



INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS TORONTO SECTION

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Upcoming Events

OTC/ITE Full Day Workshop on Developing Sustainable Downtowns: Initiatives and Challenges Thursday, November 14th, 2013

ITE Toronto Section and the Ontario Traffic Council (OTC) are joining forces again this year to host a one-day workshop on Developing Sustainable Downtowns: Initiatives and Challenges. The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 14th, 2013 at Le Jardin Conference Centre, located at 8440 Highway 27 in Woodbridge (Vaughan), at the corner of Highway 27 and Langstaff Road (approximately 2-3 minutes north of Highway 7).

Presenters at this workshop will discuss how these centers or new downtowns will be unique and developed around the philosophy of New Urbanism and based on the principles of sustainable growth often referred to as “Smart Growth”. When complete, these centers may act as a gateway to downtown, and will not only be a pedestrian and transit-friendly destination for cultural activities, shopping, and employment, but also a distinct community integrated with nature. Please refer to the attached flyer for presenters and registration details. ●

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**Annual ITE Toronto Section Christmas Luncheon
Friday, December 6th, 2013
Toronto Cricket Curling and Skating Club, 141 Wilson Avenue,
Toronto ON**

Once again, it's time to start thinking about the ITE Toronto Section Annual General Meeting and Christmas Luncheon, which will be held at the Toronto Cricket Curling and Skating Club on Friday, December 6th, 2013.

For reservations, please contact our Activities Coordinator, Farhad Shahla, by e-mail at Farhad.Shahla@mississauga.ca or by phone at (905) 615-3200 ext. 3377. The deadline for registration is Friday, November 31st, 2013, at noon.

The cost for this event, which always includes a great lunch, is \$50 for ITE members and \$60 for non-members. Payment can be made either online (through our website: www.itetoronto.ca) or alternatively at the event by cash or cheque, with the cheque payable to the ITE Toronto Section. As always, any individual who registers but does not attend will be invoiced.

We suggest you consider carpool and transit options when planning your trip to the luncheon as parking at the club is limited and there is a charge.

For our Scholarship fundraising draw, MMM Group has graciously donated a set of tickets to a Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game. Tickets for the draw will be sold during the luncheon and monies raised will be donated to the CITE scholarships. ●

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**ITE Toronto Section 2013 Project of the Year Award –
3rd Annual Award, Call for Project Nominations**

ITE Toronto Section reminds all members that the deadline for nominations for our 3rd Annual Project of the Year Award is Wednesday, November 6th, 2013! The Project of the Year award is a competition to highlight and showcase a ground-breaking transportation project undertaken by public or private organization from the Toronto Section.

The purpose of the ITE Toronto Section Project of the Year Award is to recognize a significant achievement or contribution in the field of transportation engineering from the Toronto Section Area in the past year. The winning project should add to the state of the practice through demonstrating excellence and innovation in the field of Transportation. The project can be for any topic in the field of transportation such as capacity analysis, traffic operations, transportation modelling, corridor analysis, transportation planning, design, safety, intelligent traffic systems, transit systems, active transportation, transportation demand management, etc. Note that municipal/ministry projects undertaken by third party consultants can be nominated on behalf of the municipality/ministry or the consultant.

We are seeking nominations from individuals, private-sector companies, or municipalities who have worked on projects undertaken in late 2012 or throughout 2013 that fits the above description. The winner of the ITE Toronto Section Project of the Year Award will receive the following:

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- a plaque from ITE Toronto Section recognizing the achievement;
- recognition of the winner and the project at the 2013 ITE Toronto Section Christmas Luncheon including a very brief opportunity to discuss / present the project;
- recognition of the project on the ITE Toronto Section website; and
- recognition in the Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers (CITE) Transportation Talk Newsletter as part of the ITE Toronto Section News.



Photo: City of Mississauga representatives accepting the 2012 Project of the Year Award

Last year, we received nominations from the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel for the competition. The 2012 award was won by the City of Mississauga for the **Sustainable Urban Transformation in Downtown Mississauga**.



