



**MUNICIPAL
ENGINEERS
ASSOCIATION**

2024 Awards Luncheon

November 20, 2024

MEA AWARD & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

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. Nominated by MEA members and/or recommended through MEA Awards Committee.

Volunteer Recognition – Service Award Milestone:

Service Milestone Recognition (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years) for members volunteering on MEA Committees.

2024 MEA Award Winners

- This year the MEA Awards Committee received nominations from the membership and also considered other candidates for awards.
- The Committee recommended 3 MEA Award winners to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Let's Celebrate this year's winners!



MEA AWARD

**Justin Armstrong P. Eng.
Region of Waterloo**

Justin was nominated by Marcos Kroker, P. Eng and Frank Kosa, P. Eng.

As the Waterloo Region project manager for Fischer-Hallman Road (Regional Road No. 58) improvements between 2020 and 2023 in the City of Kitchener, Justin managed the project team, including four Indigenous Communities, engineering and archaeologist consultants, and the general contractor.

His service-centred, collaborative approach built and/or strengthened relationships with each of these organizations.

MEA AWARD

Shu He, M.E. Sc., P. Eng. York Region

Shu was nominated by Mike Rabeau, P. Eng., and Pina Accardi, P. Eng.

As Manager, Shu manages and co-ordinates engineering services required to deliver York Region's large, complex 10-year Water and Wastewater Capital Program, including watermains, sanitary sewers, pumping stations and treatment facilities. His leadership is relied upon to act as one of York Region's technical experts on water and wastewater design and construction issues. He leads a team of 6 Project Managers and their staff who manage these vital projects required to service our Region.

Shu's leadership has been an important part of key regional projects, including the York Durham Sewer System Forcemain Twinning Project. This project was successfully commissioned in 2021 within budget and six months ahead of schedule, despite impacts of COVID-19. This 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

Erin O'Neill, P. Eng.
City of Ottawa

Erin was nominated by Carina Duclos and Bruce Kenny, P. Eng,

The nominators stated that Erin is a visionary and collaborative leader who transforms critical City-wide infrastructure challenges by driving creative solutions. She applies her technical expertise, project management skills and communication abilities to develop innovative solutions, while also educating, mentoring, and coaching staff, contractors, engineering consultants, and stakeholders with consensus-building, active listening, and humour.

As the most transformational, relevant and greatest example, Erin's leadership has positioned the City as a provincial leader in Excess Soils management. Erin positioned the organization in the right direction by developing and implementing the foundation for the City to comply with the new Provincial legislation relating to Excess Soils.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MEA 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>

MEA VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

- ▶ The MEA is recognizing volunteers for the significant efforts participating on MEA Committees.
- ▶ MEA has 46 committees staffed by over 170 MEA members.
- ▶ Without our volunteers, the MEA would not exist.
- ▶ This year, 9 MEA members have achieved a 5 or 10-year volunteer service milestone!
- ▶ Let's recognize and celebrate our volunteers!

5 YEAR RECOGNITION

- ▶ John Thompson Retired
- ▶ Steve Lund Retired
- ▶ David Wong Retired
- ▶ Kenter Zhang York Region
- ▶ David Shelsted City of Greater Sudbury
- ▶ Mike Donnelly ** Town of Halton-Hills
- ▶ Adam Kiley City of Barrie
- ▶ Shailesh Shah ** City of Kitchener

** Present at Awards Luncheon

10 YEAR RECOGNITION

▶ Nick Colarusso **

York Region

** present at Awards Luncheon

Thank-You

Enjoy the afternoon technical sessions.

**Come to the Social Event this evening at
Queen Street Fare
7:00 pm – 12:00 midnight
(170 Queen Street)**