



INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS TORONTO SECTION

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President's Message

Greetings to all ITE Toronto Section Members! 2015 is an exciting year for transportation in the GTA with the Pan-Am/ParaPan-Am games preparation, new transit initiatives, and an increased emphasis on alternative travel modes taking centre stage. As your new Section President for 2015, I am thankful for the opportunity to help guide ITE Toronto in these exciting times. Your new Executive for 2015 consists of Angela Gibson (York Region) – Vice President, Hossein Zarei (AECOM) – Secretary, Sean Nix (Mohawk) – Treasurer, Farhad Shahla (City of Mississauga) – Communications Coordinator, Amy Jiang (BA) – Activities Coordinator, and Mehemed Delibasic (WSP) – Immediate Past President. Please feel free to contact any of the Section Executives with any questions, comments, or suggestions you may have, as this is your Section!

To stay ahead of these busy times, the Section will be revamping its communications internally and with the general public. Announcements and general information for the Section will soon be available via Facebook and Twitter. Our webpage and newsletter will be revised to keep our members

better informed of upcoming programming and transportation news impacting our profession. Keep reading this edition of our newsletter for more information on these initiatives.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our Section is hosting the 2017 ITE International Annual Meeting and Exhibit in downtown Toronto! While 2017 seems like a long time from now, it is fast approaching. If you are interested in participating in the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2017 meeting, please email me at mdavis3@toronto.ca and I will keep you in the loop!

*Matthew Davis, PE, FITE
ITE Toronto Section President, 2015*

Upcoming Events

Ryerson ITE Student Social Event

Date: Friday 20 March

Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Student Campus Centre: Margaret Laurence Room (Rm. 201B, 55 Gould St., Toronto)

The Ryerson University ITE student chapter is hosting an afternoon for students to meet their colleagues from around the academic community and discuss current transportation issues in a casual setting. As well as transportation engineering students, the Ryerson Association of Planning Students, CSCE student chapter, and U of T ITE student chapter have been invited to attend. Any others with an interest in the transportation profession are welcome to attend. Attendees can enjoy games, food and refreshments.

2015 Spring Luncheon

Date: April 24, 2015 (Tentative)

Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm

Location: TBD

The ITE Toronto Section is currently working on finalizing the details pertinent to the 2015 Spring Luncheon tentatively scheduled for April 24, 2015, including a presentation and venue. The section will keep you informed on any updates.

Traffic Bowl | May 2015

In May, UT-ITE will host its 2nd annual inter-chapter Traffic Bowl prep session. Students from U of T, Mohawk, and Ryerson (and any other interested chapters - get in touch if you are interested and able to make it!) will meet at U of T for a pub night of transportation trivia and socialising. UT-ITE and U of T's traffic bowl team from last year, who won the CITE traffic bowl in early June, will be on hand to test and prepare this year's teams. All ITE members are welcome to attend, and the Toronto chapter has kindly offered to sponsor snacks to fuel the competition. Get in touch at ite@utoronto.ca if you're interested in joining in!

Past Events

Annual ITE Toronto Section AGM and Christmas Luncheon

Date: Friday, December 5, 2014

This year's Christmas Luncheon and Annual General Meeting was held on December 5, 2014 at the Toronto Cricket Curling and Skating Club. The emcee of the afternoon was Mehemed Delibasic, ITE Toronto Section President for 2014. The meeting was attended by over 100 people and our keynote speaker was Ed Levy, a Life Member and Fellow of ITE. Ed captivated the audience with his speech on "A Century of Plans, Projects, Politics, and Paralysis" which examined the past, present, and potential future state of public transit in the City of Toronto. The topic was very timely as the City is in the process of developing new public transit projects.



2014 Keynote Speaker – Ed Levy

2014 was a special year as it was ITE Toronto's 40th anniversary! We had a great collection of photos at the meeting that allowed us to walk down ITE Toronto's "Memory Lane" while checking out the ITE Toronto Section's Presidential Hall of Fame.

We were also able to gather for a picture of all ITE Toronto Section presidents over the past 40 years! Thank you to all who shared your photos with us for the luncheon!



ITE Toronto Section Presidents

The luncheon this year was sponsored by generous organizations, and the program was a success! With the sponsorship, we were able to secure admission to the Luncheon at a discounted rate to our student chapter members! Many thanks to **WSP/PB, CIMA+, BA Group, MMM Group, and Paradigm Transportation Solutions!** Another big thanks goes to BA Group for sponsoring the 2014 Raffle Prize by means of donating two tickets to a Maple Leafs game. The raffle proceeds supported the John Vardon Memorial Transportation Scholarship administered by CITE.



