

# MEA QUARTERLY UPDATE



## MEA CONFERENCE 2024

### MEA 2024 Conference & AGM- Registrations Open

Registration for the MEA's 2024 Conference & AGM is now open. This year's conference will be hosted by the City of Ottawa at the Delta-Marriott in downtown Ottawa from November 19 - 22, 2024.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the Conference and for hotel reservations.

Full conference registration includes:

- All breakfasts/lunches/breaks (Wed - Fri)
- 1 Ticket to the President's Gala (Thurs evening)
- Access to all hospitality networking events, Wednesday evening social event and technical tours, hockey game.

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## MEA 2024 Conference & AGM- Registrations Open (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.

## **MECP Amends O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site & Excess Soil Regulation**

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) has finalized amendments to O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Regulation (“Excess Soil Regulation”) and Rules for Soil Management and Excess Soil Quality Standards (“Soil Rules”).

The MECP had also consulted on proposed amendments to exempt additional soil management depots from needing a waste environmental compliance approval while following regulatory rules, as well as proposals to file notices on the Excess Soil Registry for these depots and other existing sites. Based on the feedback received suggesting that more consideration and detail on the operational requirements is needed, the MECP has not yet finalized its decision on these matters.

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

## **2024 MEA Awards Program**

The MEA recognizes its members through an annual awards program and is actively seeking nominations for the 2024 “MEA Award” which recognizes an Engineer who has provided outstanding service to society and the community, been recognized for work related accomplishments in an engineering project of above average merit, and/or have a record of long-term service.

The nomination deadline is Friday September 13, 2024.

Please consider nominating an MEA member from your municipality.

Awards will be presented at the MEA’s Awards Luncheon during the 2024 MEA Conference & AGM.

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#) for more information.

## **Celebrating International Women in Engineering Day - June 23, 2024: Spotlight on Penelope Palmer: Driving Change in Municipal Engineering**

As we celebrated International Women in Engineering Day on June 23, we are proud to spotlight Penelope Palmer, P. Eng., a trailblazer in the field of municipal engineering and an advocate for diversity and inclusion.

Currently serving as Manager, Strategic Initiatives with the City of Toronto, Penelope exemplifies strong leadership and a forward-thinking approach. Her role as a key player in establishing the City's new Strategic Capital Coordination Office, underscores her strategic vision and ability to drive impactful change.

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

## **Volunteering Opportunity for Reporting and Evaluation Committee of the ORCGA**

The Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA) is an organization with approximately 500 active members and sponsors representing a wide cross section of stakeholders.

The Reporting & Evaluation (R&E) Committee is a group of diverse stakeholders who are responsible for analyzing the data submitted into the Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT), identifying trends, making recommendations based on the data, and ensuring that the annual DIRT Report is created and published in a timely manner.

Participating on this R&E Committee would be a good opportunity for municipal staff to gain experience and exposure beyond their current roles. If you are interested, please contact

**[Richard.Noehammer@toronto.ca](mailto:Richard.Noehammer@toronto.ca)**





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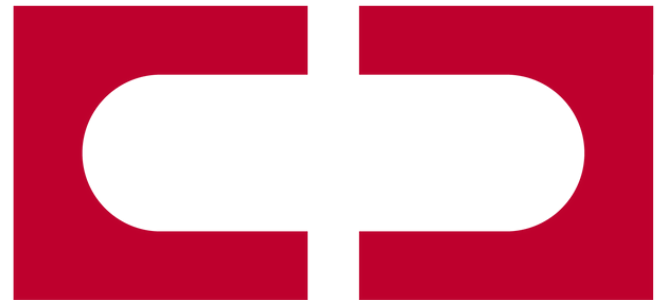
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## Videos on the Benefits of using Recycled Crushed Aggregates (RCA) by TARBA

These videos provide an overview of the environmental benefits of using recycled crushed aggregates (RCA) and case studies of projects successfully demonstrating long-term performance and cost and carbon savings. The three video recordings of each presentation are part of the technical seminar on The Benefits of Using Recycled Crushed Aggregate. You can view these videos through TARBA's YouTube Channel by:

### [CLICKING HERE](#)

The presentations feature insights from industry leaders in sustainability, transportation, and construction. These valuable resources are encouraged to be explored and shared within networks.

## Updates from Good Roads- Municipal Paving Award & Municipal Paving Inspector Checklist

- **MUNICIPAL PAVING AWARD:** The purpose of the award is to promote and recognize the successful collaboration between municipalities and HMA producers for excellence and innovation in paving projects in Ontario. This is an annual award. The Municipal Paving Project of the Year Award will be announced at the 2025 Good Roads Conference. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.
- **MUNICIPAL PAVING INSPECTOR CHECKLIST:** Good Roads Hot Mix Liaison Committee in conjunction with OAPC have published and released their "Municipal Paving Inspector Checklist" which is now available for download at the link below. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



## MEA Committee Volunteers Needed

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

- OPS Drainage Committee (1)
- MEA Climate Change Committee (1)
- MEA-MPEA Committee (2)
- The Road Authority (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.

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# MEA TRAINING & EVENTS

## OPS 101 (Intro to OPS) Fall 2024 (TBD)



Registration will open soon for the 2024 Fall offering.

Improve contract preparation and management

Build efficient and industry standard specifications

Mitigate financial and legal risks for your Organization

[CLICK HERE](#) for more info

## Introduction to MCEA Workshop Coming this Spring

The June course offering has been cancelled pending the outcome of the MECP's implementation of the new MPAP Regulation.

## OPS 201 (Planning and GC) FALL 2024 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:

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

For more information

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# MEA WEBINARS



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# Municipal Class EA

## MCEA REFORM

The MECP recently announced that it intends to revoke the current Municipal Class EA and replace it with a new regulation (Municipal Project Assessment Process – MPAP) . MEA recently provided comments to ERO 019-7236. You can view MEA's comments by [CLICKING HERE](#).

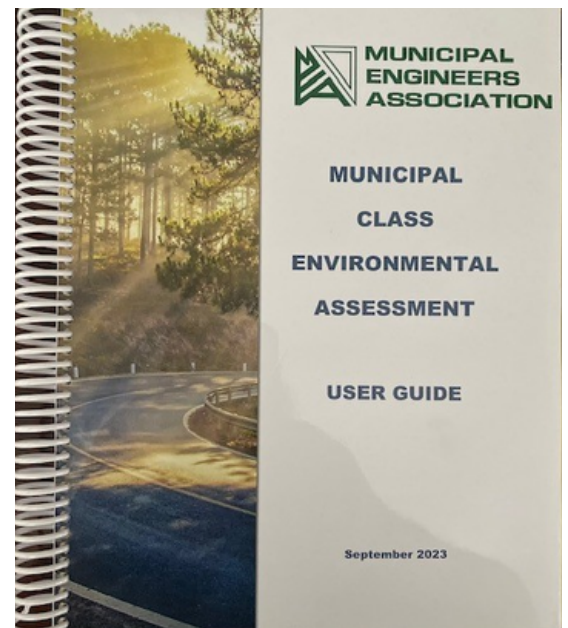
## MCEA USER GUIDE

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*.

***Anyone who has previously purchased the guide since its release in September of 2023, or who purchases one in the near future, will receive a complimentary version of the new document once it is ready.***



# OPS Updates

## UPDATES FROM OPS SPECIALTY COMMITTEES

**OPS General Conditions Committee** is currently reviewing and updating OPSS.MUNI 100, General Conditions of Contract, a major and important infrastructure specification.

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

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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