

**MUNICIPAL  
ENGINEERS  
ASSOCIATION**



# **2021 Awards Gala**

**November 26, 2021**

# 2021 MEA BURSARY AWARDS

- ▶ 14<sup>th</sup> year MEA has provided Bursaries to the children/dependents of municipal employees/members of council who will be enrolling into the 1<sup>st</sup> year of an engineering program at the University level.
- ▶ Since the inception of the program, the MEA has awarded over \$150,000 in Bursaries
- ▶ Candidates must apply according to a strict criteria and are scored/ranked through the MEA's Bursary Committee
- ▶ Highest scoring applicants receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and the *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* (new), each valued at \$2,000
- ▶ Balance of successful applicants receive \$1,500 each.

# John Hammer Memorial Bursary

The MEA first instituted a Student Bursary program in 2008, the year that John Hammer, P. Eng. was MEA President.

John Hammer served his entire career as a Municipal Engineer. John was continuously dedicated to upholding the highest level of professionalism, impeccable dedication and uncompromising standards throughout his career.

Unfortunately, John passed away suddenly in August of 2018. The MEA Board of Directors subsequently named one of its Student Bursaries to honour John.



# **John Hammer Memorial Bursary**

**The winner of this year's award is Rebecca Brydon. Rebecca is studying Engineering at the University of Toronto.**

**Congratulations, Rebecca !!**

# William Robinson Memorial Bursary

Bill started at the Town of Vaughan in 1984 as a Development Engineer, later promoted to Director of Engineering and in 2002 took on the role as Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works until his retirement in 2019. After he retired from the City of Vaughan, he spent some time with Cole Engineering. He was a well-respected engineer throughout his entire career and was a great supporter of the MEA. Bill served on the MEA Board and was MEA President in 2005.

Sadly, we lost Bill in August of 2020.

The MEA is honouring Bill's dedication to the MEA by creating the annual *William Robinson Memorial Bursary*, this year being the inaugural award.

Bill's family/friends are here tonight;  
we would like to acknowledge them.



# **William Robinson Memorial Bursary**

**The winner of the inaugural award is Sydney Beatty. Sydney is now studying Chemical Engineering at Trent University.**

**Congratulations, Sydney!!**

# 2021 MEA BURSARY AWARDS

- *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* (\$2,000) awarded to:
  - ❑ Rebecca Brydon
- *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* (\$2,000) awarded to:
  - ❑ Sydney Beatty
- MEA Bursaries (\$1,500/each) awarded to:
  - ❑ Charlotte Arkell
  - ❑ David Farrelly
  - ❑ Matthew Stranges
  - ❑ Nathan Cox
  - ❑ Tameem Hossain
  - ❑ Tyler Ruttle
  - ❑ Will Davey





# Congratulations to all Bursary Winners & Good Luck at University!





# MEA AWARDS ANNUAL PROGRAM

## ➤ Three Award Categories:

1. **MEA Award:** Recipients have provided outstanding service to society and the community, been recognized for work-related accomplishment in an engineering project of above-average merit, and/or have a record of long-term service.
2. **MEA Order of Merit:** Recipients have served MEA diligently for many years and/or made a substantial contribution to MEA over his/her career.
3. **MEA Life Membership:** Recipients are former active members of the Association who have retired from active municipal employment. The criteria considered for Life Membership includes the individual's extensive service to the Association through its Board or committees of the Association and extensive service to the individual's municipality.

# Recognizing Last Year's MEA Award Winners

- Last year, due to COVID-19, the MEA hosted its 2020 Awards Gala as part of its Virtual AGM. Unfortunately, we were not able to celebrate with them as we were not able to host an in-person banquet/gala
- Let's acknowledge the 2020 Award Winners tonight

# 2020 MEA Award Winners



**Individual Award**  
**Reg Russwurm, P. Eng.**  
**City of Guelph**



**Project Award Co-winner**  
**David Atkins, P. Eng**  
**York Region.**



**Project Award Co-winner**  
**Mike Nykoluk, P. Eng.**  
**York Region**

# 2020 Award Winners

## ➤ MEA Team Award (YP Committee):

- ▶ Billy Cheung, P. Eng. - York Region
- ▶ Taylor Crinklaw, P. Eng. - City of Woodstock
- ▶ Melissa Ryan, P. Eng. - City of Kitchener
- ▶ David Moyle, P. Eng. - City of Toronto
- ▶ Dane Reynolds, P. Eng. - City of Barrie



# 2020 Order of Merit

▶ Rick Kester, P. Eng.





# 2020 MEA LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS



**Rick Kester, P. Eng.**



**Tom Copeland, P. Eng.**



**John F. Thompson, P. Eng.**

# Recognizing 2021 Award Winners

- **This year the 2021 MEA Awards Committee received 2 nominations from the membership and also considered several other candidates for awards.**
- **The Committee recommended 5 MEA Awards and 1 Life Membership to the Board of Directors for approval.**
- **Let's Celebrate this year's winners!**





# MEA AWARD



## **Mike Rabeau P. Eng. York Region**

**Mike was nominated for an MEA Award by his peers for his outstanding efforts as an employee at York Region for the last 17 years.**

**Since joining York Region, Mike has progressively taken on greater responsibility and leadership roles. Currently serving as Director, Capital Planning & Delivery - Environmental Services, Mike manages a large branch of dedicated professional and technical staff responsible for expanding and sustaining \$7.7 billion in water and wastewater infrastructure.**

