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ITE Toronto Section / Hamilton / Southwest Ontario Sections Spring Luncheon and Transportation Sustainability Seminar Wednesday, April 21, 2010

This year our Annual Spring Luncheon will be a joint luncheon with Hamilton and Southwest Ontario Sections and will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 11:30 am at the Four Points by Sheraton (Room: Georgian Hall) at the Toronto Airport located at 6257 Airport Road in Mississauga. Registration will start at 11:00 am. The theme for this year's luncheon / seminar is Transportation Sustainability.

For the lunch, the ITE International Vice President Candidates, Troy Peoples, Rock Miller, and Ray Davis, will be attending to provide a short overview on the merits of their being chosen.



The lunch will be followed by an afternoon seminar where there are three excellent speakers who are presenting a diverse range of topics related to transportation sustainability:

 Nicole Arsenault, York University, TDM at York – The University has experienced impressive growth in the past decade and with that growth is an increased flow of people to and from the university. The University made decision years ago to manage that growth in traffic by encouraging

modes of transport other than the private automobile such as transit, cycling, and carpooling. This practice is termed TDM or Transportation Demand Management. Nicole will present an overview of the significant transportation hub that York has evolved into as well as past actions that have met with impressive results. The presentation will conclude with future plans.

- Phil Meagher, Durham Region Transit, Durham Region Long Term Transit Strategy (LTTS)

 A 20 month intensive planning exercise was recently completed in March of this year for the LTTS, which is a comprehensive strategy for advancing rapid transit in Durham Region within the context of the broader mobility goals of the Region. The strategy emphasizes rapid transit and its integral place within sustainable transportation options that will help the Region address anticipated transportation demands to 2031 and beyond (to 2056). Phil will be providing the highlights of the plan.
- Rob Trotter, City of Waterloo, Uptown Waterloo Redevelopment The Uptown Waterloo
 area has seen significant revitalization and development recently and there have been a
 number of sustainable transportation components such as lower parking requirements,
 shared parking, paid parking, and designated parking stalls. Rob will be speaking about
 some of the experience with implementing the plan and the components that make it more
 sustainable.

To register for the event, please contact our **Activities Coordinator**, **Angela Gibson** at <u>Angela.Gibson@townofajax.com</u>, or (905) 619-2529 x 3209, by Thursday, April 15, 2010. The cost for the event is \$85 for ITE members and \$100 for non-members. Payment can be made at the door by cash or cheque (made out to ITE Toronto Section) and receipts will be issued at that time. If you register for the luncheon / seminar and are not able to attend, you will be invoiced. Please be sure to let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Complete Streets Forum, Friday, April 23, 2010

The Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation are hosting the Complete Street Forum. Learn from leading experts about innovative, creative solutions for designing and implementing safe and inviting streets for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users and motorists.



Over 150 delegates are expected to attend representing transportation planners, urban design firms, government, industry, public health professionals and non-profit organizations. The conference will be held on Friday, April 23, 2010, with exclusive pre-conference workshops on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

More information about the conference and how to register is in the attached brochure, or at: http://www.torontocat.ca/main/completestreetsforum2010/program.

Downtown Streetcar Tour

The Toronto Section will be organizing an evening downtown streetcar tour in late May or early June. See the City from a different vantage point together with your transportation colleagues and hear a little about TTC history. More information to follow.

Recent Events...

Ryerson Careers in Civil Engineering Event, Ryerson University, Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Mehemed Delibasic and Mark Jamieson of the ITE Toronto Section were happy to participate in this year's Careers in Civil Engineering event at Ryerson University. The event, which was hosted by the Ryerson chapter of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineers (CSCE), was made up of several industry presenters who gave the undergraduate students who attended, an overview of the various careers in civil engineering that might await them.

Mark and Mehemed did a joint presentation that summarized what a career in Transportation might involve. Other presenters included Kevin Laframboise of Hydro One, Lou Politano from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario, and Cameron Blair of EllisDon Corporation. The Toronto Section wishes to thank the Ryerson CSCE chapter for the chance again to participate.



Second Annual Joint Toronto / Hamilton / Southwest Ontario Section Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair Monday, March 15, 2010, Ryerson University

The second Annual ITE Toronto / Hamilton / Southwest Sections Joint Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair was held on Monday, March 15, 2010, at Ryerson University in Toronto. This Year's representatives at the job fair included BA Group, AECOM, HDR | iTRANS, MMM Group, IBI Group, and Genivar. We thank all the companies who came out and participated in the job fair and attended the student presentation.



