

# MEA QUARTERLY UPDATE



## NEWS

### MEA 2023 Conference & AGM

The 2023 MEA Conference & AGM held in Sarnia was a tremendous success! Thanks to the Sarnia organizing committee/team for putting together a memorable event.

The event attracted about 225 delegates per day and over 30 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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## **2024 MEA Conference - Ottawa Save the Date!**

**Nov 19 to 22**

**Delta- Marriott Hotel**

The 2024 MEA Conference/AGM will be hosted by the City of Ottawa at the Delta Marriott Hotel in downtown Ottawa.

More information about registration fees, hotel rates and sponsorships will be available soon.



## **MEA Issues Letter to Minister - MCEA Reform**

The MEA recently issued a letter to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Andrea Khanjin) concerning recent efforts by MECP staff to reform the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment that are not supported by MEA.

To view the letter, [CLICK HERE](#)

## **MEA Provides Comments to MECP re: ERO 019-7636 (Excess Soils)**

With the support of the MEA's Excess Soils Working Group, the MEA provided comments to ERO 019-7636 (Excess Soils).

To view the MEA's comments, [CLICK HERE](#)

## MEA Elects New Board of Directors for 2023 - 2024 Term

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Sunbridge Hotel & Conference Centre in Point Edward (Sarnia), MEA members elected a new Board of Directors for the 2023 - 2024 term.

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

Newest Members voted to the Board:



Joe De Koning, P. Eng.  
Manager of Roads  
County of Wellington



Tara Blasioli, P. Eng.  
Mgr - Ādisōke Library Project  
City of Ottawa

## MEA President Welcome Message 2024

On November 16, 2023, after the AGM at the Sunbridge Hotel & Conference Centre in Point Edward (Sarnia), the MEA Board of Directors appointed Matthew Miedema, P. Eng., from the City of Thunder Bay, as its President for the 2023-2024 term.

To view Matthew's Welcome Message, [CLICK HERE](#).

## New MEA By-Law Approved

At the 2023 AGM in Sarnia, the membership approved a new By-law for the Association. Many of the changes were administrative in nature as a result of needing to comply with the Ontario Non Profit Corporations Act.

However, other changes were made to adjust Board terms and positions.

The new By-Law can be viewed by [CLICKING HERE](#)

## MECP Releases Climate Change Resilience Reports

MECP recently released the following reports:

- [Recommendations - Improve climate resilience - homes, communities & public infrastructure](#)
- [Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment Adaptation Best Practices Report](#)
- [Ontario's Province-Wide Climate Change Impact Assessment Decision-Making Supports](#)
- [Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment Summary Report](#)
- [Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment Adaptation Best Practices Summary](#)

These reports are in addition to the materials that were made available on the Ministry website in August:

[Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment: Technical Report: Jan. 2023](#)

and:

[Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment: Technical Report Appendices: Jan. 2023](#)

The Federal government also recently released:

[Canada in a Changing Climate: Synthesis Report](#)

## Supreme Court of Canada - Ruling & Implications for OHSa Compliance

In November, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled on a case related to the 2015 death of a pedestrian, who was struck by equipment operated by a contractor during a construction project in an Ontario municipality. Both the contractor and the municipality were charged with violating the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSa) due to the absence of fencing around the site and the lack of a signaler guiding the equipment operator. The Court's ruling has significant implications for owners of construction projects in Ontario and may impact work conducted by Ontario municipalities.

To view more information about this, and the Court's ruling, [CLICK HERE](#)



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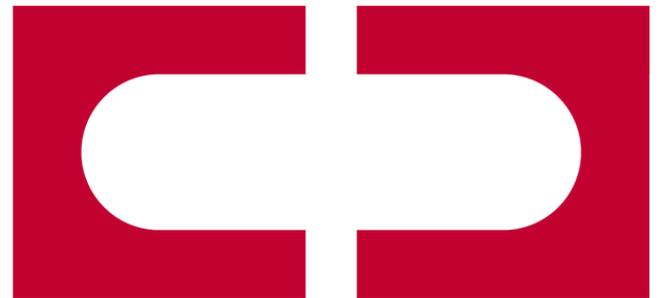
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## **MNRF ERO 019-4706: Technical Bulletin - Flooding Hazards: Data Survey and Mapping Specifications**

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF) has posted a Technical Bulletin - *Flooding Hazards: Data Survey and Mapping Specifications*, to support flood hazard identification and mapping by municipalities and conservation authorities in Ontario. The bulletin has been posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO No. 019-4706).

You can view the bulletin by [\*\*CLICKING HERE\*\*](#).

## **MTO Announces Changes for Designated Source of Material**

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) announced changes for the Designated Source of Material (DSM), effective January 1, 2024.

The DSM is the MTO's official list of pre-qualified products and vendors for use on MTO highway construction and maintenance contracts.

## **MTO Announces Changes for Designated Source of Material Continued**

This information was posted publicly via The Road Authority (TRA) website and also co-posted on MTO's Technical Publication website (Tech Pubs).

Effective Jan. 1, 2024 the MTO DSM will only be posted to the MTO's Tech Pubs website. Suppliers or manufacturers will no longer have to register with TRA to be listed on the DSM. It will now be managed and administered exclusively by the MTO.

