

**MUNICIPAL
ENGINEERS
ASSOCIATION**



2022 Awards Gala

November 17, 2022

2022 MEA BURSARY AWARDS

- ▶ 2022 marks the 15th consecutive year MEA is providing bursaries to children and dependents of municipal employees who will be enrolling into the 1st year of an engineering program at the University level.
- ▶ Since the inception of the program, the MEA has awarded over \$165,000 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*, each valued at \$2,000
- ▶ Balance of successful applicants receive \$1,500 each.

John Hammer Memorial Bursary

The winner of this award is Matthew Robinson.
Matthew is studying electrical engineering at the
University of Ottawa.

His father, Bryan Robinson is a professional engineer
and is employed as the Director of Public Works at the
City of Kawartha Lakes.

Matthew is here this evening.

Congratulations, Matthew !

William Robinson Memorial Bursary

The winner of this award is Quinn Leschuk. Quinn is now studying mechanical engineering at Lakehead University.

Quinn's father, Marc Leschuk is a professional engineer employed as a Quality Control & Training Specialist in the Environmental Division at the City of Thunder Bay.

Unfortunately, Quinn could not be here tonight
But we want to acknowledge him.

Congratulations, Quinn!

MEA Bursary Award

Emma He is also the winner of an MEA Bursary. Emma is currently studying industrial engineering at the University of Toronto.

Emma's father, William (Wenlong) He is professional engineer employed as a Senior Engineer in the Transportation Services division at the City of Toronto.

Emma is here this evening.

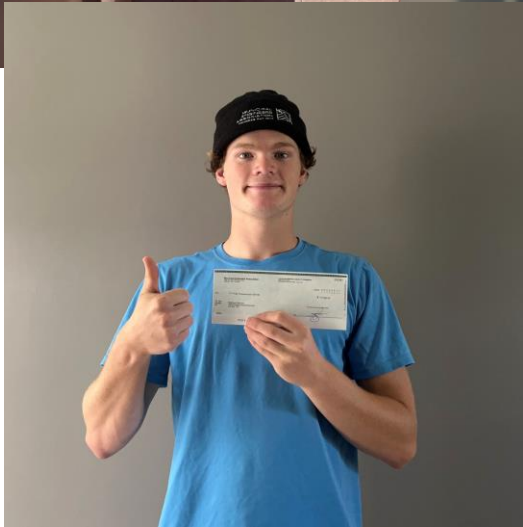
Congratulations, Emma!

2022 MEA BURSARY AWARDS

- *John Hammer Memorial Bursary:*
 - ❑ Matthew Robinson
- *William Robinson Memorial Bursary:*
 - ❑ Quinn Leschuk
- MEA Bursaries:
 - ❑ Emma He
 - ❑ Andrew Giles
 - ❑ Connor Pullen
 - ❑ Jacob Altenhof
 - ❑ Michelle Adams
 - ❑ Phillip Gauthier
 - ❑ Ryan Monfaredshad
 - ❑ Shireef Zekry



Congratulations to all Bursary Winners & Good Luck at University!



MEA AWARDS PROGRAM

➤ Three Award Categories:

1. **MEA Award**: Recipients have provided outstanding service to 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.

2022 Award Winners

- This year the 2022 MEA Awards Committee received 6 nominations from the membership and also considered other candidates for awards.
- The Committee recommended 7 MEA Awards and 2 Life Membership to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Let's Celebrate this year's winners!



MEA AWARD

Don Kudo P. Eng.
Wellington County



Don has been nominated by his peers as a candidate to receive the MEA Award. Over the past 34 years, Don has provided outstanding community service at Wellington County, Halton-Hills and the City of Guelph. He has enhanced municipal engineering through his participation with MEA as a member of the OPS Environmental Committee since 2009 (Chair since 2017); a course director since for the Stormwater Management Course offered through the Good Roads Infrastructure Training Program; extensive involvement with OPWA since 2014. Don is the current Chapter President for OPWA. Don has managed numerous successful engineering projects and provided outstanding senior leadership.



MEA AWARD



Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas Kenneally, P. Eng. Posthumous

Kathleen was a uniquely gifted, versatile, innovative engineer whose commitment to public service, community and making communities better is why her peers nominated her posthumously. Kathleen was an active member of the Municipal Engineers Association, sitting on the Board of Directors from 1991 to 1999. While part of the Board she was also the Chair of the MEA MCEA Committee for that period and oversaw the complete re-writing of the two separate roads and water/wastewater Class EAs and combining them into one document, the document being the Municipal Class EA that we still use today. Kathleen spent over 40 years in Public Service that spanned cities across Canada.

