

**MUNICIPAL  
ENGINEERS  
ASSOCIATION**



# **MEA UPDATE**

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# MEA Strategic Plan

- ▶ **S1: Succession Plan for MCEA Advisor – Medium Term**
- ▶ **S2: Business Plan for the Potential Management of OPS MUNI – Long Term**
- ▶ **S3: New Committees to address current trends in Municipal Engineering - Short Term**
- ▶ **S4: Establish MEA Workshop Planning Committee to solicit future hosts and to assist/guide to Local Arrangements Committee – Short to Medium Term**
- ▶ **S5 New Corporate Membership Model/Structure - Short Term**
- ▶ **S6 Develop a Recognition Program for MEA Volunteers - Short Term**

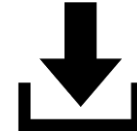
**Short Term = 1-2 yrs; Medium Term = 3-5 yrs; Long Term = 5+ yrs**

# MEA Membership



- ▶ **As of November 29: 865 Members**
- ▶ **Highest % of members come from larger corporate members:**
  - ▶ **Cities of Toronto, Hamilton, Mississauga, Brampton, Markham, Vaughan, London**
  - ▶ **Regions of York, Durham**
- ▶ **Corporate membership model vs. individual membership (admin issues)**
  
- ▶ **Initiative to reach out to other eligible members:**
  - ▶ **Conservation Authorities**
  - ▶ **Metrolinx**
  - ▶ **MTO**
  - ▶ **IO**
- ▶ **We're Growing and That's a Good Thing!!**

# New Committees



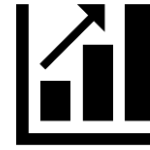
- ▶ **Current trends:**
  - ▶ **Active Transportation**
  - ▶ **Smart Cities**
  - ▶ **Climate Change**
  - ▶ **Asset Management**
- ▶ **Need MEA Volunteers to staff and champion**
- ▶ **Terms of Reference**
- ▶ **We will reach out soon**
- ▶ **Contact me or Amin.**

# Broad Workshop Org Committee



- ▶ Typically, workshop hosts establish organizing committee and do pretty much everything – use the MEA Workshop Manual for guidance (updated year-to-year)
- ▶ Workshop is getting larger, more expectations on the event, including corporate sponsorships
- ▶ Board would like to establish a broader Workshop Organizing Committee to:
  - ▶ Solicit future Workshop Hosts/Locations
  - ▶ Assist Local Host(s) Planning Committee from year-to-year; provide guidance
  - ▶ Take on some of the workload (e.g. sponsorships, president banquet agenda, general administration, etc.)
  - ▶ Local hosts would be in full control of theme, technical program, events)
- ▶ Ideal to have MEA members who have been involved in organizing the annual workshop with support from MEA Member Services Coordinator and Exec Director
- ▶ Stay tuned!

# OPS MUNI



- ▶ **Future administration of OPS MUNI ?**
- ▶ **Significant Financial and staffing commitment from MTO – sustainability going forward ?**
- ▶ **MEA would like to maintain the current model (things are fine as they are)**
- ▶ **Need to be ready to take on a larger role in the future**
  - ▶ **\$\$\$**
  - ▶ **Partner(s)**

# MCEA Amendment



- ▶ **Support from current Provincial Government to streamline and amend the current MCEA process**
  - ▶ **Influence from RCCAO, OGRA, OHBA, BILD**
- ▶ **Significant effort from our MCEA Advisor, Paul Knowles**
- ▶ **Amendments submitted to MECP September 30**
- ▶ **Awaiting comments from MECP**
- ▶ **Upon MECP's approval, we need to:**
  - ▶ **Revise the current manual (total revamp)**
  - ▶ **½ Day Workshops to advise on changes (travelling road show)**
- ▶ **Regular MCEA Workshops to continue (significant demand)**

# OPS 101 Course



- ▶ **Course Facilitators have been selected and are actively developing the course**
  - ▶ **Arup Mukherjee (United Counties of Leeds Grenville)**
  - ▶ **Gary Carroll (retired MEA member and Past-President)**
- ▶ **On track for a spring 2020 course offering**
- ▶ **Target Audience:**
  - ▶ **Younger municipal professionals (engineers, technologists, tech)**
  - ▶ **Municipal, consultant and contractor employees**
- ▶ **Content:**
  - ▶ **History/Background of OPS**
  - ▶ **What are the Benefits in using OPS**
  - ▶ **Fundamental Elements of a Contract**
  - ▶ **Navigating through OPS to Build Better Contracts**
  - ▶ **Critical Components in Contract Development**



# P. Eng. Committee



- ▶ **MEA Board established a sub-committee to review the issue of the Municipal Act not requiring municipalities to have a professional engineer on staff**
  - ▶ **Act requires Treasurers, Clerks, Solicitors, Fire Chief, CAO**
- ▶ **Acknowledge balance between those municipalities that have professional engineers on staff vs. those small townships that do not**
- ▶ **Benefits to municipalities in having a professional engineer on staff**
  - ▶ **Summary document outlining benefits**
  - ▶ **Will be circulated to membership for comment**
  - ▶ **Survey on member opinions on the issue**
  - ▶ **Volunteers to participate on broader committee**

# Thank-you

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