

# MEA MEMBER SERVICES QUARTERLY UPDATE

MUNICIPAL  
ENGINEERS  
ASSOCIATION



2019 ANNUAL WORKSHOP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

## NEWS

### 60th MEA Annual Workshop & AGM

The 60th MEA Annual Workshop & AGM was a successful event thanks to the efforts of the hardworking Organizing Committee and to the participation of the delegates and sponsors. The Annual Workshop is attracting more and more delegates and sponsors each year with the 2019 Workshop achieving 260 registration.

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## 60th MEA Annual Workshop & AGM

The 2019 Workshop was successful in sharing knowledge relating to the field of municipal engineering. To view the presentations from the Workshop, please click on the marker.



To view the photo gallery of the various tours and sessions during the workshop, please click on the flickr icon



During the President's Banquet at the 2019 Workshop, the MEA had the pleasure to hand out awards to its outstanding members and the bursary award to a new engineer in the making. Click on the flickr icon above to view the photo gallery of the awards ceremony. The following are the names of the Awards recipients:

Dave Thompson  
Sandra Lawson  
Sandra Lawson  
Joe Pitushka  
Roslyn Lusk  
Steven Lund  
Jake Kawalec

Municipal Engineers Award  
MEA Order of Merit 2019  
MEA Life Membership  
MEA Life Membership  
Incoming MEA President  
Outgoing MEA President  
2019 MEA Bursary Award





## MEA Elects New Board of Directors at 2019 AGM

The MEA elected its new Board of Directors at its 2019 AGM on November 28, 2019 at the Blue Mountain Village Resort during the Annual Fall Workshop. At the President's Banquet event later that evening, the new Board was introduced to over 220 delegates and guests. For information on the new Board, please click on the marker



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## MEA Social Media Policy

With its recent development and launch of social media platforms in Twitter and LinkedIn, the MEA Board of Directors has approved a Social Media Policy that outlines the acceptable use and administration of MEA social media accounts. Members are encouraged to review the policy. **CLICK HERE** to view the policy.



## MECP Call for Comments

MECP is seeking input on a proposed regulatory amendment for **O. Reg. 153/04** (Records of Site Condition) related to ground water sampling at sites that no longer have soil to be sampled. This proposal supports the direction in Ontario's Environment Plan to increase redevelopment and revitalization of brownfields. MECP would appreciate your input on this regulatory proposal. Please visit the Environmental Registry by clicking on the link (<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0987>) or by searching **EBR 019-0987**.

Please pass this notice along to anyone you believe may be interested. The EBR posting is open for comment until January 13, 2020.



If you have any questions or would like to discuss this proposal, please contact Sanjay Coelho, Senior Policy Analyst, Environmental Policy Branch at (416) 326-5107 or [sanjay.coelho@ontario.ca](mailto:sanjay.coelho@ontario.ca)

## OGRA Conference February 23-26 2020

Infrastructure trends, small-town forum, Recycled Roadway and much more happening at OGRA's Vision for a Prosperous Tomorrow Conference.

The MEA will be hosting a booth at the OGRA 2020 tradeshow, come by and visit our booth.

Check out the agenda, click on the icon to the right



**OGRA CONFERENCE**

vision for a prosperous tomorrow







## MTO Bridge Inspection



The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) organized a webinar in collaboration with Ontario Good Roads Association to share key points regarding municipal bridge inspections. The objective of this webinar is to develop an awareness of how to assess and address defects and details that could affect bridge safety.

- This webinar includes:
- The Purpose of Inspections
- Identifying and Assessing Defects
- Details that Require Special Attention
- Defect Case Studies

To view the webinar, click on the marker



## ROMA Conference Jan 19-21, 2020

MEA's Paul Knowles will be presenting on the recent proposed amendments of the MCEA process at the ROMA conference.

For more information and to register, click on the marker







## MECP Excess Soil Regulation

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has finalized and is implementing regulatory changes that will make it safer and easier for industry to reuse more excess soil locally and to redevelop brownfield properties. The MECP have clarified rules that will reduce construction costs associated with managing and transporting excess soil, limiting the amount of soil being sent to landfill and lowering greenhouse gas emissions from the sector, while continuing to ensure strong protection of human health and the environment.

