

## ITE Toronto Section Transportation Showcase Award



The ITE Toronto Section Transportation Showcase Award is awarded annually to a project undertaken by a private sector consultant or a public sector agency (or private/public team) that makes a significant contribution to the field of transportation engineering in the Greater Toronto Area. The purpose of the award is to recognize the contribution to the practice through highlighting the project with other members of the Toronto Section.

### **SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

The projects being nominated must have been carried out, for the most part (>70%), during the period January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Entries may be submitted by Fellows, Full Members, or provisional members in good standing. The submissions may have been accepted by a client or community group and not necessarily been adopted by legislation or other formal mechanisms.

ITE Toronto Section encourages submissions for projects of all sizes located in any municipality within the Greater Toronto Area.

Your entry may consist of a physical design concept; applied research; or communication materials (i.e. a report). Each nomination should include a short cover letter that includes a summary of the project details including the purpose of the project, what the project contributed to the state of the profession, and any other relevant information. Other attachments are acceptable.

Note that any projects currently under appeal to any board or tribunal are not admissible.

The deadline for submitting nominations is **Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011**. Submissions should be sent to the ITE Toronto Section vice-president Mark Jamieson at [jamieson@bagroup.com](mailto:jamieson@bagroup.com).

### **AWARDS JURY**

The Jury to judge the submissions shall be formed through the selection of five (5) volunteers that will include experienced ITE members from a variety of transportation backgrounds and who are representative of the various areas from across the GTA, as well as both genders.

The panel of jurors will be selected over the course of the summer. If you are interested in volunteering for the jury panel please contact our vice-president Mark Jamieson at [jamieson@bagroup.com](mailto:jamieson@bagroup.com).

Once a jury panel is selected, the jurors will hold a brief conference call to discuss the evaluation criteria, award categories and resolve questions as to process, and be introduced to each other by telephone. It is estimated that each juror will devote the equivalent of a day to a day and a half reviewing various submission materials, becoming familiar and helping to refine the award criteria, and participating in conference calls.

Note on conflict of interest: No juror should make an award submission. Submissions from the department or firm of the juror (which are sometimes submitted without the juror's knowledge) should not be evaluated by that juror, and the juror will be required to withdraw from the jury so

that a replacement juror can be found.

## **SELECTION OF SHORT LIST**

Once the submissions are received and distributed to the jury, each juror will develop their own short list in advance and provide it to the president and vice-president of the Toronto Section Executive.

A second conference call will then be arranged to develop an overall short list. Normally the short list shall comprise the top three submissions; however, the Awards Jury shall have the option of choosing a lesser or greater number for the short list. This second conference call will also allow for discussion of any contentious items or matters requiring clarification.

The short listed projects will be published in the ITE Toronto Section newsletter in early fall as well as a posted on the ITE Toronto web-site with a brief description of each short-listed project for everyone to review.

## **SELECTION OF OVERALL WINNER**

The Jury will hold a final conference call in late fall to determine the overall winner of the award. The ITE Toronto Section secretary will participate in this meeting along with the President and Vice-President to assist the jury in making notes and to record the reasons for the selection and the positive features of the submission. The winning project will be evaluated on the basis of the following preliminary criteria:

- Innovation & Contribution to the Profession
- Significance
- Scope, format, clarity of objectives
- Implementation
- Technical Content
- Overall Presentation
- Sustainability

Note that the jury shall be able to adjust the weighting of the above criteria per their discretion during their initial conference call.

## **AWARD PRESENTATION**

The Toronto Transportation Engineering Showcase Award will be presented during the annual ITE Toronto Christmas luncheon. In recognition of the outstanding contribution to the profession of Transportation Engineering, the winning project will receive a framed award from ITE Toronto Section with the name of the project, the firm or municipality, a description of the project, and the date. The winning project will also receive recognition in the ITE Toronto newsletter and website.