**He spearheads high-profile large capital projects, like the recently completed \$850 million Rehabilitation/Expansion of the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (2019) – which required navigating through complex provincial approvals, a high degree of leadership to ensure effective execution through all project stages and a collaborative approach with counterparts in Durham Region.**

**The York Durham Sewer System Forcemain Twinning project was successfully commissioned this year within budget and 6-months ahead of schedule, despite the impacts of COVID-19. This record-breaking, complex project was a success due to innovative engineering design and collaboration with the Town of Newmarket, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and the contractor.**



# MEA AWARD

**Brian Lima, P. Eng.  
County of Elgin**



Brian has been nominated by his peers to receive the MEA Award based on a career engaging in many projects and his substantial contributions to the improvement of municipal engineering, especially in the area of community development and engagement.

This includes the high-profile and complex work in the Township of Malahide. The collapse of the Port Bruce Bridge not only garnered national media attention but had significant impacts on the community. Brian went above and beyond to keep the community engaged and informed of bridge work and expertly handled a highly emotional and contentious municipal undertaking.

Over the past two years, Brian's commitment to extensively communicating project milestones and working closely with the Township of Malahide has not wavered. His personal and professional service to the community has been outstanding and valued by the residents of the Township of Malahide. Brian ensured the seamless integration of all project components, including the removal of the temporary bridge and opening of the permanent bridge, exceeding everyone's expectations for this project.



# MEA AWARD

**Mark Winterton, P. Eng.  
City of Windsor (Retired)**



**This award is a consensus recommendation from the MEA Awards Committee.**

**Mark retired in 2021 as the City Engineer for the City of Windsor. He served in progressive roles for 4 mayors and 6 CAOs in his 30-year career. He was the leader of engineering during the last six years at the City and offered a substantial and authoritative professionalism to the community in the carrying out of his duties.**

**Mark successfully advocated for major strategic improvements in the City's management of its environmental and transportation assets. He managed the response to 2 of the City's largest floods, record high lake levels, and the 2016 tornado. He successfully spearheaded the completion of the City's Sewer Master Plan which set the roadmap for sewer work for the next 50 to 100 years.**

**Mark leaves a legacy of hundreds of projects, including residential developments, grade separations, bridges replacements, fire halls, libraries, and roads.**

**Mark was also a former Chair of RPWCO. He is a frequent community volunteer, donor and attendee at community charitable events, communicating with the public that engineers are considerate and conscious of our social environment. He also served on the Workplace Excellence Committee of Hotel Dieu-Grace Healthcare.**





# MEA AWARD

**Les Shepherd, P. Eng.  
Ministry of Transportation of Ontario**



**This award is a consensus recommendation from the 2021 Awards Committee.**

**Les was the T.J. Mahony Road School Director from 2004 to 2017 as well as being the MIT-TM33 Course Coordinator and instructor from 1997 to 2017. He has served as the chair of MEA's Training Committee for many years; a role that continues today.**

**He is being recognized for his tremendous dedication and service to the MEA over the years in helping to educate and train many within the municipal engineering field.**

**Prior to joining MTO in 2017, Les was the Director of Public Works for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville from 2000 to 2017.**



# MEA AWARD

**David Mhango, P. Eng.  
York Region**



**This award is a consensus recommendation from the 2021 Awards Committee.**

**David was instrumental in developing a strong corporate sponsorship model/template during the 2019 MEA Conference at the South Georgian Bay Conference which was held in the Town of the Blue Mountains – the most successful one to date – and he was responsible for bringing on more sponsors to the annual conference than ever.**

**More recently, David, as a member of the MEA Conference Advisory Committee, has again worked very hard towards another successful corporate sponsorship program for the 2021 Conference, and tirelessly reached out to secure potential sponsors. David's effort has changed the way the MEA approaches sponsorships and has assisted the MEA to be more self sustaining, especially during the current pandemic environment.**

**MEA will continue to follow David's example going forward.**





# MEA LIFE MEMBERSHIP



**Arup Mukherjee, P. Eng.  
United Counties of Leeds-Grenville (Retired)**

**This is a consensus recommendation from the 2021 Awards Committee.**

**Arup retired as the Director of Public Works at Leeds-Grenville in 2020. He has had a 30+ year career working in both local and regional governments in Toronto, Markham, York Region and Bradford. Upon retirement, he became principle of ARKim Solutions Inc., where he continues to provide municipal engineering consulting services. He also teaches engineering related courses at George Brown College.**

**Arup has been a very active member of the MEA over the years; also involved with the OPWA – including being the Chair of the Ottawa Valley Branch for the OPWA. More recently, Arup was significantly involved/responsible for developing the MEA’s “OPS 101” Course (course material, presentation slides) over an approximately 18-month period, and successfully launching/implementing the course in the autumn of 2020. He also took on the responsibility as the Course Facilitator for each of the course offerings to date and will continue in this capacity for the foreseeable future.**

**The course has been a successful offering by the MEA, and we expect it to develop into more advanced modules related to OPS; we anticipate Arup’s support role to continue.**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD WINNERS!

- ▶ The MEA encourages the membership to nominate members for recognition. More information about the MEA Awards Program can be found at:

<https://municipalengineers.on.ca/events/mea-awards.html>