Photo: GENIVAR representative accepting the 2011 Project of the Year Award

The 1st award (2011) was won by GENIVAR for the **Richmond Hill-Langstaff Urban Growth Centre Transportation Study**. The 2013 award could be yours!

If you are interested in nominating a project, please submit a one-page project description (with details including, but not limited to, the project scope, challenges, benefits to society and why it should win) plus the final report associated with the project.

Nominated projects should be sent to the Awards Coordinators, Mehemed Delibasic (Section Vice-President) at Mehemed.Delibasic@genivar.com or (905) 475-8727 ext. 18329, and Sean Nix (Section Communications Coordinator) at sean.nix@mohawkcollege.ca or (905) 575-1212 ext. 3366. Please include "ITE Toronto Section Project of the Year Award 2013" in the subject line to ensure it is filed properly. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, November 6th, 2013.

We are also looking for judges to help judge the competition. If you are interested in volunteering to be a judge for the competition, please also contact our Awards Coordinators (information above).●

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Time to Vote, Call for Nominations – ITE Toronto Section Election for 2014 ITE Toronto Section Activities Coordinator Nomination Due Wednesday, November 20th, 2013

ITE Toronto Section is seeking nominations for one position on next year's 2014 Executive. The position available is "Activities Coordinator" which is an entry level position in the Executive that involves a moderate level of time commitment. Duties include coordinating and booking section events, receiving and keeping track of registrations for section events, and coordinating with other Executive members to stage successful section events. Once on the Executive, the members sequentially work through each position on the executive in one-year intervals.

Nominations or questions regarding the position may be forwarded by phone or e-mail to the Elections Coordinator; Mehemed Delibasic (Section Vice-President), at Mehemed.Delibasic@genivar.com or (905) 475-8727 ext. 18329. When submitting the nomination, please include a brief one-paragraph biography that can be circulated to section members to inform the voters.

Note that nominations must be received no later than Wednesday, November 20th, 2013. All nominees will be identified in a subsequent mail-out prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), allowing advanced voting. The election will be held at our 2013 Annual General Meeting and Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 6th, 2013. Members will be asked to vote for one candidate. The candidate with the highest number of votes will become the 2014 Activities Coordinator.

ITE members will be asked to vote in person at the AGM; however, if you are not able to attend the AGM, you may vote by proxy or participate in the advance poll via e-mail. Advance votes received by e-mail will be accepted by the Elections Coordinator up to and including Thursday, December 5th, 2013. To participate in the advance poll, please send an e-mail message to Mehemed.Delibasic@genivar.com with "2014 ITE Election" in the subject line. You must include the full name of the candidate you wish to vote for along with your name and ITE membership number.

To vote by proxy, please give a written statement to your proxy including authorization to vote on your behalf and your ITE membership number. Questions regarding the election procedures may be forward by e-mail or phone to the Elections Coordinator; Mehemed Delibasic (Section Vice-President), at Mehemed.Delibasic@genivar.com or (905) 475-8727 ext. 18329. ●

On the Move

Matthew Davis, your ITE Toronto Section Secretary, has joined the City of Toronto as a Senior Transportation Planner. Matthew can now be reached at mdavis3@toronto.ca. ●

Past Events

SimCap Follow-up Workshop

Thursday, September 26th, 2013

MMM Group Thornhill Office, 100 Commerce Valley Drive West,
Markham ON

ITE Toronto Section held a local SimCap (Simulation & Capacity Analysis) User Group follow-up event on September 26th, 2013 at the MMM Group Head Office in Thornhill.



Photo: Participants at the SimCap Follow-up Workshop.

The event began with a presentation and discussion facilitated by Matthew Davis on simulation model calibration techniques and the state of calibration use in the GTA. The event was well attended with many of the participants contributing insights of their own and ideas for future SimCap workshops. One key area of interest was the use of Synchro 8 and the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) 2010 for traffic analysis, and, the presentation of a real-world example of calibration

using these models and methodologies. SimCap is planning another event focusing on Synchro 8, HCM2010, and model calibration in early 2014!



