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Annual ITE Toronto Section Spring Luncheon Friday April 13, 2007, at Noon – York Reception Centre



Our guest speaker at our Annual Spring Lunch is Angela Iannuzziello, P.Eng., who will be speaking on behalf of the Toronto Board of Trade on recent announcements regarding Toronto's Challenges with Traffic Congestion. Toronto Board of Trade members have identified Toronto's worsening traffic congestion as a major challenge to the city's economy and quality of life. Based on a recent Transport Canada study it is estimated that, across the GTA, the difficulty in moving people and delivering goods and services is costing the region at least \$1.8 billion a year. The Toronto Board of Trade have identified an number of key actions as steps towards relieving Toronto's Traffic Congestion which will be the topic of discussion.

The Toronto Board of Trade has advocated the importance of infrastructure investment and particularly transportation infrastructure as a vital component of a competitive and vibrant community. From the Enough is not Enough campaign of which transit was one of the three major thrusts, to the GTTA, to the Waterfront, to sustainable funding, to the involvement of the private sector, the Toronto Board of Trade recognizes the important role of transportation.

Angela Iannuzziello is President of ENTRA Consultants and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Toronto Board of Trade. She is also Past-Chair of their Infrastructure Committee. Angela has been responsible for multi-disciplinary transportation planning projects integrating land use and urban design with sustainable development as well as transit planning

and operational reviews for the entire family of transit services including higher order transit, conventional, specialized and community based transportation. Her professional qualifications combined with her volunteer activities and commitment to excellence make her a recognized expert in strategic transportation and transit planning, community consultation and facilitation, and transportation for persons with special needs.

To register contact our **Activities Coordinator** Mark Jamieson at jamieson@bagroup.com, or (416) 961-7110 ext. 160, by Wednesday, April 11th at 12:00 noon. The cost for the event is \$30 for ITE members and \$35 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. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. The York Reception Centre is at 1100 Millwood Road (northeast corner of Millwood and Overlea).

Ontario Traffic Conference Transportation Planning Workshop Friday April 27, 2007 – Niagara Falls

Please see the **brochure** at the end of this newsletter for details.

CITE 2007 Annual Conference May 6 to 9, 2007 – Toronto

The ITE Toronto Section is hosting the 2007 CITE Conference at the Holiday Inn on King Street West from Sunday, May 6th to Wednesday, May 9th, 2007. The 2007 CITE Conference will provide many interesting technical programs including Virtual Tours and a Waterfront Bike Tour.



We are proud to announce that the Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Transportation, and Robert Maclsaac, Chair of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority, will be attending the Conference as guest speakers.

A Traffic Operations Practitioner Specialist (TOPS) Refresher Course will be held on Thursday, May 10th, 2007 after the conference.

For more details, please visit our website at www.itetoronto.ca.

Travel Demand Modelling With GIS May 9 to 11, 2007 – Ryerson University

Please see the **brochure** at the end of this newsletter for details.

Canadian Capacity Guide For Signalized Intersections Training Thursday May 10, 2007 – Toronto

The 3rd Edition of the Canadian Capacity Guide for Signalized Intersections (CGSI) is about to be released. A one-day course is being offered to provide detailed instruction in intersection capacity analysis based on the CGSI procedures, and use of the new InterCalc software. The location is the University of Toronto downtown campus. Please see the **brochure** at the end of this newsletter for details.

Obituary

Alan (Al) Lacey, P. Eng. (M), passed away in Toronto, Ontario, on February 24, 2007, after a 3-year battle against cancer. Al had a 35-year consulting engineering career with Read, Voorhees & Associates, specializing in the area of transportation planning. In spite of his illness, he maintained his cheery disposition and positive attitude. He will be missed by his family, colleagues and friends.

Human Factors & Road Transportation (CV8404) Ryerson University

This spring/summer, Ryerson's Department of Civil Engineering will offer a graduate course in Human Factors by the world-renowned Alison Smiley. The course will be 3 hours per week, with the day and time to be arranged. CITE members can register as special grad students at http://www.ryerson.ca/graduate/admissions/documents/2007_SS_SGS_application.pdf.

This course will deal with human physical, perceptual and cognitive limitations as they impact traffic safety. The following introductory human factors topics will be covered: road user visual limitations (field of view, foveal and central vision, colour, contrast sensitivity, acuity) and information processing limitations (attention, channel capacity, memory, visual search strategies). Road user limitations will be considered in relation to the design of traffic control devices and highway geometry. The impact of driver impairments such as fatigue, inexperience, age, medical conditions and alcohol and drug use will be discussed. Common causes of collisions will be discussed, illustrated by real-life case studies.

ITE Twelfth Annual Joint Toronto/Hamilton Section Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair

The Twelfth Annual ITE Toronto and Hamilton Sections Joint Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair was held on March 28th at Ryerson University.

This year's representatives at the job fair included Earth Tech, Dillon Consulting, BA Group, LEA Consulting, IBI Group, and iTRANS Consulting. We thank all the companies who came out and participated in the job fair and attended the student presentation.

The student presenters represented Mohawk College, University of Waterloo, University of

Toronto, and Ryerson University. Topics included High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes, traffic calming, development of logic codes for TSP strategies, impact of day-to-day variability on signalized intersection performance, smart growth & travel behaviour in Toronto, and a micro-simulation model for transit passenger assignment.

The 2007 winners were awarded \$250 in prize money made possible through funding from CITE and will be entered into a national draw for the chance to attend the Annual CITE Conference in Toronto. All the presenters have been invited to the Toronto Section Spring Luncheon on April 13th, as guests of the section.

The 2007 graduate category winner was **Sean Nix** from Ryerson University for his presentation on *Smart Growth and Travel Behaviour in Toronto*. The 2007 undergraduate category winner was **Jeramie Lewis** from Mohawk College for his presentation on *Traffic Calming in the City of Kitchener*.

Both the Toronto and Hamilton 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 and the Ryerson chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (RITE) for all their help in making this event a success.

Student Presenters



From left to right: Jeramie Lewis (Mohawk), Sean Nix (Ryerson), Roy Hulli (UofW), Kenneth Ng (UofW), Mohammed Wahba (UofT), Zeeshan Abdy (UofW)

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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**, 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 **Transportation Talk and the Web Communications Centre** distribution list, your current contact information can be viewed and changed at www.cite7.org and by logging onto the Web Communications Centre on the bottom left.



If you have forgotten your CITE login and password, you can have this information e-mailed to you. Instructions are provided on the CITE web site by clicking the "Need help with Orchestra?" link.

For **ITE Toronto Section Newsletters**, your current contact information can be checked with our **Membership Coordinator** Ahsun Lee at alee@lea.ca. The ITE Toronto Section distributes their correspondence solely by e-mail. If you are receiving the Toronto Section newsletters, your e-mail contact information is correct and 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** Phil Weber at pweber@ourston.ca.
- Have any questions for the ITE Toronto Section? Contact our **President** Adrienne Long or **Vice-President** Tim Lawson.
- Want to learn about Job Posting opportunities offered by the ITE Toronto Section and CITE? Contact our **Membership Coordinator** Ahsun Lee.

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