

MEA MEMBER SERVICES QUARTERLY UPDATE

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NEWS

MEA's 60th Annual Fall Workshop & AGM – Hold the Date

This year the MEA Annual Fall Workshop is being held at the prestigious Blue Mountain Resort from November 26-29 and the event is being jointly hosted by the towns of **Collingwood, Wasaga Beach** and the **Town of 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. Registration will start later this summer. Make sure you hold these dates - its going to be a great event!

To learn more please [CLICK HERE!](#)

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PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT OUR MEA VOLUNTEERING SURVEY

CLICK HERE!

If you are interested in volunteering with MEA, check out the volunteer opportunities in our website under **Resources**

Another Successful MCEA Workshop

The latest MCEA Workshop was recently held on June 3-4 in Mississauga. The workshop was presented in four learning modules which provided the participants with the background to understand the Class EA process. Participants had the chance to learn about the latest updates on MCEA amendments and how that could effect the Class EA Process. The workshop generated lots of good discussion from participants on common challenges, practices, and success stories in regards to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.



Call for Nominations - 2019 MEA Award

The MEA is actively seeking nominations for the MEA Award which recognizes an MEA member who has provided outstanding service to the community, been recognized for work related accomplishments in an engineering project of above average merit, and/or has a record of long-term service. Deadline for nominations is Friday September 6, 2019.

[Click HERE](#) for more information and to get a nomination form.

MEA Young Professionals Event - August 16th, 2019

The Young Professionals Committee invites MEA young professionals to attend a tour of the storm water facility and central utilities facility at the Toronto Pearson International Airport. The tour will start at 9:00a.m. on August 16th. Seats are limited. stay tuned on our website for updates on how to sign up [CLICK HERE](#).



Excess Soil Engagement

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recently completed public consultations on a regulatory proposal for excess soil management. This proposal supports the direction in Ontario's proposed Environmental Plan, which speaks to recognizing that excess soil is often a resource that can be reused and setting clear rules to allow industry to reduce construction costs. This proposal included the following elements for review:

- A new proposed On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation
- Complementary amendments to Regulation 347 (Waste)
- Amendments to O. Reg 153/04 (Records of Site Condition)
- A proposed document to be adopted by reference in the On-Site and Excess Soil

The proposal would increase opportunities for the appropriate and beneficial reuse of excess soil:

- Recognize excess soil as a resource
- Set clear rules to increase reuse opportunities and reduce soil relocation costs
- Reduce clean excess soil going to landfill as waste
- Lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with excess soil movement
- Protect human health and the environment

To view the MECP's presentation at the Excess Soil Engagement Group Meeting, please [CLICK HERE!](#)





MEA Presence at the OWWA Conference in May

The MEA hosted a trade show booth at the recent OWWA Conference from May 6 – 8 at the Ottawa Shaw Center. MEA promotional materials were provided to many conference delegates who had an opportunity to drop by and learn more about MEA initiatives including Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Ontario Provincial Standards, MEA training programs and the 2019 Annual Fall Workshop & AGM.

MEA at the OPWA's ROW Management Conference in October

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.



MEA TRAINING & EVENTS



Call for Presentation - 2019 MEA Fall Workshop & AGM

The MEA is reaching out to all professionals who are interested in making a presentation during the technical sessions at the MEA's 2019 Fall Workshop & AGM. This year's theme is "For All Seasons". For more information on submitting an application for a presentation, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

MCEA Workshop - October 2019

The MEA will be hosting a MCEA Workshop on October 15 - 16 at the Centre for Health and Safety Innovation in Mississauga. Visit our website for updates on registration at

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

OPS-"101" Course

The MEA, will be offering an Ontario Provincial Standards "101" Course in the near future. Engineers/technologists/technicians from municipalities, consultants, contractors and provincial agencies will be able to learn about how OPS documents can be used to benefit various infrastructure projects. Course content is currently under development. We expect the first course will be to be offered during the winter of 2020.

MCEA

MCEA Reform

- The MEA is committed to reforming the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process and is actively working with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks (MECP) to achieve this. Recently, the MEA, in collaboration with RCCAO and OGRA, has issued comments to the MECP regarding Modernizing Ontario's Environmental Assessment Program. For more details, [CLICK HERE!](#)
- Recently, the MEA published articles on MCEA reform in the May edition of Milestone and the June edition of Environmental Science and Engineering Magazine.
- The MEA is moving forward on the development of a major amendment of the MCEA document in 2019. Check the MCEA for updates.





MCEA Website

The MEA has plans to redesign the MCEA website in a similar format to what was recently completed for the MEA website. While we do not have a specific timeline, we expect to get underway with the improvements later this year.

MCEA FAQs

MEA is in the process of compiling a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) with answers to address the high demand of MCEA inquiries. The FAQs and answers will be posted on the MCEA website. Check our website for updates.



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Amin Mneina
Member Services Coordinator (MEA/OGRA)

OPS Presentation at OWWA Conference

In its role as the partner custodian of OPS, MEA provided a presentation during the Certification & Education Session at the 2019-OWWA Conference in May. MEA's Member Services Coordinator, Amin Mneina collaborated with OPS Watermains Committee member, Ray Miller to deliver a well received informational presentation on **Past, Present, and Future of OPS.**



Ray Miller
Member of OPS Watermains Committee

OPSS MUNI 100 GC

The OPS GC Committee is finalising the revision and update of the OPS MUNI 100 GC in reference to the new Construction Act. The updated document will be part of the OPS November publication. The MEA is planning to summarise and highlight the updates in a summary document which will be shared with members. Check our Latest News section at our website for updates.





OPS Traffic Safety Committee - MEA Alert

For several decades, the Ministry of Transportation's acceptance of roadside safety products has been based on full scale crash testing in accordance with standardized methods. As MTO's construction standards and standard drawings are replaced and updated, Ontario Provincial Standards will be making this transition as well, replacing and updating OPSDs and OPSS.MUNIs as documents are submitted to OPS through the Traffic Safety Committee.

The Ministry of Transportation is in the process of transitioning to the use of MASH tested hardware in its design and construction standards, following a timeline roughly parallel with FHWA. During this process, standards for NCHRP Report 350 tested hardware is being cancelled and replaced with MASH tested devices.

It is important to highlight that the transition to MASH tested products is still ongoing. This document contains a list of cancelled, updated, and new specifications and drawings made to date. A follow-up document may be published in the future when the transition is substantially complete with a complete list of changes.

For more information on this roadside safety hardware information update, see attachments.

Attachments



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OPS Committees - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers who participate in our various OPS Committees are an influential part of Ontario's infrastructure industry, stay connected to experts in the field, and earn PEO PEAK hours. The MEA currently has vacancies in the following committees:

OPS Traffic Safety - 1 Vacancy

OPS Watermains - 1 Vacancy

If you are interested in participating in one of these committees, please email amin.mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca, advise which committee you are interested in and include a copy of your resume or a brief bio. Your information will be shared with the respective committee chairs.

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