territorial one-call service, where one exists.





#### **Recommendation 4**

That the federal government introduce a conditional provincial/territorial grant dependent on the adoption of legislation requiring mandatory participation of all owners and/or operators of underground facilities and excavators in a prescribed one-call service. The grant would be available to assist one-call centres with training, innovation, education and public awareness.



### **Senator Grant Mitchell**





# The Underground Infrastructure Safety Enhancement Act



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#### **Governing:**

- Federally regulated underground infrastructure
- Underground infrastructure on federal lands

#### **Mandates:**

- Registration with a notification centre
- Response to a locate request
- Federal regulators of buried infrastructure must develop a damage prevention mandate



### **CCGA National Committees**

- National Best Practices Committee
- National DIRT & Statistics Committee
- National Education & Marketing Committee



### **National Statistics**







# Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT) Highlights

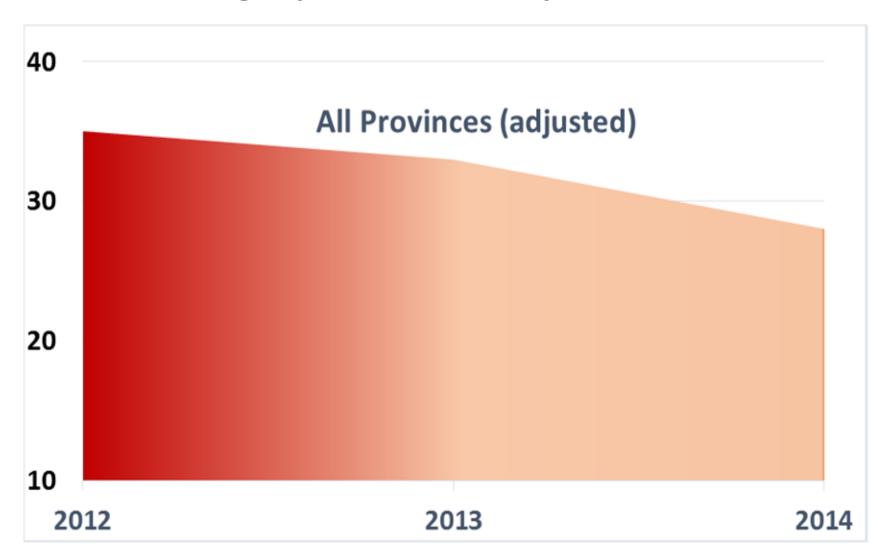




- **Reporting in DIRT is voluntary**. Data analyzed is not representative of <u>all</u> damages that have occurred.
- A significant number of queries were left unanswered in the damage reports completed by DIRT users. Report provides aggregate data from the participating provinces.
- "Damage" refers to damages and near misses (near hits)

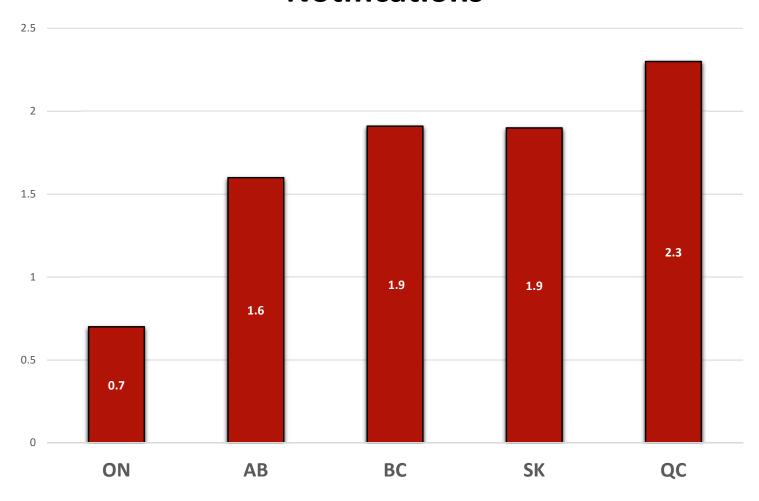


#### Damages per Business Day 2012 - 2014



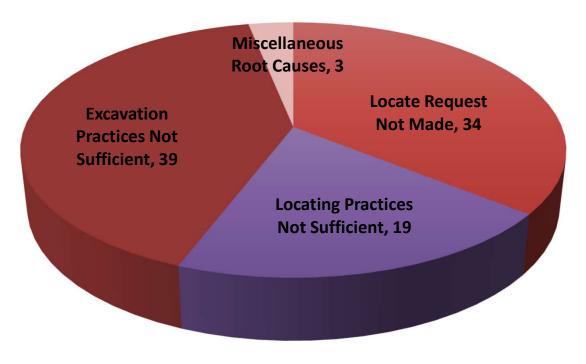


### 2014 Damage Ratio per 1000 Notifications





#### **Root Cause 2014**

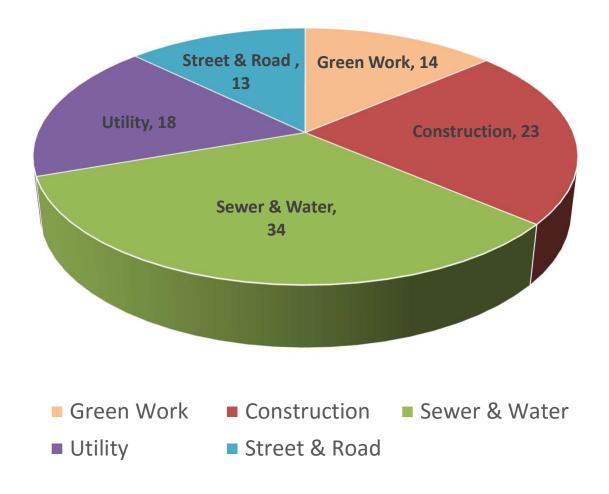


■ Locate Request Not Made

- **■** Locating Practices Not Sufficient
- **■** Excavation Practices Not Sufficient
- **Miscellaneous Root Causes**



#### **Type of Work Resulting in Damage**





### **Societal Costs**

- Beyond repairs, most damages generate societal costs:
  - Environmental contamination
  - Emergency response
  - Loss of service, business, data
  - Evacuation



- Alberta reported over 2,500 damages to underground infrastructure in 2015. The societal cost formula attributed determined these damages cost Albertans over \$300,000,000.
- Damages across Canada are costing Canadians over \$1,000,000,000 every year.



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