The bulk of her career was spent in Toronto where she started her career with Metro Toronto after graduating from Queen's University in 1981. As the Director of Engineering for Metro Toronto she helped shepherd the department through its amalgamation into the City of Toronto. She was involved in numerous high-profile projects



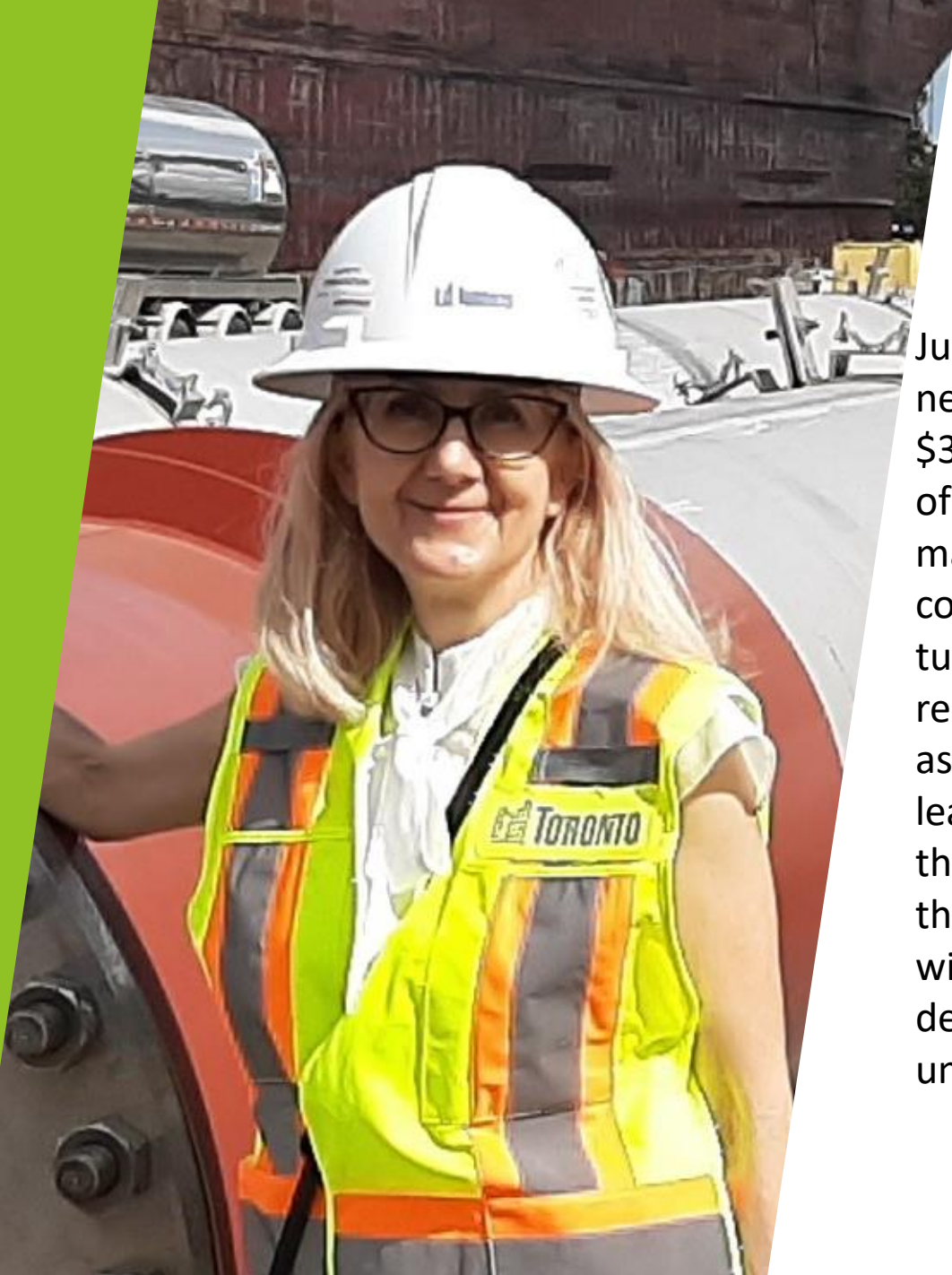
MEA AWARD



Marc Clermont, P. Eng. Posthumous

For the past 32 years, Marc has dedicated his working career to the field of Municipal Engineering. Marc started working as a Municipal Engineer in 1990 at the City of Rockland, moving into the role of County Engineer / Public Works Director at the United Counties of Prescott and Russell in 1995. During much of that time, Marc was a proud member of the MEA. Marc always made it a priority to attend the annual conference. He was a fixture in the hospitality suite – he loved to sit in a comfortable chair and ‘supervise’ the festivities with a refreshment in hand.