Photo: Matthew Davis, ITE Toronto Section Secretary, presenting on model calibration at the SimCap Follow-up Workshop.

For more information about the SimCap Toronto User's Group, please email Matthew Davis at mdavis3@toronto.ca or Nixon Chan at ChanN@mmm.ca. ●

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**Transportation Talks Seminar, University of Toronto
Institute of Transportation Engineers (UT-ITE)
Student Chapter
Friday, October 11th, 2013
University of Toronto**



Photo: Mehemed Delibasic, ITE Toronto Section Vice President, presenting at the Transportation Talks Seminar, hosted by UT-ITE.

The University of Toronto Institute of Transportation Engineers (UT-ITE) Student Chapter invited members from your ITE Toronto Section Executive to present at the Transportation Talks Seminar about careers in transportation engineering. Mehemed Delibasic, ITE Toronto Section Vice President, was happy to participate with presentation that summarized an overview of the various careers in

Transportation/Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning that might await them upon graduation. Mehemed gave a brief introduction of the ITE Toronto Section and upcoming activities, an overview of his work and project experience, potential industry employers, and what employers are looking for when hiring.



Photo: Participants at the Transportation Talks Seminar, hosted by UT-ITE.

Approximately 35 graduate and undergraduate students, UT-ITE Student Chapter executives, and professors Matthew Roorda and Khandker M. Nurul Habib attended this event and participated in discussion after presentation. A special thanks to the UT-ITE Student Chapter for inviting us, hosting the event and making it a success. ●

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ITE OMB Expert Witness Training for Transportation Engineers & Planners Thursday, October 17th, 2013 Radisson East Hotel, 55 Hallcrown Place, Toronto ON

On Thursday, October 17th, 2013 ITE Toronto hosted a successful full day workshop on Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Expert Witness testimony. Approximately 20 people came out to the Radisson East hotel to listen to course instructors Chris Middlebro' and Russell Brownlee provide attendees with training on how to prepare for OMB hearings and how to deliver expert testimony in an effective way. Each participant was given a detailed booklet of training information that included the unique presentation content developed specifically for this event for ITE Toronto members, as well as a variety of other reference documents.



Photo: Christopher Middlebro' presenting at the Ontario Municipal Board Expert Witness Training for Transportation Engineers & Planners.

During the afternoon portion of the workshop, participants were given a transportation study from an actual OMB hearing to review as a case study. The case study was then used as the basis of a mock OMB hearing simulation where course participants were able to watch a volunteer role play as an expert witness for the case. Course instructors Chris Middlebro' and Russell Brownlee then role played lawyers asking questions of the witness to demonstrate different methods of delivering evidence in chief, and ways of dealing with cross examination.



Photos: *Left* – Russell Brownlee, ITE Transportation Expert Witness Council Chair. *Right* – Case Study Roundtable Discussion led by Chris and Russell.

While this workshop was the 2nd year ITE Toronto has provided training on the topic of the OMB preparation, this year was the first time ITE Toronto has partnered with local professionals to develop a unique course content that was specifically tailored to ITE Toronto Section members.

The ITE Toronto Section executive committee wishes to thank our course instructors Chris Middlebro' and Russell Brownlee for their efforts in developing a great course! ●

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 consistent; 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 on the right hand side of the home page, either under “login/logout” or by logging into ITE Community. 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 Communications Coordinator **Sean Nix** at sean.nix@mohawkcollege.ca. The ITE Toronto Section distributes correspondence solely by e-mail. If you are receiving the Toronto Section newsletters and your e-mail contact information is correct, confirmation of mailing address information is not required.

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, **Sean Nix** at sean.nix@mohawkcollege.ca.

Have any questions for the ITE Toronto Section? Contact our President, **Nixon Chan**, at ChanN@mmm.ca or Vice-President, **Mehemed Delibasic**, at Mehemed.Delibasic@genivar.com.

Want to learn about Job Posting opportunities offered by the ITE Toronto Section and CITE? Contact our Communications Coordinator, **Sean Nix**, at sean.nix@mohawkcollege.ca.●

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