A general email [MTO-DSM@ontario.ca](mailto:MTO-DSM@ontario.ca) has been created to foster communications with the stakeholders and should be used as the one point of contact for general DSM inquiries. Questions regarding this change can be directed to:

Mike Pearsall, P. Eng., CVS, FEC,  
Manager, Highway Design Office, MTO  
[mike.pearsall@ontario.ca](mailto:mike.pearsall@ontario.ca)

## MEA Committee Volunteers Needed

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

- OPS Electrical Committee (1)
- OPS Drainage 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](#).

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 2023, MEA had 30,000+ unique visitors to the Careers Page who viewed over 250 job postings.

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

To view career opportunities or to subscribe:

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# MEA TRAINING & EVENTS

## OPS 101 (Intro to OPS) Coming this Spring



- Improve contract preparation and management
- Build efficient and industry standard specifications
- Mitigate financial and legal risks for your Organization

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## Introduction to MCEA Workshop Coming this Spring

[CLICK HERE](#) For more info

## OPS 201 (Planning and GC) SPRING OFFERING COMMING SOON

- How to prevent, mitigate, and manage disputes by using the OPSS.MUNI.100 GC
- Using OPSS.PROV.127 Times & Materials in managing progress payments and hold backs
- Learn tips and tools on best practices of keeping project diary

## 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:

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# OTHER TRAINING & EVENTS

## ORBA Convention & AGM

**February 4 - 6**

The 97th Annual Convention & AGM of the Ontario Road Builders' Association will once again unite the brightest minds in the road building industry, encompassing industry experts, renowned researchers, policy leaders, and innovative thinkers. For more information and to register,

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Pavement Seminar - February 21

Concrete Ontario and the Cement Association of Canada are pleased to extend a warm invitation for you to join us at our second annual Concrete Pavement Seminar, scheduled for February 21, 2024, at the Hyatt Place Toronto/Mississauga Centre. Featuring a condensed agenda and renowned international speakers, this seminar guarantees to deliver substantial value to all those engaged in the concrete pavement industry. For more information and to register [CLICK HERE](#)



## Good Road Conference

**April 21 - 24**

This is the 130th anniversary of the Good Roads Annual Conference which brings together members and affiliated enterprises for an intensive three-day summit of road-forward thinking. EARLY BIRD REGISTRION ENDS FEB. 16.

Form more information and to register - [CLICK HERE](#)

# Municipal Class EA

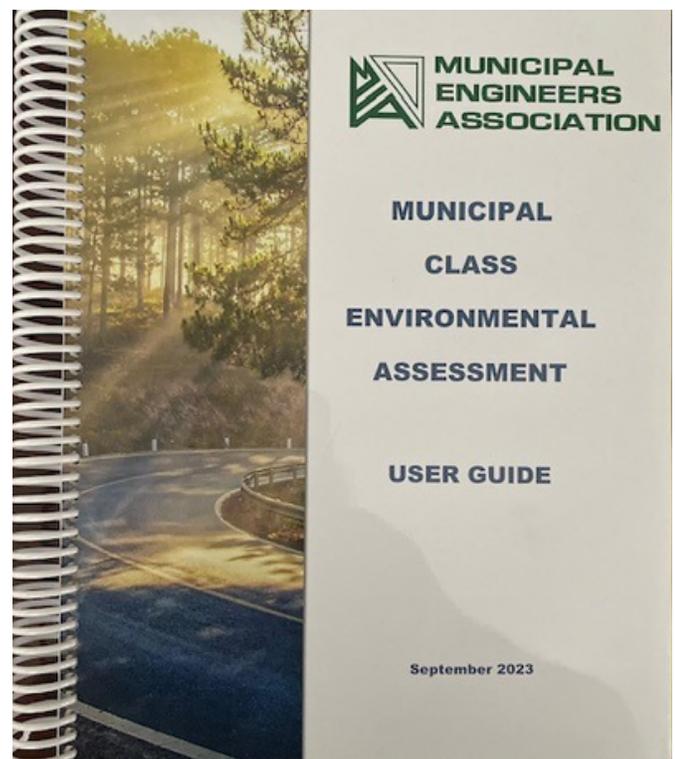
## MCEA REFORM

The MEA continues to advocate with MECF for reasonable/practical reform efforts to the MCEA.

## MCEA User Guide

After several months of development, the new Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) User Guide is now ready and available for purchase!

The MCEA User Guide (September 2023) is a copyright protected document by MEA and is currently available for purchase in hard copy format only. To order the hardcopy version, [CLICK HERE.](#)



# OPS Updates

## **OPS COMMITTEE MEETING EXPENSE POLICY**

The OPS Advisory Board Committee recently approved a new policy for OPS committee members attending in-person meetings

To view the policy - [CLICK HERE](#)

Also, the Advisory Board is strongly encouraging OPS Committees to schedule in person meetings at the annual Good Roads (April) and MEA (November) conferences. Please contact [rsharma@municipalengineers.on.ca](mailto:rsharma@municipalengineers.on.ca) to arrange for a meeting room.

To view the OPS User Guide for OPS Committees

[CLICK HERE](#)

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