

# MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS UPDATE

## 2023 MEA Conference

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# Topics for Today

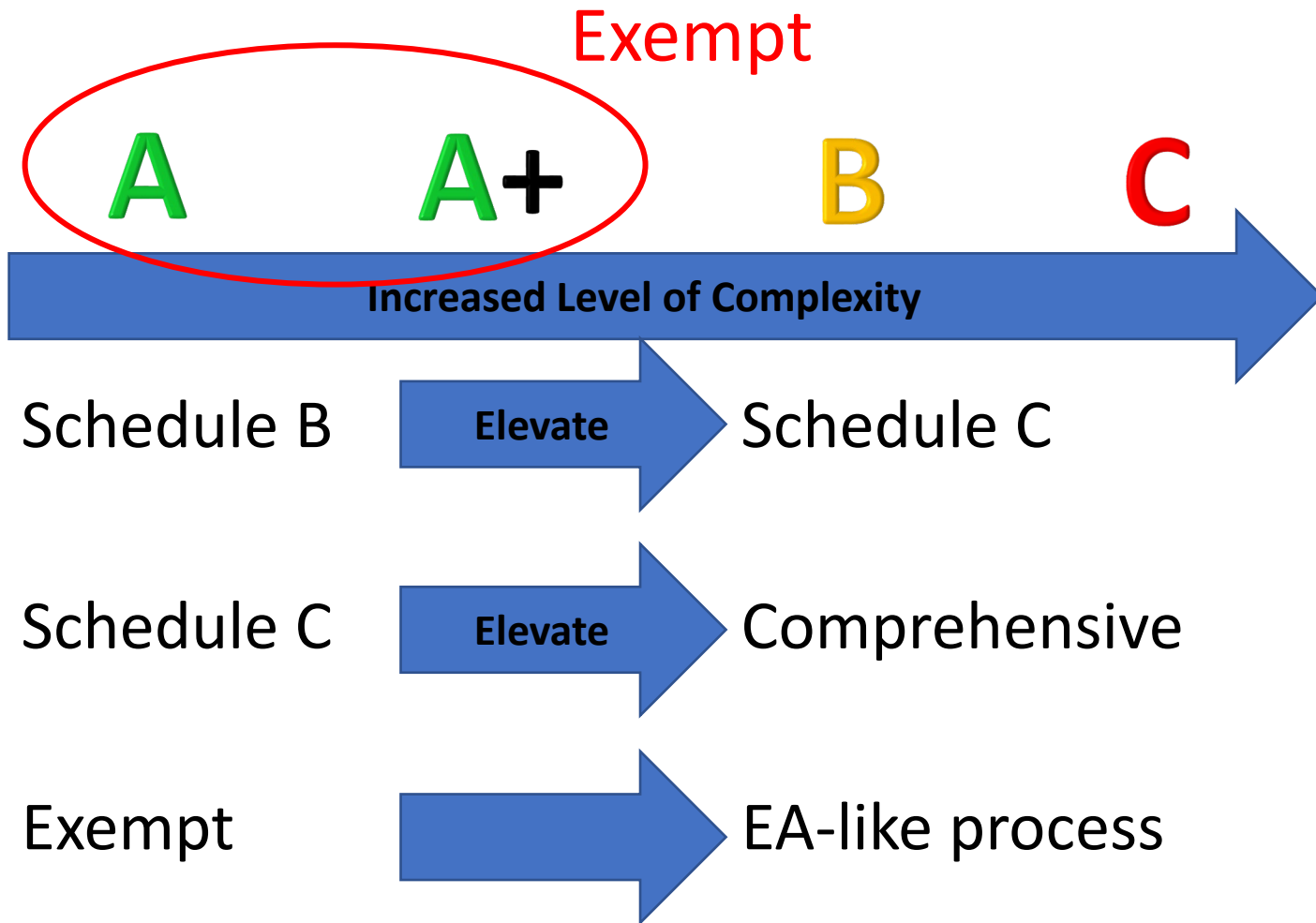
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# Proper Classification and Reporting of MCEA Projects

From More Homes, More Choice Act 2019 written into the new MCEA process:

- Schedule A and A+ projects are now **Exempt**
  - MEA still maintains A/A+ names for ease of reference and as best practice distinction re public communication
  - No Notice of Commencement or Completion
  - “Public Notice” does **not** apply
  - Cannot be elevated to Schedule B/C
  - No Section 16 Order permitted

# Types of Projects - Schedules



# Reporting MCEA Projects

- Report all Schedule B and C projects
- Report projects which followed Archeological and Collector Road Screening Processes to become Exempt
  - 18 project types eligible for screening
  - Have documentation available to demonstrate screening
- All other projects are Exempt
  - **Do Not Report**



# Review of Project Titles

## MECP Spreadsheet of Active MCEA Projects

Project Type		Number of Projects 2021	Number of Projects 2022	Number of Projects 2023	Number of Notices or Orders 2023
<b>Roads</b>	Schedule A+	8	6	7	None
	Schedule B	36	33	37	None
	Schedule C	61	25	44	None
	Master Plan	18	9	36	None
	Addendum			1	
<b>W/WW</b>	Schedule A+	2	2		None
	Schedule B	50	60	70	None
	Schedule C	6	18	26	None
	Master Plan	26	26	22	None
	Addendum			1	
<b>Total</b>		177	179	244	None

