



**MUNICIPAL
ENGINEERS
ASSOCIATION**

2025 Awards Lunch

November 12, 2025



COLDSTREAM
CONCRETE —

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.

2025 MEA Award Winners

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

MEA AWARD

Bruce Kenny, P. Eng.
City of Ottawa



Bruce was nominated by Carina Duclos and Erin O'Neill from the City of Ottawa.

Carina and Erin acknowledged Bruce's dedication of 22 years at the City of Ottawa, consistently demonstrating excellence in the planning, design and delivery of municipal infrastructure projects. His engineering expertise, combined with his ability to manage complete issues and navigate political and stakeholder environments, has made him an invaluable asset to the City's Infrastructure Department. A few projects were highlighted in the nomination, including the Bronson Avenue Reconstruction and Alta Vista Hospital Link.

Congratulations, Bruce!

MEA AWARD

Ryan Brown, P. Eng.

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Ryan was nominated by Edward Soldo and Mascaro Amyotte from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

The nomination outlined Ryan's work over the past 4 years regarding the "Wheatley Gas Well Emergency". In June of 2021, naturally existing hydrogen sulphide gas was detected in the basement of a commercial property in the core of Wheatley, Ontario. On August 26th, 2021, an explosion of the building took place which led to a 3-year declared state of emergency. During the first year, over 100 residential and commercial properties were completely evacuated. Through engineering expertise, the evacuation zone was reduced and finally came to conclusion in 2024 with the Municipal purchase of 12 properties. These properties were demolished, and a thorough investigation of the property was completed. In total, two gas wells and two water wells were found and plugged. The cause of the explosion was determined to be gas from petroleum wells migrating to surface and entering the building through drainage tiles. While almost every department of Chatham-Kent was involved with the emergency, Ryan rose to the particular challenge of being the technical project manager at the interface between engineers and the public.

Congratulations, Ryan!



MEA AWARD

**Will Williams, Engineering Intern
Huron County**

Ryan was nominated by Imran Khalid (Huron County) and Alister Brown (City of Sarnia).

Will recently managed the successful delivery of the Blyth Tunnel Project along the Goderich to Guelph Rail Trail. This project involved restoring a tunnel under County Road 25 to provide a safe and accessible crossing for trail users. Previously, trail users were required to cross a busy County Road at grade, which created significant safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and families using the trail. Thanks to Will's leadership, the project now provides a permanent and safe grade separated crossing that greatly improves user safety while preserving the continuity of this important regional trail.

Congratulations, Will!



MEA AWARD

Brian Newman, P. Eng.
City of Thunder Bay



Brian was nominated by Kayla Dixon and Michelle Warywoda from the City of Thunder Bay.

Brian is being recognized for his contributions to the City of Thunder Bay's North Core Streetscape Project. This once-in-a-generation, \$13-million initiative transformed the City's downtown core into a welcoming, pedestrian-focused space that supports local businesses, and reflects the vision of our community.

As a senior Engineer with the City, Brian manages complex, high-profile projects. He is known for his commitment and professionalism, often going beyond the call of duty.

Brian could not be here today - we will courier his award. Congratulations, Brian

MEA AWARD

London Project Team City of Thunder Bay

This team was nominated by Ashley Rammeloo and Doug MacRae from the City of London.

The Project Team is being recognized for their involvement in the Adelaide Street Underpass Project, a once-in-a-generation project to eliminate longstanding conflicts between road users and the railway at this intersection of a major London street and the Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) rail line. Before the project, daily rail crossing delays were measured in hours due to rail operations in the adjacent CPKC yard. The new underpass directly improves safety and reliability by eliminating delays, reducing cut-through traffic in nearby neighborhoods and improve active transportation and quality of life. There are also benefits associated with improving emergency service and transit reliability. The project's success was the result of positive collaboration between City engineers, engineering consultants, the rail company and surrounding community and business associations.

Congratulations, London Project Team!



- Paul Yanchuk (Design lead)
- Ardian Spahiu (Planning and Design Lead)
- Ted Koza (Planning and Design Lead)
- Peter Kavcic (Planning and Design Lead)
- Ugo DeCandido (Construction Lead)
- Garfield Dales (Planning and Design Lead)
- Kirby Oudekerk (Pump Station Design & Operation)
- Shawna Chambers (Drainage Design)
- Monica McVicar (Drainage Design Lead)

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, 19 MEA members have achieved a 5 or 10-year volunteer service milestone!
- ▶ Let's recognize and celebrate our volunteers!

5 YEAR RECOGNITION

▶ Ashley Rammeloo *	City of London
▶ Peter Kavcic *	City of London
▶ Reg Russwurm *	City of Guelph
▶ Matthew Miedema *	City of Thunder Bay
▶ Aaron Ward	City of Thunder Bay
▶ David Mhango *	York Region
▶ Edward Chiu *	York Region
▶ Carlos Reyes *	City of Kitchener
▶ Melissa Ryan	City of Kitchener
▶ Roslyn Lusk *	City of Kitchener
▶ Jeffrey Lee	Town of Oakville
▶ Kelly Walsh *	City of Fort Erie
▶ Darrin Dodds	Peel Region

* Present at Awards Lunch

10 YEAR RECOGNITION

- ▶ Carl Grabowski City of London
- ▶ Salim Alibhai * York Region
- ▶ Eva Pulnicki * York Region
- ▶ Mohan Toor * City of Vaughan
- ▶ Rober Fazio City of Toronto
- ▶ Penelope Palmer * City of Toronto

* present at Awards Luncheon

Thank-You

Enjoy the afternoon technical sessions.

**Come to the Social Event this evening at The
Factory**

**7:00 pm – 12:00 midnight
(Shuttles running from 6:45 - midnight)**