For more information, click on the marker



## ARRA Workshop on January 28

The Ontario member of the Asphalt Reclaiming and Recycling Association is excited to host a one day Responsible In-Place Pavement Recycling Technologies workshop on January 28, 2020 to educate provincial and municipal pavement asset representatives and consultant on the design, construction and performance of treatments available at their fingertips.

Click on the marker for more information and to register.





# MEA TRAINING & EVENTS

## MCEA Workshops

The MEA is working to put together the schedule for the 2020 MCEA Workshops, Please check our website for updates on 2020 workshop offerings.

[www.municipalengineers.on.ca/events/mceatraining.html](http://www.municipalengineers.on.ca/events/mceatraining.html)

## OPS-"101" Course

The OPS "101" Course Development Committee is working hard and making good progress on developing course objectives and content. The MEA is planning to offer its first OPS "101" Course in the late winter of 2020. Engineers/technologists/technicians from municipalities, consultants, contractors and provincial agencies will be able to learn about how OPS can be used to benefit various infrastructure projects. Check our website for updates.

For more information  
CLICK HERE!



## Municipal Infrastructure Training

The MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING program is a series of courses on the design, construction, maintenance, and inspection of a wide range of infrastructure assets. MIT program formally recognizes the amalgamated training efforts of individuals in a number of categories which are highly valued by municipal infrastructure professionals. Certifications are offered for the following specializations:

- Construction Materials
- Inspection
- Road Design
- Buried Infrastructure
- Generalist



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MEA IS PLEASED TO  
ANNOUNCE

# 2020 MEA Annual Workshop

Will be hosted by  
the City of Toronto



LATE NOVEMBER, 2020

TECHNICAL SESSIONS,  
TOURS, TRADESHOW,  
AND MORE!

Stay tuned for details  
[www.MunicipalEngineers.on.ca](http://www.MunicipalEngineers.on.ca)





# ONTARIO PROVINCIAL STANDARDS

## OPS - Request for comments

The following OPS Specialty committees are requesting comments and feedback on their upcoming 2019-2020 work plan. The committees will be reviewing and updating OPSS and OPSD at their schedule noted below:

OPS Pavement



OPS Watermains



OPS Drainage



## OPS Watermains New Standard

The OPS Watermains Committee is in the process of creating a new standard(s) covering the topic of "Table of Restrained Lengths for Ductile Iron and PVC Watermain Pipe". If your municipality has local standards and/or drawings on the topic, please forward them to [Paolo.Masaro@Richmondhill.ca](mailto:Paolo.Masaro@Richmondhill.ca)

## Committee Vacancies

The MEA presently has a vacancy in the **OPS Traffic Safety Committee** – if you are interested, please forward your resume or brief bio to:

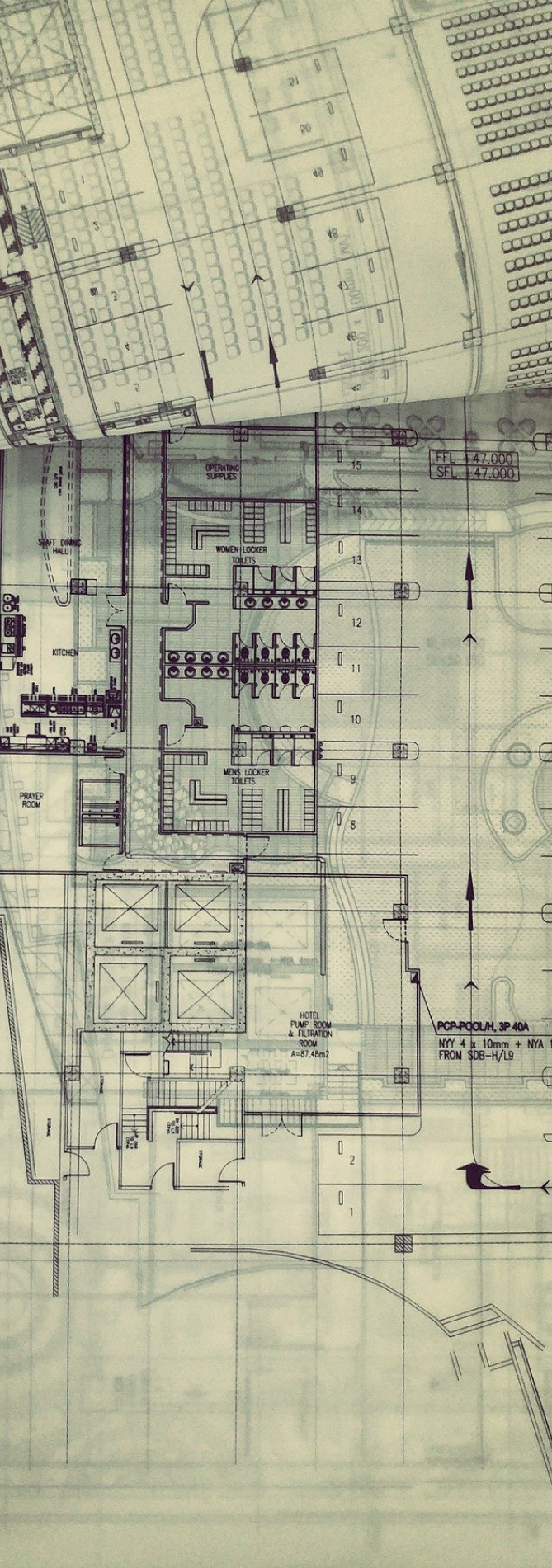
[Amin.Mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca](mailto:Amin.Mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca)

**MEA volunteering opportunities can be found in our website under Resources. [CLICK HERE!](#)**



<https://www.municipalengineers.on.ca/resources/ops.html>





## New OPS Technical Publication Website

MTO is moving towards a new more user-friendly website to host OPS Technical Publications. The OPS November publication will be on the new website only. Users are invited to test out the new website and provide feedback for consideration into the site's final design and functionality.



CLICK  
HERE!  
to view  
the  
website

Please send feedback via email to:  
[Rachel.Kyte@ontario.ca](mailto:Rachel.Kyte@ontario.ca)

## OPS Update General Conditions of Contract

The OPS General Conditions Committee has completed the review and update of OPS.MUNI.100 (General Conditions of Contract). The document was included in OPS November publication and can be found on the following website:

<https://www.library.mto.gov.on.ca/SydneyPLUS/TechPubs/Portal/tp/opsSplash.aspx>

The MEA Member Services worked with the OPS GC Committee to put together a brief update on the changes. To view the briefing click on the marker





# Municipal Class EA

## MCEA Reform Amendments

The MEA's MCEA Advisor, Paul Knowles, with the support of the MCEA Monitoring Committee, RCCAO and OGRA, has been working since the early spring to streamline and develop proposed major amendments to the MCEA process.

The proposed amendment templates were circulated for review/comment by MEA members which generated significant feedback from our membership. The amendments have been submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) on September 30, 2019. Support for this amendment will be important during MECP's review and approval process. We are hopeful the MECP will be approving these amendments later this autumn. Check our website for updates

<https://www.municipalclassea.ca/index.html>

To review the submitted amendments, please follow each link below:

[Amendment Template - Roads](#)

[Amendment Template - Water/Wastewater](#)

[Amendment Template - Transit](#)

[Amendment Template - Other Sections](#)

[Roads Table](#)

[Water/Wastewater Table](#)



## MCEA FAQs

If you have questions regarding the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, please check out the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the MEA website.



If you still couldn't find an answer to your question, feel free to ask us by utilizing the “**Ask an Expert**” link on the website.

## MCEA Liaison Committee

Do you have experience on environmental assessment and would like to contribute in pursuing improvements to the MCEA process?

The MEA needs to fill two vacancies on the MCEA Liaison Committee.

Submit your resume/bio for review to be part of a team of experts that works hard to represent MEA's interests related to MCEA.

To submit a resume or for questions, contact

[Amin.Mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca](mailto:Amin.Mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca)



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