# Interpreting and Administering the MCEA

## Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is responsible for:

- Compliance and enforcement under the Environmental Assessment Act
- Amending/approving the MCEA document
- Orders Related to the EA process
  - Section 16 Order Request – private or Ministry initiated

# Interpreting and Administering the MCEA

## Project Proponent is responsible for:

- Compliance with the MCEA and EA Act
- Determining project schedule
  - Subject to screening
  - Can ask MEA, solicitor or MECP for advice
- Executing the MCEA
- Requested to consult MEA on any interpretations or clarifications with the Ministry



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# Interpreting and Administering the MCEA

## Municipal Engineers Association is responsibility for:

- Monitoring the use and application of the MCEA
  - Consistency of interpretation
- Providing information and resources to Proponents
  - Training / website / clarifications / etc.
- Representing Municipalities to the Ministry as overall Proponent of the MCEA
  - Advocacy

# MCEA Supplementary Information

MEA has developed wide range of resourcing to help proponents and practitioners navigate the MCEA available on MCEA dedicated website <https://municipalclassea.ca/>

1. Training
2. New User Guide
3. “Ask-an-expert”
4. Clarification & Resourcing

# 2023 MCEA Training Offering

## WEBINAR

MCEA 2023 Appendix 1 – Roads	May 12 2023
MCEA 2023 Appendix 1 – W/WW	May 15 2023
MCEA 2023 Appendix 1 – Transit	Oct 25, 2023
Heritage Bridge Checklist	May 16 2023
Archeology Screening Process (ASP)	Oct 24, 2023
MCEA 2023 Part A	Oct 25, 2023
Intro to MCEA Workshop	Oct 17-19, 2023
Collector Road Screening Process	Oct 24, 2023
MCEA Annual Fall Update	Oct 24, 2023

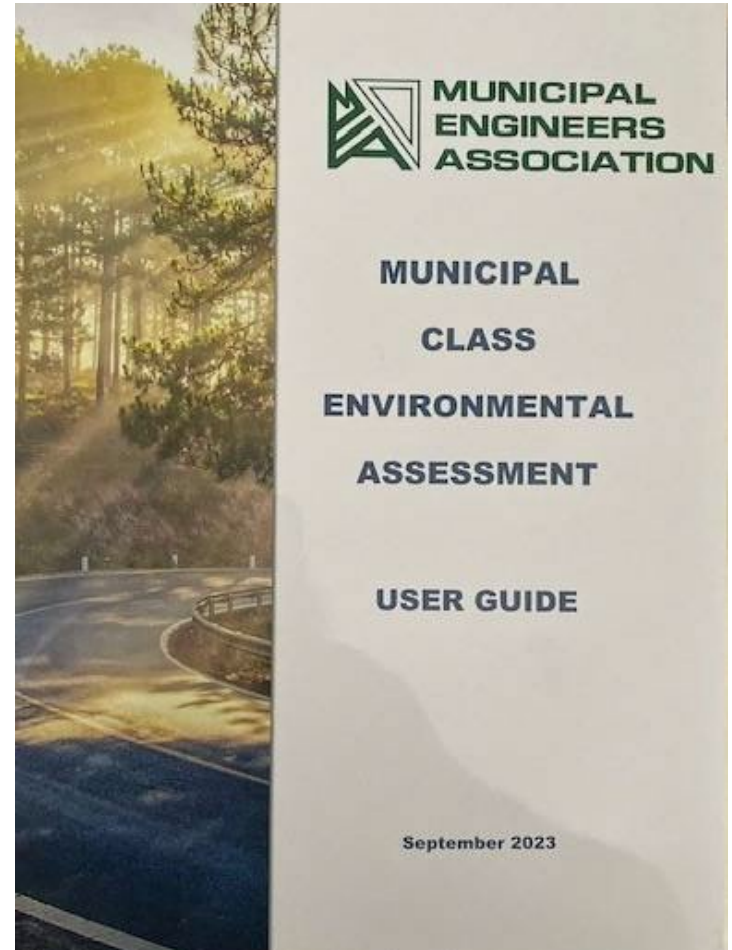


# MCEA User Guide

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- New Municipal Class Environmental Assessment User Guide (Sept 23).
- Annotates MCEA Document
- Provide with useful information, advice, and interpretation
- Purchase at:  
<https://municipalengineers.on.ca/>  
or <https://municipalclassea.ca/>



# MCEA Ask-an-Expert

- MEA offers a no-charge “Ask-an-Expert” service to the municipal industry
- Under the “Questions & Responses” tab on MCEA website
- 18 pages of past questions available
- Resident expert available through dedicated link



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# Clarification & Resourcing

- On the MCEA Website, click the “Clarifications & Resources” tab for:
  - YouTube links to selected webinars
  - Copies of selected presentations
  - Multitude of links to various topics
  - And more....



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