

MEA QUARTERLY UPDATE



MEA CONFERENCE 2025

MEA 2025 Conference & AGM- London

The recent conference hosted by the City of London was a huge success! MEA set an all-time attendance record of over 400 delegates. Thanks to the London Organizing Committee for putting on a great show. Also thanks to all the vendors who participated in our Tradeshow and well as all our sponsors.

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

Conference photos will also be uploaded shortly, [CLICK HERE](#) to view them.

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MEA Elects New Board of Directors for 2025 - 2026 Term

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) recently held its 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 13, 2025 during the 2025 MEA Conference. At the AGM, the membership approved the election of a new Board of Directors for the 2025 - 2026 Term.

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

New Member voted to the Board:



Tim Marotta, P. Eng.
Director of Municipal Works
City of St. Catharines

RPRA Posts 2026 Excess Soils & Hazardous Waste Program Fees

The Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) has posted the final 2026 program fees for the Excess Soil and Hazardous Waste Program (HWP) registries and producer responsibility programs for batteries, electronics, Blue Box materials, hazardous and special products, tires and lighting.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the 2026 RPRA program fee schedule.

The MEA played a significant role in the consultation process, through the efforts of its Excess Soils Working Group, who participated in the webinar and provided formal comments to RPRA, resulting in the lowering of some of the fee rates.

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

Important Updates from MECP Regarding Permission to Take Water (PTTW) Applications

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has advised MEA of two important items that support MECP's ongoing efforts to modernize environmental permissions and clarify regulatory requirements.

- Shift to mandating PTTW applications online (Upcoming changes in effect on January 5, 2026).
- Actions required for exempt foundation drainage systems (
- Reminder of the changes that came into effect on July 1, 2025).

If you have any questions, please contact either by phone at 416-314-8001 (toll free: 1-800-461-6290) , or by email at enviropemissions@ontario.ca.

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Update on MCEA and New Regulation

Following the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) preliminary consultation in the spring of 2023 on **Evaluating Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) Requirements for Municipal Infrastructure Projects**, and the subsequent consultation in February 2024 on a proposed new regulation for municipal infrastructure, the MECP has posted a new revised proposal and is now seeking input on changes to the 2024 proposal. MECP will be hosting information sessions for stakeholders on the proposal:

- January 21, 2026, 1:30 p.m.to 3:30 p.m. ET
- January 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET

Comments on this updated posting are due February 3, 2026.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Free Webinar by MEA Climate Change Committee

Topic: Indigenous Relations: The RESPECT Model

Date & Time: Feb 25, 2026 at 1PM

Is the fear of doing or saying the wrong thing impeding your ability to develop effective Indigenous relationships? Join us for this insightful webinar by Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. In this session, they will give you insight, strategies, tips, and suggestions necessary to overcome that fear. You will learn what to do, what not to do and why.

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

MEA Advises Minister of Transportation on its Position Regarding Standards Harmonization

The MEA recently issued a letter to the Minister of Transportation regarding its position on Road Standards Harmonization in Ontario.

[**CLICK HERE**](#) to view the letter.

MEA Awards, Life Membership and Order of Merit

The MEA recognizes its members through annual awards and volunteer recognition programs.

Awards are provided under four categories:

- Volunteer Recognition
- MEA Award
- MEA Order of Merit
- MEA Life Membership

2025 MEA Awards and Volunteer Recognitions were presented at the MEA's 2025 Awards Luncheon on November 12, 2025 and Life Memberships/MEA Order of Merit were presented at the 2025 President's Gala on November 13 at RBC Place Conference Centre in London, Ontario during the MEA's 2025 Conference & AGM event.

[**CLICK HERE**](#) to view the presentations from the Award Ceremony.



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MEA Committee Volunteers Needed

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

- MEA Climate Change Committee (2)
- The Road Authority/ Product Management Committee (1)
- MEA Connected Cities Committee (2)
- MEA Asset Management Committee (1)
- OPS Watermains 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) Upcoming- Fall 2026



The MEA is offering a OPS 101 course (webinar) on Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS). It will be delivered in 1 session at approximately 3.5-hours. This course/webinar represents 3.5 CPD/CEU hours.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

Introduction to MCEA Webinar (TBD)

Learn what the Class EA process is all about from an instructor who has conducted many such planning exercises since the inception of the Municipal Class EA over 35 years ago. This course/webinar qualifies for 7.5 CPD/CEU hours. More details about this course will be provided in the winter of 2026 – stay tuned!

OPS 201 (Planning and GC) Upcoming- Fall 2026



The MEA is offering a OPS 201 webinar about Ontario Provincial Standards. It will be delivered in 2 modules over 2 days at approximately 3-hours per day. This course/webinar represents 6 CPD/CEU hours.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

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**

For more information

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MEA TRAINING & EVENTS

Contract Delivery and OPS

Guelph Roads School- April 27 to 29, 2026

Contract Delivery and Ontario Provincial Standards is an intensive in-person course that equips you with the knowledge and tools to excel in contract delivery. This course provides a thorough understanding of OPS governance and its critical role in municipal infrastructure projects. Through interactive group exercises, case studies, and practical scenarios, participants will explore how OPS enhances contract preparation, streamlines project management, and reduces risk.

From project planning to closeout, you'll gain hands-on experience applying OPS to real-world challenges in transportation, water, wastewater, and drainage infrastructure. Whether you're preparing contracts or managing construction, this course will empower you to deliver projects with greater efficiency and confidence.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register for the course.

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Municipal Class EA

MCEA REFORM

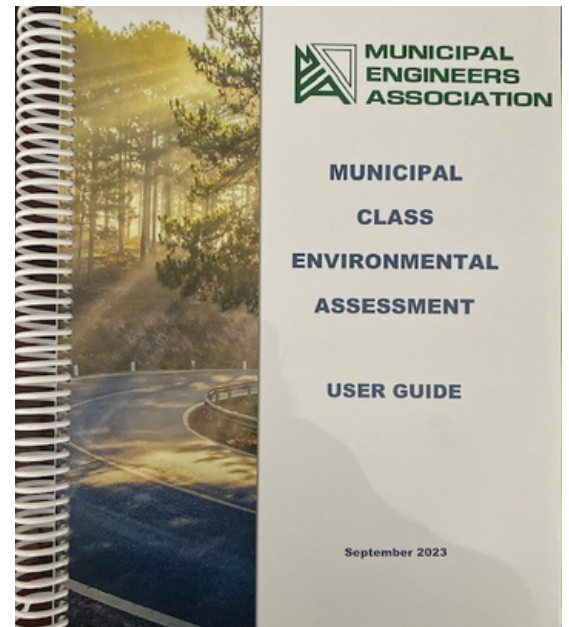
The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has recently advised the MEA that the Provincial Government is moving forward with legislation to revoke the current Municipal Class EA and replace it with a new regulation (Municipal Project Assessment Process – MPAP). While we do not have a firm schedule, we expect this to occur sometime later this autumn.

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*.



2025 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 Electrical Committee- An update to the Canadian Electrical Safety Code could impact electrical standards. The committee will be conducting a full review of any potentially affected specifications and drawings.

OPS Environmental Committee is currently reviewing OPSS.MUNI 803, 804 and 805 with a publication target for November 2025.

OPS Drainage Committee is starting the review of several OPSDs in the 701, 702, 703 and 705 series. The Committee will also be working on OPSS.MUNI 465, 511 and 1205.

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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