Marc embodied the typical spirit of an engineer within the public service; he always tried to do the right thing, he brought the best information forward to Council, he respected their decisions and quietly and honourably and did everything in his power to improve the community he worked for. . Marc was known as a County Engineer who promoted the concept of collaborating with local municipalities. He keenly understood the fiscal challenges they faced and was always willing to help



MEA AWARD

Justyna Teper, P. Eng. PhD
City of Toronto

Justyna was nominated by her peers for her work on the new Outfall at Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant. This is a \$300 million dollar project that involves the construction of a 7 metre diameter tunnel 3.5 km into Lake Ontario. A major milestone was reached this year with the completion of the mining of the tunnel. The main tunneling shaft is 85 m deep. A photo of the shaft received an award from the Tunnel Association of Canada as Photo of the Year, 2021. Justyna has provided strong leadership and representation of the City of Toronto throughout the detailed design and construction phases of the project. She has worked closely and collaboratively with the lead consultant Hatch to ensure the successful delivery of the project. The construction is being undertaken by Southland Astaldi Joint Venture.





MEA AWARD

Pritish Roy, P. Eng.
City of Toronto



Pritish has been with the City for 13 years and was nominated for his work on the project to construct new Fluidized Bed Incinerators at the Highland Creek Treatment Plant. Pritish was the Senior Engineer and lead during the Class Environmental Assessment for this project. The Class EA was completed in 2016. Following approval of the Class EA, Pritish lead the development of the RFP and award of the assignment to Jacobs. Pritish provided the leadership and direction of this key project throughout the detailed design phase and became Manager of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Unit in 2020. Pritish led the pre-purchase of the incinerators from SUEZ with a value of \$42 million.

The project has been successfully awarded to Maple Reinders and the award value is \$270 million and construction will commence this fall.



MEA AWARD

Ronald Trewin, P. Eng.
Durham Region



Ronald was nominated by his peers for his work/project related achievements as well as his long-term service to municipal engineering, Ron was the design Project Manager for the Victoria Street reconstruction and widening through the Lynde Shores Wetland complex and Conservation Area. Through his dedication, knowledge and experience, this complex project was an award winning success. Ron drove the project through complex environmental and geotechnical challenges, working with multiple agencies to achieve benefits for the environment, active transportation, and roads users in the sensitive Lynde Shores Wetland complex and Conservation Area. This project won the TAC Environmental Achievement award in 2022. This project also won the OPWA Project of the Year. Throughout Ron's 40 year career (the last 25 with Durham Region), Ron has held positions in both the transportation design and construction divisions in addition to working as a Senior Project Manager on transportation projects.



MEA AWARD OF MERIT



Salim Alibhai, P. Eng., PMP
York Region

This is consensus nomination of the Awards Committee. Salim is one of the, if not the longest serving MEA Board member in its history. Salim joined the Board in 2012 and has served for 10 years. Salim was Secretary-Treasurer for 4 years (also the longest term ever) and served as President starting in November 2020. Salim is Ashbridge's set to leave the Board at the end of November 2022. Salim's dedication and attention to detail has served the MEA well over his 10 years. He has provided critical leadership and his sense of practicality was always well received. He assisted MEA on numerous occasions through his access to resources at York Region.

Many times, Salim has gone the "extra mile" for MEA and the Awards Committee believe he is worthy of being awarded the MEA Order of Merit for his contributions to the MEA over the years.



MEA LIFE MEMBERSHIP



**David Thompson, P. Eng.
Loyalist Township - retiring**

David has diligently served the MEA over the years. He was a fixture on MEA/MECP Liaison Committee (also the chair) for many years and also participated on the MCEA Monitoring Committee . He also served on the MEA Board.

David was awarded a MEA Award in 2019 for his extensive service to the MEA.

David is retiring from Loyalist Township effective the end of this year.



MEA LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Les Shepherd, P. Eng.
MTO - retired

Les was the T.J. Mahony Road School Director from 2004 to 2017, the MIT-TM33 Course Coordinator and instructor from 1997 to 2017, and chair of MEA's Training Committee for many years. He retired from MTO in 2022.

Les was recognized with a MEA Award in 2021 as a result of his tremendous dedication/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.

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>