



## INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS TORONTO SECTION

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### Upcoming Events

#### Christmas Luncheon and Annual General Meeting

*Date: Friday, December 5, 2014*

*Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm*

*Location: Toronto Cricket Curling and Skating Club, 141 Wilson Avenue, Toronto ON*

It is that time of the year to start planning to attend the ITE Toronto Section Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Christmas Luncheon, which will be held at the Toronto Cricket Curling and Skating Club on Friday, December 5, 2014.



Photo 1: 2013 Christmas Luncheon and AGM

**ITE Toronto Section 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Call for Past Photos:**

This year ITE Toronto Section is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary. In the past 40 years we have held numerous educational programs, training, and networking sessions across all areas of transportation engineering. In recognition of our 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary we would like to display photos of our past events. If you have any photographs or video of past ITE Toronto Section events please share it with us by sending them to [Farhad.Shahla@mississauga.ca](mailto:Farhad.Shahla@mississauga.ca).

**Keynote Speaker's Presentation:**

It is our pleasure to inform you that Ed Levy, a Lifetime Member and a Fellow of the ITE is the Section's key speaker for the 2014 Luncheon and AGM with a topic on 'A Century of Plans, Projects, Politics and Paralysis'.



Ed will present a summary of his book "*Rapid Transit in Toronto – A Century of Plans, Projects, Politics and Paralysis*" which began life as an e-book over a year ago. An extensively revised and updated version of the book will soon be published in hard copy (December 2014). The book provides a comprehensive 100-year history of rapid transit planning and implementation in the Toronto region. Should time permit, given the timing of the recent municipal elections across Ontario, he will also be pleased to venture opinions (and misgivings) relating to mayor-elect John Tory's "SmartTrack" concept.

Edward J. Levy, P.Eng, has worked as a transportation planner and advisor since graduating from the University of Toronto in 1957 with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Following associations with several consulting engineering and planning firms in Canada and the United States, Mr. Levy co-founded Barton-Aschman Canada Limited (now known as BA Consulting Group Limited) in

1973. He served as President and then Chairman of the Board of Directors for more than 15 years.

Since his formal retirement, he has advised government agencies on transportation policy and infrastructure expansion needs, with an emphasis on public transit. In 2007, he served on a Metrolinx Advisory Committee for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan ("The Big Move"), issued in late 2008. More recently he served on a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) working with the Metrolinx board to develop terms of reference for a year-long feasibility analysis of GO Transit electrification, issued at the end of 2010. He also served as an advisor to Metrolinx for a major updating of the Regional Transportation Plan ("Big Move 2"), issued in 2013, and will be involved in Metrolinx's review of design and feasibility studies relating to the proposed "Relief Line" subway in Toronto.

Mr. Levy is a lifetime member and a Fellow of the ITE. He is a recipient of the CITE H. Robert Burton Distinguished Service Award and the ITE Lifetime Achievement award.

**Sponsorship:**

An opportunity for corporate sponsorship is now available at \$300 during the AGM event. Each sponsor will be able to bring a Board (24" x 36") or Roll-up Board with Banner Stand (24" to 33" x 80") to promote its transportation services. This sponsorship goes towards supporting our interested student members attending the AGM at a discounted price. The sponsors will be announced during the event as well as recognized in our newsletter.

**Registration:**

For reservation and sponsorship inquiries, please contact our Activities Coordinator, Amy Jiang, by e-mail at [jiang@bagroup.com](mailto:jiang@bagroup.com) or by phone at (416) 961-7110 ext. 166. The deadline for registration is Friday, November 28, 2014, at noon.

The cost for this event, which always includes a great lunch, is \$50 for ITE members, \$60 for non-members and **\$15 for students**. Payment can be made either online at [www.itetoronto.ca](http://www.itetoronto.ca) or alternatively at door 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.

