

# MEA QUARTERLY UPDATE



## MEA CONFERENCE 2024

### MEA 2024 Conference- Sold Out

Interest for this year's conference from delegates, vendors/sponsors has been tremendous.

Registration is sold out but the MEA is working on a plan to increase capacity to allow more delegates to attend. If you want to be placed on a registration waiting list, please email:

[rsharma@municipalengineers.on.ca](mailto:rsharma@municipalengineers.on.ca)

We will contact you if we can add more capacity.

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# MEA CONFERENCE 2024

## MEA 2024 Conference - Continued

Summary of the Conference Program:

- 36 Technical Presentations (2 concurrent sessions, Wed-Fri)
- Tradeshow (Wed-Fri): featuring 37 vendors/engineering companies,
- MEA's Awards Luncheon (Wed afternoon)
- MEA's Annual General Meeting (Thurs morning)
- 3 Tours to choose from (Thurs afternoon)
  1. Ottawa-Carleton Regional Transit Commission Facility
  2. Diefenbunker Cold War Museum
  3. MCON Pipe Plant / Rinker Materials Concrete Plant
- Annual Steve Carroll East-West Hockey Classic (Thurs afternoon)
- President's Gala (Thurs evening)
- 2 Hospitality Networking Events (Tues + Thurs)
- Wednesday Evening Social Event at the Queen's Fare (food/refreshments and live band)

Attending the MEA Conference can be applied toward the PEO's mandatory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program. Full conference attendance would represent approx. 14 CPD hours. Single day attendance would represent 7 CPD hours (Wed); 3.5 hours (Thurs) and 3.5 hours (Fri).

To view the preliminary draft Conference Program, please [CLICK HERE](#). Please note this is subject to change.

## Free Webinar Sponsored by MEA Climate Change Committee

**Topic:** Embodied Carbon  
Management Toolkit – Training  
Workshop for Ontario Municipalities

**Date & Time:** Oct 25 2024, 10:30  
AM - 12 Noon

The City of Toronto has been collaborating with consultants Mantle Developments and Ha/f Climate Design through a TAF-funded study to develop an embodied carbon toolkit for municipal governments and construction projects.

The toolkit presents recommendations to manage embodied carbon over three key topics:

1. Construction circularity
2. Urban design
3. Procurement of low-carbon materials

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

## MEA 2024 Bursary Program- Award Winners

The MEA is pleased to announce it has awarded ten (10) bursaries this summer to assist children/dependents of municipal employees/elected councilors who have enrolled in an engineering program at the university level for the upcoming 2024/2025 academic year.

This is the 17th consecutive year the MEA has awarded bursaries to engineering students. Since the inception of the Bursary Program in 2008, the MEA has now awarded 150 bursaries totaling over \$198,000.

For more information about this year's winners,

[CLICK HERE.](#)

## Superior Court of Justice dismisses Ministry of Labour 's Appeal Regarding the City of Sudbury's Due Diligence Defense on Construction Project Fatality

The Ministry of Labour's charges against the City of Greater Sudbury regarding a fatality on their Elgin Street Construction Project in 2016 was referred by the Supreme Court of Canada back to the Superior Court of Justice for appeal by the Crown on the issue of the City's due diligence defense. A finding of due diligence by the City at the time in question would bring the matter to an end.

The Crown/Ministry of Labour's (MoL) appeal to the Superior Court of Justice that the City of Sudbury did not exercise due diligence, was dismissed on August 23, 2024.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## Volunteering Opportunity with the MEA YP Committee

Join the Young Professionals Committee!

The success of Ontario's well-established Municipal Engineers Association is largely due to the dedication and hard work of its many volunteers across various committees. There's no better way to advance your professional growth than by connecting with a network of peers in the Young Professionals Committee. This committee offers a fresh perspective within our longstanding organization, fostering innovation and development. Participating on this MEA YP Committee would be a good opportunity for municipal staff to gain experience and exposure beyond their current roles. If you are interested, please

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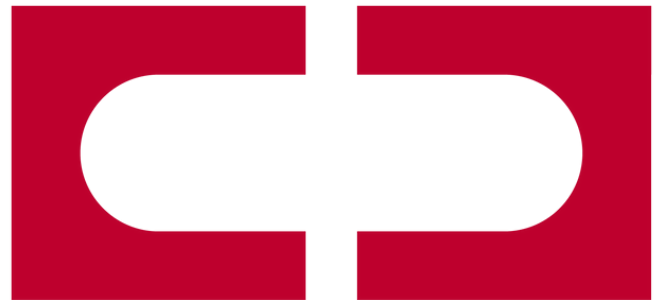
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## MEA Committee Volunteers Needed

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

- MEA Climate Change Committee (1)
- MEA-MPEA Committee (2)
- The Road Authority (1)
- MEA YP Committee (1)
- OPS Traffic Safety Committee (1)

If you are interested in participating in one of the above committees, please contact [rsharma@municipalengineers.on.ca](mailto: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) Fall 2024 (Oct 8-9)



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

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) FALL 2024 (Oct 15 & 17)

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.

## 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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# Municipal Class EA

## MCEA REFORM

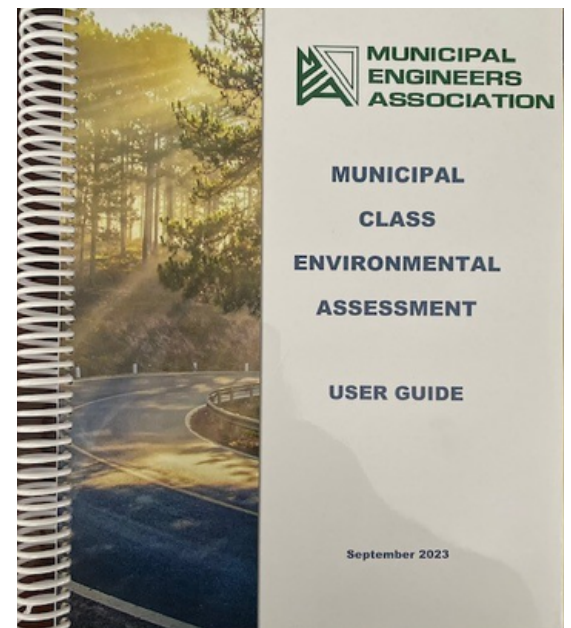
The MECP advised MEA earlier in 2024 that it intends to revoke the current Municipal Class EA and replace it with a new regulation (Municipal Project Assessment Process - MPAP). To date, MECP has not provided any timeline on when this will occur.

## 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*.



# OPS Updates

## UPDATES FROM OPS SPECIALTY COMMITTEES

**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.

**OPS Watermains Committee** is currently reviewing and updating OPSD 1101 Series Pre-Cast Valve Chambers.

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

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