

MEA QUARTERLY UPDATE



MEA CONFERENCE 2024

MEA 2024 Conference & AGM- Ottawa

The 2024 MEA Conference & AGM held in Ottawa was a tremendous success! Thanks to the Ottawa organizing committee for putting together a memorable event. The event attracted about 340 delegates per day and over 37 sponsors who participated in our tradeshow.

All conference presentations have been uploaded to the MEA website - [CLICK HERE](#) to access them.

Conference photos have also been uploaded, [CLICK HERE](#) to view them.

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Free Webinar Sponsored by MEA YP Committee

Topic: The Bathurst Street Watermain Replacement Project Ensuring Safety and Reliability in Water Systems

Date & Time: Feb 6, 2025 at 2PM

The Bathurst Street Watermain Replacement project, led by the City of Richmond Hill, demonstrates a strategic approach to asset management and municipal infrastructure enhancement. Aligned with the city's Asset Management Plan, the project prioritizes public health, safety, and service reliability by upgrading the water distribution system to meet both domestic and firefighting standards.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and registration.

MECP Amends O. reg. 406/10: On-Site & Excess Soil Regulation

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) has finalized an amendment to O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site & Excess Soil Regulation.

MECP announced they have taken feedback into consideration on proposed amendments described in ERO 019-9196, and is updating the Excess Soil Regulation to change the in-effect date of a provision preventing the landfilling of cleaner soil by two years and to clarify the exemptions to this provision.

Any questions regarding the amendment or other aspects of the Excess Soil Regulation can be directed to Reema Kyreishy or Sanjay Coelho at: MECP.LandPolicy@ontario.ca

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the article.

MEA Elects New Board of Directors for 2024 - 2025 Term

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) recently held its 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 21, 2024 during the 2024 MEA Conference. At the AGM, the membership approved the election of a new Board of Directors for the 2024 - 2025 Term.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details about the new Board.

New Members voted to the Board:



Imran Khalid, P. Eng.
Director of Public Works
Huron County



Ashley Rammeloo, P., Eng
Dir. Water/ Wastewater/
Stormwater
City of London

2024/2025 MEA President's Message to Membership

On November 21, 2024, following the AGM, the MEA Board of Directors appointed Taylor Crinklaw, M.Sc., P.Eng, (Director of Infrastructure Services, City of Stratford) as the MEA's President for the 2024-2025 term.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view Taylor's message to the membership.

MEA Provides Comments to RPRA re 2025 Excess Soils Fees

The MEA recently provided comments to the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) regarding proposed 2025 Excess Soils Fees.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the MEA's comments.

Free Webinar on MEA/ACEC-Ontario Standard Agreement for Engineering Services

Topic: Introducing the Updated MEA/ACEC-Ontario Standard Agreement for Engineering Services

Date & Time: Jan 30, 2025 at 1.30PM

Join us for an insightful webinar covering the latest revision of the MEA/ACEC-Ontario Standard Agreement for Engineering Services. The Standard Agreement provides a balanced, consistent framework that clarifies roles and responsibilities, simplifies commercial considerations, fosters trust, and establishes fair risk allocation between parties.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to register.

MEA/ACEC-Ontario Standard Engineering Agreement

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Ontario (ACEC-Ontario) are pleased to announce the release of the latest revision of the MEA-ACEC-Ontario Standard Agreement for Engineering Services. This updated agreement is the culmination of extensive collaboration between municipal engineers, consulting engineers, legal experts, and insurance professionals.

[CLICK HERE](#) review the full joint press release.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the new agreement Form.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the new agreement User Guide.

2025 Municipal Paving Forecast – Municipal Input Required

Good Roads (previously OGRA) will be delivering the annual Municipal Paving Forecast presentation at the 2025 Good Roads Conference.

Your assistance in providing background information on your municipality's 2025 hot mix asphalt (HMA) paving program is greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to respond to this brief survey.

Aggregated data from this survey and other studies will be used to publish the 2025 ON Paving Report.

[**CLICK HERE**](#) for more details.

Launch of Recycled Crushed Aggregates (RCA) Advocacy Campaign by TARBA

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is pleased to announce the launch of the Recycled Crushed Aggregates (RCA) Advocacy Campaign, spearheaded by the Toronto and Area Road Builders Association (TARBA). This initiative aims to promote the environmental and economic benefits of using RCA in public infrastructure projects and to advocate for necessary policy changes to enhance its adoption, particularly at the municipal level. The initiative's primary focus is on raising awareness about the significant environmental and economic advantages of incorporating RCA in public infrastructure.

[**CLICK HERE**](#) for more details.

MEA Comments to Bill 212

The MEA recently provided a response to ERO-019-9266: Bill 212 – *Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 – Framework for Bike Lanes that Require Removal of a Traffic Lane.*

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the MEA's comments.

2024 MEA Award Winners & Life Membership Recipients

The MEA provided Awards during the 2024 MEA Conference in Ottawa. At the Awards Luncheon on November 20, 2024, 3 members were recognized with the MEA Award. In addition, 10 members were recognized for their volunteer service. At the President's Gala on November 21, 2024, Life Memberships were provided to:

- Gorge Elliott
- Steve Lund

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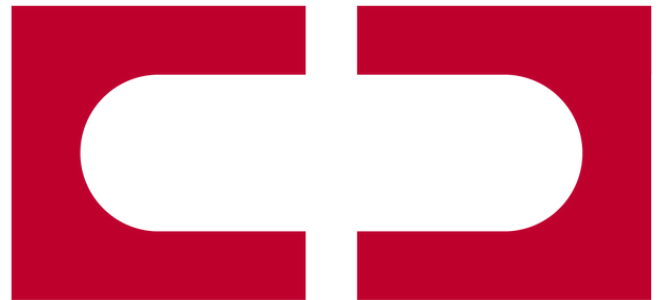
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MEA Committee Volunteers Needed

The MEA currently needs to fill vacancies on the following committees:

- MEA Climate Change Committee (2)
- MEA-MPEA Committee (1)
- The Road Authority/ Product Management Committee (1)
- OPS Traffic Safety Committee (1)
- OPS Pavement Committee (1)

If you are interested in participating in one of the above committees, please contact rsharma@municipalengineers.on.ca.