### **ITE Toronto Section 2014 Project of the Year Award – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Award**

ITE Toronto Section is pleased to announce that this section has received a handful of submissions. These submissions will be reviewed by a selected panel of judges and the winner will be announced during the AGM event on December 5, 2014.

### **Past Events**

#### **Annual Open House and Friday Seminar, University of Toronto Institute of Transportation Engineers (UT-ITE) Student Chapter**

*Friday, October 03, 2014, Toronto*

The University of Toronto Institute of Transportation Engineers (UT-ITE) Student Chapter invited members from ITE Toronto Section Executive to present at their "Annual Open House and Friday Seminar" about careers in transportation engineering. Mehemed Delibasic, President and Matthew Davis, Vice President of the ITE Toronto Section were happy to participate with presentations that summarized an overview of the various careers in Transportation/Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning that might await them upon graduation.



**Photo 2: Mehemed Delibasic, ITE Toronto Section President, presenting at the Annual Open House and Friday Seminar, hosted by UT-ITE**

Mehemed and Matthew gave a brief introduction of the ITE Toronto Section and upcoming activities, an overview of their work and project experience, potential industry employers, and what employers are looking for when hiring.



**Photo 3: Matthew Davis, ITE Toronto Section Vice President, presenting at the Annual Open House and Friday Seminar, hosted by UT-ITE**

Approximately 35 graduate/ undergraduate students and UT-ITE Student Chapter executives 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.

### Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – Tour iDAPT Centre for Rehabilitation's Challenging Environment Assessment Lab (CEAL)

*Date: October 22, 2014*

On October 22, 2014, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute hosted a tour of the iDAPT Centre for Rehabilitation's Challenging Environment Assessment Lab (CEAL) for ITE Toronto members. From their website:

*"CEAL is the only facility of its kind in the world. This massive underground lab features the world's first hydraulic motion simulator that can mimic everyday environmental challenges faced by older people and those with disabling injury or illness" (idapt.com)*

Guided by Jennifer Campos, Ph.D, Chief Scientist for CEAL, our members were granted access to these amazing labs, including **WinterLab** (*simulates winter conditions including an ice floor, sub-zero temperatures and wind*), **StreetLab** (*simulates the street environment for pedestrians, wheelchair users and other road users*), and **StairLab** (*simulates challenging staircase environments*). The members toured other labs related to the indoor environment, such as CareLab, FallsLab, HomeLab, and others.

CEAL has working relationships with key players in the GTA's transportation community, and our members on the tour came away with many ideas for future collaboration with CEAL on a range of transportation issues. CEAL's ability to quantify human behaviours and reactions to traffic controls, tactile surfaces, and other enhancements to the pedestrian/bicycle environment provides a plethora of opportunities to develop solutions which can be proven effective even before they are deployed. ITE also has plenty to offer

CEAL as they stand to benefit from our professional transportation industry input into their various technical programs.

CEAL conducts regular tours of their facility free of charge. Please email Matthew Davis at [mdavis3@toronto.ca](mailto:mdavis3@toronto.ca) for more information.

## News

### ITE Toronto Section Election 2014 Update

The following news was posted in our October 2014 newsletter.

Following the draft amendment proposed by our Section and subsequently approved by the Canadian District (CITE) in 2012, ***there will be no call for nominations or election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year.***

The following is a recap of what was proposed in 2012:

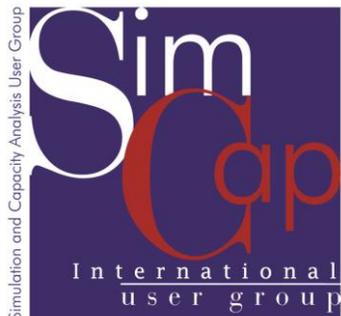
1. The executive will be reduced from 9 positions to 8 positions effective January 2013 by eliminating the Membership Coordinator role. Farhad Shahla will remain as Activities Coordinator for 2013. The responsibilities of the Membership Coordinator will be distributed amongst the remaining executive members.
2. For the 2014 executive year, all 8 executive members will advance to the next position as per tradition. A call for nominations for an election to serve on the ITE Toronto executive will be issued to the membership in the AGM in fall 2013 to elect a new Activities Coordinator for the 2014 year.
3. In 2015, we propose to eliminate the role of Student Chapter Liaison with its responsibilities being reassigned to other executive members. This will reduce the size of the executive from 8 to a total of 7 positions. There will be no call for nomination or election to ITE Toronto held at the 2014 AGM

