

MEA MEMBER SERVICES QUARTERLY UPDATE

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NEWS

60th MEA Annual Workshop & AGM – Nov 26-29 2019

The MEA Annual Fall Workshop/AGM is being held at the Blue Mountain Resort from November 26-29 and is being jointly hosted by the towns of **Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, The Blue Mountains**. This year's theme of "For All Seasons" is about the meaning of being a smaller municipality that is geared toward the tourism industry and provides amenities for people of all ages and abilities.

The technical sessions and tradeshow will be located at the **Village Conference Center** in the Blue Mountain Resort.

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60th MEA Annual Workshop & AGM

This year's event is packed with tours, technical sessions, and fun events including the Steve Carroll Memorial East-West Hockey Classic. Tours include the Blue Mountain Ski Hill Operations - see how the Blue Mountain Resort covers 360 acres of snow-making with 600+ snow guns. Another tour is the Thornbury Craft Cider & Brew House which includes tastings.



CLICK HERE! for a link to the event page where you can register, see the technical program, select your preferred tour, obtain hotel reservation information and see the various sponsors for the event. Remember, the early bird registration offer will end October 25.



Young Professionals Event

The MEA Young Professionals Committee organized a technical tour of the storm water facility and central utilities facility at the Toronto Pearson International Airport on August 16. Young Professionals from around the GTHA were able to see how hydro and stormwater facilities are managed at the airport. The event provided a great opportunity for MEA young professionals to network with their peers.

This committee, which was formed in 2017, provides a YP perspective on matters related to municipal engineering and to provide young professionals opportunities to develop, network and have access to mentorship from established MEA professionals. For more information about the Young Professionals Committee and future events, [CLICK HERE!](#)



The utilities facility at the airport



Underground storm water facility with 44 Million Liters of capacity

The MEA Wants You



TO FOLLOW, LIKE,
SHARE, AND COMMENT



MEA Social Media Presence

In order to reach a broader audience and to improve the communication options for members, the MEA is now live on social media and is actively sharing information regarding the latest exciting news and events. Please take the time to follow and subscribe to our social media pages, like and share our posts. Our success depends on your support and interaction.



CLICK & FOLLOW!



Call for Papers – ORCGA Damage Prevention Symposium Feb 11-13

The Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance is accepting papers for the Damage Prevention Symposium which is being held February 11 -13 at Chateau Laurier in Ottawa. For more details, [CLICK HERE](#).





2019 MEA Bursary Award Program

Recently, the MEA has awarded eleven (11) bursaries to assist dependents of municipal employees enrolling in an Engineering Program at the University level for the 2019/2020 academic year.

This is the 12th consecutive year the MEA has awarded bursaries to engineering students. Since the inception of the Bursary Program in 2008, the MEA has awarded 101 bursaries totaling \$121,500.

This year's bursary award recipients:

Jake Kawalec,

whose parents both work for the City of Peterborough, submitted the highest scoring application – was awarded the John Hammer Memorial Bursary valued at \$2,000.

Ten additional bursaries valued at \$1,500 each were awarded to:

Sophia Angelo

Andrew Botham

Hannah Kot

Sasha Latchaev

Justin Morby

Zachary Pasma

Lumen Roy

Mathew Soldo

Ellie Teeple

Evan Williams





Letter from the Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transportation

The Public and Highway Improvement Act (PTHIA) legally requires that the structural integrity, safety and condition of every bridge in Ontario be determined through inspection every two calendar years, in accordance with the Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM). Though the OSIM is primarily based on visual inspection, there are situations where structural components are difficult to access. These special considerations are evident in bridges with short end spans with hold down anchors at the abutments and/or drop in spans.

The Ministry is recommending that municipalities review their inventory for bridges that have hold down anchors and/or drop in spans and ensure that all inspections and other investigations are completed to ensure these bridges are safe.

[CLICK HERE!](#) for more information or if you have questions



MEA at OPWA's ROW Management Conference on October 30

The MEA will be hosting a trade show booth at the OPWA's ROW Management Conference in Ajax on October 30 at the Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility. MEA initiatives will be promoted including planned amendments to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, news on Ontario Provincial Standards, MEA training programs and the 2019 Fall Workshop & AGM. If you are attending the conference, please stop by our booth. **CLICK HERE!** for more information or to register.



Site Alteration By-law Online Interactive Tool

The Canadian Urban Institute's site alteration by-law language tool was launched on September 28, 2016. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) funded development of this interactive, online tool to help build the capacity of municipalities to use site alteration by-laws to effectively manage local excess soil issues. This tool provides flexibility for local decision making and site-specific considerations in the incorporation of best management practices. Please visit **www.excesssoils.com** to access the tool. The landing page will provide you with instructions to navigate the website.



MEA TRAINING & EVENTS

OPS-"101" Course

The OPS "101" Course Development Committee is working hard and making good progress on developing course objectives and content. The MEA is planning to offer its first OPS "101" Course in the late winter of 2020. Engineers/technologists/technicians from municipalities, consultants, contractors and provincial agencies will be able to learn about how OPS can be used to benefit various infrastructure projects. Check our website for updates. [CLICK HERE!](#)

MCEA Workshop - October 15 - 16

The MCEA Workshop for October 15-16 has sold out. The MEA will be offering several sessions in 2020. Please check our website for updates on 2020 workshop offerings.

www.municipalengineers.on.ca/events/mceatraining.html



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL STANDARDS

OPS - Request for comments

The following OPS Specialty committees are requesting comments and feedback on their upcoming 2019-2020 work plan. The committees will be reviewing and updating OPSS and OPSD at their schedule noted below:

OPS Pavement

OPS Watermains

OPS Drainage



<https://www.municipalengineers.on.ca/resources/ops.html>

Be Part of a Committee

If you are interested in participating in any MEA or OPS committee, please send your resume to [Amin Mneina](mailto:Amin.Mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca) and indicate the committees that you are interested as well as your contact information. We will keep your information on file and notify you when an opportunity arises.

Amin.Mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca

MEA volunteering opportunities can be found in our website under Resources. [CLICK HERE!](#)

Municipal Class EA

MCEA Reform Amendments

The MEA's MCEA Advisor, Paul Knowles, with the support of the MCEA Monitoring Committee, RCCAO and OGRA, has been working since the early spring to streamline and develop proposed major amendments to the MCEA process.

The proposed amendment templates were circulated for review/comment by MEA members which generated significant feedback from our membership. The amendments have been submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) on September 30, 2019. Support for this amendment will be important during MECP's review and approval process. We are hopeful the MECP will be approving these amendments later this autumn. Check our website for updates

<https://www.municipalclassea.ca/index.html>

To review the submitted amendments, please follow each link below:

[Amendment Template - Roads](#)

[Amendment Template - Water/Wastewater](#)

[Amendment Template - Transit](#)

[Amendment Template - Other Sections](#)

[Roads Table](#)

[Water/Wastewater Table](#)





MCEA Monitoring Committee

Do you have experience on environmental assessment and would like to contribute in pursuing improvements to the MCEA process?

The MEA needs to fill two vacancies on the MCEA Monitoring Committee.

Submit your resume/bio for review to be part of a team of experts that works hard to represent MEA's interests related to MCEA.

To submit a resume or for questions, contact

Amin.Mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca

MCEA FAQs

If you have questions regarding the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, please check out the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the MEA website. If you still couldn't find an answer to your question, feel free to ask us by utilizing the “**Ask an Expert**” link on the website.