If you are interested in volunteering for other MEA committees, [submit an application to MEA](#). (you will need to log-in)

For a complete listing of all MEA Committees, [CLICK HERE](#)



MEA Employment Ads

The Go-To Place for Engineering Career Opportunities

With MEA's membership growing strong to over 1,200 professional engineers province-wide, who are employed by Ontario municipalities and provincial/federal agencies, the MEA's Careers Page has become the go-to resource for technical job advertisement in the public sector in Ontario.

in the 12-month period ending August 31, 2024, MEA had over 32,000+ unique visitors to its Careers Page of the the MEA website who viewed 255 job postings.

You can also join over 450 subscribers to the MEA's week career opportunities email.

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MEA TRAINING & EVENTS

OPS 101 (Intro to OPS) Spring 2025



The MEA recently held another successful OPS 101 Course. Another course is planned for the spring of 2025.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info

Introduction to MCEA Webinar Spring 2025

This webinar was not offered in 2024 as the MEA was awaiting direction from the MECP on the status of the new MPAP regulation. If there is no progress from MECP regarding the new legislation, MEA will re-introduce the Introduction to MCEA webinar in the Spring of 2025.

OPS 201 (Planning and GC) Spring 2025

The MEA recently held a very successful inaugural OPS 201 Course offering. Another course is planned for the spring of 2025.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

MEA Offering Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS) General Course at 2025 Guelph Roads School

The MEA has partnered with Good Roads (GR) and will be offering an OPS General Course at the 2025 Guelph Roads School.

The MEA's OPS General Course is an intensive, in-person training over three days that provides a thorough understanding of Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS) for Roads and Public Works. This course equips participants with essential knowledge of OPS governance, its benefits, and the critical role OPS plays in municipal and provincial infrastructure projects.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to register.



MEA TRAINING & EVENTS

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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Municipal Class EA

MCEA REFORM

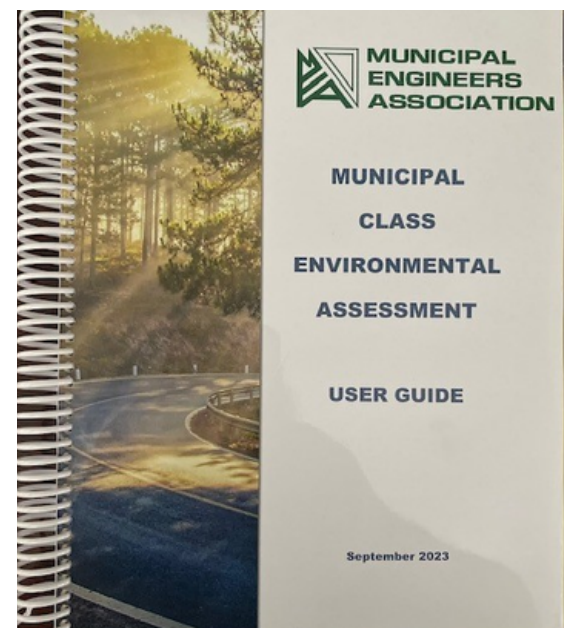
The MECP advised MEA earlier in 2024 that it intends to revoke the current Municipal Class EA and replace it with a new regulation (Municipal Project Assessment Process - MPAP). To date, MECP has not provided any timeline on when this will occur.

MCEA USER GUIDE

While the MECP is planning to revoke the MCEA, until the new MPAP Regulation is approved, the current MCEA process still applies. The MEA continues to offer its *MCEA User Guide* (September 2023) publication for proponents. It is currently available for purchase in hard copy format only.

To order the hardcopy version, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Note: Once the MECP finalizes its implementation of the new MPAP Regulation, MEA plans to develop a new publication to replace the current *MCEA User Guide*.



Municipal Class EA

MEA Update on the Municipal Class Environment Assessment (MCEA) and the Municipal Project Assessment Process (MPAP)

The MEA and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) have been discussing environmental assessment (EA) reform since 2016, with the intention of ultimately streamlining the MEA's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA).

Until such time that the MECP revokes the MCEA and replaces it with the MPAP regulation, the February 2024 MCEA version remains in effect. In the meantime, municipalities must continue using the current MCEA process while the MEA prepares for the potential transition to MPAP.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

2024 MCEA Monitoring Report

The MEA has submitted its annual Municipal Class EA Monitoring Report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 2024 MCEA Monitoring Report.

OPS Updates

UPDATES FROM OPS SPECIALTY COMMITTEES

OPS General Conditions Committee finished its review and recently published OPSS.MUNI 100- General Conditions of Contract.

OPS Environmental Committee is currently reviewing OPSS.MUNI 180, General Specification for the Management of Excess Materials.

OPS Drainage Committee is currently reviewing and updating OPSD 1001/2 Series Watertight System (Rehabilitation of Existing and New Installation) OPSSs for inspections.

If you have any questions/ comments/ queries regarding these specifications, please contact rsharma@municipalengineers.on.ca and your query will be directed to the concerned OPS Committee.

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