



**MUNICIPAL
ENGINEERS
ASSOCIATION**

2025 President's Gala

November 13, 2025



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2025 MEA Bursary Awards

- ▶ 2025 marks the 18th 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 \$217,000 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.

William Robinson Memorial Bursary

The winner of this award is Rayna Yuen. Rayna is studying Nanotechnology Engineering at the University of Waterloo.

Rayna's mother works for the City of Markham as a Supervisor – Secretariat Services.

Rayna is here this evening with her parents Fatima and Kevin. Let's congratulate Rayna for her achievement!

2025 MEA BURSARY AWARDS

➤ *William Robinson Memorial Bursary:*

☐ Rayna Yuen

➤ *John Hammer Memorial Bursary:*

☐ Eddie Samuel

➤ MEA Bursaries:

☐ George Davidson

☐ Edwin Qi

☐ Esther Bino

☐ Ryan Reid

☐ Mara Lasko

☐ Armish Samoon

☐ Caleb Klein

☐ Aiden Stanley

☐ Madison Chisholm-Davidson

☐ Ethan Peters

Congratulations to all Bursary Winners & Good Luck at University!



MEA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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.

And this year's recipient is

MEA & LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Rick Harms, P. Eng., Retired

Rick is a long-standing member of the MEA and served on the OPS Drainage committees for many years. Rick was also a winner of the MEA Award in 2018.

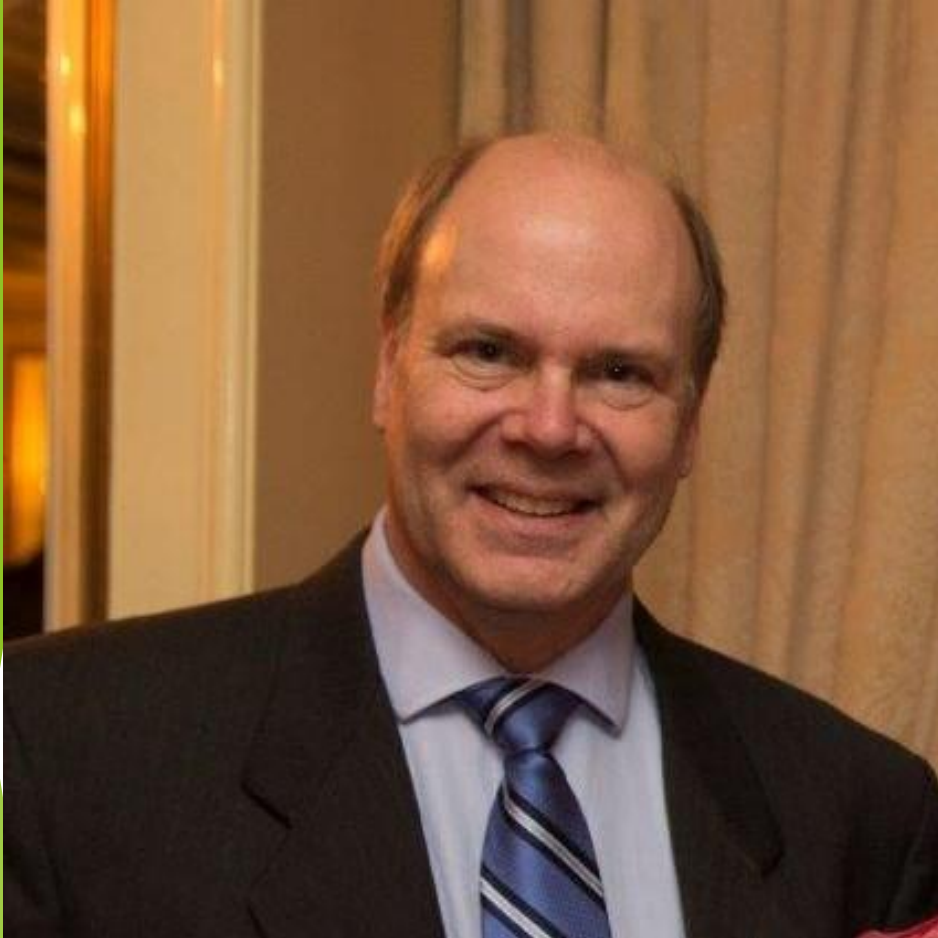
He has been a fixture at the MEA Conference - rarely missing on opportunity to network with colleagues and friends.

Rick served on the Good Roads Board and was their President in 2020

Rick is a municipal engineer through and through. Some might even say that if you looked up the definition of a municipal engineer, you could find his picture there. Over the course of his career, Rick has played a key role in guiding many of the Thunder Bay's major planning initiatives, including the Water Master Plan, the Pollution Prevention and Control Plan, and not one, but two updates to the Transportation Master Plan. He has also helped oversee the full separation of the combined sanitary and storm sewer system across the City, which was no small feat. Rick's expertise and dedication have left a lasting mark on the City of Thunder Bay; he has helped shape the City's infrastructure for generations to come.

Rick retired from the City of Thunder Bay in 2022. He continues to be involved in the municipal engineering field as he has taken on a role with a consulting firm (RJ Burnside) since his retirement.

Congratulations, Rick!



MEA ORDER OF MERIT

MEA Order of Merit:

Those who have served the MEA diligently for many years and/or made a substantial contribution to MEA. Order of Merit nominees are considered exclusively by the MEA Awards Committee and/or the MEA Board of Directors.

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This year's recipient is



MEA Order of Merit

**Chris Traini, P. Eng.,
County Engineer – Middlesex County**

The MEA Order of Merit is the highest honour the MEA can bestow on a member.

The 2025 MEA Awards committee singled out Chris to be recognized for this honour for his many years of involvement with the association and helping to raise MEA's profile/relevancy throughout the province.

Chris has and continues to serve the MEA by volunteering on a number of committees. He served on the MEA Board of Directors from 2019 through to 2024, and was the President in 2023.

Chris also was invaluable to the MEA during his tenure while serving on the Good Roads Board and as their President in 2018.
Congratulations, Chris!

2025 BRIDGE CHALLENGE RESULTS

- Held earlier this afternoon
- Results

2025 STEVE CARROLL MEMORIAL HOCKEY CLASSIC

- Trophy Presentation



**Chisholm, Fleming
and Associates**
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2026 MEA CONFERENCE - VAUGHAN

- November 10 -13, 2026
- Universal Event Space
 - Large conference centre
 - Room for large Tradeshow
- 3 hotels within Conference Centre Campus
 - Holiday Inn Express
 - Home 2 Suites
 - Element





Thank –You!

Hospitality Part of the Evening Begins !

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