

## MEA Annual Workshop and General Meeting

Each year, a member municipality hosts the Annual Workshop and General Meeting over three days in late November. This is an excellent opportunity to earn PEAK credits, learn, network and socialize with other members.

If you are interested in attending, please visit our website for information.



Burgoyne Bridge, St. Catherines

## MEA Bursary Awards Program

The MEA awards up to ten bursaries (\$1,500 each) annually to students entering the first year of a university engineering program. These are provided through an essay competition offered to children/dependents of full time municipal employees in Ontario. Information/details on the program are distributed annually to the municipal clerks of all Ontario municipalities and are also available on our website.

## Sharing with Pride

We invite you to download and enjoy the electronic version of 'Sharing with Pride: The Story of Municipal Engineers in Ontario'.  
[http://www.municipalengineers.on.ca/files/About/MEA 50th Anniversary History Book.aspx](http://www.municipalengineers.on.ca/files/About/MEA%2050th%20Anniversary%20History%20Book.aspx)

## NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

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Our website will provide you up-to-date membership, board and executive director contact information. We would like to hear from you.

# WELCOME

## TO THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (MEA)

We are very pleased you have joined our membership. The MEA currently represents over 700 municipal engineers employed by over 135 municipalities across Ontario.

The MEA also provides associate memberships for consulting engineers where they are the "engineer-of-record" for a municipality who may not employ professional engineering staff.

Our Mission is to provide unity and focus for engineers employed by Ontario's municipalities through addressing issues of common concern and by facilitating the sharing of knowledge and information.

Our objective is to be a resource to our members in matters relating to municipal engineering.

The MEA:

- Develops and champions positions on municipal engineering issues
- Is an advocate for sound municipal engineering
- Disseminates information and provides training
- Recognizes outstanding achievements of municipal engineers
- Provides a venue through which members can network and solve problems

As a member, you will enjoy:

- The sharing of valuable information; including new policies, methods, etc. and access to insider interpretations
- Valuable networking opportunities through forums, committees, workshops, etc.
- Mentorship and career growth opportunities
- Support of education through bursaries
- Access to recruitment information
- Lower fees for training, workshops and publications
- PEO PEAK hours through participation on committees and attendance at workshops

## MEA Representation

The MEA has an active board of directors that are nominated from the membership and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

Your board consists of:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer/Secretary
- 6 Directors
- Past President

The MEA employs an Executive Director to assist the board with day-to-day business activities. An Infrastructure Services Coordinator is jointly employed by MEA and OGRA.

## MEA Funding

The MEA generates funding from annual membership dues, proceeds from sales of its publications, registration fees for the annual workshop and training sessions and from employment service ads.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The association is effective through the volunteer efforts of our members. We have many committees and we are always looking for members to volunteer their expertise.

Committees on which our members participate include ministries (MOECC, MTO and MNR), organizations (OGRA, OPWA, TAC, OCSI, etc.) and committees to undertake MEA's own initiatives, such as MCEA monitoring, OPS and training.

A list of all committees our members participate on can be found on our website. If you are interested in participating on one of the committees, please let us know at [info@municipalengineers.on.ca](mailto:info@municipalengineers.on.ca) or contact a member of the MEA Executive Board.

## Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA)

The MCEA document for municipal projects was developed through the expertise of MEA members.

This document is approved by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and is the basis for the planning, design and construction of road, transit, water and wastewater projects.

If you are interested in learning more about the MCEA (monitoring reports, training sessions and modules, amendments, clarifications) have questions or would like to order the publication, please visit: [www.municipalclassea.ca](http://www.municipalclassea.ca)



Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill



## Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS)

The OPS is based on the MEA's original set of standards and drawings called the "Yellow Book". Today, the OPS are owned by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and MEA. The OPS is a set of technical specifications and drawings produced with a goal to establish province-wide common standards and eliminating the need for duplication.

Through our members volunteering on various OPS committees, the MEA works in collaboration with MTO and various other partners representing various disciplines and expertise, to keep the OPS updated to current industry practices.