4. Annual elections to the ITE Toronto executive board will resume at the 2015 AGM to elect a person to serve for the 2016 year, and years beyond.

As per number 2, we have elected Amy Jiang in 2014; she will continue to serve as the Section Activities Coordinator in 2015. As per number 3, we will eliminate the role of Student Chapter Liaison in 2015; most of the responsibilities related to this position will be assumed by the Vice-President, who will be Angela Gibson in 2015. We look forward to continuing to provide high quality events for our members that promote professional growth in our shared field.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our section President, Mehemed Delibasic at [Mehemed.Delibasic@wspgroup.com](mailto:Mehemed.Delibasic@wspgroup.com), or our Vice President, Matthew Davis at [mdavis3@toronto.ca](mailto:mdavis3@toronto.ca). Our contact info is located at the end of the newsletter.

### Toronto SimCap Group – Call for Executive Member



Toronto SimCap Group is seeking for Executive Member to join our team. We are seeking individuals (whether you are an ITE member or not) who have a general understanding of the traffic engineering field, passionate about engaging group discussions and have interest in the transportation software. No experience is required. As long as you have an interest about simulation and capacity software, then WE WANT YOU. Please send us a short blurb of yourself to tell us why you want to join our group and how you plan to engage specialists within the field. Please email Matthew Davis at [mdavis3@toronto.ca](mailto:mdavis3@toronto.ca) or Nixon Chan at [ChanN@mmm.ca](mailto:ChanN@mmm.ca) to inquire more information about this opportunity.

### Canada's New Anti-Spam Legislation

The Toronto Section of Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) has reviewed its communications policy to ensure compliance with Canada's anti-spam legislation.

The regulations regarding the distribution of commercial electronic messages (CEMs) came in effect on July 1, 2014. A CEM is an electronic message with any kind of commercial purpose, regardless of whether there is an expectation of profit. This includes not only the content of the message but also any content linked to the message.

It is our mandate to share information and act as a forum of information exchange, and thus many of the messages sent out by the ITE Toronto Section fall into the category classified as CEMs.

You have received this copy of the newsletter because you have given consent to the ITE Toronto Section to receive its communications.

If you know of other members of ITE Toronto Section who may have not yet given consent to receive, please feel free to share this newsletter with them. Please visit <http://itetoronto.ca/antispam.htm> for more information.

If you wish to unsubscribe from receiving future messages, please notify the ITE Toronto Section – Section's Communications Coordinator at any time. Additional information about Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation is available at [www.fightspam.gc.ca](http://www.fightspam.gc.ca).

## 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](http://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 **Farhad Shahla** at [farhad.shahla@mississauga.ca](mailto:farhad.shahla@mississauga.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, **Farhad Shahla** at [farhad.shahla@mississauga.ca](mailto:farhad.shahla@mississauga.ca).

Have any questions for the ITE Toronto Section? Contact our President, **Mehemed Delibasic**, at [Mehemed.Delibasic@wspgroup.com](mailto:Mehemed.Delibasic@wspgroup.com) or Vice-President, **Matthew Davis**, at [mdavis3@toronto.ca](mailto:mdavis3@toronto.ca).

Want to learn about Job Posting opportunities offered by the ITE Toronto Section and CITE? Contact our Communications Coordinator, **Farhad Shahla**, at [farhad.shahla@mississauga.ca](mailto:farhad.shahla@mississauga.ca).

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