2014 Christmas Luncheon Sponsors

University of Toronto's ITE Student Chapter was recognized at the luncheon for their outstanding performance in the 2014 ITE Traffic Bowl competition. They fought their way to the top as the Canadian District Champions which qualified them for the 2014 Grand Championship competition held at the ITE International Meeting and Exhibit in Seattle, Washington, USA. Great job! We also celebrated two new Life Memberships from ITE International, granted to **Nickolas Poulos** and **David Thompson**.



2014 ITE Life Member Nickolas Poulos, presented by Mehemed Delibasic



2014 ITE Life Member David Thompson, presented by Mehemed Delibasic

Nixon Chan received the 2014 Past President Award for his outstanding leadership and direction throughout his time on the Executive Committee.



Nixon Chan receiving the 2014 Past President Award

This year's Project of the Year Award competition was intense, with a record six submissions from various organizations. MMM Group took home this year's award with their project "Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 – Cycling

Facilities" which was performed in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Traffic Council. As summarized in MMM Group's submission, the project is contributing to the development of "truly multi-modal transportation networks across Ontario and beyond". Thank you to **Dewan Karim, David Argue, Martin Maguire, Andy Harvey, and Dick Gordon** for serving as the judges for the competition! Special thanks to **Farhad Shahla and Mehemed Delibasic** for their help with the overall competition. Congratulations to MMM, MTO, and OTC on their win, and we are looking forward to another great competition next year!



2014 Project of the Year Winners, presented by Matthew Davis, 2015 ITE Toronto Section President

Last but not least, Gainer made an appearance. We tried to keep him off of the microphone but he is one tough gopher! Stay tuned for more of his ITE Toronto experience!



Looking Ahead...

Late last year, ITE Toronto's SimCap (Simulation and Capacity Analysis) User Group organized a technical committee which will seek to develop events intended to inform our Section members on the use of traffic simulation as well as capacity analysis techniques. Stay tuned...

Last year our section began to focus on the relationship between health and transportation, working in collaboration with the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (TRI) to tour their Challenging Environment Assessment Labs where they host realistic life scaled simulators for streets and traffic signals as well as other laboratories which test climate impacts and stair design. During the tours we discovered numerous ways ITE Toronto and TRI could work together, so again stay tuned...

Finally, it is never too early to begin planning for the 2017 ITE International Meeting and Exhibit which will be held in Toronto! Look out for more information this year as planning is already underway!

UT-ITE Seminar

February 20, 2015

On 20 February, UT-ITE welcomed Tony Medeiros to its weekly transportation seminar series. Mr. Medeiros is manager of planning and

design for Waterfront Toronto, and gave a lecture on the Gardiner Expressway East and Lakeshore Boulevard reconfiguration environmental assessment and urban design study. His lecture provided insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with various reconfiguration alternatives including maintaining, replacing, removing and improving the Gardiner Expressway East. The seminar was well attended and was followed by a stimulating question-and-answer period. UT-ITE would like to thank Mr. Medeiros for his seminar.

2015 Student/Industry Mixer

March 4, 2015

Location: Debates Room at Hart House (7 Hart House Circle), University of Toronto

On 4 March, UT-ITE host its 4th annual Student-Industry Mixer at Hart House. The event provided an opportunity for participants to network with planning and transportation professionals, faculty, students, and alumni from across the GTHA region.



Students and Transportation practitioners at the 2015 UofT Student/Industry Mixer event

We had representatives from 13 transportation firms and public agencies, with participation by over 100 students from multiple institutions. Delicious complimentary food and refreshments were also provided. This event was open to students from across the region, free of charge!

News

Call for Name Our Newsletter Contest

Do you read "The Star"? How about the "The Globe and Mail"? Maybe you read the "Toronto Sun", or maybe you're a "National Post" fan? All of these publications have one thing in common – they all have a name! Our Section's newsletter desperately needs a name, and now is the time to make it happen! Starting in March, ITE Toronto will hold a "Name Our Newsletter" draw, and the winner will receive **special recognition** at this year's Spring Luncheon.

Here are some examples of newsletter names from other ITE sections/chapters – just to get your creative juices flowing:

- *"Transportation Talk"* – CITE
- *"The Interchange"* – ITE Upstate New York Section
- *"The Interconnect"* – Mid-Atlantic Section of ITE
- *"Involver"* – North Carolina Section of ITE
- *"The Connector"* - ITE Southern District
- *"The Changing Face of Transportation"* – Kentucky Section of ITE

YOU could make history here! To submit your newsletter name in the draw, send an email to info@itetoronto.ca with the following subject line:

Name Our Newsletter: "Newsletter Name"

A shortlist of newsletter names will be emailed to the membership and the winning selection will be drawn at the upcoming Spring Luncheon. Good luck!

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.

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 **Farhad Shahla** at 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.

Have any questions for the ITE Toronto Section? Contact our President, **Matthew Davis**, at mdavis3@toronto.ca or Vice-President, **Angela Gibson**, at Angela.Gibson@york.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.

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