This year, the student presenters represented Ryerson University, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, and University of Windsor. The following topics were presented:

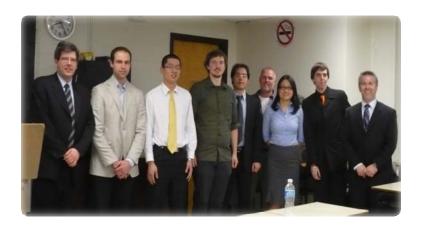
- Value Capture Would it be useful in Toronto
- The rise of car sharing The benefits it brings and what lies in the future
- Traffic Impact Study Wasaga Beach Mixed Development Projects
- Dares Salaam Bus Rapid Transit System
- Comparison of car-following models for safety performance analysis using vehicle Trajectory data
- Roundabout design with consideration of truck turning movements

Thanks to sponsorship through CITE, each presenter receives a prize in both graduate and undergraduate categories. First place receives \$350; second place receives \$150; and third place receives \$100.

The 2010 winner in the graduate category was Jason Dahl from University of Windsor for his presentation on "Roundabout Design with Consideration of Truck Turning Movements". The winner in the undergraduate category was Joseph McColm from Ryerson University for his presentation on "Obtaining Traffic Impact Study - Wasaga Beach Mixed Development Projects".

The 2010 winners will be entered into a national draw for the chance to attend the Annual CITE Conference. We would also like to congratulate other presenters, Denis Agar from Ryerson University, Harvey Yang and Amy Jiang from University of Toronto, and Amir Ghods from University of Waterloo. All the presenters have been invited to the Toronto Section Spring Luncheon on Wednesday April 21, 2010.

Other special guest at the Student Presentation was CITE President Gene Chartier, who provided us with updates on the CITE Student Programs.



The Toronto, Hamilton, and Southwest Ontario sections would like to thank the schools and students for their entries and congratulate all of the participants on their outstanding efforts. Also, special thanks to Ryerson University for all their help in making this event a success.

Student Technical Event, Traffic Management Centre Tour Tuesday, March 23, 2010

On Tuesday March 23, 2010, 35 students from Ryerson University and 10 of our members took a guided tour of the City of Toronto's Traffic Control Centre on Don Mills Road. Simon Foo, Senior Transportation Engineer and Bhanuja Karunamoorthy, Engineering Technologist from the City of Toronto hosted the tour. They gave presentations on Synchro and SimTraffic software, operation and management of RESCUE system, and also provided a discussion on signal timing theory, and how traffic signals are managed through the City's various methods of central system control.



ITE Contact Information

If you or one of your colleagues are not receiving the monthly ITE Journal, the quarterly CITE Transportation Talk, periodic web communication correspondence from CITE, and/or the ITE Toronto Section Newsletters, then the contact information we have may not be up to date in our respective databases. ITE International, CITE and the ITE Toronto Section maintain separate membership databases. Every effort is made to keep the three databases "in agreement"; however, there are instances where changes in membership have not been instituted across the databases.



For ITE Journal, Invoicing and other ITE international correspondence, Transportation Talk, and the Web Communications Centre, your current contact information can be viewed and changed at www.ite.org under the "my profile" tab on the left side. It provides information on what your login and password are based on your ITE membership number and name.

For ITE Toronto Section Newsletters, your current contact information can be checked with our Membership Coordinator Matthew Davis at matthew.davis@IBIGroup.com. The ITE Toronto Section distributes their correspondence solely by e-mail. If you are receiving the Toronto Section newsletters and your e-mail contact information is correct, then there is no need to confirm mailing address information.

Do You...

- Have any interesting transportation-related articles or photos that you would like to see in our newsletter? Send them electronically to our Communications Coordinator Mehemed Delibasic at mehemed.delibasic@aecom.com.
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Eglinton Avenue in Toronto re-imagined, Paul Young

Streets for everyone!



The Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation (TCAT), a project of the Clean Air Partnership, invites you to its third annual active transportation conference, the Complete Streets Forum, April 23, 2010 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Learn from leading experts about innovative, creative solutions for designing and implementing safe and inviting streets for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users and motorists.

Over 150 delegates are expected to attend representing transportation planners, urban design firms, government, industry, public health professionals and non-profit organizations.



Complete Streets Forum April 22-23 '10



Friday, April 23, 2010

Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto exclusive pre-conference workshops April 22



Register today!

Full agenda at: torontocat.ca/main/completestreetsforum2010

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